

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2023 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2023 BR NUMBER 913

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 446 HCS1

TITLE AN ACT relating to moneys appropriated to the EKSAFE and WKSAFE funds.

SPONSOR Representative Jason Petrie

FISCAL SUMMARY

STATE FISCAL IMPACT: ☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY: ☐ ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS
☐ LOCAL MANDATE ☐ CORRECTIONS IMPACT ☐ HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED:

FUND(S) IMPACTED: ☐ GENERAL ☐ ROAD ☐ FEDERAL ☐ RESTRICTED

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2022-2023	2023-2024	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES			
NET EFFECT			

() indicates a decrease/negative

PURPOSE OF MEASURE: The purpose of House Bill 446 HCS1 is to amend KRS 39A.303 and 39A.305 to allow funds already allocated to the East Kentucky State Aid Funding for Emergencies (EKSAFE) and the West Kentucky State Aid Funding for Emergencies (WKSAFE) funds to be used to provide 0% interest loans to replace, renovate or expand essential government facilities functioning above capacity at the time of application as a result of damage directly caused by the storms and flooding located in areas named in the Presidential Declarations of Major Disasters, designated FEMA-4663-DR-KY or FEMA-4643-DR-KY.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: While the bill allows for the expansion of EKSAFE and WKSAFE funds to provide loans to essential government facilities affected by the declared disasters in eastern and western Kentucky, there are no additional appropriations toward the fund itself. The bill specifies that the loans are provided at 0% interest, so the state will see no residual interest income from this use of the funds. There is not a fiscal impact to the state.

All EKSAFE fund loan payments reimbursing the state prior to July 1, 2024, shall be deposited in the EKSAFE fund within thirty days to be reappropriated. Payments reimbursing the state after June 30th, 2024 shall be deposited into the budget reserve trust fund within thirty days.

All WKSAFE fund loan payments reimbursing the state prior to July 1, 2026, shall be deposited in the WKSAFE fund within thirty days to be reappropriated. Payments reimbursing the state after June 30th, 2026 shall be deposited into the budget reserve trust fund within thirty days.

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