

Public Affairs Programming
First Quarter 2024

Program: Perspective

Air Date: January 7

Run Time: Approximately 22 minutes, 45 seconds

Guests: Gov. Andy Beshear
(D) Commonwealth of Kentucky

Sen. Robert Stivers
(R) President

Sam Flynn
Executive Director
Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program

Topics: General Assembly: Long Session, Short Rules, Deep Pockets

Four down--56 days to go for Kentucky lawmakers so-called Long session.
The even-numbered year sessions that settle the one gotta -do that the
Commonwealth's Constitution requires of their respective bodies.

Pass a budget for the next two fiscal years.
They don't lack for money.

Come the start of Year #1 in July--Kentucky's expected to have a record four-and-a-half
billion dollars in Reserve--Rainy Day funds.
And 139 opinions; 100 Representatives--38 Senators and One Governor--on how to
spend it.

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Air Date: January 14

Run Time: Approximately 29 minutes, 30 seconds

Guests: Chief Lawrence Weathers
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Police

Gov. Andy Beshear
(D) Commonwealth of Kentucky

Topics: 'Weathering' Perception v. Reality

Police Officers --and Politicians know well the double-edged sword of perception versus reality.

Some would argue they're one and the same.

But Lexington Police Chief Lawrence Weathers and Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear believe treating perception as reality makes their job more difficult whether the challenge be crime numbers or an education debate that transcends dollars for doctrine.

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Program: Perspective

Air Date: January 21

Run Time: Approximately 30 minutes

Guest: Gov. Andy Beshear
(D) Commonwealth of Kentucky

Topic: How Much 'Budge' On The Budget?

The second FULL week of Kentucky's Long or Budget Session giving us what we expected: a Republican Super-majority House-proposed Budget, dramatically different from Democratic Governor Andy Beshear's.

This week's Perspective offers his take on a side-by-side comparison.

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Air Date: January 28

Run Time: Approximately 29 minutes

Guests: Mr. Bob Babbage
Principal Partner: Babbage CoFounder

Mr. Joel Pett
Editorial Cartoonist
Tribune Media Syndicate

Topics: General Assemblage: Pet Bills & Pett Peeves

Eighteen down and 42 days to go in the co-called Long Session of Kentucky lawmakers two-year Budget cycle.

Early enough that Fridays barely qualify as a work-days--save the necessities of procedures: readings, calendar placements-committee assignments for bills and resolutions.

But that doesn't mean nothing's gotten done. Part one of this week's Perspective: the bigger picture of where both Chambers stand-and the long-term major player conspicuous by his (relative) absence.

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Air Date: February 4

Run Time: Approximately 30 minutes

Guests: Mr. Keith West (Krey)
Radio Correspondent
Legislative Research Commission
Frankfort, KY

Mr. Bob Babbage
Principal: Babbage Co-Founder
Lexington, KY

Mr. Michael Berk
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WLEX-TV Channel 18
Lexington, KY

Mr. Andrew Elam & Mr. Calvin Schubert
Class of 2025
Transylvania University
Lexington, KY

Mr. Bill Farmer
Tax Specialist
Lexington, KY

Topics: Budgets & Taxes: Commonwealth & Common Wealth

More than a third but not quite halfway through Kentucky's long Session or Budget Session of the General Assembly-- and our lawmakers are halfway to the next two-year budget.

Part #1 of Perspective: what we've bought so far
Part #2: Getting your taxes in order.

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Program: Perspective
Air Date: February 11
Run Time: Approximately 23 minutes
Guests: Gov. Andy Beshear
(D) Commonwealth of Kentucky

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Investigative Reporter
WLEX-TV Channel 18
Lexington, KY

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Legislative Research Commission
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Bob Babbage
Former State Auditor & Secretary of State
Principal: Babbage Co-Founder
Lexington, KY

Kevin Stinnett
Contributor 'The Lane Report'

Topics: Of Bourbon & Budgets

Two days short of halfway through Kentucky's long-or Budget Session--few surprises that Governor Andy Beshear and the Republican Supermajorities are at odds over money for schools.

Education only part of the Full plate the House and Senate had this past week. Lawmakers credit changing the tax structure for spiking the Bourbon Boom.

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Air Date: February 18

Run Time: Approximately 30 minutes

Guests: Gov. Andy Beshear
(D) Commonwealth of Kentucky

Sen. Reggie Thomas
(D) Lexington

Mr. Bob Babbage
Principal: Babbage Co-Founder

Topics: 2024 General Assembly: Changes for Raises & Praises?

This past week has taken us past the halfway point--in Kentucky's even-numbered year 'Long Session' where lawmakers decide how to spend our tax dollars the next two fiscal years.

