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<b>House Bill 32</b>	<b>Creation of the Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assigned to Tourism &amp; Outdoor Recreation Committee</li> </ul>	<p>KWA supports the creation of an Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry to evaluate and promote outdoor recreational assets and economy, especially opportunities to promote Kentucky’s unique waterways and increase connectivity to water resources.</p>
<b>House Bill 80</b>	<b>Allowing for Prefiling of Bills and Resolutions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assigned to State Government Committee</li> </ul>	<p>KWA supports the ability of legislative members to prefile bills and resolutions which allow for transparency and better crafted bills due to increased public participation.</p>
<b>House Bill 102</b>	<b>Creation of a PFAS Working Group</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assigned to Natural Resources &amp; Energy Committee</li> </ul>	<p>KWA supports the creation of a PFAS working group to evaluate and recommend opportunities to prevent PFAS from entering Kentucky waterways, protecting clean and healthy drinking water sources. Like most US voters, KWA believes that polluters should be held responsible and supports reporting requirements for companies releasing PFAS.</p>
<b>House Bill 111</b>	<b>Creation of a Healthy Soils Program</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assigned to Agriculture Committee</li> </ul>	<p>KWA supports the creation of a Healthy Soils Program and an Agricultural Water Quality Authority to promote and provide assistance to increase soil health and reduce run-off into Kentucky’s waterways. KWA supports the addition of “watershed health” to the practices of soil and water conservation districts as defined by KRS 262.020.</p>
<b>House Bill 470</b>	<b>Amending the Constitution to establish a right of the people to a healthy environment.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduced in the House Elections, Const. Amendments &amp; Intergov. Affairs</li> </ul>	<p>KWA supports amending the Constitution of Kentucky to create a right to a healthy environment, clean air, pure water and ecologically healthy habitats.</p>

**Threatening Kentucky’s Water Legacy: (-)**

<p><b>Senate Bill 89</b></p>	<p><b>Removing “Waters of the Commonwealth” Protections and Defining “Long Term Treatment” Plans and Capping Surety Bonds</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assigned to Natural Resources &amp; Energy Committee</li> <li>• Passed Senate 30-5 vote</li> <li>• House Committee on Committees</li> </ul>	<p>KWA opposes this bill because it will remove protection from wetlands, headwater and groundwater among other types of waterways. KWA also opposes capping surety bonds on mining operations at 25 years and advocates bonds be calculated to last the entire life of the long-term treatment plan.</p>
<p><b>House Bill 137</b></p>	<p><b>Restricting Evidence for Clean Air Act (CAA) Compliance</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assigned to Natural Resources &amp; Energy Committee</li> <li>• Passed House 73-16 w/ Committee Substitute.</li> <li>• Senate Committee on Committees</li> </ul>	<p>KWA opposes this bill due to its future implications on enforcement of other environmental protection programs. KWA supports science-based approaches, which include experimentation and expansion of data collection processes. This bill violates CAA, strips citizen empowerment, stifles scientific innovation, and is unnecessary.</p>