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Scott's Thoughts

Bills started moving last week and we are beginning to get a picture of what legislation is getting prioritized at this time. The Bill that came out of the blue and will move in the House was Rep. Gooch's HB 388. The bill is interesting far reaching. More conversation on this issue is needed because across the board reductions are being made in several areas but EPA's focus has been on the electrical generation industry. This bill creates new sections of KRS Chapter 224 to establish criteria by which the Energy and Environment Cabinet can establish performance standards for the regulation of carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric generating units and establishes different criteria for coal-fired electric generating units and natural gas-fired electric generating units. Links to this bill are contained in the regulations posted to this document. It will be heard in Rep. Gooch's committee this week.

Another bill to watch is Rep. Denham's HB 291 bill relating to the construction of unregulated electrical generation. It would require an unregulated utility which is considering the siting of a generation facility to hold a public meeting in each county where the facility will be located if requested by a local government;

SB 129 is a reorganization bill sponsored by Senator Carpenter that abolishes the Environmental Protection Legal Division within the Office of the General Counsel.

Other Bills of interest include Senator Schickel's SB81 that addresses employee misclassification which appears to be moving in the Senate and HB 1, the Minimum Wage Bill, has passed the House and is headed to the Senate. How that Bill will be managed in the Senate is going to be interesting.

Stay tuned. It won't be boring.

The bill numbers found in this document are linked to the Kentucky Legislative Review Commission's web page so you can review the legislation.

This is by no means an all encompassing list of bills. Don't hesitate to contact me if you want me to add additional issues, need copies of the proposed legislation or have questions about these or other bills you've heard about.

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QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Administrative Regulation

[SB 1](#) - [J. Bowen](#), [R. Stivers II](#), [J. Carpenter](#), [D. Givens](#), [S. Gregory](#), [E. Harris](#), [J. Higdon](#), [P. Hornback](#), [J. Schickel](#), [D. Thayer](#), [M. Wilson](#)

AN ACT proposing to amend Section 29 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to administrative regulations.

Create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky to permit the General Assembly by general law to prohibit the adoption of administrative regulations that it has found to be deficient.

[SB 1](#) - AMENDMENTS

[SCS](#) - Propose to amend Section 29 of the Constitution of Kentucky to permit the General Assembly or an agency or committee it creates to review, approve, or disapprove any administrative regulation of the executive branch during or between regular sessions of the General Assembly; submit to the voters for approval or disapproval; supply ballot language.

[SCA \(1/Title, J. Bowen\)](#) - Make title amendment.

Jan 7-introduced in Senate
 Jan 13-to State & Local Government (S)
 Jan 29-reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute, committee amendment (1-title)
 Jan 30-2nd reading, to Rules
 Feb 3-posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Wednesday, February 5, 2014
 Feb 5-passed over and retained in the Orders of the Day

Feb 6-3rd reading, passed 24-14 with Committee Substitute, committee amendment (1-title) ; received in House

Feb 11-to Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H)

[HB 229](#) - [R. Damron](#), [J. Gooch Jr.](#), [T. Mills](#), [T. Thompson](#)

AN ACT relating to state agency administrative requirements for regulated entities.

Amend KRS 13A.240 to require agencies to consider the impact of additional paperwork on regulated entities in order to comply with proposed administrative regulations.

Jan 17-introduced in House
 Jan 21-to State Government (H)
 Jan 28-posted in committee
 Jan 30-reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar
 Jan 31-2nd reading, to Rules; taken from Rules; placed in the Consent Orders of the Day for Tuesday, February 4, 2014
 Feb 4-3rd reading, passed 99-0
 Feb 5-received in Senate
 Feb 7-to State & Local Government (S)

[HB 230](#) - [A. Wuchner](#), [J. Fischer](#), [M. Harmon](#)

AN ACT relating to administrative regulations.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 13A to delay the effective date of ordinary administrative regulations with a major economic impact until the effective date of legislation ratifying the administrative regulation; amend KRS 13A.010 to define major economic impact as an overall annual economic

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impact from an administrative regulation of \$500,000 or more on state and local government and regulated entities as determined by the promulgating administrative body; amend KRS 13A.250 to require the fiscal note to include a cost analysis of the administrative regulation's effect on regulated entities and a determination by the promulgating administrative body as to the overall economic impact of the administrative regulation; amend KRS 13A.330 and 13A.331 to conform; specify short title of the Act.

