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**American Council of Engineering  
Companies of South Carolina  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 4, 2021**

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**Board of Directors**

- ☐ Jason Eppley, PE, *Chair*
- ☐ Matt Gehman, *Vice Chair*
- ☐ Jeff Mulliken, PhD, PE, *Sec./Treasurer*
- ☐ Keith Overstreet, PE, *Past Chair*
- ☐ Chuck Black, PE, *Director*
- ☐ Petrina Butler PE, *Director*
- ☐ Theresa McClure, *Director*
- ☐ Bryan Shiver, PE, *Director*
- ☐ Ben Temple, PE *Director*
- ☐ Ricky Ward, PE, *Director*
- ☐ Kylie Page, PE, *National Director \**
- ☐ Melvin Williams, Affiliate *National Director \**
- ☐ Tom Jordan, PE, *Environmental Committee Chair\**
- ☐ David Montgomery, PE *Transportation Committee Chair\**
- ☐ Adam B. Jones, *Executive Director\**
- ☐ Allison J. King, *ACEC-SC Staff\**
- ☐ Sarah Waldrop, *ACEC-SC Account Executive*
- ☐ Other\*

\* denotes non-voting

ACEC-SC Board of Directors Meeting  
Hosted by Adam Jones

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Thursday, Feb 4, 2021 10:00 am | 2 hours | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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**Agenda**

1. Call to Order – Jason Eppley, PE
2. Approve Consent Agenda
  - Meeting Minutes February 4, 2021
  - Membership Report
3. Financial Report – Jeff Mulliken, PE, PhD
  - Financial Report
4. Chair's Report: - Jason Eppley, PE
  - Strategic Plan
5. Vice Chair's Report:
  - Virtual Retreat 4/14/2021
    - ✓ Survey Results
    - ✓ Chernoff Newman report
    - ✓ 2021-2022 Year
6. Executive Director's Report – Adam B. Jones
  - Legislative Report
    1. S.422 (Indemnity legislation)
    2. S. 2 (split up SCDHEC)
    3. S. 491 Port Bond Bill
    4. S.147 COVID-19 Safe Harbor Legislation
    5. H. 3243 (Licensure for those in the country legally)
    6. QBS Legislation (Opening the Practice Act)
    7. FAR Credits Clause (ACEC National)
  - Virtual Consulting Congress Day Appointments
  - Engineers Day on the Hill / Legislative Reception
    1. Legislative Reception Canceled
  - Engineering Excellence Awards
    1. April 21, 2021 Postpone?
  - Winter Meeting
  - ACEC-SC Retreat
  - Golf Tournament
  - SC Engineering Conference & Trade Show
  - Pre written Social Media Posts for Board Members to Post
7. ACEC National Directors Report – Kylie Page, PE
  - ACEC Convention/Consulting Congress day Going Virtual
  - ACEC PAC 2020 & 2021 Goal
8. Committee Reports:
  - Transportation Committee
    - ✓ Partnering Committee Meeting
  - BRE Committee :
    - ✓ EEA
  - Communications Committee :
    - ✓ CN
  - Membership Committee :
    - ✓ Survey Results
  - Nominating Committee –
    - ✓ Call for nominees has gone out on First Word
  - Budget Committee – Activate
    - ✓ Draft has been sent to Committee
  - Finance Committee
    - ✓ Setting up a meeting w/ Edward Jones this month
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn (next BOD Meeting April 1, 2021)

**ACEC-SC Board of Directors Meeting  
Board Meeting  
Thursday, February 4, 2021  
Webex**

**Call to Order:** ACEC-SC Chair Jason Eppley, PE called the board meeting to order at 10:03 AM. The following were in attendance: Jason Eppley, PE, Matt Gehman, Jeff Mulliken, PhD, PE, Keith Overstreet, PE, Chuck Black, PE, Theresa McClure, Bryan Shiver, PE, Ben Temple, PE, Ricky Ward, PE, Kylie Page, PE, Melvin Williams, David Montgomery, PE, Adam B. Jones, Allison J. King, Sarah Waldrop, and Nick Murray from Chernoff Newman. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended by Ward, seconded by Mulliken, and passed without objection.

**Membership Report:** Executive Director Adam B. Jones reported that AECOM's dues are in the mail en route to ACEC-SC. All other members who have not paid have been dropped. Ward asked who had been dropped. Jones said Cardno, Forsberg, GHD, and Heath Linebeck.

A motion was made to approve the Membership Report by Ben Temple with a second from Chuck Black. The motion was passed unanimously.

The following firms were approved for membership:

1) TPD Membership Application

- SPONSOR: Ricky Ward (RK&K)

A motion was made to approve TPD's membership application by Matt Gehman (contingent on confirmation) with a second by Ricky Ward. The motion was passed unanimously.

2) Dunbar Geomatics Membership Application

- SPONSOR: Chuck Black (S&ME)

A motion was made to approve Dunbar Geomatics's membership application by Chuck Black with a second by Matt Gehman. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Facilities Strategies Group

- SPONSOR: Matt Gehman (TranSystems)

A motion was made to approve Facilities Strategies Group's membership application by Bryan Shiver with a second from Jeff Mulliken. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Mulliken, PE, PhD, reported:

- Total Income: \$362,691.71
- Total Expenses: \$262,576.74
- Net: \$100,114.97
- Mulliken said the bulk of the income was from dues and SCDOT sponsor money. Expenses were from Engineering Excellence Awards, the Winter Meeting, Future Leaders, and the management fee.

A motion was made to approve the financial report by Chuck Black with a second by Bryan Shiver. The motion passed unanimously.

**Chair's Report:** Chairman Jason Eppley, PE, said his focus continues to be on the progress of the Strategic Plan. He will leave some of this discussion to the Committees that are doing the work but noted we still needed a volunteer for the Grow the PAC portion of the Strategic Plan. Kylie Page, PE, (Insight Group), volunteered for this position. Eppley said more discussion on the Strategic Plan to come from the Committees.

**Executive Director's Report:** Executive Director Adam B. Jones reported:

1) Legislative Report

- S.422 (Indemnity legislation)
  - SCDOT Interpretation
    - SCDOT brought up our bill at their Commission meeting on 1/21/2021. They think it may shift some of the liability to them.
    - Going to work with an attorney to make sure no contracts broken
  - AGC Issues
    - AGC sent over their concerns.
      - Jones said he believes some of their issues are interpretation.
      - They would like to remove Section D of the bill, but this is one of the most important parts of the bill.
      - Jones said they would agree to add some definitions AGC talked about.
    - Jones said he took both SCDOT's and AGC's issues to the ACEC National legal team.
      - ACEC agreed Section D is important, and the definitions added would be an easy fix.
      - Encouraged ACEC-SC to seek local counsel who focuses on state contracts.
      - AIA-SC agreed to split legal fees.
      - After discussion, the Board gave permission to move forward with talking to an attorney.
- S. 2 (split up SCDHEC)
  - Jones included a detailed report of S.2 in the board packet.
    - Splits DHEC putting the health portion in with Department of Mental Health
    - Splits Environmental into SC Dept. of AG & SCDNR
      - Permitting split between those two agencies
        - Farm Bureau were the only ones who didn't say they think they would support this
    - Splits permitting into two parts
  - ACEC-SC Past Chair & SCDHEC Board Member Chuck Joye thinks ACEC-SC should oppose the bill.
  - There was discussion by the Board on a position on the Bill
  - The board voted to oppose S.2 as written

- H. 3392 (Sales tax on professional services)
  - The business community thinks raising taxes will be a heavy lift in this climate
  - Continuing to monitor
- S. 147 (COVID-19 Safe Harbor Legislation)
  - Subcommittee met on 1/26/2021 & 2/2/2021
  - ACEC-SC mailed a letter of support to the Senate and issued a “Call to action” to contact members of the subcommittee
  - Bill was amended and passed out favorably
  - Full committee 2/9/2021
- QBS Legislation (Opening the Practice Act)
  - No movement, with other items moving

## 2. SC Engineers Regulations

- SC Board of Registration for PE & PLS have asked me to find engineers to review the SC Code of Regulations (40-1-70, 40-22-60, 40-22-130)
  - Regulations are in the packet
  - Past President Keith Overstreet and Director Chuck Black volunteered to represent ACEC-SC on a Regulations Committee

## 3. Engineers Vaccination

- ACEC-SC created a coalition between ACEC-SC, AIA, AGC, SCSPE, & SCSPLS to ask to have a person from the Design/Construction Community on the SCDHEC Vaccine Committee.
- We sent a letter asking for Design/Construction Essential workers to be moved up to 1B for the COVID-19 Vaccination
- Recommended Leslie Clark from CarolinasAGC to be this person
  - Chuck Joye, PE (Aurdurra), Sent the recommendation as well
- Jones reported that he had heard back from SCDHEC that the Vaccine Committee has done their work and that these decisions would be made by the Legislature

## 4. Engineers’ Day on the Hill / Legislative Reception

- Engineers’ Day on the Hill is still tentatively going to happen on 3/23 but will be an outdoor event
- Legislative Reception should be canceled due to the House & Senate being told not to attend meetings in March

## 5. Engineering Excellence Awards

- Judging completed
- Emcee – Jim Rogers confirmed
- April 21, 2021
- Jones noted with current COVID-19 situation, we should probably make a decision next month as to whether to postpone it further or not

## 6. Winter Meeting

- 2/23/2021 (virtual)
- Environmental Committee working
  - DHEC sponsoring Environmental Track
  - SCDOT speaker coming – storm water permitting updates



- Steve Hall – keynote
- 7. PPP Webinar w/ ACEC & Wayne Owens
  - Successful (89 registered, 49 attended)
- 8. ACEC-SC Retreat
  - The Board discussed moving the Retreat from March 4. After much discussion, a motion was made by Gehman, seconded by Black, and passed to not host an in-person retreat in 2021
  - King said we are contracted to have the event but that she would work to see if we could move the event to next year
    - Jones said there will probably be a fee for this
  - A virtual retreat will be held in 2021. ACEC-SC staff will work with Gehman to get this scheduled
- 9. Melvin Williams & ACEC National
  - Confirmed for ACEC Fellow
  - Vice-Chair at ACEC National

**ACEC National Director's Report:** National Director Kylie Page, PE, reported that she had cast ACEC-SC's ballot, and Melvin Williams was on the ballot and is now a Vice Chair. Page said the ACEC National Conference is going virtual this year and that we would host our Congressional Visits virtually. Page closed discussing the ACEC PAC. She said she and ACEC-SC Staff had met and will be pursuing a Final Four fundraiser, virtual trivia, and other items to try and raise the money.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Chairman Jason Eppley changed the order of the committee reports from the consent agenda listing. The new order is as follows:

##### *Membership Committee*

- Brian Shiver reported the survey is still being conducted. Shiver said ACEC-SC has been sending it to an old list of 6,000+ emails from when they used to get emails from LLR
- Over 100 have taken the survey
- Send it for two more weeks then cut it off and collect results

##### *Communications Committee*

- Ricky Ward reported Chernoff-Newman is working on the communications audit, doing one-on-one interviews with members of the Executive Committee and Communications Committee Members, and then will meet with Adam again
- CN is working on having the audit ready for the retreat
- Ward asked them to develop a strategy looking at daily communications, focusing on the Strategic Plan, and growing the brand

##### *BRE Committee*

- Future Leaders recognition slide show debuted
- Future Leaders Alumni Alliance's Virtual Happy Hour was a success

##### *Transportation Committee:*

- The 2021 ACEC-SC Transportation Committee Chair reported that two-tier is still a hot topic. Jones added he had received more calls since our last meeting. Jones thought a virtual roundtable with members who are for and against the selection method may be worth hosting, letting each group hear from the other as well as ACEC-SC. Discussion ensued. Chairman Eppley said he'd like this to come out of the committee.
- Montgomery reported subcommittee assignments have been made, and the committee is meeting next week.
- There was discussion about the Partnering Committee. Purpose? Make up of Committee? Etc. SCDOT has made comments recently about the committee and the meetings. David said he would follow up with John Boylston on how we can strengthen these meetings.
- Jones said the ACEC-SC/SCDOT Annual Meeting is set for December 7, 2021.

