

HB 127: Tax reform for KY students!

We all want good jobs and career opportunities, and public colleges should ensure that every Kentuckian can afford a college degree. But we've got to make some changes. We need tax reform.

Tuition is rising...

On average, Kentucky tuition has more than doubled in the last ten years.

At this rate, if we continue to do nothing, the cost of a college education would double again over the next decade, rising from \$8,142 to \$17,500



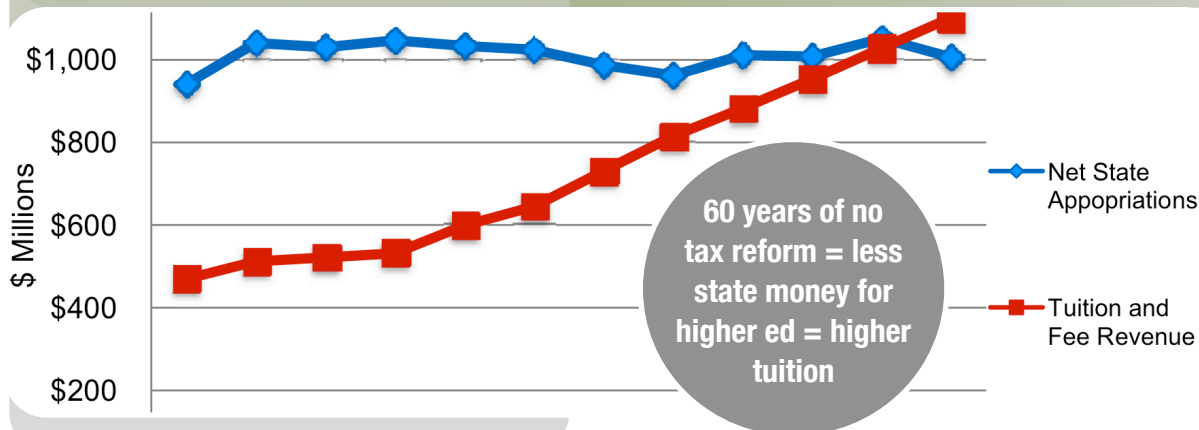
...because state investments are falling.

State investments in public universities will have fallen by \$263 million since 1999 — a 22 percent reduction — if lawmakers enact the budget that Governor Beshear proposed.

Meanwhile, student enrollment has climbed by 56,000, or 48%.

The gap between what public universities need, and what they get, is widening. Students are paying the difference.

Kentucky students deserve better!.



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I've spent a lot of time looking for a job, and a lot of time trying to go back to school. I was one of 16,000 low income students who qualified for, but was denied, financial aid for school because the state ran out of money.

We need to start thinking about what kind of Kentucky we want.

We have the opportunity right now to bring ourselves closer to the Kentucky that we want. The revenue raised in Rep. Wayne's bill will help us move closer to the Kentucky that lives up to our values.

I believe we can get there, that we can change the course of Kentucky, and make a lasting impact to bring ourselves closer to the Kentucky that we want.
-- Linda Stettenbenz, Louisville

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Right now, legislators have good solutions on the table to prevent cuts to higher ed and other necessary functions of our state government.

With the **Kentucky Forward Revenue Plan (HB 127)**, sponsored by Rep. Jim Wayne, we have an opportunity to raise revenue *fairly*. Right now, low- and middle-income Kentuckians pay about 11% of their income to state and local taxes, while the wealthiest Kentuckians pay less than 6%. Students are making up much of the difference!

The **Kentucky Forward Plan (HB 127)** would bring balance to our tax structure by lowering taxes for low- and moderate-income families, and would generate around \$330 million in public dollars every year by asking the wealthy to pay their fair share.

Get involved!

Join KFTC as we lobby for tax reforms that would raise the revenue Kentucky needs to make the right investments in higher ed and college affordability.

Tell your legislators to support the Kentucky Forward Revenue Plan, sponsored by Rep. Wayne (HB 127).

Tell your college's administration to support revenue reforms like HB 127!

