KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Commonwealth Bill**	**Blue | CW 23** **Referred to Committee:** **House 1**
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School: Henry Clay HS	**House** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated **Senate** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Lexington	

An act to improve Kentucky's infrastructure through increased and refocused funding

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

Section 1: This bill would create a priority list for the inadequate areas of infrastructure and task the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority with bringing these areas up to at least a B level within ten years in order to assure every Kentuckian has access to safe transportation and drinking water. (Roads, bridges, and dams are at a D and drinking water is at a C).

Section 2: With the priorities in mind, this bill would increase the funding to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) by $30 million a year, coming out of the excess $114 million in the Kentucky State Budget. Combined with the current budget of the KIA, this would enable to reach our goals in roads, bridges, dams, and drinking water within ten years.

Section 3: With a revitalized Commonwealth infrastructure, the economy will grow as businesses will be able to better transport goods while consumers will be spending less money on infrastructure upkeep costs and reparations because of poor infrastructure. The project will be budget neutral based on increased economic activity during the ten year period, and after the upgrades are complete, create tens of thousands of jobs and increase Kentucky's GDP by an estimated $2,000,000,000.

Section 4: If the KIA is unable to fulfill this bill's requirements, the use of funding will be investigated, and additional necessary funding will be considered. Otherwise, the long term scope of this bill will be open to change in order for the KIA to complete the modernization of Kentucky's infrastructure in the timeliest manner possible. If it becomes evident the money is not being spent properly, funding will be postponed and corruption investigated.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect with the KIA's agenda updates and re-allocated funding at the beginning of the 2018 fiscal year.