*Advocacy PAC*

- No more discussion: this was covered in the National Director's Report
- McClure suggested the Communications and PAC Committee Collaborate

**Other Business:**

- Nominating Committee was activated. Jones said he would solicit nominations through the First Word Newsletter
- Jones said he would get the Budget Committee the first draft of the budget by mid-February
- Jones asked permission to speak to Edward Jones about investing our reserves
- The Board agreed. Jones said they may reinstate the Finance Committee

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 PM by Chuck Black with a second by Keith Overstreet. Our next meeting will be held virtually on March 4, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Waldrop  
Account Executive  
ACEC-SC

Company Name	Date Received Payment	Employee Count	4010 ACEC SC Dues	4020 ACEC PAC	4030 ACEC National Dues	4040 Minute Man	4045 Education Fund	TOTAL DUES	payment differ	ACEC-SC Paid Dues
A Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. (AMT)		4	\$856.44			\$8.00				\$864.44
AECOM	2/9/21	212	\$6,423.30	\$802.91		\$63.00				7289.21
Alfred Benesch & Company	7/21/20	15	\$1,712.88	\$214.11		\$17.00	\$0.00	\$1,943.99		\$1,712.88
Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc.	7/27/20	70	\$2,997.54	\$374.69	\$3,235.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,607.23		\$2,997.54
American Engineering Consultants, Inc.	8/3/20	22	\$2,141.10	\$267.64	\$2,299.00	\$21.00	\$0.00	\$4,728.74		\$2,141.10
Applied Building Science (ABS)	7/27/20	23	\$2,141.10	\$267.64	\$2,692.00	\$21.00	\$0.00	\$5,121.74		\$2,141.10
Applied Control Technologies	7/27/20	8	\$1,199.35	\$160.58	\$1,289.00	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$2,656.93		\$1,284.66
Aulick Engineering	11/11/2020 1/3*	1	\$136.09	\$54.00		\$7.00				\$197.09
Buford Goff & Associates	7/27/20	19	\$2,141.10	\$267.64	\$2,114.00	\$14.00	\$0.00	\$4,536.74		\$2,141.10
Bunnell Lammons Engineering Inc.	7/27/20	105	\$4,710.42	\$588.80		\$47.00	\$0.00	\$5,346.22		\$4,710.42
Carlisle Associates, Inc.		13								
Caroline TEA	7/20/20	3	\$573.81	\$71.73	\$490.00	\$13.00	\$0.00	\$1,148.54		\$573.81
CDM Smith		86	\$4,282.20	\$535.28		\$43.00				\$4,860.48
Century Southern, Inc.	8/10/20	1	\$428.22	\$53.53	\$507.00	\$4.00	\$0.00	\$992.75		\$428.22
CH Engineering, PLLC	7/27/20	5	\$1,284.66	\$160.58		\$12.00	\$0.00	\$1,457.24		\$1,284.66
Civil Engineering Consulting Service, Inc.	7/20/20	35	\$2,385.67	\$321.17	\$2,999.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$5,914.49		\$2,569.32
Clark Patterson Lee	8/10/20	9	\$1,284.66	\$160.58		\$17.00	\$0.00	\$1,462.24		\$1,284.66
Collins Engineers, Inc.	7/27/20	10	\$1,712.88	\$214.11		\$17.00	\$0.00	\$1,943.99		\$1,712.88
CONSOR	1/21/21	15	\$1,712.88	\$214.11		\$17.00				1943.99
Construction Science and Engineering, Inc.	7/20/20	8	\$1,284.66	\$160.58	\$1,379.00	\$13.00				\$2,837.24
Cox and Dinkins, Inc.	8/10/20	38	\$2,008.36	\$251.04	\$2,094.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$4,373.40		\$2,008.35
Davis & Floyd, Inc.		127	\$5,138.64	\$642.33	\$6,262.00	\$51.00				\$12,093.97
DDC Engineers, Inc.	7/20/20	34	\$2,569.32	\$321.17	\$2,948.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$5,863.49		\$2,569.32
Ardurral///Design South Professionals, Inc./	8/10/20	17	\$2,141.10	\$267.64		\$25.00	\$0.00	\$2,433.74		\$2,141.10
Development Resource Group	7/27/20	12	\$1,147.63	\$143.45	\$1,627.00	\$11.00	\$0.00	\$2,929.08		\$1,147.63
Dunbar Geomatics Group										
ECS Southeast, LLP	8/10/20	81	\$3,425.76	\$428.22		\$34.00	\$0.00	\$3,887.98		\$3,425.76
ESP Associates, PA	8/3/20	190	\$5,995.08				\$0.00	\$5,995.08		\$5,995.08
Facilities Strategies Group		11								
F&ME Consultants	8/10/20	70	\$3,854.00	\$482.00	\$4,454.00	\$38.00	\$0.00	\$8,828.00		\$3,854.00
Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC	7/28/20	5	\$1,239.56	\$160.58			\$0.00	\$1,400.14	\$1,445.24	\$1,284.66
Froehling & Robertson, Inc.		18	\$1,712.88				\$214.11			\$1,926.99
Gannett Fleming, Inc.	7/27/20	2	\$856.44	\$107.06		\$7.00	\$0.00	\$970.50		\$856.44
GEL Solutions (requested to pay quarterly)	8/3/20	10	\$428.22	\$53.53	\$785.25			\$5,086.99		\$428.22
GPI Geospatial	7/27/20	8	\$1,284.66	\$160.58		\$13.00	\$0.00	\$1,458.24		\$1,284.66
GWA, Inc.	8/10/20	9	\$1,284.66		\$1,379.00	\$13.00	\$160.58	\$2,837.24		\$1,284.66
HDR	11/2/20	135	\$5,138.64	\$642.33		\$55.00				\$5,835.97
Heath & Lineback Engineers Inc	12/7/20	2	\$826.00	\$103.00		\$11.00				\$940.00
HNTB	8/18/20	36	\$2,569.32	\$321.17		\$21.00		\$2,911.49		\$2,569.32
Holt Consulting Company, LLC	7/27/20	19	\$2,141.10	\$267.64		\$17.00	\$0.00	\$2,425.74		\$2,141.10
Hussey Gay Bell	8/3/20	33	\$2,569.32	\$321.17		\$30.00	\$0.00	\$2,920.49		\$2,569.32
Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering	11/3/20	139	\$5,138.64	\$642.33		\$60.00				\$5,840.97
Insight Group, A Christopher Company		13	\$1,712.88	\$214.11	\$1,702.00	\$11.00				\$3,639.99
IPW Construction Group	8/18/20	5	\$1,284.66	\$160.58	\$986.00	\$13.00	\$0.00	\$2,444.24		\$1,284.66
Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson	9/21/20	18	\$2,141.10	\$267.64						\$2,408.74
KCI Technologies, Inc.	7/27/20	35	\$2,569.32	\$321.17		\$43.00	\$0.00	\$2,933.49		\$2,569.32
Keck & Wood, Inc.		10	\$1,712.88	\$214.11		\$17.00				\$1,943.99
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	8/3/20	32	\$2,468.15				\$321.17	\$2,789.32		\$2,569.32
Kleinfelder		25	\$2,141.10							2141.1
Life Cycle Engineering, Inc.	8/24/20	130	\$5,138.64	\$642.33	\$15,709.00	\$51.00	\$0.00	\$21,540.97		\$5,138.64
Mattern & Craig	8/10/20	2	\$856.44	\$107.06		\$8.00		\$971.50		\$856.44
MBP Carolinas, Inc	*pp 11/25/2020	1	\$418.14	\$53.53		\$7.00				\$478.67
MC Squared		63	\$428.22	\$53.53						481.75
McCormick Taylor	9/28/20	6	\$1,284.66	\$160.58		\$15.00				\$1,460.24
Mead & Hunt, Inc.	7/27/20	40	\$2,569.32	\$321.17		\$43.00	\$0.00	\$2,933.49		\$2,569.32
Michael Baker International	8/10/20	90	\$4,282.20	\$535.28		\$43.00	\$0.00	\$4,860.48		\$4,282.20
M&B Engineering, LLC	7/20/20	1	\$428.22	\$53.53	\$507.00	\$4.00	\$0.00	\$992.75		\$428.22
Nied-Schaffer, Inc.	10/26/20	9	\$1,284.66	\$160.58		\$8.00	\$0.00			\$1,453.24
NOVA Engineering	8/3/20	4	\$856.44	\$107.06		\$13.00	\$0.00	\$976.50		\$856.44
NVS CALYX	9/8/20	2	\$856.44	\$107.06		\$8.00				\$971.50
OLH, Inc.	7/27/20	20	\$2,141.10	\$267.64	\$2,177.00	\$21.00	\$0.00	\$4,606.74		\$2,141.10
Parrish and Partners, LLC	8/18/20	36	\$2,569.32	\$321.17		\$30.00	\$0.00	\$2,920.49		\$2,569.32
Pond	9/8/20	15	\$1,712.88	\$214.11		\$17.00				\$1,943.99
Professional Engineering Associates, Inc.	7/20/20	15	\$1,712.88	\$214.11	\$1,847.00	\$17.00	\$0.00	\$3,790.99		\$1,712.88
Ramey Kemp & Associates Inc		6	\$1,284.66			\$13.00	\$160.58			\$1,458.24
RK&K-Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP	8/10/20	14	\$1,712.88	\$214.11		\$19.00	\$0.00	\$1,945.99		\$1,712.88
Rowe Professional Services Company	7/27/20	3	\$856.44	\$107.06		\$8.00	\$0.00	\$971.50		\$856.44
RS&H	9/8/20	6	\$1,284.66	\$160.58		\$13.00				\$1,458.24
S&ME, Inc.	8/18/20	231	\$6,851.52	\$856.44		\$68.00	\$0.00	\$7,775.96		\$6,851.52
SAM, LLC	8/10/20	5	\$1,284.66	\$160.58	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$0.00	\$1,458.24		\$1,284.66
SEPI	7/27/20	3	\$856.44	\$107.06		\$0.00		\$971.50		\$856.44
Sims Group Engineers, Inc	7/27/20	6	\$1,284.66	\$160.58	\$1,092.00	\$13.00	\$0.00	\$2,550.24		\$1,284.66
Stantec Consulting	8/10/20	56	\$3,425.76	\$428.22		\$34.00		\$3,887.98		\$3,425.76
Stevens & Wilkinson SC, Inc.	7/27/20	32	\$2,569.32	\$321.17		\$26.00	\$0.00	\$2,916.49		\$2,569.32
Stewart Engineering	9/14/20	4	\$829.67	\$107.06		\$17.00				\$953.73
STV Incorporated		22	\$2,141.10	\$267.64		\$21.00				\$2,429.74
SynTerra	8/10/20	16	\$1,712.88	\$214.11		\$17.00	\$0.00	\$1,943.99		\$1,712.88
T2 Utility Engineers	8/24/20	1	\$428.22	\$53.53		\$4.00		\$485.75		\$428.22
Terracon Consultants, Inc.	8/24/20	124	\$5,138.64	\$642.33		\$51.00	\$0.00	\$5,831.97		\$5,138.64
Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co.	10/26/20	58	\$3,425.76	\$428.22		\$55.00				\$3,908.98
Three Oaks Engineering	8/3/20	4	\$856.44	\$107.06		\$13.00	\$0.00	\$976.50		\$856.44
Traffic Planning & Design Inc		2								
Tidemark Land Services, Inc.	7/20/20	15	\$1,712.88	\$214.11	\$1,847.00	\$11.00	\$0.00	\$3,784.99		\$1,712.88
TranSystems Corporation	7/27/20	20	\$2,141.10	\$267.64		\$30.00	\$0.00	\$2,438.74		\$2,141.10
TRC Environmental Corporation		67	\$3,853.98	\$481.75		\$38.00				\$4,373.73
Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers	8/24/20	11	\$1,712.88	\$214.11		\$17.00	\$0.00	\$1,943.99		\$1,712.88
W. R. Riggs And Associates, Inc.	8/10/20	4	\$856.44	\$107.06	\$986.00	\$11.00	\$0.00	\$1,960.50		\$856.44
Weston & Sampson	8/10/20	16	\$1,712.88	\$214.11		\$26.00		\$1,952.99		\$1,712.88
WSP Parsons Brinkerhoff (formerly PB Americas)		28	\$2,569.32	\$321.17		\$21.00				\$2,911.49
TOTAL			\$181,951.13	\$20,054.06	\$63,406.25	\$1,706.00	\$856.44	\$193,740.72		\$196,770.09
AFFILIATE MEMBERS			4050 ACEC SC Dues	4020 ACEC PAC	4030 ACEC National Dues	4040 Minute Man	4045 Education Fund			
ACEC Business Insurance Trust	12/21/20	0	\$650.00	\$81.25		\$6.50	\$0.00	\$737.75		
Advance Drainage Systems, Inc.		0								
Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc.	8/31/20	0	\$650.00	\$81.25		\$6.50	\$0.00	\$737.75		
George Consulting, Ltd.	7/20/20	55	\$650.00	\$81.25		\$6.50		\$737.75		\$650
Gibbes Burton, LLC		0					\$0.00	\$0.00		
Insurance Management Consultants, Inc.	7/27/20		\$650.00	\$81.25		\$6.50	\$0.00	\$737.75		
O R Colan Associates, LLC	7/27/20		\$650.00	\$81.25		\$6.50	\$0.00	\$737.75		\$650.00
Primacq Group, Inc.	7/27/20		\$650.00	\$81.25		\$6.50	\$0.00	\$737.75		\$650.00
SC Asphalt Pavement Association	10/26/20	0	\$650.00	\$81.25		\$6.50		\$737.75		
T. Wayne Owens & Associates, PC	7/27/20		\$650.00	\$81.25		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$650.00
THC, Inc.	8/24/20	0	\$631.99	\$81.25		\$6.50	\$0.00	\$719.74		\$631.99
Utility Coordination Consultants, LLC	7/27/20		\$650.00	\$81.25		\$6.50	\$0.00	\$737.75		\$650.00
TOTAL			\$6,481.99	\$812.50		\$58.50	\$0.00	\$6,621.74		
GRAND TOTALS:			\$188,433.12	\$20,866.56	\$63,406.25	\$1,764.50	\$856.44	\$200,362.46		

