Senator Shelley Funke Frommeyer's Legislative **UPDATE**



Regular Session Ends with Veto Overrides, Bills Becoming Law

The Senate closed

Medicaid Oversight es. Roard

pret laws independently, are: rather than defaulting to agency interpretations.

SB 207 opened the door for struggling school districts to pursue innovation.

SB 19 ensures students have the opportu- vides nity for a quiet moment of reflection, prayer, or meditation at the start of each school day.

SB 89 updated waterway definitions to align with federal standards.

SB 183 safeguards public pensions.

SB 245 ensures Senate confirmation of executive appointments.

The following bills received a veto override or final passage:

SB 2 prohibits the use of public funds for gender transition surgeries and hormone treatments in Kentucky's correctional institutions.

nancial stability in the tirement System.

SB 28 creates a new fund and board to support rural innovation and audits from \$750,000 to ensures refunds for any reorganizes the Department of Agriculture to

SB 65 nullifies addeemed deficient by leg- every five years. islative review.

construction contracts. Kentucky's Deferred

ployees and volunteers to dering, and rappelling. use when communicat-

sion by overriding nearly tucky's public postsec- institutions, take action against rising parolees. SB 25 creates a new antisemitism on campus-

SB 84 empowers have taken effect or will homes. Kentucky courts to inter- do so in the next 90 days

> **House Concurrent** declares nuclear power is half of others. a clean and dispatchable tricity.

House Bill 90 pro- ing plans with advanced much-needed coursework options for definitions on what con- high school students. stitutes appropriate medher unborn child.

HB 2 allows Ken- the patient and provider. tucky taxpayers to sue illegal collection of taxes programs. on gold and silver.

public universities.

HB 6 requires leg- marks. islative approval for ad-

Kentucky Teachers' Re- and water conservation nutritionists. districts from certain audit requirements, raising emergency \$1 million.

HB 48 streamlines summative evaluations leave over a year. ministrative regulations for tenured teachers to

HB 72 clarifies defi-SB 76 modernizes nitions for "limited X- levels of interference ofescrow retainage rules in ray machine operator" fenses to maintain order SB 104 enhances imaging technologist."

HB 114 expands Compensation program. Kentucky's landowner insurance coverage re-SB 181 establishes liability protections to in-quirements for colorectal traceable communication clude climbing activities cancer screening. systems for school em- like rock climbing, boul-

HB 136 requires the Kentucky ing electronically with Department of Correc- and Technical College

Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

Senate Joint Reso- reports on individuals reout the 2025 Regular Ses- lution 55 directs Ken- leased from correctional every veto the Governor ondary institutions to first-time offenders and

> HB 160 ensures fair zoning treatment for Some of the bills that qualified manufactured

> > a new driveaway license

HB 188 establishes

plate for businesses that Resolution 22, which transport vehicles on be-HB 190 requires source of baseload elec- local school boards to create accelerated learn-

clarifying language and academically exceptional HB 210 requires ical care when separating dental insurers to honor a pregnant woman from written assignments of benefits signed by both

HB 216 allows Kenthe Department of Rev- tucky Department of enue and the Finance Agriculture employees Cabinet heads over the to apply for certain state

HB 240 requires HB 4 eliminates reading assessments in funding for diversity, eq- kindergarten and first uity, and inclusion (DEI) grade, and mandates reoffices and mandates at tention for first-graders who don't meet bench-

HB 305 expands the ministrative regulations healthcare training scholwith a projected econom- arship program to in-SB 9 strengthens fi- ic cost of over \$500,000. clude licensed physician HB 24 exempts soil assistants, dietitians, and

HB 346 exempts generators the threshold for annual from emissions fees and incorrectly charged fees.

HB 369 allows poenhance health and job regulations in public lice officers to accrue schools by extending their designated annual

HB 398 streamlines workplace safety laws.

HB 399 creates two (LXMO) and "medical during legislative proceedings.

HB 421 expands

HB 424 requires state universities and the Community tions to provide detailed System boards to approductivity evaluation and faculty by Jan. 1,

430 HBallows smaller school districts (transporting 48 or fewer students per day) to be exempt from the Kentucky Department of Education's school bus safety instruction requirement, provided they develop and submit their own safety policy to the

HB 493 establishes a statewide certification system for towing and storage facilities. HB 495 overturned an executive order that

banned state funding for conversion therapy. HB 544 creates the State Aid Funding for Emergencies (SAFE

4860) fund. HB 546 updates and streamlines Kentucky's TIF laws to support economic development proj-

HB 552 provides tax exemptions for specific renewable and energyefficient projects.

HB 555 modernizes audit rules for small cit-

HB 684 creates grant opportunities to expand EMS services, particularly in rural areas. HB 694 directs employer contributions

Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). HB 695 initiates Medicaid reforms.

House Joint Resolution (HJR) 5 is the 2025 Annual Road Naming Resolution.

HJR 15 returns the granite Ten Commandments monument to the Capitol grounds. HJR 30 authorizes

the Office of State Budget Director to release a portion of money appropriated for the Kentucky Water or Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or **Economically Restrained** Systems Fund.

HJR 32 authorizes the Office of the State Budget Director to release specific awards from the School Facility Assistance Fund.

