

General News

Representative Update

Session Results: Responsible approach guides state spending

As the dust settles on the legislative session and preparation begins for the next, it is safe to say the biggest issue we tackle is drafting the budgets for state agencies and programs. However, several other bills go through the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee because they invest taxpayer resources. Those topics can range from economic development spending to incentivizing research at our universities.

Here are just a few examples:

Targeted One Time Investments, Rep. Jason Petrie – HB 1 provides \$2.7 billion over the next two years to fund projects within state government and in communities throughout the Commonwealth, including \$260 million for water and wastewater infrastructure projects in the first year, with another \$84.7 million in the second year; \$230 million over the biennium towards public pension liabilities; \$35 million in each fiscal year for airport capital improvements; \$35

million in each fiscal year towards economic development efforts through the Kentucky Product Development Initiative; \$100 million in each fiscal year for the GRANT program; \$50 million in each year to support approved mega-development projects; \$10 million in each year to the Kentuckiana Works program to support workforce training; \$18 million in each year for maintenance and upgrades at the Kentucky Horse Park; and \$220 million for projects like the aviation program at Eastern Kentucky University, a vet tech program at Murray State University, and the applied energy research program at the University of Kentucky.

Executive Branch Budget – HB 6 provides a responsible \$128.4 billion two-year spending plan with funding for the vast majority of state agencies and programs. The budget includes record funding for K-12 public schools, and strategic investments in public safety, infrastructure, and health services. HB 6 also includes major investments in



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mental health and substance abuse recovery, and programs that serve the state's most vulnerable.

Legislative Branch Budget – HB 263 provides funding for the operations, maintenance, and support of the legislative branch for fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

Judicial Branch Budget – HB 264 provides funding for the operations, maintenance, and support of the judicial branch for fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

Transportation Operating Budget – HB 265 provides \$7.2 billion across fiscal years 2025 and 2026 to fund the state's transportation administration. The measure includes funds for critical projects like the I-69 Ohio River crossing.

Two-Year Road Construction Plan – HB 266 appropriates \$4.9 billion towards the transportation infrastructure projects

from the next two years of the biennial highway construction plan. This plan includes funding for high-growth counties, bridge repairs, resurfacing and other maintenance, and economic development projects.

Building on Broadband Expansions – HB 267 authorizes the Office of Broadband Development to implement the federal Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program.

Providing Accurate Financial Analysis of Fiscal Impact – HB 635 would require that an actuarial analysis of proposed legislation include information used to arrive at the assumption as well as data to support it and a consideration of any cost savings a measure may have.

Support for Continued Disaster Recovery – HB 752 provides funding from the EKSAFE funds to pay for an area career

and technical center destroyed in Breathitt County, as well as allocations from WKSAFE to fund the reconstruction of a fire station, police station, and city hall in Mayfield and the Graves County administration building.

Investing in Kentucky's State Parks – HJR 56 authorizes the release of funds appropriated in 2022 for construction improvements at the Kentucky State Parks after Parks met contingency requirements.

Laying Groundwork for Future Road Projects – HJR 91 provides a listing of projects prioritized for the last four years of the state's six-year road plan.

Prioritizing Local Road Improvements – HJR 92 provides a list of local road projects authorized to be funded with \$20 million earmarked in HB 265 for fiscal year 2025.

Incentivizing Innovative Research – SB 1 establishes an endowed fund to incentivize collaborative, innovative research efforts between public universities. The Council on Postsecondary Education will administer the fund,

which will provide awards to collaborative research among up to five groups that each include at least two universities. SB 1 requires that the Kentucky Spinal Cord and Head Injury Trust be among the groups chosen.

Driving Interest in Aviation Careers – SB 127 creates the Kentucky Aerospace, Aviation, and Defense Investment Fund to be administered by the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Fund will promote collaborative programs, industry partners, and the state, taking aim at meeting aviation workforce demands.

