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Week Three Recap

In the first Legislative Update of 2022, I mentioned the word "redistricting" and how this is a word you should all be familiar with moving forward. Well, on Wednesday, Governor Andy Beshear vetoed two of the legislature's redistricting bills - one would redraw the U.S. Congressional districts in Kentucky, the other focuses on the state's 100 House districts. However, lawmakers in both chambers quickly overrode the vetoes Thursday afternoon.

All eyes will be on how this unfolds as we get closer to the 2022 elections.

In other news, the House advanced its version of the Executive Branch budget last week. The budget would invest more than a $100 billion, including general fund, restricted, and federal dollars, over the next two fiscal years. Significant investments are reflected in infrastructure, education, public safety, and provides pay increases for the Kentucky State Police, state employees and social workers. It is the earliest vote on a House budget bill in recent memory. The measure now heads to the Senate for further consideration.

QRT News:

So far this session, the KYR Legislative Quick Response Team (QRT) has voted to support 3 pieces of legislation, oppose 8, and monitor 14.

One new SUPPORT and one new OPPOSE have been added to this Tracker this week: HB 315 and HB 260.

HB 315 (Meade, D) would appropriate $300,000,000 to the Broadband Deployment Fund. The funds would come from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. One of KYR's constant support policy positions is to ensure the Commonwealth has adequate resources to expand broadband services. This bill would go a long way in achieving that goal. The QRT voted to SUPPORT this bill.

HB 260 (Bridges, R) would expand the requirements for using the income approach and sales comparison approach in the valuation of property. It would also require taxpayer representatives (attorneys, CPAs, and real estate brokers) who receive compensation for

appealing property assessments to be licensed in Kentucky. The QRT voted to OPPOSE this bill as written.

Click on the KYR Legislative Tracker to see all the bills the QRT is watching this session.

You can expect to receive KYR's Legislative Update every Monday during the session. We will keep you informed of the bills KYR is tracking (what we consider priority legislation that is both positive and negative) and tell you when we need your voices to be heard by our legislators. As always, please contact Richard Wilson, KYR Governmental Affairs Director, at rwilson@kyrealtors.com if you have questions or need information regarding the Kentucky General Assembly.

*Additionally, the 2022 KYR Legislative Priorities is available now for download. A limited number of hard copies will be sent to each of the local associations around the state. This is a KYR publication you will not want to miss!

Upcoming Events

KYR Legislative Meetings | February 7th – 10th. (Lexington, KY)

NAR Legislative Meetings | May 1st – 6th. (Washington, DC)

Legislative Calendar

January 4 – First Day of Session

January 13 – Governor's Budget Address

February 18 – Last Day for Bill Requests

February 25 – Last Day for New House Bills

March 1 – Last Day for New Senate Bills

March 31 – April 12 – Veto Period

April 14 – Sine Die

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