Qty payments

didn't pay ACEC PAC neither Minute Man

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					JUL '20 - JUN 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	JUL '20 - JUN 21	Delta	Notes
		Income									
		4070 - ACEC-SC DUES			181,951.13	175,000.00	6,951.13	103.97%	175,527.83	6,423.30	dues
		4020 - ACEC-SC PAC			21,869.47	21,875.00	-205.53	99.09%	20,866.58	802.91	pac
		4030 - ACEC DUES			63,406.25	70,000.00	-6,593.75	90.58%	63,406.25	0.00	
		4040 - ACEC MINUTE MAN FUND (TOT)			1,764.50	1,750.00	14.50	100.83%	1,701.50	63.00	minute man
		4045 - EDUCATION FUND			856.44	2,000.00	-1,143.56	42.82%	856.44	0.00	
		4050 - AFFILIATE DUES			6,481.99	8,000.00	-1,518.01	81.03%	6,481.99	0.00	
		4060 - INTEREST			2,381.38				2,381.38	0.00	
		4070 - ACEC ROYALTIES			862.25	0.00	862.25	100.0%	862.25	0.00	
		4075 - REIMBURSEMENTS								0.00	
		4075.1 - MEMBERSHIP GOALS			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		Total 4075 - REIMBURSEMENTS			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		4130 - MEMBER EVENTS								0.00	
		H130.10 - ENGINEER EXCELLENCE AWARDS								0.00	
		H130.11 - ENTRY FEES			8,004.90	6,000.00	2,004.90	133.42%	8,004.90	0.00	
		H130.12 - PLATINUS			728.55	1,500.00	-771.45	48.5%	75.00	653.92	plaques
		H130.13 - EE BANQUET			300.00	7,500.00	-7,200.00	4.0%	300.00	0.00	
		H130.16 - ENGINEER EXCELLENCE AWARDS - Other			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		Total H130.16 - ENGINEER EXCELLENCE AWARDS			9,033.85	15,000.00	-5,966.15	60.22%	8,379.90	653.92	total
		H130.2 - WINTER MEETING			5,217.48	19,000.00	-13,782.52	27.46%	170.00	5,047.48	winter mtg
		H130.3 - SCDOT MEETING								0.00	
		H130.31 - SCDOT MEETING EXHIBITORS			788.10	9,000.00	-8,211.90	8.76%	788.10	0.00	
		H130.32 - SCDOT MEETING SPONSORS			41,913.80	69,000.00	-27,086.20	60.75%	41,913.80	0.00	
		H130.33 - SCDOT MEETING REGISTRANTS			21,102.38	57,000.00	-35,897.64	37.02%	21,102.38	0.00	
		H130.3 - SCDOT MEETING - Other			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		Total H130.3 - SCDOT MEETING			63,804.28	135,000.00	-71,195.74	47.26%	63,804.28	0.00	
		H130.4 - BOARD RETREAT			0.00	9,000.00	-9,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		H130.5 - SUMMER ENGINEER'S CONFERENCE			0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		H130.6 - MEMBER EVENTS								0.00	
		H130.61 - FALL PAC GOLF TOURNAMENT			0.00	9,000.00	-9,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		H130.62 - SPRING SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT			15,753.38	14,000.00	1,753.38	112.82%	15,753.38	0.00	
		H130.6 - MEMBER EVENTS - Other			2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	100.0%	2,500.00	0.00	
		Total H130.6 - MEMBER EVENTS			18,253.38	23,000.00	-4,746.62	79.36%	18,253.38	0.00	
		Total H130 - MEMBER EVENTS			95,308.85	211,000.00	-115,691.15	45.64%	90,607.51	5,701.38	total
		H140 - FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAM			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		4220 - TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		Total Income			375,682.32	489,025.00	-113,342.70	76.73%	362,691.71	12,990.59	total income
		Gross Profit			375,682.32	489,025.00	-113,342.70	76.73%	362,691.71	12,990.59	
		Expense								0.00	
		6010 - ACEC NATIONAL DUES								0.00	
		6010.1 - MINUTE MAN CONTRIBUTIONS			1,653.00	1,750.00	-97.00	94.46%	1,653.00	0.00	
		6010.2 - NATIONAL DUES			63,406.25	70,000.00	-6,593.75	90.58%	63,406.25	0.00	
		6010.3 - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/NAECE DUES			200.00	200.00	0.00	100.0%	200.00	0.00	
		Total 6010 - ACEC NATIONAL DUES			65,259.25	71,950.00	-6,690.75	90.7%	65,259.25	0.00	
		6015 - ACEC-SC PAC Transfer			0.00	21,875.00	-21,875.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6020.7 - ACEC TRAVEL staff train in DC								0.00	
		6020.2 - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR			349.00	9,000.00	-8,651.00	3.88%	349.00	0.00	
		6020.3 - NATIONAL DIRECTOR			0.00	5,250.00	-5,250.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6020.4 - PRESIDENT			0.00	5,250.00	-5,250.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6020.5 - PRESIDENT ELECT			0.00	4,250.00	-4,250.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6020.6 - AFFILIATE NATIONAL DIRECTOR			0.00	4,250.00	-4,250.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6020.7 - ACEC TRAVEL staff train in DC - Other			0.00	1,800.00	-1,800.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		Total 6020.7 - ACEC TRAVEL staff train in DC			349.00	29,800.00	-29,451.00	1.17%	349.00	0.00	
		6030 - BOARD EXPENSE			0.00	1,750.00	-1,750.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6045 - EDUCATION FUND EXP			0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6050 - COMMITTEE ACTIVITY								0.00	
		6050.1 - MEMBERSHIP			22,500.00	17,000.00	5,500.00	132.35%	22,500.00	0.00	
		6050.2 - TRANSPORTATION			1,000.00	2,000.00	-1,000.00	50.0%	1,000.00	0.00	
		6050.3 - ENVIRONMENTAL			0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6050.4 - COMMUNICATIONS			0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6050.5 - BRE			0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6050.6 - ADVOCACY/PAC			0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6050.7 - ADHOC/BYLAWS & INVESTMENTS			0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		Total 6050 - COMMITTEE ACTIVITY			23,500.00	21,850.00	1,650.00	108.55%	23,500.00	0.00	
		6120 - LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY								0.00	
		6120.2 - LOBBY FEES			208.00	416.00	-208.00	50.0%	0.00	208.00	lobby fees
		6120.3 - ACTIVITIES EXPENSE			0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6120.4 - SC PAC CONTRIBUTIONS			21,750.00	0.00	21,750.00	100.0%	21,750.00	0.00	
		Total 6120 - LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY			21,958.00	666.00	21,292.00	3,297.0%	21,750.00	208.00	total
		6130 - MEMBER MEETING EXPENSES								0.00	
		6130.1 - ENG. EXCELLENCE AWARDS			4,002.55	10,500.00	-6,497.45	43.83%	4,002.55	600.00	Unbridled Revenue (Deposit for MC)
		6130.13 - EEA PLAQUES			0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6130.15 - EEA PRINTING			0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6130.2 - WINTER MEETING EXPENSE			1,025.00	10,000.00	-8,975.00	10.25%	1,000.00	25.00	vectorstock media
		6130.3 - SCDOT MEETING EXPENSE			21,872.42	70,000.00	-48,127.58	31.25%	20,631.33	1,241.09	zoom
		6130.4 - BOARD RETREAT EXPENSE			0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6130.6 - MEMBER EVENT EXPENSES								0.00	
		6130.61 - PAC EVENT EXPENSE			0.00	9,000.00	-9,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6130.62 - SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT EXPENSE			15,452.90	13,000.00	2,452.90	118.87%	15,452.90	0.00	
		6130.6 - MEMBER EVENT EXPENSES - Other			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		Total 6130.6 - MEMBER EVENT EXPENSES			15,452.90	22,000.00	-6,547.10	70.24%	15,452.90	0.00	
		6130.70 - LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION			0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6130.80 - REGIONAL MEETINGS			0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6130 - MEMBER MEETING EXPENSES - Other			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		Total 6130 - MEMBER MEETING EXPENSES			42,952.87	135,500.00	-92,547.13	31.7%	41,086.78	1,866.09	total
		6130.8 - FAR PROGRAM EXP			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6140 - FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAM EXPENSE			1,576.99	0.00	1,576.99	100.0%	1,576.99	0.00	
		6160 - DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS								0.00	
		6160.1 - SCCFLR DUES			0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6160.2 - SCFOR DUES			600.00	750.00	-150.00	80.0%	600.00	0.00	
		6160.3 - SCCSS DUES			0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6160 - DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS - Other			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		Total 6160 - DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS			600.00	3,450.00	-2,850.00	17.36%	600.00	0.00	
		6170 - SCCJC DUES			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6200 - MANAGEMENT FEES			116,791.38	175,187.00	-58,395.64	66.67%	102,182.44	14,598.92	mgt fee
		6210 - MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONS								0.00	
		6210.1 - PHOTOCOPIES			499.54	0.00	499.54	100.0%	384.25	115.25	copies
		6210.2 - POSTAGE			289.47	0.00	289.47	100.0%	261.42	28.05	postage
		6210.4 - LONG DISTANCE			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		6210.5 - 501 APP			700.00				600.00	100.00	501 app
		6210.6 - OFFICE SUPPLIES			5.40	0.00	5.40	100.0%	5.40	0.00	
		6210.8 - WEBSITE/ELECTRONIC MARKETING			300.00	1,000.00	-700.00	30.0%	300.00	0.00	
		6210 - MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONS - Other			0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		Total 6210 - MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONS			1,794.41	6,000.00	-4,205.59	29.91%	1,551.11	243.30	total
		6215.1 - Intern			3,900.00	7,800.00	-3,900.00	50.0%	3,900.00	0.00	
		6410 - BANK CHARGES/ CREDIT CARD FEES								0.00	
		6410.1 - CAROLINA FIRST SERVICE FEE			36.00	50.00	-14.00	72.0%	30.00	6.00	bank fees

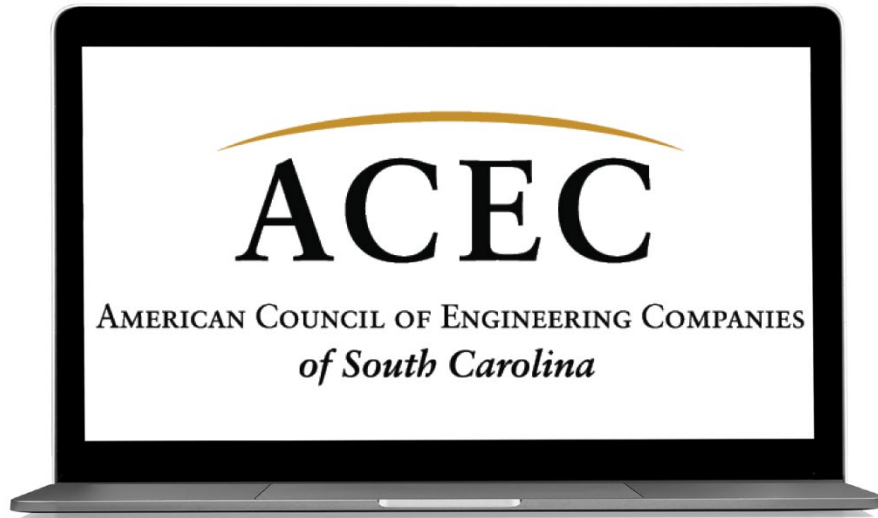
			Jul '20 - Jun 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Jul '20 - Jun 21	Delta	Notes
		640.2 - PAYPAL EXPENSE	265.44	400.00	-134.56	66.36%	205.44	60.00	paypal
		640.3 - REGONLINE EXPENSE	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		640.4 - RETURN CHECK FEE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		Total 640 - BANK CHARGES / CREDIT CARD FEES	301.44	1,950.00	-1,648.56	15.46%	235.44	66.00	total
		650 - LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES						0.00	
		650.1 - ACCOUNTING & PROFESSIONAL SVCS	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		650.2 - LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL SVCS FOR I	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		650.5 - LIABILITY INSURANCE	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		Total 650 - LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	0.00	4,850.00	-4,850.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		660 - PUBLIC RELATIONS						0.00	
		660.1 - PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING						0.00	
		660.5 - MAILCHIMP	438.35	650.00	-211.65	67.45%	347.65	90.70	mailchimp
		660.1 - PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING - Other	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		Total 660.1 - PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING	438.35	3,150.00	-2,711.65	13.92%	347.65	90.70	total
		660.4 - AWARDS	192.75	200.00	-7.25	96.38%	192.75	0.00	
		660.5 - ADVERTISING ON FACEBOOK	58.27	147.00	-88.73	39.64%	35.25	22.98	F8 ads
		660 - PUBLIC RELATIONS - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		Total 660 - PUBLIC RELATIONS	689.41	3,497.00	-2,807.59	19.71%	575.73	113.68	total
		6999 - UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		7000 - MINUTE MAN MATCH	0.00	1,700.00	-1,700.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		Total Expense	279,672.73	489,625.00	-209,952.27	57.12%	262,576.74	17,095.99	total exp
		Net Income							
			96,009.57	0.00	96,009.57	100.0%	100,114.97	-4,105.40	Net Income

**ACEC-SC**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of February 22, 2021

			Feb 22, 21
<b>ASSETS</b>			
	<b>Current Assets</b>		
	Checking/Savings		
	1001 · ACEC-SC		234,985.47
	1010 · PAC		23,597.95
	1015 · ACEC-SC Education Foundation		8,442.54
	1120 · SCHO CD - CAROLINA FIRST		13,294.03
	Total Checking/Savings		280,319.99
	Total Current Assets		280,319.99
	<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
	TD Bank CD 4157		100,526.99
	TD Bank CD 4181		100,881.14
	TD BANK CD 4256		100,973.25
	Total Fixed Assets		302,381.38
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>582,701.37</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
	<b>Equity</b>		
	3000 · OPENING BAL EQUITY		27,737.68
	3900 · RETAINED EARNINGS		458,954.12
	Net Income		96,009.57
	Total Equity		582,701.37
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		<b>582,701.37</b>