Remember, most bills passed this session will take effect on Monday, July 15, with the exception of those that have emergency clauses or include a specific date.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at danny.bentley@lrc.ky.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

Obits

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Mildred Laws
1925-2024

Mildred Spencer Laws, 99 was carried from this life to the next in the arms of her Lord and Savior at 4:21am on April 22, 2024. She resided at Vancrest Nursing Home in New Carlisle, OH. Born April 4, 1925, Mildred grew up in the hills of KY. She and her mother, Georgia (Boyle) Spencer, resided with Charles and Neva (Kaut) Boyle in Alcorn, near Greenup. Mildred attended Wurtland High School when Ethel Bush was Principal. She enjoyed cheer leading and loved to draw. She and her mother moved to Dayton in 1944 and made it their home. Mildred pursued her art career in fashion illustration. She attended Christian Tabernacle for many years and then the Living Word Church.

Mildred is preceded in death by her husband, John T. Laws and her son, Dr. Michael Hannah of Texas. She is survived by her children, Marla (Glen) Farmer of California and Michael Dean Walsh of Dayton; her daughter-in-law, Cindy Hannah of Texas and her dear friends, Pam Wise and Kevin, Sheri and Justin Johnson.

In 1981 Mildred married John T. Laws, a fine man, between them they had numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom they adore. She loved to sew and do creative fancy embroidery. God has been good to Mildred, may she rest in peace in the hills where she grew up at G'Ma and G'Pa's. She is

now with her heavenly father and her angel mother who went ahead of her in 1981 when she promised Mildred she would watch over her.

Funeral services will also be conducted at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at Reed Funeral Home in Greenup, Kentucky by Kevin Johnson. Burial will be in Boyle Cemetery, Alcorn Road, Greenup, Kentucky. Visitation will be from 1:00 pm until service time on Wednesday at the funeral home. Condolences may be made at www.rlrfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vancrest Nursing Home Activities Department in Mildred's memory.



Phyllis Pennington
1937-2024

Phyllis Ann Pennington, 86, of Flatwoods, passed away Friday morning, April 19, 2024 at the Hospice Care Center with her family at her side. Phyllis was born September 29, 1937 in Greenup, Ky, a daughter of the late George H. and Addie Louise Dowdy Hammond. In addition to her parents, her husband Stanley E. Pennington, brothers Charles "Buck" Hammond, Robert Hammond and her brother-in-law Gary Jenkins also preceded her in death.

Phyllis was a 1955 graduate of Ashland High School and a graduate of Ashland Business School. She was a member of the Oak Street Chapel in Flatwoods and served for many years with the vacation bible school ministry. Other than being a loving homemaker for her family, Phyllis worked as a secretary and bookkeeper for many years with the former

Tussey Brothers Roofing Company in Ashland.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughters, Debra Pennington Robinson and husband James, Tonya Pennington Raby and husband Michael, all of Greenup, her grandsons Ethan Raby

(Ashlyn), Elijah Raby, great grandson Ashton Raby, brother Michael Hammond and wife Cheryl of Flatwoods, Jo Jenkins of Greenup, Jeri Ward and husband Jim of Ashland, sister-in-law Sharon Hammond and a host of nieces, nephews and extended

family members.

Steen Funeral Home Central Avenue Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Burial was in Bellefonte Memorial Gardens in Flatwoods.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to Community Hospice in

Phyllis's memory, 1480 Carter Avenue, Ashland, KY 41101.

To share a memory of Phyllis, express a condolence to her family or to view her video tribute, please visit www.steenfuneralhome.com.

NOTICE

Please Take Notice that on May 1, 2024, Kentucky Power Company ("Kentucky Power") expects to file with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") an application for approval of revisions to its Demand-Side Management ("DSM") / Energy Efficiency ("EE") programs, which will expand its existing Targeted Energy Efficiency Program and add two new DSM/EE programs, called the Home Energy Improvement Program (available to qualifying residential customers) and the Commercial Energy Solutions Program (available to qualifying commercial customers).

The new programs will provide energy audits by trained professionals to help qualifying customers identify cost saving opportunities, as well as offer incentives for upgrading to more energy efficient products.