Jan 17-introduced in House
Jan 21-to State Government (H)

Budget/General Fund

[HB 15/LM](#) - [F. Steele](#), [L. Combs](#)

AN ACT relating to coal severance revenues and declaring an emergency.

Amend various sections in KRS Chapter 42 to distribute 100% of coal severance revenues among the coal producing counties on the basis of the tax collected on coal severed or processed in each respective county; amend KRS 143.090 and 164.7891 to make conforming changes; repeal KRS 42.490; EMERGENCY.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s).)

Sep 4-To: Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue
Jan 7-introduced in House; to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

[HB 46](#) - [W. Stone](#), [K. Imes](#), [B. Rowland](#)

AN ACT relating to TVA in-lieu-of-tax payments, making an appropriation therefor,

and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 96.895 to provide that, beginning in fiscal year 2014-2015, a portion of the Tennessee Valley Authority in-lieu-of-tax payment made to the Commonwealth and deposited into the general fund shall be transferred to the regional development agency assistance fund to be distributed among fiscal court-designated local industrial development authorities for economic development and job creation activities; provide that the transfer will not affect the portion of the total TVA payment that is currently distributed among local government entities; provide that these transfers will be phased-in over a five-year period, with an amount equal to 50 percent of the general fund portion of the total TVA annual payment being transferred in fiscal year 2018-2019, and each fiscal year thereafter, not to exceed \$6,000,000 each year; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s).)

Sep 4-To: Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue
Jan 7-introduced in House; to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

[HB 235](#) - [R. Rand](#), [G. Stumbo](#), [R. Adkins](#), [L. Clark](#), [S. Overly](#), [T. Thompson](#)

AN ACT relating to appropriations and revenue measures providing financing and conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, cabinets, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, subdivisions, agencies, and other state-supported activities.

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Jan 22-introduced in House
Jan 23-to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

[HB 237](#) - [R. Rand](#), [G. Stumbo](#), [R. Adkins](#), [L. Clark](#),
[S. Overly](#), [T. Thompson](#)

AN ACT relating to road projects and declaring an emergency.

Set out the fiscal year 2014-2016 Biennial Highway Construction Plan; EMERGENCY.

Jan 22-introduced in House
Jan 23-to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

[SB 135/LM](#) - [P. Hornback](#), [W. Blevins Jr.](#), [D. Parrett](#), [J. Rhoads](#)

AN ACT proposing to amend Section 181 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to local levies of sales and use taxes.

Propose to amend Section 181 of the Constitution of Kentucky to authorize the General Assembly to confer upon the proper authority of any city or county the power to levy a local option sales and use tax, subject to specifically enumerated conditions and limitations; submit to the voters for approval or disapproval; supply ballot language.

Feb 11-introduced in Senate
Feb 13-to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

Energy

[SB 14](#) - [J. Higdon](#)

AN ACT relating to eminent domain.

Amend KRS 278.502 to allow eminent domain to be used only in cases where the condemnor is a utility regulated by the Public Service Commission.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s).)

Nov 6-To: Energy Special Subcommittee
Jan 7-introduced in Senate
Jan 13-to Judiciary (S)

[SB 21](#) - [J. Higdon](#)

AN ACT relating to eminent domain and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 278.502 to limit the scope of the eminent domain authority created by that section; declare amendments retroactive to October 1, 2013; EMERGENCY.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s).)

Jan 7-introduced in Senate
Jan 13-to Judiciary (S)

[SB 67](#) - [B. Leeper](#)

AN ACT relating to nuclear power.

Amend KRS 278.600 to define "storage" and amend a definition to require that nuclear power facilities have a plan for the storage of nuclear waste rather than a means of permanent disposal; amend KRS 278.610 to delete the requirement that the Public Service Commission certify the facility as having a means for disposal of high-level nuclear waste; change all references to disposal of nuclear waste to storage of nuclear waste; prohibit construction of low-level waste disposal sites in the Commonwealth except as provided in KRS 211.852; require the Public Service Commission to determine whether the construction or operation of a nuclear power facility, including one constructed by an entity regulated under KRS Chapter 96, would create low-level nuclear waste or mixed wastes that would be required

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to be disposed of in low-level waste disposal sites in the Commonwealth; repeal KRS 278.605, relating to construction of nuclear power facilities.

