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## REPUBLIC OF KENYA

### THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (SECOND SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

#### MESSAGES

#### MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

\_\_\_\_\_ (No. 004 of 2023) \_\_\_\_\_

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#### PASSAGE OF THE THREE SENATE BILLS

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**1. Honourable Members,** Pursuant to Standing Order 41(1) of the National Assembly Orders, I wish to report to the House that on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023, I received three (3) Messages from the Senate regarding passage of the following Senate Bills–

- (i) The Equalization Fund Appropriation Bill (Senate Bills No. 3 of 2023);
- (ii) The County Vocational Education and Training Bill (Senate Bills No. 3 of 2022); and
- (iii) The County Allocation of Revenue Bill (Senate Bills No. 16 of 2023).

**2. Honourable Members** the first Message relates to the passage of the Equalization Fund Appropriation Bill (Senate Bills No. 3 of 2023) published *vide* Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 7 of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

**3.** The Bill *seeks to authorize the issue of a sum of money out of the Equalization Fund and its application towards the service of the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and to appropriate the said sums for certain public basic services in marginalized regions.*

4. In the Message, the Senate on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023, considered and passed the Equalization Fund Appropriation Bill (Senate Bills No. 3 of 2023) **with amendments.**

5. **Honourable Members**, the Second Message relates to the passage of the County Vocational Education and Training Bill (Senate Bills No. 3 of 2022) published *vide* Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 162 of 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

6. The Bill *seeks to provide a framework for the establishment of systems for the administration of training in vocational education and training within a county.*

7. The Message conveys that on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023, the Senate considered and passed the County Vocational Education and Training Bill (Senate Bills No. 3 of 2022) **with amendments.**

8. **Honourable Members**, the third Message relates to the passage of the County Allocation of Revenue Bill (Senate Bills No. 16 of 2023) published *vide* Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 52 of 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

9. The County Allocation of Revenue Bill (Senate Bills No. 16 of 2023) *seeks to provide for the equitable allocation of revenue raised nationally among the county governments for the financial year 2023/2024 as well as define the corresponding responsibilities of the national and county governments in connection to the said allocation.*

10. The Message conveys that on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023, the Senate considered and passed the County Allocation of Revenue Bill (Senate Bills No. 16 of 2023) **with amendments.**



**11. Honourable Members,** having considered and passed the three (3) Bills, the Senate now seeks the concurrence of the National Assembly on each of the Bills pursuant to Articles 110 and 111 of the Constitution and Standing Orders 46(1) and 116 of the Senate Standing Orders.

**12.** The Standing Orders require the Speaker to cause a Bill received from the Senate to be read a First Time upon conveyance of its Message. In this regard, you will notice that the two Bills have been listed for First Reading in the Order Paper for this particular sitting. After being Read a First Time, the Bills will stand committed to respective Committees as follows –

- (i) The County Allocation of Revenue Bill (Senate Bills No. 16 of 2023), and the Equalization Fund Appropriation Bill (Senate Bills No. 3 of 2023); will stand committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee for consideration; and  
The County Vocational Education and Training Bill (Senate Bills No. 3 of 2022) stands referred to the Departmental Committee on Education.


**13. Honourable Members,** you will agree with me that two Bills, the Equalization Fund Appropriation Bill (Senate Bills No. 3 of 2023) and the County Allocation of Revenue Bill (Senate Bills No. 16 of 2023) relate to the budget process. In this regard, they ought to be prioritized for consideration.

**14.** In this regard, **Honourable members,** you may therefore have noticed that the two Bills have been listed for First Reading in the Order Paper for this particular sitting.

**15.** Owing to the urgency of the two Bills, I urge the Committee to prioritize the Bill in its agenda and Report to the House as soon as practicable. The reports shall guide the House with respect to the next stages and prioritization of the two Bills.

**16.** The House is accordingly guided.

**I thank you!**

  
**THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F. M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Tuesday, June 20, 2023