# ACEC- SC 2020-2021 Strategic Action Plan

Strategic Goal	Measures of Success	Tactic	Responsibility	Due By	Progress Update
<b>Grow and diversify membership</b>	Have 100 member firms by 2023.  Do we need a metric for member diversity?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and Implement Membership Drive Program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update demographic data for SC firms.</li> <li>Establish member profiles to target.</li> <li>Create specific outreach program to non-majority firms.</li> <li>Create a specific outreach program to DBE/WBE and other minority owned firms.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Membership Committee; Gehman	January 1, 2021 (Plan) March 2021 (Implementation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MG to review data to prioritize member firms to target (size/ revenue/ employees)</li> <li>MG to schedule roadshow w/ priority firms</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in Trade Shows of other Conferences where potential members attend.</li> </ul>	JMA (identify opportunities)	November 1, 2020 (list due) Events – as available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MG/ AJ to prioritize opportunities</li> <li>All Board to attend events</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement a survey to all engineering firms in SC to identify industry issues</li> </ul>	Membership Committee; Shiver, McClure	November 1, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey implementation should be completed by 11/7/2020</li> </ul>
<b>Grow our brand awareness</b>	Increase our reach and impressions to member and nonmember firms by [xx%] (determined from comms plan) Maybe get input from Chernoff Newman on this metric?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create and implement a Communication Plan and Strategy to increase exposure in the industry and with members.</li> <li>Hopefully we'll have a few tactics to add from the comm plan, including tactics targeted to support Grow and Diversify Membership</li> </ul>	Communications Committee; Ward, McClure, Chernoff Newman	February 2021 (Plan) March 2021 (Implementation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selected firm – NPT December 2020</li> <li>Discovery Workshop December 2020</li> </ul>
<b>Grow the PAC and increase legislative influence</b>	Grow PAC income by 5% every year.  Maybe Chernoff Newman can help us with a metric to measure our legislative influence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-establish Advocacy Committee; establish monthly call in meeting to discuss initiatives and progress. Establish a plan to achieve 5% growth on an annual basis.</li> </ul>	Kylie Page	December 1, 2020	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase participation in Engineering Day at the state house.</li> <li>Can we set a target of how many we would like to have present, say 50, or maybe more?</li> </ul>	Eppley, Jones, Williams, Butler	January 13, 2021	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop strategic partnerships with other Engineering, construction, business and industry organizations</li> <li>Adam leads this for us with other association executives. Do we need to have executive committee/board engagement with peers at other associations?</li> </ul>	Eppley, Jones, Williams, Butler	January 13, 2021	
<b>Energize and engage our membership</b>	Measures of success to be developed post survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create value proposition for current and future members</li> </ul>	Communications Committee; Ward, McClure, Chernoff Newman	March 20201	
	Maybe be able to include a metric from the comm plan that targets this goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create plan for member engagement goals and a schedule of activities for 2020-2021</li> </ul>	Membership Committee; Shiver, McClure	March 2021	



## **2021 ACEC-SC Strategic Planning Virtual Retreat**

**April 14, 2021 at 9:00 AM**  
**Zoom**

Despite the challenges COVID-19 has presented, our ACEC-SC board has worked hard to overcome these difficult hurdles through virtual collaboration and communication. While our 2021 retreat may look different this year, we will push through to dive into our strategic goals, outline future plans, and define milestones that we can use to measure against National's newly developed plan.

The retreat will kick off at 9:00 AM on Zoom with Vice Chair Matt Gehmans's vision for 2021-2022. Then we will move into an analysis of the ETC Institute Engineering Community survey and finish with a thorough discussion on Chernoff-Newman's plans and progress.

Together, we can make 2021-2022 an encouraging year of positive growth for our members, the new Board members, and the South Carolina engineering community.



# Retreat Agenda

**Wednesday 4/14/2021**

**Zoom**

**9:00 am - 9:03 am**

**Welcome**

**9:03 am - 9:15 am**

**Vice Chair Matt Gehman's Vision for 2021-2022**

- Where we are Now
- The transition period (getting back to what the new normal will be)

**9:15 am – 9:30 am**

**ETC Institute Engineering Community Survey Results**

- **Go over results from survey**

**9:30 am – 10:30 am**

**How do we use what we've learned from the results**

- Use Zoom Breakout rooms for small group discussion (15 Minutes)
- Group discussion (15 minutes)
- Where do we go from here? (30 Minutes)

**10:30 am - 10:45 am**

**Action Items from Survey Data**

**10:45 am - 10:50 am**

**Break**

**10:50 am - 11:30 am**

**Chernoff Newman Audit and Plan**

**11:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Communications in 2021 – 2022**

- Use Zoom Breakout rooms for small group discussion (15 Minutes)
- Group discussion (15 minutes)
- Where do we go from here? (30 Minutes)

**12:30 – 1:30 pm**

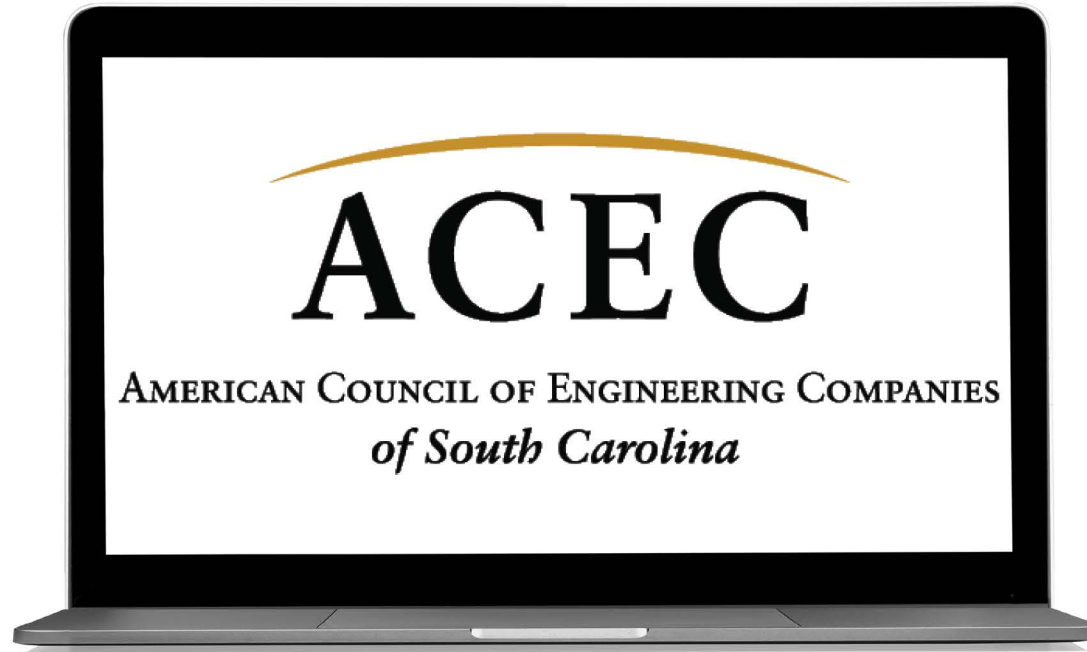
***Working Lunch***

**Action Items for Communications Committee from Chernoff Presentation.**

**1:20pm - end**

**Where the Rubber Hits the Road/Pen Hits The Paper**

- Engage Membership
  - Make Calls
  - Meet people
  - Lunch and Learns
- Committees held accountable
- What does the future hold?



## **2021 ACEC-SC Board of Director's Virtual Retreat**

April 14, 2021

9:00 AM on Zoom

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the 2021 ACEC-SC Board of Directors Retreat has moved to a virtual Zoom meeting.

## Legislative Report

- S.422 (Indemnity legislation)
  - Met with attorney 2/8/2021
  - Trying to schedule a meeting with Allen Hutto & Leland Colvin (SCDOT) to hear their issue
  - Meet with attorney again
  - Draft amendments if needed
  - Ask for subcommittee hearing / have introduced in House
- S.2 (split up SCDHEC)
  - No movement yet, but Peeler wants this to move
  - H.3766 is the House version
    - House version is a much better bill.
    - Splits SCDHEC into Department of Health & Department of Environmental Control
    - Directors appointed by the Governor
    - ACEC-SC would be much more comfortable with the House version
- S. 491 (Port Bond Bill)
  - Bill passed Senate
  - Will give \$550 in Bond Funds to update rail and barge routes for Port
  - Amended so that \$1/container will go pay back the bond
- S.147 COVID-19 Safe Harbor Legislation
  - Bill passed Senate
  - Bill was amended, but in a way, we can live with
  - Will be debated in the House
- H.3243 (Licensure for individuals in our Country legally)
  - Subcommittee hearing 3/3/2021
  - Adjourn Debate
- QBS Legislation (Opening the Practice Act)
  - Still in a holding pattern.
- ACEC National continues to push for a fix in the PPP to take out the FAR Credits Clause

## Virtual Consulting Congress Day Appointments

- Consulting Congress Day will be virtual like it was last year
- We will start scheduling these soon as ACEC is ready
  - ACEC provides “leave-behinds” we send in advance
  - These serve as our talking points

## Engineers Day on the Hill / Legislative Reception

- Legislative Reception Canceled
- Engineers Day on the Hill is still on (as far as we know)

- Had to wait until March to confirm with Statehouse
- Submitted Application
- House & Senate Resolutions
- Will be held on Statehouse Steps (northern side)
- Presidents of organizations will have the opportunity to speak
- Roger Nutt, PE, will speak
  - Asking other legislators to speak as well

### **Engineering Excellence Awards**

- April 21, 2021, Postpone?
- Surveyed entrants, nine said they would come

### **Winter Meeting**

- 69 registrants (last year we had 78)
- Good reviews thus far
- Low overhead

### **ACEC-SC Retreat**

- Allison King was able to negotiate with Grove Park to move it to next year
  - Had to agree to a \$10+/room night

### **Golf Tournament**

- April 19, 2021
- Country Club of Lexington

### **SC Engineering Conference & Trade Show**

- Allison King is negotiating with the hotel for fewer room nights, less space, and fewer F&B minimums so that we can still make money

### **Pre-written Social Media Posts for Board Members to Post**

- To encourage our Board members to make ACEC-SC more visible on Social Media, we propose ACEC-SC writing material for Board members to post and tag ACEC-SC.

## ACEC-SC/SCSPE Tracked Bills

Prepared by: Adam Jones

Report created on March 1, 2021

**SB2**

**DHEC REORGANIZATION** (PEELER, JR. H) A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SO AS TO RENAME THE CHAPTER THE "DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH" AND TO REORGANIZE THE CHAPTER TO CREATE THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO DELEGATE TO THE DIVISION THE PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT AND BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR, AND TO TRANSFER ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT TO THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AS APPROPRIATE; TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, TITLE 44, RELATING, IN PART, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, SO AS TO CREATE THE DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH, TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES REFLECTING THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE DIVISION, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION; TO AMEND CHAPTER 49, TITLE 44, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, SO AS TO CREATE THE DIVISION OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH, TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES REFLECTING THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE DIVISION, AND TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 25 SO AS TO TRANSFER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE VETERANS HOMES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 44-11-10, 44-11-60, 44-11-70, 44-13-20, 44-13-30, 44-13-40, 44-13-60, 44-15-10, 44-15-20, 44-15-30, 44-15-60, 44-15-70, 44-15-80, 44-15-90, 44-17-450, 44-17-460, 44-17-580, 44-17-860, 44-17-865, 44-17-870, 44-22-10, 44-22-110, 44-24-10, 44-25-30, 44-27-10, 44-27-30, 44-28-20, 44-28-40, 44-28-60, 44-28-80, 44-28-360, AND 44-28-370, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING CHAPTER 57 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO CREATE A DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TRANSFER TO THE DIVISION THE DIVISIONS, OFFICES, AND PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL THAT PERFORM ENVIRONMENTAL FUNCTIONS, WITH EXCEPTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 46-3-10, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, SO AS TO ADD THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 48-2-20, 48-2-70, 48-2-320, 48-2-330, 48-2-340, 48-14-20, 48-18-20, 48-18-50, 48-20-30, 48-20-40, 48-20-70, 48-21-20, 48-43-10, 48-46-30, 48-46-40, 48-46-50, 48-46-80, 48-46-90, 48-52-810, 48-52-865, 48-55-10, 48-56-20, 48-57-20, 48-60-20, 49-5-30, AND 49-5-60, RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUNDS, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND SEDIMENT REDUCTION, EROSION AND SEDIMENT REDUCTION, MINING, OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION AND PRODUCTION, RADIOACTIVE WASTE, ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND INNOVATION, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT RECOVERY, AND GROUNDWATER, ALL SO AS TO TRANSFER REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 48-1-10, 48-1-20, 48-1-55, 48-1-85, 48-1-95, 48-1-100, 48-1-280, 48-3-10, AND 48-3-140, RELATING TO THE POLLUTION CONTROL ACT OR POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITIES, ALL SO AS TO TRANSFER REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; TO AMEND

SECTION 48-4-10, RELATING TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SO AS TO TRANSFER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL'S COASTAL DIVISION AND OFFICE OF OCEAN AND COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 48-39-10, 48-39-35, 48-39-50, 48-39-270, 48-40-20, 48-40-40, 49-1-15, 49-1-16, 49-1-18, 49-3-30, 49-4-20, 49-4-80, 49-4-170, 49-6-30, 49-11-120, RELATING TO COASTAL TIDELANDS AND WETLANDS, THE BEACH RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENT TRUST ACT, NAVIGABLE WATERS, WATER RESOURCES PLANNING, SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWAL REGULATION AND REPORTING, THE AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, DAM AND RESERVOIR SAFETY, ALL SO AS TO TRANSFER REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO DELETE THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH; TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-20, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH; TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-75, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 1-30-45 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SECTION 1-30-70 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND SECTIONS 44-11-30 AND 44-11-40 RELATING TO VETERANS HOMES.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Medical Affairs

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [SB2](#)

**SB34**

**INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION** (GROOMS L) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-190 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSURE OF VEHICLES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE THAT IF A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE IS REGISTERED THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN AND IS OPERATED UNDER A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT) NUMBER ASSIGNED TO A PERSON OTHER THAN THE VEHICLE'S OWNER, THEN THE PERSON TO WHOM THE USDOT NUMBER IS ASSIGNED MAY REGISTER THE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE BY SUBMITTING THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION AND FEES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [SB34](#)

**SB40**

**PARKING** (GROOMS L) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 5-29-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE RIGHT OF MUNICIPALITIES TO ESTABLISH ON-STREET PARKING FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE THAT MUNICIPALITIES MAY NOT ESTABLISH OR ALTER PARKING FACILITIES ON ANY STATE HIGHWAY FACILITY WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TO AMEND SECTION 57-5-840 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ALTERATIONS BY A MUNICIPALITY OF STATE HIGHWAY FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE THAT RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF STATE HIGHWAY FACILITIES BY A MUNICIPALITY ARE SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 57 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, BY

