



Joint statement on HB 207 and HB386

The Kentucky Academy of Science and Kentuckians for Science Education have concerns about HB 386 (regulating concentrations of chemicals in waterways that bioaccumulate) and HB207 (regulating local control over energy sources) and we do not recommend passage of these bills in their current state.

We have concerns about the water quality implications and impacts on fish and wildlife populations from HB386 and we would like to speak with you about our concerns before this bill is taken up.

While HB207 is well-intentioned, the effects may be detrimental to local governments and the energy future of the Commonwealth. Sustainable/renewable energy has grown exponentially in the United States and will do so in Kentucky as well. Any legislation to hinder localities from these energy resources would pose threats to our economy. Colleagues from surrounding states often comment on how difficult it is to install solar. This legislation would further hinder progress.

For these reasons, KAS and KSE are opposed to HB 207 and HB386 as written. We are interested in lending our scientific expertise in discussions working toward improved legislation.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trent Garrison".

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