Jan 10-introduced in Senate
 Jan 15-to Natural Resources & Energy (S)
 Jan 29-reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar
 Jan 30-2nd reading, to Rules
 Feb 3-posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Tuesday, February 4, 2014
 Feb 4-3rd reading, passed 29-6-1
 Feb 5-received in House
 Feb 10-to Natural Resources & Environment (H)

[SB 102 - S. Humphries](#)

AN ACT relating to geothermal wells.
 Amend KRS 223.400 to create new definitions for "geothermal borehole" and "geothermal vertical closed loop well"; amend KRS 223.435, 223.445 and 223.455 to include geothermal borehole drilling and geothermal vertical closed loop well installation under the regulatory authority of the Cabinet for Energy and Environment and the Kentucky Water Well Certification Board.

Jan 27-introduced in Senate
 Jan 29-to Natural Resources & Energy (S)

[HB 31 - J. Tilley](#)

AN ACT relating to eminent domain.
 Amend KRS 278.502 to condition the exercise of condemnation authority upon approval of the Public Service Commission, which may be given only after review of delineated statutory criteria.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s).)

Oct 2-To: Interim Joint Committee on Energy Special Subcommittee
 Jan 7-introduced in House; to Judiciary (H)

[HB 52 - G. Watkins](#)

AN ACT relating to nuclear power.
 Amend KRS 278.600 to define "storage" and require that nuclear power facilities have a plan for the storage of nuclear waste rather than a means for permanent disposal; amend KRS 278.610 to delete the requirement that the Public Service Commission certify the facility as having a means for disposal of high-level nuclear waste; change all references to the disposal of nuclear waste to the storage of nuclear waste; prohibit construction of low-level waste disposal sites in the Commonwealth, except as provided in KRS 211.852; require the Public Service Commission to determine whether the construction or operation of a nuclear power facility, including one constructed by entities regulated under KRS Chapter 96, would create low-level nuclear waste or mixed wastes that would be required to be disposed of in low-level waste disposal sites in the Commonwealth; repeal KRS 278.605.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s).)

Jan 7-introduced in House; to Tourism Development & Energy (H)

[HB 60 - D. Floyd, K. King, M. Harmon](#)

AN ACT relating to eminent domain and declaring an emergency.
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eminent domain authority created by that section; declare amendments retroactive to October 1, 2013; EMERGENCY.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s).)

Jan 7-introduced in House; to Judiciary (H)

[HB 63](#) - [J. Gooch Jr.](#)

AN ACT relating to utilities.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 278 to require retail electric suppliers to maintain a 30-day supply of fuel for electricity generation.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s).)

Jan 7-introduced in House; to Tourism Development & Energy (H)

Feb 11-posted in committee

[HB 170](#) - [K. Flood](#), [W. Stone](#)

AN ACT relating to the utility gross receipts license tax for schools.

Amend KRS 160.613 to clarify that if a manufacturer, processor, miner, or refiner chooses to claim that a portion of the energy or energy producing fuels purchased by that entity is exempt from the utility gross receipts license tax, the entity claiming the exemption becomes responsible to report and pay the portion of the tax due directly to the Department of Revenue; amend KRS 160.6156 to specify who may request a refund or credit of any overpayment of the tax and require that an appeal of the denial of a requested refund to the Circuit Court shall be made within 30 days from the mailing date of the denial.

Jan 8-introduced in House
Jan 9-to Appropriations & Revenue (H)
Jan 31-posted in committee
Feb 4-reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar

Feb 5-2nd reading, to Rules; posted for passage in the Consent Orders of the Day for Friday, February 7, 2014

Feb 7-taken from the Consent Orders of the Day, placed in the Regular Orders of the Day

Feb 11-3rd reading, passed 70-27

Feb 12-received in Senate

[HB 195/LM](#) - [M. Marzian](#), [J. Jenkins](#)

AN ACT relating to energy.

Create new sections of KRS Chapters 278 and 96 to require retail electric suppliers to use increasing amounts of renewable energy; require retail electric suppliers to take energy-efficiency measures and implement energy-efficiency programs that increase energy savings over a period of time; provide for alternative compliance plans for public utilities who fail to meet renewable energy or efficiency requirements; define renewable energy; specify reporting requirements to the Public Service Commission regarding progress in diversifying energy sources and energy savings; require the Public Service Commission to develop tariff guidelines for purchase of renewable power.