ADDING SECTION 57-5-845, TO PROVIDE THAT PARKING ON STATE HIGHWAY FACILITIES LOCATED ON BARRIER ISLANDS IS FREE AND ANY RESTRICTIONS MAY ONLY BE MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TO AMEND SECTION 57-7-210 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO OBSTRUCTIONS IN HIGHWAYS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FINE FOR VIOLATIONS IS CALCULATED ON A PER-DAY BASIS; TO AMEND SECTION 57-7-220 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS IN HIGHWAYS, TO PROVIDE THAT OBSTRUCTIONS ON ANY PORTION OF A PUBLIC HIGHWAY MUST BE REMOVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY THE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE HIGHWAY; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

*Current Status:* 2/16/2021 - STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS (Contested by Senators Bennett and Hutto)

*Recent Status:* 2/10/2021 - STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS (Contested by Senators Bennett and Hutto)

2/9/2021 - STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS (Contested by Senators Bennett and Hutto)

*State Bill Page:* [SB40](#)

**SB100**

**UTILITY FACILITY SITING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT** (CROMER R) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 58-33-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE "UTILITY FACILITY SITING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT", SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY" AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "DOD SITING CLEARINGHOUSE", "NOTICE OF PRESUMED RISK", "ADVERSE IMPACT ON MILITARY OPERATIONS AND READINESS", "MAJOR MILITARY BASE", AND "WIND ENERGY FACILITY"; TO AMEND SECTION 58-33-120, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR A CERTIFICATE TO CONSTRUCT A UTILITY FACILITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING WIND ENERGY FACILITIES MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE APPLICATION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 58-33-140, RELATING TO THE PARTIES TO CERTIFICATION PROCEEDINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PARTIES ALSO SHALL INCLUDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION AND THE DOD SITING CLEARINGHOUSE FOR PROCEEDINGS RELATED TO WIND ENERGY FACILITIES.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [SB100](#)

**SJR147**

**SOUTH CAROLINA COVID-19 LIABILITY SAFE HARBOR ACT** (MASSEY A) A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COVID-19 LIABILITY SAFE HARBOR ACT"; TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTIONS FOR A LIMITED TIME PERIOD FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND BUSINESSES THAT FOLLOW PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; TO STATE THE LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR COVERED ENTITIES AND COVERED INDIVIDUALS FOR CORONAVIRUS CLAIMS; TO PROVIDE THAT DEFENSES ARE CUMULATIVE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION ARE SEVERABLE; TO PROVIDE THAT, IN THE CASE OF A CONFLICT OF LAW BETWEEN THIS JOINT RESOLUTION AND ANY OTHER LAW OF THIS STATE, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION SHALL PREVAIL; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION ARE RETROACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH 13, 2020; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

*Current Status:* 2/25/2021 - Roll call [Ayes-40 Nays-3](#) ([Senate Journal-page 23](#))



*Recent Status:* 2/25/2021 - Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal-page 23](#))  
2/25/2021 - Amended ([Senate Journal-page 23](#))  
*State Bill Page:* [SJR147](#)

**SB162**      **SOLID WASTE POLICY AND MANAGEMENT** (SCOTT, JR. J) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-96-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SOLID WASTE POLICY AND MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT POST-USE POLYMERS AND RECOVERABLE FEEDSTOCKS USED IN PYROLYSIS AND GASIFICATION PROCESSES ARE "RECOVERED MATERIALS" AND ARE NOT "SOLID WASTE" FOR THE PURPOSES OF REGULATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Medical Affairs

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [SB162](#)

**SB178**      **NAMING OF BUILDING, HIGHWAY FACILITY, OR CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND** (HEMBREE G) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 57-3-610, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NAMING A HIGHWAY FACILITY IN HONOR OF AN INDIVIDUAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT NAME A BUILDING, HIGHWAY FACILITY, OR CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND AFTER CERTAIN ELECTED STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIALS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HONORS AN INDIVIDUAL PURSUANT TO THIS PROVISION, IT SHALL BE FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS UNLESS THE PERIOD IS EXTENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [SB178](#)

**SB211**      **THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION BANK** (MCELVEEN, III J) A BILL TO ENACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION BANK ACT; TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE, BY ADDING CHAPTER 58, TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION BANK, TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNING BOARD, TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS OF THE BANK, TO FUND THE BANK, TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR DEPOSITS, TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD FUNDING REQUEST REQUIREMENTS, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [SB211](#)

**SB220**      **SOUTH CAROLINA THIRTY-BY-THIRTY CONSERVATION ACT** (MCELVEEN, III J) A BILL TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA THIRTY-BY-THIRTY CONSERVATION ACT"; TO AMEND TITLE 48 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION, BY ADDING CHAPTER 61, TO ESTABLISH THE GOAL OF PROTECTING THIRTY PERCENT OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA BY NOT LATER THAN 2030, TO ESTABLISH THE THIRTY-BY-THIRTY INTERAGENCY TASKFORCE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS BY STATE AGENCIES TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, AND TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.



*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [SB220](#)

**SB240**

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING GAS, WATER, OR PIPELINE COMPANIES**

(YOUNG, JR. T) A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, TITLE 58 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SPECIAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING GAS, WATER, OR PIPELINE COMPANIES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO PETROLEUM PIPELINES, TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICATIONS, PERMITTING, AND HEARINGS, TO SET REQUIREMENTS FOR RENDERING FINAL ORDERS, TO PROVIDE FOR REHEARINGS, TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, TO ALLOW THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO REQUIRE RECORDS PRODUCTION, TO PROVIDE FOR DISCOVERY, AND TO EMPLOY EXPERT WITNESSES, TO PROVIDE THAT A PETROLEUM PIPELINE COMPANY MAY REQUEST REASONABLE ACCESS TO PROPERTY ON A PROPOSED SITE FOR SURVEY PURPOSES, TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR A SPILL OR AN ACCIDENTAL RELEASE, TO PROVIDE FOR EMINENT DOMAIN AND HEARINGS BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [SB240](#)

**SB248**

**SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE ACT** (YOUNG, JR. T) A BILL TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-3890 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, TO REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL REVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-720 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING VIOLATIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL NOTIFY MOTORISTS OF THE HANDS-FREE REQUIREMENTS AT CERTAIN POINTS ALONG THE STATE'S INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [SB248](#)

**SB271**

**ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT** (TALLEY S) A BILL TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 67, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2025.

*Current Status:* 9/27/2021 - House Sales & Use Tax and Income Tax, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:**

*Recent Status:* 2/11/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means  
2/11/2021 - Introduced and read first time

*State Bill Page:* [SB271](#)

**SB290**      **CERTIFICATE OF NEED** (CLIMER W) A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 44-7-110, 44-7-120, 44-7-130, 44-7-140, 44-7-150, AND 44-7-320 OF THE 1976 CODE, ALL RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN THE STATE, TO ELIMINATE REFERENCES TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUIREMENTS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 44-7-160, 44-7-170, 44-7-180, 44-7-190, 44-7-200, 44-7-210, 44-7-220, 44-7-225, 44-7-230, AND 44-7-240 OF THE 1976 CODE, ALL RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM; AND TO RENAME ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 7, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE AS THE "STATE HEALTH FACILITY LICENSURE ACT".

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Medical Affairs

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [SB290](#)

**SB294**      **RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND COOPERATIVES** (CLIMER W) A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 27, TITLE 58 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, BY ADDING SECTION 58-27-1060, TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A PERSON OR CORPORATION USING AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION TO RESELL ELECTRICITY IS NOT AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY INCREASE IN CUSTOMER DEMAND OR ENERGY CONSUMPTION ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE REVENUES FOR AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [SB294](#)

**SB304**      **ELECTRIC UTILITY AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION** (CLIMER W) A BILL TO AMEND THE 1976 SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58-27-1060, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A PERSON OR CORPORATION USING AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION IS NOT AN ELECTRIC UTILITY, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT ANY INCREASE IN CUSTOMER DEMAND OR ENERGY CONSUMPTION ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE REVENUES FOR AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [SB304](#)

**SB307**      **EXEMPTIONS FROM MEAT AND MEAT FOOD INSPECTIONS** (FANNING M) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 47-17-90, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM MEAT AND MEAT FOOD INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO EXEMPT MEAT AND MEAT FOODS PROCESSED AT A CUSTOM SLAUGHTER FACILITY WHICH MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA FROM STATE-REQUIRED INSPECTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 47-19-80, RELATING TO POULTRY PROCESSING COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO EXEMPT A CUSTOM POULTRY PROCESSING FACILITY WHICH MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA FROM STATE-REQUIRED INSPECTIONS.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [SB307](#)

**SB316**      **DEFINITION OF PUBLIC UTILITY** (FANNING M) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 58-5-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES WITHIN THE TERM "PUBLIC UTILITY"; TO AMEND SECTION 58-5-390, RELATING TO TAP FEES FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM, SO AS TO REMOVE THE EXCEPTION FOR A PUBLIC UTILITY OWNED OR OPERATED BY OR ON BEHALF OF ANY MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY OR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 58-5-30, RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OWNED OR OPERATED BY MUNICIPALITIES OR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [SB316](#)

**SB332**      **ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE INCREASES** (FANNING M) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-1-320, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE LIMIT ON ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE INCREASES IMPOSED BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SO AS TO RESTORE THE FORMER METHOD OF OVERRIDING THE ANNUAL CAP BY A POSITIVE MAJORITY OF THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNING BODY AND DELETING THE SUPER MAJORITY REQUIREMENT FOR OVERRIDING THE CAP FOR SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 11-11-150, RELATING TO THE TRUST FUND FOR TAX RELIEF, SO AS TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND FULL FUNDING FOR THE SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE PORTION OF THE REIMBURSEMENT PAID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXEMPTION REIMBURSED FROM THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FUND FROM ALL SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE ALLOWED ALL OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-270, RELATING TO THE REIMBURSEMENTS PAID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR PROPERTY TAX NOT COLLECTED AS A RESULT OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE APPLICATION OF PROPERTY TAX CREDITS IN COUNTIES WHERE THE USE OF LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REVENUES GIVE RISE TO A CREDIT AGAINST SCHOOL OPERATING PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-251, RELATING TO THE CALCULATION OF "ROLLBACK TAX MILLAGE" APPLICABLE FOR REASSESSMENT YEARS, SO AS TO RESTORE THE FORMER EXEMPTION ALLOWED FROM A PORTION OF SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE FOR ALL OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 10, TITLE 4 RELATING TO THE LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX FOR LOCAL PROPERTY TAX CREDITS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 11-11-157, 11-11-155, AND 11-11-156 RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TRUST FUND; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 36, TITLE 12 RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX THE REVENUES OF WHICH REIMBURSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM ALL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE IMPOSED FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-37-3130, 12-37-3140, AND 12-37-3150, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, VALUATION, AND ASSESSABLE TRANSFERS OF INTEREST, FOR PURPOSES OF THE "SOUTH CAROLINA REAL PROPERTY VALUATION REFORM ACT", SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE "POINT OF SALE" VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF

IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX AND RETURN TO THE FORMER VALUATION SYSTEM IN WHICH REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS TO REAL PROPERTY ARE APPRAISED BY THE ASSESSOR AND PERIODICALLY ADJUSTED IN COUNTYWIDE REAPPRAISALS, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE FIFTEEN PERCENT CAP OVER FIVE YEARS ON INCREASES IN FAIR MARKET VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY RESULTS IN A VALUE THAT IS LOWER THAN THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSESSOR THAT THE LOWER VALUE BECOMES THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF THE REAL PROPERTY AND IS DEEMED ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF PROPERTY TAX, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST IS A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR OTHER INSTANCE CAUSING A "STEPUP" IN THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY TO ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSESSOR, TO REQUIRE THE CAP ON INCREASES IN VALUE TO BE APPLIED SEPARATELY TO REAL PROPERTY AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THE STEPUP VALUE FIRST APPLIES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-60-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT" FOR PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE PROCEDURES ACT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE NOTICES TO INCLUDE PROPERTY TAX VALUE AND PROVIDE THAT THE APPLICABLE ASSESSMENT RATIO APPLIES TO THE LOWER OF FAIR MARKET VALUE, PROPERTY TAX VALUE, OR SPECIAL USE VALUE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-60-2510, RELATING TO THE FORM OF ASSESSMENT NOTICES ISSUED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE NOTICES MUST CONTAIN THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS IN ADDITION TO FAIR MARKET VALUE AND SPECIAL USE VALUE; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 25, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA REAL PROPERTY VALUATION REFORM ACT, IF CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ARE RATIFIED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND SECTIONS 12-60-30, AS AMENDED, AND 12-60-2510, RELATING TO TAX PROCEDURES, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS, AND MAKE THESE REPEALS AND AMENDMENTS CONTINGENT UPON RATIFICATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE ELIMINATING THE FIFTEEN PERCENT CAP OVER FIVE YEARS IN INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX AND ELIMINATING AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST AS AN EVENT THAT MAY RESULT IN A CHANGE IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

**State Bill Page:** [SB332](#)

## **SB370**

**CERTIFICATE OF NEED** (TALLEY S) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-160 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING A CERTIFICATE OF NEED, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADDITION OF BEDS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS IS EXEMPT FROM CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUIREMENTS, TO INCREASE THE DOLLAR THRESHOLD FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL MUST DETERMINE THE INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE RATIO OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, MEDICAL CARE COMMODITIES IN THE U.S. CITY AVERAGE, FOR THE PRIOR FIVE-YEAR PERIOD AND ADJUST EXPENDITURES AND COSTS ACCORDINGLY; TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-170(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXEMPTIONS, TO EXEMPT CERTAIN MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN THRESHOLD CRITERIA TO EXEMPT THE ADDITION OF BEDS; TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-210(G) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED

CONTESTED CASES IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE NO JUDICIAL REVIEW BEYOND THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-380 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE APPEAL OF A FINAL AGENCY DECISION UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT, TO REMOVE THE JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT DECISIONS INVOLVING CERTAIN CERTIFICATE OF NEED CONTESTED CASES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 44-7-220 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT DECISIONS IN CERTIFICATE OF NEED CONTESTED CASES.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Medical Affairs

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [SB370](#)

**SB376**      **STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION EFFICIENCY ACT** (TALLEY S) A BILL TO ENACT THE "STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION EFFICIENCY ACT"; TO AMEND TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EDUCATION, BY ADDING CHAPTER 157, TO ALLOW THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH BY RESOLUTION AN AUXILIARY DIVISION AS PART OF THE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE AUXILIARY DIVISION IS EXEMPT FROM VARIOUS STATE LAWS, TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET OFFICE, TO PROVIDE THAT A BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY ADOPT FOR AN AUXILIARY DIVISION A PROCUREMENT POLICY, AND TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-11-260 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, TO PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYEES OF CERTAIN RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES AND NON-RESEARCH, FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ARE EXEMPT; TO AMEND SECTION 11-35-710(A)(6) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSOLIDATED PROCUREMENT CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY MAY EXEMPT PRIVATE GIFTS, AUXILIARY DIVISIONS, AND OTHER SALES AND SERVICES; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

*Current Status:* 2/25/2021 - Scrivener's error corrected

*Recent Status:* 2/24/2021 - Committee report Senate Education : Favorable with amendment  
2/24/2021 - Senate Committee recommends passage Senate Education

*State Bill Page:* [SB376](#)

**SJR406**      **RULES** (MASSEY A) A SENATE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE SENATE AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE III, SECTION 12 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895.

