

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2013

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE KENTUCKY SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE KENTUCKY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO REFER TO THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE EXAMINATION OF THE FOLLOWING: THE BUSINESS PRACTICES OF THE BLUEGRASS AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND ALL OTHER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS, THE STRUCTURE OF THE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS, AND THE RELEVANCE OF THE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS IN TODAY'S ECONOMY; AND DIRECTING THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Whereas, Area Development Districts were created by state statute in 1972; and

Whereas, the organizational structure of the Area Development Districts was set forth in state statute at that time; and

Whereas, Area Development Districts have over the years become pass through agencies for state and federal funding to flow to local governments; and

Whereas, transparency in the tracking and expenditure of public money is statutorily mandated and crucial to maintaining the confidence of the taxpayers; and

Whereas, Area Development Districts have been referred to as political subdivisions of the State; and

Whereas, the Program Review and Investigations Committee ("the Committee") is a 16-member bipartisan committee of the Kentucky General Assembly; and

Whereas, the Committee is authorized to review the operations of state entities and to determine if funds are being spent for the purposes for which they were appropriated; and

Whereas, the Committee is also authorized to evaluate the efficiency of program operations; and

Whereas, Area Development Districts have not been recently reviewed by this Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 – That the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council hereby requests

that the President of the Kentucky Senate and the Speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives take the necessary steps to refer to the Program Review and Investigation Committee examination of the following: the business practices of the Bluegrass Area Development District and all other Area Development Districts, the structure of the Area Development Districts, and the relevance of the Area Development Districts in today's economy.

Section 2 – That the Clerk of the Urban County Council is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

Section 3 – That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

X:\Cases\MAYOR\13-MS0036\MEMO\00398343.DOC