



Empowering Nonprofits. Strengthening Kentucky.

Support SB 149:

A Bill Establishing the **Government Nonprofit Contracting Advisory Commission** to Propose Time and Money-Saving Solutions for Nonprofits AND State Government.

Cutting the Red Tape to Help Nonprofits Focus on What They Do Best -
Strengthen Kentucky Communities.

Kentucky Nonprofit Network is the state association of nonprofit organizations. KNN exists to strengthen and advance the nonprofit sector because nonprofits are essential for vibrant communities.

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Why Support SB 149:

- The Commonwealth relies on contracts and partnerships with nonprofit organizations to provide many vital services to Kentuckians, especially our most vulnerable citizens.
- Senate Bill 149 builds on the work of the Government Nonprofit Contracting Task Force, which was established by HCR 89 in 2015 to address findings from national research that found Kentucky was hampered by misaligned contracting practices that undercut effective delivery of services. The Task Force concluded in its 2016 final report that significant opportunities exist to streamline state government's contracting practices with nonprofits and recommended that more work be done to create needed solutions that would **cut the red tape** and improve services to Kentuckians.
- The Commission to be established with SB 149 is charged with recommending solutions to eliminate redundant or unnecessary laws, regulations and policies that negatively impact the effectiveness of contracting partnerships.
- Streamlined processes and improved accountability are mutual goals of nonprofits AND government. **The Commission will examine current practices and propose solutions to save both nonprofits and government time and money, while effectively serving Kentuckians.**

The Facts:

⇒ Contracts with nonprofits allow government to meet its obligations and take advantage of nonprofit expertise in a cost-effective manner.

⇒ Government and nonprofits have limited resources of time and dollars. Both seek to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to them, maximize efficiency and best serve our communities.

⇒ Misaligned contracting practices, such as duplicative and unnecessary reporting requirements, late payments, changes to contracts mid-stream and failure to pay the full cost of services undercut the delivery of the very services government is trying to provide through partnership with nonprofits.

⇒ Nonprofits are vital to Kentucky communities. Nonprofit organizations provide essential services, protect the vulnerable, feed the hungry and more. They are the backbone of our communities.

⇒ Nonprofits are vital to Kentucky's economy. One in nine Kentuckians is employed by a nonprofit organization. The nonprofit sector is among the Commonwealth's largest industries. Nonprofits ensure access to the arts, quality education and more to enhance our quality of life, and attract and retain businesses to operate in Kentucky communities.