*Recent Status:*

*State Bill Page:* [SJR406](#)

**SR406**      **RULES** (MASSEY A) A SENATE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE SENATE AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE III, SECTION 12 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and adopted

*Recent Status:*

*State Bill Page:* [SR406](#)



**SB422 INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS IN CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS** (ALEXANDER T) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 32-2-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSES IN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS IN CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENTS ARE AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY AND UNENFORCEABLE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

*State Bill Page:* [SB422](#)

**SB434 OPERATING A VEHICLE IN THE LEFT LANE** (PEELER, JR. H) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-1885 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN IT IS LAWFUL TO DRIVE A VEHICLE IN THE LEFT LANE OF AN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY, AND TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A TRAFFIC TICKET MAY BE ISSUED FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

*State Bill Page:* [SB434](#)

**SB437 MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM TOLLS** (SCOTT, JR. J) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4-37-30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES OR TOLLS AS REVENUE FOR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM".

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

*State Bill Page:* [SB437](#)

**SB442 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, LICENSING, TAX COLLECTION, AND FEES** (GROOMS L) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-376(A)(1) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON A MONTHLY BASIS, TO PROVIDE WEIGHT LIMITATIONS FOR VEHICLES FOR WHICH THE BIENNIAL REGISTRATION FEE IS ONE-HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS OR MORE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-660(E) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES, TO ALLOW INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS TO BE MADE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-190 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO VEHICLES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY REGISTER, TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO REGISTER CERTAIN COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-195(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO COUNTIES PROCESSING VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING, TO PROVIDE THAT THE OWNER OF A LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE MUST ESTABLISH AN ACCOUNT AND REMIT PAYMENT OF FEES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2650 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF TAX NOTICES AND PAID RECEIPTS AND TO THE DELEGATION OF TAX COLLECTION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNTY SHALL PREPARE A TAX NOTICE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES THAT ARE OWNED BY THE SAME PERSON AND LICENSED AT THE SAME TIME FOR EACH TAX YEAR WITHIN A TWO-YEAR LICENSING PERIOD; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2840 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ROAD USE FEES DUE AT THE SAME TIME AS REGISTRATION FEES, TO PROVIDE THAT A MOTOR CARRIER REGISTERING A LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OR BUS MUST PAY THE ROAD USE FEE DUE ON THE VEHICLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MUST MAKE INSTALLMENT

PAYMENTS AVAILABLE TO A CUSTOMER UPON THE CUSTOMER'S REQUEST; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2850 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF ROAD USE FEES, TO DELETE AN OBSOLETE PROVISION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2860(F) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND ONE-TIME FEES, TO PROVIDE THAT FEES MAY BE PAID IN INSTALLMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2880 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES SUBJECT TO A ROAD USE FEE AND TO CERTAIN VEHICLES AND BUSES EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN TAXES, TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [SB442](#)

**SB443**

**ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO DEFRAY THE COST OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS** (LEATHERMAN, SR. H) A BILL TO

AMEND SECTION 11-41-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOND ACT, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO DEFRAY THE COST OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR SUCH BONDS, SO AS TO INCLUDE GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROJECTS AND UNDERTAKINGS THAT SUPPORT OR PROMOTE A FOUNDATION FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF "INFRASTRUCTURE"; TO AMEND SECTIONS 11-41-50 AND 11-41-60, RELATING TO SUCH BONDS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-70, RELATING TO BOND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR SUCH GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROJECTS; TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-80, RELATING TO THE RESOLUTION EFFECTING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY SHALL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION, AND TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-90, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

**Current Status:** 1/28/2021 - Senate Natural Resources & Economic Development Subcommittee, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 10:00 AM, Gressette - 105

**Recent Status:** 1/21/2021 - Senate Natural Resources & Economic Development Subcommittee, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 11:00 AM, Virtual meeting

1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance

**State Bill Page:** [SB443](#)

**SB447**

**LEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** (MALLOY G) A BILL TO PROVIDE THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE LEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SHALL BE ALLOWED AND PAID ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM LEE COUNTY "C" FUND REVENUES FOR EACH MEETING AT WHICH HE IS IN ATTENDANCE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE LEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SHALL RECEIVE PAYMENTS UPON THE ISSUANCE OF APPROVED VOUCHERS BY THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, EXCEPT THAT THE CHAIRMAN MAY NOT APPROVE VOUCHERS FOR MORE THAN FIFTEEN MEETINGS PER FISCAL YEAR FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LEE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION SHALL BE AN EX-OFFICIO, NONVOTING MEMBER OF THE LEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

**Current Status:** 2/16/2021 - STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS (Local Bill)

*Recent Status:* 2/10/2021 - STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS (Local Bill)  
2/9/2021 - STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS (Local Bill)

*State Bill Page:* [SB447](#)

**SB464**

**SANTEE COOPER REFORM** (RANKIN L) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 58-31-20 OF THE 1976 SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS TO PROVIDE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY SHALL NOT BE APPOINTED FOR MORE THAN TWO UNEXPIRED CONSECUTIVE TERMS AND FOR EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR A BOARD MEMBER; TO ADD SECTION 58-31-225 TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF HAS AUTHORITY TO MAKE INSPECTIONS, AUDITS AND EXAMINATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR ELECTRIC AND WATER RATES; TO AMEND SECTION 58-31-380 TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT AND A PUBLIC HEARING IN SETTING ELECTRIC RATES, AND FOR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED RATES AND COMMENT BEFORE THE RATES GO INTO EFFECT; TO AMEND SECTION 58-33-20 TO INCLUDE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY IN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR UTILITY FACILITY SITING; TO AMEND SECTION 58-37-40 TO DELETE SUBSECTION (A)(3); AND TO ADD SECTION 58-37-45 TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT AN INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR PLAN REQUIREMENTS.

*Current Status:* 2/24/2021 - Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 1:01 PM, Gressette -105 Hybrid

*Recent Status:* 2/23/2021 - Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 3:00 PM, Gressette Building - 105  
2/23/2021 - Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 3:00 PM, Gressette Building - 105

*State Bill Page:* [SB464](#)

**SJR491**

**GENERAL OBLIGATION STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS** (LEATHERMAN, SR. H) A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$550,000,000) AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS AND SUPPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 41, TITLE 11 FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE COST OF INTERMODAL CONTAINER TRANSFER INFRASTRUCTURE, WATERBORNE CARGO INFRASTRUCTURE, AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN SUPPORT THEREOF, AT OR IN THE VICINITY OF THE PORT OF CHARLESTON; TO ALLOCATE SUFFICIENT TAX REVENUES TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS; TO PRESCRIBE REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTIFICATION, REVIEW, AND APPROVAL OF BOND ISSUANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION ON DEBT SERVICE; AND TO MAKE OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE BONDS.

*Current Status:* 2/25/2021 - Scrivener's error corrected

*Recent Status:* 2/25/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means  
2/25/2021 - Introduced and read first time

*State Bill Page:* [SJR491](#)

**HB3011**

**SLOWER TRAFFIC TO MOVE RIGHT** (WEST, IV J) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-1810, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO REQUIRING A MOTOR VEHICLE TO BE DRIVEN UPON THE RIGHT HALF OF A ROADWAY, SO AS TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS ON DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A ROADWAY HAVING AT LEAST TWO LANES ALLOWING MOVEMENT IN THE SAME DIRECTION, PROVIDE A PENALTY, AND



DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PLACE SIGNS ALONG THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS DIRECTING SLOWER TRAFFIC TO MOVE RIGHT.

**Current Status:** 2/24/2021 - House Education and Public Works, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 10:01 AM, Blatt -433- Hybrid

**Recent Status:** 2/23/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : Atkinson  
2/17/2021 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Transportation Subcommittee- EPW

**State Bill Page:** [HB3011](#)

#### HB3051

#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION FEASIBILITY**

**DETERMINATION** (PENDARVIS M) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 57-3-780, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEASIBILITY DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER TO CONSTRUCT HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES, PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS, SIDEWALKS, BICYCLE LANES OR PATHS BEFORE BUILDING NEW OR EXPANDING EXISTING PRIMARY HIGHWAYS, ROADS, AND STREETS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO ALL HIGHWAYS, ROADS, AND STREETS, TO PROVIDE THE FEASIBILITY DETERMINATION MUST BE BASED ON CERTAIN QUANTIFIABLE PERFORMANCE MEASURES THAT INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF DEDICATED BUS LANES, TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE, AND TO PROVIDE THE WRITTEN DETERMINATION MUST BE MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION DURING THE PRECONSTRUCTION PROCESS.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Education and Public Works

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

**State Bill Page:** [HB3051](#)

#### HB3055

**NATURAL RESOURCES** (HIXON B) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-4-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SO AS TO UPDATE THE NAMES OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 48-4-30, RELATING TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SO AS TO REMOVE THE AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER FROM THE BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 48-4-70, RELATING TO THE GENERAL DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO REMOVE THE BOND REQUIREMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 50-1-220, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 50-1-180 TO 50-1-230 TO CERTAIN LANDS, SO AS TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO A REPEALED STATUTE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-90, RELATING TO GAME AND FISH CULTURE OPERATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS BEFORE AN INVESTIGATION MAY BE CONDUCTED; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-110, RELATING TO THE SUPERVISION OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE AGENCY NAME AND DELETE A REFERENCE TO A DISCONTINUED PRACTICE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-130, RELATING TO UNIFORMS AND EMBLEMS OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PRESCRIBE THE OFFICIAL UNIFORM; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-315, RELATING TO DEPUTY ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO DELETE AN EXPIRED DIRECTIVE TO ESTABLISH A TRAINING PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-320, RELATING TO THE TRANSMITTAL AND DELIVERY OF COMMISSIONS OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE TO MAINTAIN THE COMMISSIONS OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND TO DELETE A BOND REQUIREMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-350, RELATING TO THE OFFICIAL BADGE OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE AGENCY NAME FOR AN ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S

OFFICIAL BADGE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-395, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ISSUE WARNING TICKETS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN PROCEDURES WITHOUT PROMULGATING REGULATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-980, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATED WILDLIFE SANCTUARY IN CERTAIN AREAS OF CHARLESTON HARBOR, SO AS TO UPDATE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY; TO AMEND SECTION 50-15-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO PROVISIONS PROTECTING NONGAME AND ENDANGERED WILDLIFE SPECIES, SO AS TO UPDATE THE CITATION OF THE FEDERAL LIST OF ENDANGERED SPECIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-15-30, RELATING TO THE LIST OF ENDANGERED SPECIES, SO AS TO UPDATE THE CITATION TO THE FEDERAL REGULATION AND TO MOVE CERTAIN DUTIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

*Current Status:* 2/9/2021 - Recommitted to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

*Recent Status:* 2/9/2021 - SECOND READING STATEWIDE CONTESTED BILLS  
2/4/2021 - Debate adjourned until Tuesday, February 9 ([House Journal-page 21](#))

*State Bill Page:* [HB3055](#)

**HB3111**     **EASTERN STANDARD TIME** (CHUMLEY B) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TIME KNOWN AS EASTERN STANDARD TIME IS ADVANCED BY ONE HOUR BEGINNING AT 2:00 A.M. ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF MARCH OF 2021, AND BEGINNING ON THIS DATE AND TIME AND THEREAFTER PERMANENTLY BECOMES STANDARD TIME IN SOUTH CAROLINA WITH NO FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, AND TO PROVIDE FOR PROCEDURAL AND RELATED PROVISIONS TO GIVE THE ABOVE PROVISIONS EFFECT INCLUDING HAVING THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL SUBMIT A WAIVER REQUEST TO THE FEDERAL SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION PERMITTING AND APPROVING THESE PROVISIONS IN ORDER FOR THEM TO TAKE EFFECT.

*Current Status:* 2/2/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : Thayer

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary  
1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

*State Bill Page:* [HB3111](#)

**HB3146**     **GROWING RURAL ECONOMIES WITH ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY (GREAT) PROGRAM** (WHITE W) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 7, TITLE 59 SO AS TO CREATE THE "GROWING RURAL ECONOMIES WITH ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY (GREAT) PROGRAM", TO FACILITATE THE DEPLOYMENT OF BROADBAND TO UNSERVED AREAS OF THE STATE, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO ESTABLISH THE GROWING RURAL ECONOMIES WITH ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY FUND, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROJECT AREAS ARE INELIGIBLE, TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN APPLICATION PRIORITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 59 AS ARTICLE 1, "GENERAL PROVISIONS".