Jan 13-introduced in House

Jan 14-to Tourism Development & Energy (H)

[HB 291](#) - [M. Denham](#)

AN ACT relating to construction of unregulated electric generation facilities and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 278 to

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require an unregulated utility which is considering the siting of a generation facility to hold a public meeting in each county where the facility will be located if requested by a local government; specify how notice of the meeting shall be given; require notification of state government entities; provide penalty for violations; create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to allow a local government to require a code of conduct between it and utility; allow Public Service Commission to create a model code; direct Public Service Commission to study effects of wind farms; EMERGENCY.

[HB 291](#) - AMENDMENTS

[HCS](#) - Delete existing language; amend definition of "Merchant electric generating facility" in KRS 278.700 to use aggregate output of all structures and facilities; amend KRS 278.704 to include all generation facilities in setback requirements and add requirement for public meeting to inform and answer questions about a proposed facility construction project to be held upon request of local government or PSC; specify notice requirements; require that state agencies be notified; apply to any project currently acquiring property rights; amend KRS 278.706 to require additional public meeting prior to filing application with the Siting Board; amend KRS 278.708 to add land use changes to site assessment report; amend KRS 278.710 to extend time in which siting board shall act on merchant plant application from 90 to 120 days and, if a hearing is requested, from 120 to 180 days; amend KRS 278.714 to extend time in which siting board shall act on transmission line or CO2 pipeline application from 90 to 120 days and, if a hearing is requested, from 120 to 180 days; create new section of KRS Chapter 278 to specify that home rule sections of the KRS are

not diminished by this act; create new section of KRS Chapter 96 to require city-owned utilities to hold public meeting to inform and answer questions about a proposed wind generation facility construction project to be held upon request of local government; specify notice requirements; applicable to any project currently acquiring property rights; declare an EMERGENCY.

Jan 29-introduced in House
Jan 30-to Tourism Development & Energy (H)
Feb 11-posted in committee
Feb 13-reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute

[HB 336](#) - [T. Pullin](#)

AN ACT relating to removal of electrical distribution installations on surface mine sites.
Amend KRS 350.090 to require a mining permittee to include in the reclamation plan removal of electric distributions installations on the surface including poles, wires, other attachments unless the permittee has been granted an alternative post-mine use that is industrial, commercial, or residential.

Feb 5-introduced in House
Feb 6-to Natural Resources & Environment (H)
Feb 10-posted in committee

[HB 388/LM](#) - [J. Gooch Jr.](#)

AN ACT relating to best system emission reduction for existing electric generating units.
Create new sections of KRS Chapter 224 to establish criteria by which the Energy and Environment Cabinet can establish performance standards for the regulation of carbon dioxide

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emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric generating units; establish different criteria for coal-fired electric generating units and natural gas-fired electric generating units; allow performance standards to be adjusted on a case-by-case basis; require that any state plan to regulate carbon dioxide emissions be issued under Section 111(d) of the federal Clean Air Act; direct the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to establish standards in a state plan; prohibit development or proposing of a state plan to the United States Environmental Protection Agency unless the plan is consistent with Sections 1 to 7 of this Act and is prepared in consultation with the Kentucky PSC; declare that any plan or performance standard has no legal effect if the United States Environmental Protection Agency does not issue federal rules or guidelines for regulating carbon dioxide emissions from existing electric generating units or if the rules are withdrawn or invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Feb 13-introduced in House

[HB 387 - D. Floyd](#)

AN ACT relating to natural gas liquids pipelines.

Amend KRS 278.700 to include a definition for natural gas liquids transmission pipeline; amend KRS 278.714 to require anyone constructing a natural gas liquids transmission pipeline apply for a construction certificate from the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission.

Feb 13-introduced in House

Environment/Natural Resources

[HB 241/LM - J. Jenkins](#)

AN ACT relating to the disposal of coal combustion wastes.

Create new sections of subtitle 50 of KRS Chapter 224 to define "CCR or coal combustion residual," "EAP," "encapsulated CCR," and "unencapsulated CCR"; express sentiment favoring a balanced approach to disposal of CCRs that protects the health and safety of the public and the environment and the need for beneficial reuse of CCRs; require disposal of CCRs as solid waste or in impoundments permitted by the Energy and Environment Cabinet and prohibit permit-by-rule or registered permit-by-rule for disposal of CCRs; require liners, groundwater monitoring, and toxic substance monitoring; require emergency action plans for surface CCR impoundments that are deemed as high hazard potential by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; require the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations for coal ash CCR emergency action plans within 180 days of the effective date of the Act; establish specific contents of the EAP; amend KRS 109.012 to include CCR as a solid waste; amend KRS 151.250 to prohibit exemption for surface CCR impoundments regardless of size or type and prohibit use of permit-by-rule or registered permit-by-rule for surface CCR impoundments; amend KRS 224.50-760 to delete utility wastes and wastes from coal gasification facilities approved by the cabinet from the definition of special wastes.

