

1           A RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Research Commission to direct the  
2 Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee to investigate the misuse of state  
3 resources of the executive branch.

4           WHEREAS, Section 81 of the Constitution of Kentucky establishes that it is the  
5 duty of the Governor to take care that the laws of this Commonwealth are faithfully  
6 executed; and

7           WHEREAS, the Governor is a public servant of the citizens of this Commonwealth;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, under the administration of Governor Any Beshear, the Office of  
10 Unemployment Insurance overpaid millions of dollars in fraudulent unemployment  
11 benefits claims; and

12           WHEREAS, under the administration of Governor Andy Beshear, the Cabinet for  
13 Health and Family Services failed to prevent at least \$836 million dollars of Medicaid  
14 program waste; and

15           WHEREAS, the Governor, under this administration, weaponized the Kentucky  
16 Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control as a means to engage in targeted enforcement  
17 and retaliation against Kentuckians for their criticisms of the Governor, in violation of the  
18 First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and Section 8 of the  
19 Constitution of Kentucky; and

20           WHEREAS, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit denied this  
21 Governor qualified immunity for his retaliatory conduct against Kentuckians in violation  
22 of the First Amendment in *Cooperrider v. Woods*, 127 F.4th 1019 (6th Cir. 2025); and

23           WHEREAS, qualified immunity protects "all but the plainly incompetent or those  
24 who knowingly violate the law," (*Ashcroft v. Al-Kidd*, 563 U.S. 731, 743 (2001) (quoting  
25 *Malley v. Briggs*, 475 U.S. 335, 341 (1986))); and

26           WHEREAS, under the administration of Governor Andy Beshear, according to a  
27 release from the United States Department of Justice, five Kentucky residents, including

1 at least two former employees of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, are facing federal  
2 charges for mail fraud and unlawful production of identification documents, as well as  
3 money laundering conspiracy, arising from a scheme by Kentucky Transportation  
4 Cabinet employees that resulted in the issuance of invalid licenses to noncitizens of the  
5 United States who are alleged to have paid up to \$200 for each illegally obtained license  
6 and without being required to demonstrate their qualifications to drive on the roads of this  
7 Commonwealth, resulting in more than 1,500 driver's licenses being revoked; and

8 WHEREAS, a court ruled that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet violated the  
9 Commonwealth's open records laws by withholding documents tied to the investigation  
10 into immigrants illegally obtaining Kentucky driver's licenses; and

11 WHEREAS, the Auditor of Public Accounts recently released findings following a  
12 review of executive branch spending in fiscal year 2025 based upon eMars data that  
13 revealed extravagant spending of tax dollars, including over \$183,500 spent by the  
14 Department of Kentucky State Police on out-of-state travel costs while providing security  
15 to Governor Andy Beshear and other members of his staff, with a limousine charge in  
16 Germany in excess of \$7,500; and

17 WHEREAS, the findings of the Auditor also included advertising expenditures of  
18 executive branch entities in excess of \$39,000,000 and out-of-state travel in excess of  
19 \$7,000,000; and

20 WHEREAS, the Auditor further found expenditures by the Kentucky Tourism, Arts  
21 and Heritage Cabinet and the Governor's office in excess of \$338,000 to a nonprofit  
22 company for Kentucky Derby events, including a \$17,000 dinner at a distillery; and

23 WHEREAS, other expenditures of the Beshear administration included over  
24 \$100,000 for Governor Andy Beshear to belong to the National Governors Association,  
25 over \$10,000,000 spent on "dues," and over \$1,500,000 spent on promotional  
26 entertainment;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
2 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3       ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is urged to direct the staff of  
4 the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee to investigate and review the  
5 expenditures of the executive branch including but not limited to:

6       (1) Payment of fraudulent claims by the Office of Unemployment Insurance or  
7 failure to pursue recovery of previously identified fraudulent claims paid;

8       (2) Medicaid program waste;

9       (3) Targeted enforcement by the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage  
10 Control;

11       (4) Issuance of unlawful identification cards or operator's licenses;

12       (5) Unauthorized or wasteful spending on out-of-state travel, advertising, or  
13 special events; and

14       (6) Violations of the Open Records Act.

15       ➔Section 2. (1) It is requested that a report of the completed investigation  
16 include:

17       (a) Misconduct engaged in by any individual and any action that was identified to  
18 hold that individual accountable;

19       (b) Evidence of any failure to comply with existing statutory requirements or  
20 administrative regulations; and

21       (c) Identification of the need and recommendations for changes to address greater  
22 oversight of the expenditures of the executive branch, including potential statutory  
23 changes.

24       (2) The report of any authorized investigation shall be submitted to the  
25 Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committees on  
26 Appropriations and Revenue, State and Local Government, and Judiciary no later than  
27 December 1, 2026.