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*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Labor, Commerce and Industry  
1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

*State Bill Page:* [HB3146](#)

**HB3155**     **MINIMUM SPEED LIMITS** (RUTHERFORD T) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-1560, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MINIMUM SPEED LIMITS ALONG THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE MINIMUM SPEED LIMIT ALONG A HIGHWAY WITH A MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT OF SEVENTY MILES AN HOUR IS FIFTY MILES AN HOUR.

*Current Status:* 2/17/2021 - House Transportation Subcommittee- EPW, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 9:01 AM, Blatt 433

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Education and Public Works

1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

*State Bill Page:* [HB3155](#)

**HB3161**     **CERTIFICATE OF NEED** (TAYLOR B) A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 44-7-110, 44-7-120, 44-7-130, 44-7-140, 44-7-150, AND 44-7-320, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, ALL RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN THE STATE, SO AS TO ELIMINATE REFERENCES TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUIREMENTS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 44-7-160, 44-7-170, 44-7-180, 44-7-190, 44-7-200, 44-7-210, 44-7-220, 44-7-225, 44-7-230, AND 44-7-240 ALL RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM; TO RENAME ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 7, TITLE 44 AS "STATE HEALTH FACILITY LICENSURE ACT"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Current Status:* 2/18/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : Bennett, Jones, Bustos, Cogswell, Morgan, Magnuson, Elliott, Trantham, G.R.Smith, McGarry

*Recent Status:* 2/17/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : Hewitt  
1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

*State Bill Page:* [HB3161](#)

**HB3191**     **MULTIFAMILY DWELLING BALCONY CODE** (DAVIS S) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "MULTIFAMILY DWELLING SAFETY ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 21 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION TO ADOPT A MULTIFAMILY DWELLING BALCONY CODE ESTABLISHING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR BALCONY RAILINGS THAT ARE PRIMARILY CONSTRUCTED OF WOOD AND ARE LOCATED IN MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT PERIODICALLY CONDUCT INSPECTIONS OF SUCH BALCONIES TO ASCERTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE, AND TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

*Current Status:* 2/2/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : Bernstein

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Labor, Commerce and Industry

1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

*State Bill Page:* [HB3191](#)

**HB3194**     **SANTEE COOPER** (LUCAS J) A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF THE ASSETS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY AND THE ASSUMPTION OR DEFEASMENT OF ITS LIABILITIES OR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY BY A THIRD PARTY OR ENTITY; TO CREATE A SPECIAL

COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FURTHER NEGOTIATE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PREFERRED SALE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY AND THE PREFERRED MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT ONE RECOMMENDATION TO EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR ITS APPROVAL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SELECTED PROPOSAL SHALL TAKE EFFECT; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 31, TITLE 58, CODE LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS OF THE AUTHORITY IN CERTAIN PARTICULARS.

**Current Status:** 2/24/2021 - Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 1:01 PM, Gressette -105 Hybrid

**Recent Status:** 2/23/2021 - Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 3:00 PM, Gressette Building - 105  
2/23/2021 - Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 3:00 PM, Gressette Building - 105

**State Bill Page:** [HB3194](#)

**HB3200** **LOBBYING** (ROSE S) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF "COVERED AGENCY ACTION", "LEGISLATION", "LOBBYING", "LOBBYIST", "PUBLIC BODY", "PUBLIC EMPLOYEE", AND "PUBLIC OFFICIAL", SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS OF THESE TERMS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ALSO SHALL APPLY TO CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIONS OR LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE PROPOSED, DRAFTED, DEVELOPED, CONSIDERED, OR PROMULGATED BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COUNCIL, OR TO PERSONS WHO ARE EMPLOYED, APPOINTED, OR RETAINED, WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION, BY ANOTHER PERSON TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN OFFICIAL ACTIONS BY DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, THE ACTION OR VOTE OF ANY MEMBER OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY, THE VOTE OF ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC MEMBER OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL AGENCY, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COUNCIL, OR THE OFFICIAL ACTION OR VOTE OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE, INCLUDING MAYORS AND COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATORS OR MANAGERS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT "PUBLIC BODY", "PUBLIC EMPLOYEE", AND "PUBLIC OFFICIAL" ALSO MEAN COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL BODIES, EMPLOYEES, AND OFFICIALS; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-30, RELATING TO LOBBYISTS' REPORTING OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE LOBBYING ACTIVITIES PERFORMED AT THE LOCAL, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-35, RELATING TO LOBBYISTS' PRINCIPALS' REPORTING OF LOBBYING EXPENDITURES, SO AS TO INCLUDE COSTS EXPENDED LOBBYING AT THE LOCAL, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-40, RELATING TO STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT REPORTS OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OR DEPARTMENTS ALSO ARE SUBJECT TO THIS REPORTING REQUIREMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-45, RELATING TO REPORTS OF CERTAIN ENTITIES THAT RANK OR RATE ACTIONS, VOTES, OR FAILURES TO ACT OR VOTE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS, SO AS TO MAKE ITS PROVISIONS ALSO APPLICABLE TO ENTITIES THAT RANK OR RATE ACTIONS, VOTES, OR FAILURES TO ACT OR VOTE OF A MEMBER OR COMMITTEE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-80, RELATING TO ACTS PROHIBITED OF LOBBYISTS, SO AS TO MAKE ITS PROVISIONS ALSO APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNING

BODY AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-90, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ACTS PROHIBITED OF LOBBYISTS' PRINCIPALS SO AS TO MAKE ITS PROVISIONS ALSO APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-100, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL EXPENSES TO ATTEND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL AUTHORITIES FOR AUTHORIZED REIMBURSEMENTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-130, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS REGARDING LOBBYISTS AND LOBBYING, SO AS TO MAKE ITS PROVISIONS ALSO APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY AND TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COUNCILS.

**Current Status:** 1/13/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :  
Caskey

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary  
1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB3200](#)

**HB3223**     **CERTIFICATE OF NEED** (DAVIS S) A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 44-7-110, 44-7-120, 44-7-130, 44-7-140, 44-7-150, AND 44-7-320, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, ALL RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN THE STATE, SO AS TO ELIMINATE REFERENCES TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUIREMENTS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 44-7-160, 44-7-170, 44-7-180, 44-7-190, 44-7-200, 44-7-210, 44-7-220, 44-7-225, 44-7-230, AND 44-7-240 ALL RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM; TO RENAME ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 7, TITLE 44 AS "STATE HEALTH FACILITY LICENSURE ACT"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Current Status:** 2/25/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :  
Taylor, Hiott, Erickson, Lowe, Hewitt

**Recent Status:** 2/18/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :  
Bennett, Jones, Bustos, Cogswell, Morgan, Burns, Elliott,  
Trantham, G.R.Smith, McGarry  
1/26/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :  
M.M.Smith

**State Bill Page:** [HB3223](#)

**HB3243**     **IMMIGRATION AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE** (COLLINS N) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE PEOPLE WHO ARE LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THIS STATE AND ARE NOT PRECLUDED FROM ESTABLISHING RESIDENCY UNDER FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW MAY ESTABLISH RESIDENCY AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, PROVIDED OTHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

**Current Status:** 3/3/2021 - House Business and Commerce Subcommittee- LCI, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 9:00 AM, Blatt Building - 403

**Recent Status:** 3/2/2021 - House Business and Commerce Subcommittee- LCI, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 3:45 PM, Blatt Building - 403  
2/25/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :  
Cogswell

**State Bill Page:** [HB3243](#)



**HB3248****INCREASED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING**

(WHITE W) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 11 SO AS TO PROVIDE INCREASED FUNDING TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS GENERAL FUND REVENUES INCREASE, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS AND TO PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE FUNDING, AND TO ESTABLISH THE HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES REPAIR AND RENOVATION FUND TO PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-149-170, 59-149-180, 59-104-50, AND 59-104-60 SO AS TO NORMALIZE THE TEN-POINT GRADING SCALE FOR PURPOSES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-150-370, RELATING TO THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP, SO AS TO NORMALIZE THE TEN-POINT GRADING SCALE FOR PURPOSES OF ELIGIBILITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-142-80 AND 59-143-40 SO AS TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE NEED-BASED GRANT PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR FUTURE FUNDING; TO AMEND SECTION 59-143-30, RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS, SO AS TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR GRANT PROGRAMS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 59-104-25 AND 59-149-15, RELATING TO CERTAIN STEM STIPENDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STIPEND IS AVAILABLE WHEN THE STUDENT BECOMES A JUNIOR INSTEAD OF A SOPHOMORE; BY ADDING SECTION 59-142-90 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR NEED-BASED GRANTS AND NEED-BASED TUITION GRANTS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 59-104-20(D) AND 59-149-150 BOTH RELATING TO CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP PROVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-150-370, RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 59-103-175 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SUBMIT POLICY STATEMENTS AND RULES AS REGULATIONS; TO REQUIRE THE PROCUREMENT OF A STUDENT LOAN DEFAULT AVERSION AND FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM; BY ADDING CHAPTER 157 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO CREATE THE "STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION ENTERPRISE ACT"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 11-35-710, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PROCUREMENT CODE, SO AS TO EXEMPT AN ENTERPRISE DIVISION.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [HB3248](#)

**HB3277**

**PAYMENT FOR ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS** (GILLIAM L) A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS BY THE UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [HB3277](#)

**HB3291**

**POSTING OF NOTICE OF TRESPASSING** (POPE T) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-11-600, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TRESPASSING AND THE POSTING OF NOTICE OF TRESPASSING, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A DIFFERENT METHOD OF THE POSTING OF NOTICE OF TRESPASSING INVOLVING CLEARLY VISIBLE PURPLE-PAINTED BOUNDARIES.

*Current Status:* 3/3/2021 - House Wildlife Subcommittee- AG&NR, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 11:01 AM, Blatt Building - 410

*Recent Status:* 1/27/2021 - Referred to Committee House Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs ([House Journal-page 49](#))  
1/27/2021 - Recalled from Committee House Judiciary ([House Journal-page 49](#))

*State Bill Page:* [HB3291](#)

**HJR3329 EXEMPT CLOSE-CONTACT SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS** (MCKNIGHT C) A JOINT RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT CLOSE-CONTACT SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO WERE REQUIRED TO CLOSE BY EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC FROM LICENSE RENEWAL FEE REQUIREMENTS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS UNTIL ONE YEAR AFTER THEY ARE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO WORK BY THE GOVERNOR HAS LAPSED, AND TO PROVIDE THESE EXEMPTIONS APPLY ONLY TO PERSONS SO LICENSED PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Labor, Commerce and Industry

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [HJR3329](#)

**HB3334 QUESTIONS ABOUT CONVICTIONS ON JOB APPLICATIONS** (RUTHERFORD T) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "BAN THE BOX ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-23 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO JOB APPLICATION MAY INCLUDE QUESTIONS RELATED TO CONVICTIONS OF A CRIME, UNLESS THE CRIME FOR WHICH HE WAS CONVICTED DIRECTLY RELATES TO THE POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT SOUGHT OR THE OCCUPATION FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS SOUGHT, TO PROVIDE A RELATED POLICY STATEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IN ORDER TO GIVE A BETTER CHANCE FOR APPLICANTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR EMPLOYMENT PRIOR TO THE STAGE IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS WHEN BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE CONDUCTED.

*Current Status:* 1/14/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : J.L.Johnson

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary  
1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

*State Bill Page:* [HB3334](#)

**HB3354 RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION** (BALLENTINE N) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT A RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE PROPERTY HAVING A NAMEPLATE CAPACITY OF AND OPERATING AT NO GREATER THAN TWENTY KILOWATTS.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [HB3354](#)

**HB3360 HANDS-FREE ACT** (TAYLOR B) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE ACT"; TO

AMEND SECTION 56-5-3890, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN TERMS, DEFINE NEW TERMS, REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN IT IS UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE USING A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE, AND REVISE THE PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION AND THE ALLOCATION OF THE FINES COLLECTED; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO POINTS ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S MOTOR VEHICLE RECORD FOR COMMITTING CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT AT CERTAIN POINTS ALONG THE STATE'S INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL NOTIFY MOTORISTS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

**Current Status:** 1/13/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : McGinnis

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary  
1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB3360](#)

**HB3392 SALES TAX (POPE T)** A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-36-60, 12-36-70, AS AMENDED 12-36-90, AS AMENDED 12-36-110, AND 12-36-130, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, ALL RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SALES TAX, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE SALES OF SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 12-36-160 SO AS TO DEFINE "SERVICES"; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-910, RELATING TO THE FIVE PERCENT STATE SALES TAX RATE, SO AS TO REDUCE THE SALES TAX RATE TO THREE PERCENT; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-920, RELATING TO THE STATE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE BY REDUCING THE RATE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-940, RELATING TO AMOUNTS THAT MAY BE ADDED TO SALES PRICES TO ACCOUNT FOR TAX, SO AS AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 11 OF CHAPTER 36, TITLE 12, RELATING TO THE ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX; TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-36-1310 AND 12-36-1320, BOTH RELATING TO THE USE TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE BY REDUCING THE RATE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-1710, RELATING TO THE CASUAL EXCISE TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE BY REDUCING THE RATE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE EXEMPTION ON CERTAIN ITEMS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2530, RELATING TO TAXES ON ITEMS DELIVERED OUT OF STATE, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-36-2620, 12-36-2630, AND 12-36-2640, ALL RELATING TO THE CREDITING OF CERTAIN TAXES, SO AS TO CREDIT SUCH TAXES IN THE SAME PROPORTION AS THEY WERE CREDITED BEFORE THE RATE REDUCTION; TO REPEAL SECTION 12-36-2646 RELATING TO THE TAX EXCLUSION FOR INDIVIDUALS AT LEAST EIGHTY FIVE YEARS OF AGE; BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-270 SO AS TO CREATE THE "TAX REFORM RESERVE FUND" AND TO SPECIFY ITS PURPOSE; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 4 SO AS TO PROPORTIONALLY REDUCE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE STATE SALES AND USE TAX.