Jan 22-introduced in House

Jan 23-to Natural Resources & Environment (H)

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[HB 288](#) - [J. Wayne](#), [T. Riner](#), [T. Burch](#), [J. Crenshaw](#), [J. Donohue](#), [K. Flood](#), [D. Graham](#), [J. Jenkins](#), [M. Marzian](#), [R. Meeks](#), [D. Owens](#), [R. Smart](#)

AN ACT relating to surface mining.

Amend KRS 350.450 to require coal mine permittees for all types of mining practices to dispose of remaining overburden in the mined area, areas under the abandoned mine land program, or areas approved by the cabinet; require use of lifts and compacted fills; prohibit disposal of overburden in streams; amend KRS 350.440 to prohibit disposal of spoil or overburden in intermittent, perennial, and ephemeral streams or any other waters of the Commonwealth; prescribe areas where spoil may be disposed; amend KRS 350.410 to make internal reference corrections and specify that restoration to approximate original contour includes configuration and elevation of the area prior to mining and require disposal of remaining overburden in the mined area, areas under the abandoned mine land program, or areas approved by the cabinet and the use of lifts and compacted fills; prohibit deposition of overburden in streams.

Jan 29-introduced in House

Jan 30-to Natural Resources & Environment (H)

[HB 328](#) - [F. Steele](#), [K. Hall](#)

AN ACT relating to reciprocal interstate agreements pertaining to coal mining.

Amend KRS 224.10-100 to authorize the secretary or designee to enter into, execute, and enforce reciprocal agreements with other states relating to compliance with KRS Chapters

350, 351, and 352 and the administrative regulations promulgated under those chapters.

Feb 4-introduced in House

Feb 5-to Natural Resources & Environment (H)

[SB 31/LM](#) - [J. Schickel](#), [T. Buford](#), [R. Webb](#)

AN ACT relating to the prohibition against implementing the United Nations Agenda 21.

Create a new section of Subchapter 1 of KRS Chapter 224 to prohibit a state agency or political subdivision of the state from implementing any part of the United Nations Agenda 21 that is contrary to the United States or Kentucky Constitution, or being a member of or expending any public funds on a group or organization that will implement any part of the United Nations Agenda 21.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s).)

Jan 7-introduced in Senate

Jan 13-to State & Local Government (S)

Feb 5-reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar

Feb 6-2nd reading, to Rules

Feb 10-posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Feb 11-3rd reading, passed 32-5

Feb 12-received in House

Feb 13-to State Government (H)

[SR 60](#) - [A. Kerr](#)

Promote the benefits of green schools in the Commonwealth.

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Jan 17-introduced in Senate
Jan 22-to Senate Floor

[HCR 93](#) - [L. Combs](#)

Direct the Legislative Research Commission to establish a Timber Theft and Trespass Reduction Task Force; provide that the purpose of the task force is to study issues regarding timber theft and trespass and to develop consensus recommendations to address those issues; name the membership of the task force; require the task force to meet three times before submitting its final report; require its final report to be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission by December 5, 2014; and provide that the Legislative Research Commission has authority to alternatively assign the issues identified in the Resolution to interim joint committees or subcommittees thereof.

Jan 31-introduced in House
Feb 3-to Natural Resources & Environment
(H)

[HB 376](#) - [J. Kay](#), [L. Combs](#), [J. Greer](#), [M. Meredith](#),
[R. Quarles](#), [R. Rand](#), [G. Stumbo](#)

AN ACT relating to tax credits promoting land conservation.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to establish a qualified conservation contribution income tax credit; amend KRS 141.0205 to provide for the ordering of the credit; amend KRS 146.560 to include the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board in the development of qualification for certification of qualified real property interests; amend KRS 262.908 to include the PACE board in the

development of qualifications for certification of qualified real property interests.

Feb 11-introduced in House
Feb 12-to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

[HB 380](#) - [F. Steele](#), [J. Gooch Jr.](#)

AN ACT relating to unmined minerals tax. Amend KRS 132.820 to predicate the collection of the unmined minerals tax on the issuance of a permit to mine, drill or otherwise extract the mineral resource.