Children from 9 to 19 are welcome to be a Senate page. If you have any questions, reach out to me at Shelley.Funkefrommeyer@kylegislature.gov or by calling me at 1-800-372-7181.

prove a performance and Kentucky Motorists Urged process for presidents To Stay Safe in Work Zones



With cones and barthe start of road construction season, Gov. Andy Beshear and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Zone Awareness Week, motorists. and every week of the

Kentuckians to stay foing through work zones," all share the road with the real-time. men and women working to build and maintain crease work zone crashes phones down and slowthose workers – and ourselves."

In 2024, Kentucky reported 1,223 work zone crashes, resulting in 298 for retiree health in the injuries and 7 fatalities. hurt or killed were drivers or their passengers.

> behavior continues to be the leading cause of work zone collisions. Distracted driving contributed to 41% of crashes, 67% of fatalities and 55% of injuries – the leading cause for all three. Speedrelated factors were the second leading cause of crashes, followed by impaired driving.

Cabinet (KYTC) is joining transportation agen- trip. cies across the country during National Work lowing distance. which started today, to goky.ky.gov Stay alert and slow down. fic updates.

"Safe driving is a way this spring and sum-tion.ky.gov.

mer, we need every driver to be alert and responsible. Just as we train our crews to be safe, we're asking motorists to do their part, too."

Team Kentucky continues to improve its work zone safety through innovation and training - including the use of portable rumble strips rels once again marking that move with crews and queue protection trucks (crash cushions) that provide warnings to drivers approaching slow traffic, officials urged motorists as well as regular flagger to reduce distractions, training, crew safety talks slow down and drive and specialized equipsafely on Kentucky's ment designed to make highways this week, road work alongside trafwhich is National Work fic safer for workers and

Last year, KYTC added new technology "We're reminding that uses GPS on highway work trucks to trigcused behind the wheel ger automatic updates in and stay alert when driv- traffic apps like WAZE to alert drivers of active said Gov. Beshear. "We mobile work zones in Also, to help de-

our roads. By putting our and prevent injuries and fatalities, the Kentucky ing our speed, we protect General Assembly this year passed, and Gov. Beshear signed into law, a bill to allow automated speed enforcement in active work zones. Kentucky's an-

The majority of those nual Work Zone Safety Awareness Campaign reinforces the message While overall crash that safe drivers plus safe numbers declined, driver workers equal safe work zones.

Work Zone Driving Safety Tips

•Put your phone

down and avoid all distractions. ·Stay alert for work-

ers, lane changes and reduced speed limits. •Obey posted signs

and flaggers. •Be patient – driving

That's why the Ken- 10 mph slower through Transportation a work zone only adds about a minute to your

•Maintain a safe fol-

Zone Awareness Week. •Plan ahead – check promote safe driving: WAZE for real-time traf-

For more informachoice that saves lives," tion on the Work Zone said KYTC Secretary Safety Awareness cam-Jim Gray. "With active paign and the full schedwork zones all across ule of awareness week the state and more on the events, visit transporta-

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in an April 30, 2025 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2025-00105, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183, of an amended compliance plan ("2025 Plan"). (Collectively, KU's Application and supporting testimony and exhibits are KU's "tariff filing.") If approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with a new pollution control facility in the 2025 Plan under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning in December 2025.

KU filed an application with the Commission on February 28, 2025, in Case No. 2025-00045 seeking approval to construct a selective catalytic reduction system at the Ghent generating station to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, which are a precursor to ozone. In Case No. 2025-00105, KU is seeking an order approving the 2025 Plan to recover the costs of this new pollution control facility through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. This project will help ensure ongoing compliance with regulations issued under the federal Clean Air Act as amended, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

The estimated total capital cost of this new pollution control facility is \$152.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of future incremental capital and operation and maintenance expenses associated with this new pollution control facility. KU is also asking to recover the cost of publishing this customer notice through the Environmental Surcharge over 12 months and to have Environmental Surcharge recovery of future Commission-approved administrative expenses, including customer notice costs.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 0.81% in 2029. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential

Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS and VFD customers using 1,085 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.14. RTODD customers using 1,043 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.14. 987 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.30 up to \$24.28. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of

\$0.00 up to \$0.12. LE customers using 2,473 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.59. TE customers using 147 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.15. Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 1.10% in 2029. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), General

Time-of-Day Energy Service (GTODE), General Time-of-Day Demand Service (GTODD), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS),

GS customers using 1,657 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.03 up to \$2.41. GTODD customers using 19,652 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.31 up to \$25.26. PS-Secondary customers using 30,434 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.39 up to \$32.35. PS-Primary customers using 35,028 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.45 up to \$36.82. TODS customers using 189,538 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.54 up to \$126.82. TODP customers using 1,242,574 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$8.25 up to \$678.42. RTS customers using 7,387,224 kWh/month could expect a monthly

increase of \$38.91 up to \$3,199.31. FLS-Transmission customers using 44,229,667 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$237.46 up to \$19,525.53. OSL-Secondary customers using 4,627 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.17 up to \$13.87.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU, but the Commission may issue an order resulting in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU's 2025 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this Notice, the Commission may take final action on the Application.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the

Any person may examine KU's tariff filing at the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at http://psc.ky.gov or KU's website (http://www.lge-ku.com) after KU makes its tariff filing on April 30, 2025. KU has requested a deviation from the requirement to make the tariff filing available at its office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. If the Commission denies that request, KU will make the tariff filing available at its office upon request by any person.