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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE**  
**GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**REGARDING HOUSE BILL 142 OF THE 2026 REGULAR SESSION**

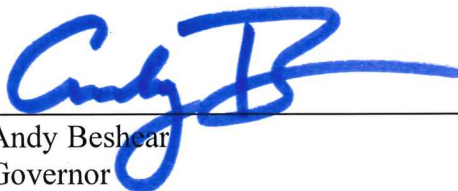
*I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:*

House Bill 142 of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

*In passing House Bill 142, the General Assembly ignored the concerns of Kentucky's sportsmen and sportswomen, as shown in the letters attached. The bill places supervision of managing deer populations in Kentucky with agricultural interests rather than biologists with the required experience to manage such a program. The sportsmen and sportswomen of the Commonwealth have also expressed concerns that extending the season for taking antlerless deer will damage a precious resource and constitute poor management of Kentucky's wildlife.*

*For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 142.*

This, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

  
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Andy Beshear  
Governor