Feb 12-introduced in House

Sustainability

[HB 356](#) - [M. Marzian](#)

AN ACT relating to the recycling of construction materials.

Create a new section of subchapter 40 of KRS Chapter 224 to require the Energy and Environment Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations establishing the Commonwealth Conservation Builder voluntary certification program; define terms; require the administrative regulations to set forth the application and certification process; require the cabinet to establish minimum certification requirements, including: compliance with relevant federal, state, and local recycling and waste disposal requirements, compliance with minimum debris diversion requirements to be determined by the cabinet, and submission of a plan from the builder detailing how the builder will comply with the diversion requirements; require the cabinet to publicize and promote participation in the program; require re-examination of the minimum debris diversion

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requirements once every 5 years; amend KRS 198B.050 to require the Uniform State Building Code, to the extent practicable, to include minimum debris diversion requirements; amend KRS 224.40-120 to require applicants for off-site disposal permits of 1 acre or less to comply with the minimum debris diversion requirements included in the Uniform State Building Code.

Feb 6-introduced in House

Feb 10-to Natural Resources & Environment
(H)

Boards and Commissions

[SB 35/LM - R. Jones II](#)

AN ACT relating to the Public Service Commission.

Amend KRS 278.050 to increase membership of the Public Service Commission (PSC) from three to seven commissioners; require an election of the commissioners in accordance with KRS Chapter 118; provide that initial election of PSC commissioners shall be at the regular election in November 2016; provide that each member of the commission shall be eligible for membership in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System as set forth in KRS 61.515 to 61.705; amend KRS 278.060 to change qualifications of the commissioners; amend KRS 278.120, 278.702, 11A.010, 11A.040, and 11A.050 to conform; repeal KRS 278.070.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s).)

Nov 6-To: Special Subcommittee on Energy

Jan 7-introduced in Senate

Jan 13-to Natural Resources & Energy (S)

[SB 48/LM - J. Carroll](#)

AN ACT relating to combined electric and water plant boards.

Amend KRS 96.172 to create a new governing board for certain electric and water plant boards, establish size of board, establish municipal appointees, establish county appointees, make the new board subject to the same ethical and legal criteria as other electric and water plant boards; amend KRS 96.174 to require the new board to alternate chairs between city and county appointees.

Jan 7-introduced in Senate

Jan 13-to Natural Resources & Energy (S)

[SB 74 - J. Higdon, T. Buford](#)

AN ACT relating to disaster and emergency response.

Amend KRS 39A.280 to provide civil liability protections to licensed professional engineers and licensed architects who voluntarily provide professional services at the request of officials during or after a declared emergency, disaster, or catastrophe; establish limitations to liability protection; require the Division of Emergency Management to promulgate administrative regulations.

[SB 74 - AMENDMENTS](#)

[SCS](#) - Amend KRS 39A.280 to provide civil liability protections to licensed professional engineers and licensed architects who voluntarily provide professional services at the request of officials during or after a declared emergency, disaster, or catastrophe; establish limitations to liability protection.

[SFA \(1\)](#), J. Higdon) - Amend KRS 39A.280 to

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authorize liability protection for licensed professional engineers and licensed architects and to specify that this liability protection occurs if the services rendered arise out of a declared emergency and if the professional rendering the services acts as an ordinary reasonably prudent member of the profession.

Jan 13-introduced in Senate
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 Jan 23-reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute
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 Jan 27-posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Tuesday, January 28, 2014
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 Jan 29-passed over and retained in the Orders of the Day; floor amendment (1) filed to Committee Substitute
 Jan 30-3rd reading, passed 37-0 with Committee Substitute, floor amendment (1)
 Jan 31-received in House
 Feb 3-to Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Safety (H)

[HB 381](#) - [D. Graham](#), [R. Damron](#)

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.
 Amend KRS 224A.030 to decrease the board membership of Kentucky Infrastructure Authority from eleven to ten members and to decrease the number of members the Governor appoints from six to five by deleting the representative of a for-profit water company.

