

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2025 BR NUMBER 1180

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 544 SCS 1

TITLE AN ACT relating to disaster relief, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

SPONSOR Senator Chris McDaniel

FISCAL SUMMARY

STATE FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY: ☐ ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS
☐ LOCAL MANDATE ☐ CORRECTIONS IMPACT ☐ HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE ☐ STATE
EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN IMPACT

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: Dept of Military Affairs – Division of Emergency
Management

FUND(S) IMPACTED: ☒ GENERAL ☐ ROAD ☐ FEDERAL ☒ RESTRICTED SAFE 4860 Fund

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2024-2025	2025-2026	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	
NET EFFECT	(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)	

() indicates a decrease/negative

PURPOSE OF MEASURE: The measure establishes the SAFE 4860 Fund to provide financial assistance to eligible recipients directly affected by the February 2025 disaster, as designated in the Presidential Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4860-DR-KY; transfers remaining funds from the Western Kentucky Risk Assistance Fund and reallocates funds appropriated to the Highways budget unit from the EKSAFE Fund; and amends the 2024-2026 Biennial Budget to change the necessary government expenditure (NGE) authority from up to \$50 million in each fiscal year to up to \$100 million over the biennium.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: If the costs for Governor-declared emergencies or exigent situations exceed the appropriation of \$4,500,000 per year, the remaining costs up to \$100 million over the biennium will be declared an NGE and will be paid from the General Fund Surplus Account or the Budget Reserve Trust Fund.

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