KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Bluegrass Bill**	**Red | BG 30** **Referred to Committee:** **Senate 5**
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School: Paul Laurence Dunbar HS	**House** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated **Senate** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Lexington	

An act to Establish the I-69 Corridor Development Commission.

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: The Pennyrile Region of Kentucky, in the western area of the Commonwealth, is rich in culture and resources but has suffered economically in recent years, primarily due to reduced demand for surface coal mining.

Section 2: The new Interstate 69, opened in November 2015, introduces unprecedented opportunity for new economic development and business expansion in western Kentucky from increased personal and commercial transportation in the region.

Section 3: Tourism remains a growth sector of the Kentucky economy, and the region affected by I-69 offers many of the state's finest attractions, now becoming more accessible to a broader audience. Potential also exists for warehouse development along this corridor supporting increased truck traffic along with hotels, restaurants, and other supporting enterprises.

Section 4: Costs for seizing this opportunity through greater coordination and promotion would be minimal, drawing from the support of existing state, county, and local agencies. Be it resolved that the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky appoint an I-69 Corridor Development Commission in coordination with all appropriate state agencies and local Chambers of Commerce, economic development corporations, and tourism offices.

Section 5: This bill will be enacted January 1, the year after passage.