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Members, Board of Trustees:

EXPAND AND RENOVATE COMMONWEALTH STADIUM CAPITAL PROJECT (COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDING STANDARDS EXEMPTION)

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees grant an exemption from the Commonwealth of Kentucky's High Performance Building Standards for Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Level Certification pursuant to 200 Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR) 6:0070 Section 3(c) for the Expand and Renovate Commonwealth Stadium Capital Project.

<u>Background</u>: In March 2013, the Board of Trustees approved the initiation of the Expand and Renovate Commonwealth Stadium Capital Project. This project will create new premium seating with revenue generating opportunities, improve the overall operational effectiveness of the facility, enhance the fan experience and allow the University to attract the best student-athletes to campus.

The renovation of the stadium has been designed to maximize sustainability wherever feasible and to meet basic LEED certification requirements. However, an exemption from the Commonwealth's High Performance Building Standards (200 KAR 6:070 Section 3(c)) is necessary as the improvements required to attain the requisite LEED Silver Level certification would add substantial work to existing non-renovated spaces. The additional work would be in areas used only during home football games thus providing a negligible return on the investment. While an exemption to attain LEED Silver Level Certification is requested, the project will meet the necessary requirements for basic LEED certification.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other ------