Feb 12-introduced in House
 Feb 13-to Local Government (H)

Taxation

[HB 220/LM](#) - [J. Wayne](#), [T. Burch](#), [K. Flood](#), [D. Graham](#), [J. Jenkins](#), [M. Marzian](#), [R. Meeks](#), [D. Owens](#), [T. Riner](#), [R. Smart](#)

AN ACT relating to taxation.
 Amend KRS 140.130 to decouple from changes to the federal estate tax since 2003; amend KRS 141.010 to provide for a reduction and phase-out of the pension exclusion, disallow the domestic production activities deduction, establish a cap for itemized deductions, update the Internal Revenue Code reference date, and define "taxpayer"; amend KRS 141.020 to provide for changes to income tax rates; amend KRS 141.0401 to lower the exclusion threshold; amend KRS 141.120 to change apportionment methods to use a "throwback" rule; amend KRS 141.200 to require "combined" reporting for corporations; amend KRS 136.310, 136.530, 141.040, 141.121, 141.205, 141.206, and 141.420 to conform; amend KRS 141.066 to provide for a refundable earned income credit; amend KRS 141.0205 to recognize changes in income tax credits; amend KRS 141.383, 148.544, and 148.546 to make the film industry tax credit nonrefundable and nontransferable; create a new section of KRS 6.900 to 6.935 to require review and sunset of all economic development tax credits; amend KRS 131.190 to allow LRC employees to review selected tax documents; amend KRS 138.210 to set the "floor" price at \$2.616 per gallon; amend KRS 138.220 to reduce dealer compensation to 1%; amend KRS 132.020 to make the real property tax rate 12.2 cents per \$100, remove the rate adjustment provision, and remove the recall provision; amend KRS 132.260 to clarify requirements for reporting of rental space for

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mobile/manufactured homes, private aircraft, and certain boats/vessels; amend KRS 132.730, 132.751, 132.810, and 132.815 to clarify property tax treatment of manufactured homes; amend KRS 140.300 to clarify the treatment of agricultural valuation on inherited property; amend KRS 279.200, 279.530, 279.220, and 139.530 to repeal rural electric and telephone co-op taxes; amend KRS 132.097 and 132.099 to amend the exemption for personal property shipped out of state; amend KRS 139.105, 139.200, 139.220, 139.270, 139.340 and 139.740 to impose sales tax on selected services; amend KRS 243.0305 and 243.990 to recognize changes in the distilled spirits case tax; amend KRS 138.130, 138.140, and 138.143 to change the tax on cigarette rolling papers, to raise the tobacco taxes, to impose a floor stock tax, and to tax e-cigarettes; amend KRS 65.125, 65.674, 67.862, 67.938, 67A.843, 68.245, 68.248, 82.095, 97.590, 132.0225, 132.023, 132.024, 132.027, 132.029, 157.440, 160.470, 160.473, 67C.147, 78.530, and 342.340 to remove the provisions of HB 44 that allow for recall of certain tax rates and make conforming and technical changes; create a new section of KRS 138.510 to 138.550 and amend KRS 138.511, 138.530, and 138.550 to provide for an excise tax on advance deposit wagering; repeal KRS 132.017, 132.018, 132.025, 132.720, 143A.035, and 243.710; provide that income tax provisions apply for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, estate tax provisions apply for deaths occurring on or after August 1, 2014, sales tax provisions are effective for periods beginning on or after October 1, 2014, motor fuels tax provisions are effective August 1, 2014, property tax provisions are for assessments on and after January 1, 2015, and advance deposit wagering

provisions apply to licensees beginning August 1, 2014.

Jan 16-introduced in House
Jan 21-to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Other

[HB 91 - R. Meeks](#)

AN ACT relating to the definition of "American Indian."

Amend KRS 446.010 to define "American Indian" to mean a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America, including Central America, and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment to the tribe of origin or to the community of original peoples.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s).)

Jan 7-introduced in House; to State Government (H)

[SB 97 - M. McGarvey](#)

AN ACT relating to airport noise overlays.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 100 to allow a planning unit to incorporate airport noise overlay districts within its zoning texts and maps; allow the planning unit to incorporate guidelines on building techniques and materials that are designed to provide acoustical insulation benefits to structures within the zone; affirm that nothing in the bill is to be construed to allow a planning unit to have authority to restrict, permit, prohibit, approve, or control uses or building standards on airport lands, or airport lands that are leased.

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Jan 28-to State & Local Government (S)

[SB 129](#) - [J. Carpenter](#)

AN ACT relating to reorganization.
Amend KRS 12.020 to confirm Executive
Order 2013-893 and abolish the Environmental
Protection Legal Division within the Office of
the General Counsel.

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Feb 12-to Natural Resources & Energy (S)

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