By now--we're seeing which bills are having a smooth ride--and which have hit potholes.

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Program: Perspective

Air Date: February 25

Run Time: Approximately 24 minutes

Guests: Mr. Keith West
Radio Correspondent: Legislative Research Commission
Frankfort, KY

Mr. Charles Baglan
Radio Correspondent: Legislative Research Commission
Frankfort, KY

Sen. David Yates
D- Louisville

Rep. Wade Williams
R-Earlinton

Rep. Sarah Stalker
D-Louisville

Sen. Robert Stivers
R-Senate President

Sen. Reggie Thomas
D-Lexington

Mr. Bob Babbage
Principal: Babbage Co-Founder
Lexington-Frankfort, KY

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Topics: Bills & Busts @Session's Midpoint

The Republican Super-Majorities claim victories in relaxing work hours on school nights for teenagers of driving age, closing 'loopholes' for SNAP (food stamp) benefits, creating endowments for collaborative research at state Universities and enacting bans to using Artificial Intelligence 'deep fakes' in political advertising.

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Air Date: March 3

Run Time: Approximately 29 minutes, 30 seconds

Guests: U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell
R-Kentucky-Floor Leader

Mr. Scott Jennings
Commentator: Cable News Network
Principal: RunSwitch PR
Louisville, KY & Washington, DC

Mr. Bob Babbago
Former State Auditor/Secretary of State
Commonwealth of Kentucky
Principal: Babbage Co-Founder
Lexington, KY

U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville
R-Alabama

Governor Andy Beshear
D-Commonwealth of Kentucky

Topic: Leader McConnell Leaving: Exit Stage(d) Right?

A looks at his legacy; from the Conservative Supreme Court who undid the nearly half-century old ruling providing a federal right to abortion--to his litany of efforts to ensure Kentucky punched harder and higher than its electoral weight.

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Program: Perspective

Air Date: March 10

Run Time: Approximately 23 minutes

Guests: Mr, Keith West (Krey)
Radio Correspondent: Legislative Research Commission
Frankfort ,KY

Ms. Karolina Buczek
Political Reporter
WLEX-TV Channel 18 (NBC)
Lexington, KY

Governor Andy Beshear
D-Commonwealth of Kentucky

Sen. Robert Stivers
R-Senate President

Sen. Damon Thayer
R-Majority Floor Leader

Mr. Robert Babbage
Principal: Babbage Co-Founder
Lexington, KY

Topics: Frankfort Anticipations, DC's Expectations

Come Monday, Kentucky will be 80 percent through the General Assembly's long session that sets the Budget for the upcoming two year cycle. But practically speaking--lawmakers are down to nine days to getting bills passed and the toughest work done.

If this week in Frankfort leaves you with more anticipation than expectation, know that DC is the reverse.

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Air Date: March 17

Run Time: Approximately 30 minutes

Guests: Mr. Keith West
Radio Correspondent
Legislative Research Commission
Frankfort, KY

Gov. Andy Beshear
D-Commonwealth of Kentucky

Sen. Gerald Neal
D-Louisville

Sen. Whitney Westerfield
R-Judiciary Committee Chairman

Mr. Bob Babbage
Principal: Babbage Co-Founder
Lexington, KY

Topics: Session Wind-Down: Schools, Rules & Tools

Saint Patrick's Day reminds us that the 'long Session' has but two weeks remaining for lawmakers to turn a budget and all matter of legislation focusing on schools, rules and society.

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Air Date: March 24

Run Time: Approximately 27 minutes

Guests: Mr. Keith West
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Legislative Research Commission
Frankfort, KY

Gov. Andy Beshear
D-Commonwealth of Kentucky

Mr. Paul Jacob
Chief Executive Officer
Rye Development

Sen. Robert Stivers
R-Senate President

Dr. Ryan Quarles
System President
Kentucky Community & Technical Colleges
Versailles, KY

Topics: Budget Deadlines & Jobs Headlines

The third week of March reminds us the clocks are winding down on state Lawmakers long--or budget session in Frankfort.

Four days left to the veto break; what's still undone?

What could turn an old strip mine in Bell County into Eastern Kentucky's largest economic development project ever?

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Air Date: March 31

Run Time: Approximately 30 minutes

Guests: Mr. Keith West (Krey)
Radio Correspondent
Legislative Research Commission
Frankfort, KY

Sen. Damon Thayer
R- Majority Floor Leader

Topic: 2024 General Assembly: All Over But the Vetoes

Easter Sunday

As we celebrate the Resurrection of a Risen Lord--Kentucky lawmakers await word as to whether Governor Andy Beshear will veto what they've passed or sign it into law.

And whether the former is worth over-riding when they return.