The Company will propose revisions to its Tariff Demand Side Management Adjustment Clause ("Tariff D.S.M.C.") and to increase the DSM surcharge factor. The proposed effective date for the revised and new DSM/EE programs and the increased DSM surcharge factor is May 31, 2024. However, Kentucky Power anticipates that the Commission may suspend the effective date of these proposals to conduct a review of Kentucky Power's application.

The proposed changes to Kentucky Power's DSM/EE portfolio, if approved, will result in changes to the DSM surcharge factor calculated under Tariff D.S.M.C. The present rates and the proposed rates for each customer classification to which the proposed rates will apply are shown in the table below:

Electric Rate Class	Current Charge per kWh	Proposed Charge per kWh
Residential	\$0.000149	\$0.000644
Residential Time-of-Day	\$0.000149	\$0.000644
General Service - Secondary	-\$0.000016	\$0.000565
General Service - Primary	-\$0.000016	\$0.000565
General Service - Subtransmission	-\$0.000016	\$0.000565
General Service Time-of-Day	-\$0.000016	\$0.000565
Large General Service - Secondary	-\$0.000016	\$0.000565
Large General Service - Primary	-\$0.000016	\$0.000565
Large General Service - Subtransmission	-\$0.000016	\$0.000565
Large General Service Time-of-Day	-\$0.000016	\$0.000565
Municipal Waterworks	-\$0.000016	\$0.000565
Industrial General Service	N/A	N/A

The average customer monthly usage, and the effect upon the average bill for each customer classification to which the proposed rates will apply are shown in the table below. The annual increase to the DSM charge resulting from the proposed changes to the DSM/EE portfolio is \$912,998 (+330.0%) for residential classes and \$804,037 (+4,434.8%) for commercial classes. These proposed increases are reflective of the fact that Kentucky Power is proposing new programs that do not currently exist, and which are not currently reflected in rates. The Company's proposals in this proceeding will affect the average monthly customer bill only slightly, as demonstrated in the table below:

Electric Rate Class	Average Monthly Customer Usage (kWh)	Average Monthly Bill \$ Increase	Average Monthly Bill % Increase
Residential	1,140	\$0.56	0.35%
Residential Time-of-Day	1,546	\$0.77	0.37%
General Service - Secondary	1,573	\$0.91	0.37%
General Service - Primary	8,817	\$5.12	0.42%
General Service - Subtransmission	9,586	\$5.57	0.39%
General Service Time-of-Day	1,898	\$1.10	0.39%
Large General Service - Secondary	62,484	\$36.30	0.45%
Large General Service - Primary	103,061	\$59.88	0.47%
Large General Service - Subtransmission	106,709	\$62.00	0.65%
Large General Service Time-of-Day	56,418	\$32.78	0.52%
Municipal Waterworks	18,402	\$10.69	0.48%
Industrial General Service	N/A	N/A	N/A

Any person by timely written request for intervention filed with the Public Service Commission may request leave to intervene in the Commission proceeding to review Kentucky Power's application. The motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P. O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615, and shall establish the grounds for the request, including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within 30 days of the initial publication of this notice the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing.

Written comments on the Company's proposals may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to the address listed above or via the Commission's website: <http://psc.ky.gov>. The rates and terms of service contained in this notice are the rates and terms of service proposed by Kentucky Power; the Commission may order rates to be charged and/or terms of service that differ from the proposed rates and terms of service contained in this notice.

Any person may examine the Company's application at Kentucky Power's offices located at 1645 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky 41101; 12333 Kevin Avenue, Ashland, KY 41102; 1400 E. Main St. Hazard, KY 41701; and 3249 North Mayo Trail, Pikeville, KY 41501; or by visiting the Company's website: www.kentuckypower.com.

A copy of the Company's application and any related documents Kentucky Power may file with the Public Service Commission may be examined Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. at the offices of the Commission at the address listed above, or through the Commission's website: <http://psc.ky.gov>.

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