**Current Status:** 2/25/2021 - Member(s) request name removed as sponsor : Oremus

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means  
1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB3392](#)

**HR3434 NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (WILLIAMS R)** A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT H.R. 6422 OR SIMILAR



LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK TO FINANCE URGENTLY NEEDED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Invitations and Memorial Resolutions

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

*State Bill Page:* [HR3434](#)

**HB3443 GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATIONS OF EMERGENCY (LUCAS J)** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-3-420, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATIONS OF EMERGENCY, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 25-1-440, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AFTER THE ELAPSE OF AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS FOLLOWING THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MAY CONVENE THEIR RESPECTIVE BODIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING SUCH DECLARATION, THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, MAY TERMINATE, ALTER, AMEND, OR CONSENT TO THE TERMS OF ANY DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DURING THIS CALLED SESSION, THAT SHOULD THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOT ACT, THEN THE TERMS OF THE DECLARATION SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOES ACT, THAT A GOVERNOR MAY NOT DECLARE SUCCESSIVE STATES OF EMERGENCY THAT HAVE THE EFFECT OF REINSTATING, CONTINUING, ALTERING, OR AMENDING ANY DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT ISSUE ADDITIONAL OR SUCCESSIVE STATES OF EMERGENCY FOR THE SAME UNDERLYING EVENTS WITHOUT A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE.

*Current Status:* 3/2/2021 - THIRD READING STATEWIDE CONTESTED BILLS

*Recent Status:* 2/25/2021 - Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-3  
2/25/2021 - Read second time

*State Bill Page:* [HB3443](#)

**HB3474 EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION QUESTIONS ABOUT CRIMINAL CONVICTION (ROBINSON L)** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO JOB APPLICATION MAY INCLUDE QUESTIONS RELATED TO CONVICTIONS OF A CRIME, UNLESS THE CRIME FOR WHICH HE WAS CONVICTED DIRECTLY RELATES TO THE POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT SOUGHT OR THE OCCUPATION FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS SOUGHT, TO PROVIDE A RELATED POLICY STATEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IN ORDER TO GIVE A BETTER CHANCE FOR APPLICANTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR EMPLOYMENT PRIOR TO THE STAGE IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS WHEN BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE CONDUCTED.

*Current Status:* 1/13/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :  
J.L.Johnson

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary  
1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

*State Bill Page:* [HB3474](#)

**HB3483 ROAD USE FEE (WILLIAMS S)** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 4-1-195 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A LOCAL ROAD USE FEE IMPOSED BY A COUNTY MUST BE KEPT IN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM WITHIN THE COUNTY, TO

REQUIRE THAT THE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BE IDENTIFIED IN THE ANNUAL AUDIT, AND TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY TO REIMBURSE THE ACCOUNT IN THE EVENT OF DISCREPANCIES.

*Current Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/16/2020 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

*State Bill Page:* [HB3483](#)

**HB3529**     **DIGITAL CURRENCY AS CONTRIBUTIONS** (JONES S) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1325 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES MAY ACCEPT DIGITAL CURRENCY AS CONTRIBUTIONS, THAT AN INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF DIGITAL CURRENCY BEING HELD BY A CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE MUST BE REPORTED AS INTEREST, AND THAT A CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE SHALL SELL ANY DIGITAL CURRENCY AND DEPOSIT THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE INTO A CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT BEFORE SPENDING THE FUNDS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO SOUTH CAROLINA CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFINITION OF "CONTRIBUTION" INCLUDES DIGITAL CURRENCY.

*Current Status:* 1/27/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : Hill, Alexander

*Recent Status:* 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary  
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*State Bill Page:* [HB3529](#)

**HB3535**     **TRANSPORTATION** (THIGPEN I) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4-37-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FOR THE PURPOSES OF CHAPTER 37, TITLE 4, THE TERM "SERVICES" MEANS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES SUCH AS MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS; TO AMEND SECTION 4-37-25, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PROCUREMENT METHODS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES OR CONTRACTING ENTITIES SHALL APPLY THE SAME PROCUREMENT METHODS AND REQUIREMENTS WHEN PROCURING OR CONTRACTING FOR SERVICES AND THE OPERATION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 4-37-30, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF SALES AND USE TAXES OR TOLLS TO FINANCE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PROJECTS WITHIN A COUNTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SALES AND USE TAXES OR TOLLS ALSO MAY BE USED TO FINANCE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

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*State Bill Page:* [HB3535](#)

**HB3559**     **PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT** (MOORE J) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 39 TO TITLE 6, SO AS TO ENACT THE "PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT" TO SET FORTH A METHOD BY WHICH A PRIVATE ENTITY AND A PUBLIC ENTITY MAY WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP AND OPERATE CERTAIN PROJECTS.

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M.M.Smith, Cogswell  
1/13/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :  
Pendarvis

**State Bill Page:** [HB3559](#)

**HB3574     **SAFE WATER ACT** (CLYBURN B) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SAFE WATER ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 44-55-125 SO AS TO REQUIRE A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC UTILITY OR MUNICIPALITY OPERATING A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM TO PROVIDE THE WATER PURIFICATION LEVELS FOR THE WATER PROVIDED BY THE UTILITY OR MUNICIPALITY AND THE MINIMUM WATER QUALITY STANDARDS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW.**

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J.L.Johnson  
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**State Bill Page:** [HB3574](#)

**HCR3578     **COVID-19 TESTING AND VACCINE** (MOORE J) A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE GOVERNOR AND ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO RESTORE THE STATE'S HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY BY PRIORITIZING HOSPITALITY WORKERS IN COVID-19 TESTING AND INCLUDING HOSPITALITY WORKERS IN PHASE 1A OF THIS STATE'S VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PLAN.**

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**State Bill Page:** [HCR3578](#)

**HJR3597     **SOUTH CAROLINA COVID-19 LIABILITY SAFE HARBOR ACT** (TAYLOR B) A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COVID-19 LIABILITY SAFE HARBOR ACT"; TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTIONS FOR A LIMITED TIME PERIOD FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND BUSINESSES THAT FOLLOW PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; TO STATE THE LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR COVERED ENTITIES AND COVERED INDIVIDUALS FOR CORONAVIRUS CLAIMS; TO PROVIDE THAT DEFENSES ARE CUMULATIVE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION ARE SEVERABLE; TO PROVIDE THAT, IN THE CASE OF A CONFLICT OF LAW BETWEEN THIS JOINT RESOLUTION AND ANY OTHER LAW OF THIS STATE, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION SHALL PREVAIL; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION ARE RETROACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH 13, 2020; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.**

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Forrest

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**State Bill Page:** [HJR3597](#)

**HB3601      REPAIRING OF DAMS** (OTT R) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 49-11-235 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE OWNER OF A DAM WHICH FAILS OR FAILED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2015, WHICH HAS A PUBLIC ROAD OR HIGHWAY IN THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM RUNNING ACROSS THE TOP OF IT, MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL INDICATING WHETHER OR NOT THE OWNER INTENDS TO REPAIR THE DAM AND THE DATE BY WHICH THE REPAIRS ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE COMPLETED, TO PROVIDE THE TIMELINES IN WHICH THIS NOTIFICATION MUST BE PROVIDED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROCEED UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND IN A SPECIFIED MANNER WITH THE PROCESS OF REPAIRING THE PUBLIC ROAD OR HIGHWAY, IF THE DAM OWNER INDICATES THE OWNER DOES NOT INTEND TO REPAIR THE DAM.

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*State Bill Page:* [HB3601](#)

**HB3606      BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS** (SMITH, JR. G) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-59-265 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FROM BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, AND TO EXEMPT PROPERTY OWNERS WHO MAKE SUCH IMPROVEMENTS FROM RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS COMMISSION LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-59-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS COMMISSION AND ITS LICENSEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS.

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Erickson, Bradley

*State Bill Page:* [HB3606](#)

**HB3607      ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOND** (LUCAS J) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOND ACT, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO DEFRAY THE COST OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR SUCH BONDS, SO AS TO INCLUDE GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROJECTS AND UNDERTAKINGS THAT SUPPORT OR PROMOTE A FOUNDATION FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF "INFRASTRUCTURE"; TO AMEND SECTIONS 11-41-50 AND 11-41-60, RELATING TO SUCH BONDS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-70, RELATING TO BOND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR SUCH GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROJECTS; TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-80, RELATING TO THE RESOLUTION EFFECTING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY SHALL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION, AND TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-90, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

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BILLS  
1/26/2021 - Committee report House Ways and Means :  
Favorable

*State Bill Page:* [HB3607](#)

**HB3674**     **ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE** (HART C) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-1-320, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE LIMIT ON ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE INCREASES IMPOSED BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SO AS TO RESTORE THE FORMER METHOD OF OVERRIDING THE ANNUAL CAP BY A POSITIVE MAJORITY OF THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNING BODY AND DELETING THE SUPER MAJORITY REQUIREMENT FOR OVERRIDING THE CAP FOR SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 11-11-150, RELATING TO THE TRUST FUND FOR TAX RELIEF, SO AS TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND FULL FUNDING FOR THE SCHOOL-OPERATING MILLAGE PORTION OF THE REIMBURSEMENT PAID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXEMPTION REIMBURSED FROM THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FUND FROM ALL SCHOOL-OPERATING MILLAGE ALLOWED ALL OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-270, RELATING TO THE REIMBURSEMENTS PAID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR PROPERTY TAX NOT COLLECTED AS A RESULT OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE APPLICATION OF PROPERTY TAX CREDITS IN COUNTIES WHERE THE USE OF LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REVENUES GIVE RISE TO A CREDIT AGAINST SCHOOL-OPERATING PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-251, RELATING TO THE CALCULATION OF "ROLLBACK TAX MILLAGE" APPLICABLE FOR REASSESSMENT YEARS, SO AS TO RESTORE THE FORMER EXEMPTION ALLOWED FROM A PORTION OF SCHOOL-OPERATING MILLAGE FOR ALL OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 10, TITLE 4 RELATING TO THE LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX FOR LOCAL PROPERTY TAX CREDITS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 11-11-157, 11-11-155, AND 11-11-156 RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TRUST FUND; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 36, TITLE 12 RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX THE REVENUES OF WHICH REIMBURSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM ALL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE IMPOSED FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-37-3130, 12-37-3140, AND 12-37-3150, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, VALUATION, AND ASSESSABLE TRANSFERS OF INTEREST, FOR PURPOSES OF THE "SOUTH CAROLINA REAL PROPERTY VALUATION REFORM ACT", SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE "POINT OF SALE" VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX AND RETURN TO THE FORMER VALUATION SYSTEM IN WHICH REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS TO REAL PROPERTY ARE APPRAISED BY THE ASSESSOR AND PERIODICALLY ADJUSTED IN COUNTYWIDE REAPPRAISALS, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE FIFTEEN PERCENT CAP OVER FIVE YEARS ON INCREASES IN FAIR MARKET VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY RESULTS IN A VALUE THAT IS LOWER THAN THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSESSOR THAT THE LOWER VALUE BECOMES THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF THE REAL PROPERTY AND IS DEEMED ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF PROPERTY TAX, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST IS A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR OTHER INSTANCE CAUSING A "STEPUP" IN THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY TO ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSESSOR, TO REQUIRE THE CAP ON INCREASES IN VALUE TO BE APPLIED SEPARATELY TO REAL PROPERTY AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THE STEPUP VALUE FIRST APPLIES; TO AMEND



SECTION 12-60-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT" FOR PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE PROCEDURES ACT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE NOTICES TO INCLUDE PROPERTY TAX VALUE AND PROVIDE THAT THE APPLICABLE ASSESSMENT RATIO APPLIES TO THE LOWER OF FAIR MARKET VALUE, PROPERTY TAX VALUE, OR SPECIAL USE VALUE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-60-2510, RELATING TO THE FORM OF ASSESSMENT NOTICES ISSUED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE NOTICES MUST CONTAIN THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS IN ADDITION TO FAIR MARKET VALUE AND SPECIAL USE VALUE; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 25, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA REAL PROPERTY VALUATION REFORM ACT, IF CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ARE RATIFIED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND SECTIONS 12-60-30, AS AMENDED, AND 12-60-2510, RELATING TO TAX PROCEDURES, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS, AND MAKE THESE REPEALS AND AMENDMENTS CONTINGENT UPON RATIFICATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE ELIMINATING THE FIFTEEN PERCENT CAP OVER FIVE YEARS IN INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX AND ELIMINATING AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST AS AN EVENT THAT MAY RESULT IN A CHANGE IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX.

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**HB3683**

**"SOUTH CAROLINA RATEPAYER PROTECTION ACT OF 2021"** (LUCAS J) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA RATEPAYER PROTECTION ACT OF 2021" BY ADDING SECTIONS 8-27-70, 8-27-80, AND 8-27-90 ALL SO AS TO PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES OF A PUBLIC UTILITY WHO REPORT WRONGDOING BY THE UTILITY AND TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE DISMISSED OR SUFFER ADVERSE EMPLOYMENT ACTIONS BECAUSE OF A REPORT OF WRONGDOING; BY ADDING SECTIONS 37-6-610, 37-6-611, AND 37-6-612 ALL SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON MAY SERVE AS THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE IF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGULATES A BUSINESS WITH WHICH THAT PERSON IS ASSOCIATED, AND TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON FUTURE EMPLOYMENT AND SPECIFIED ETHICAL REQUIREMENTS ON THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE AND EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AND TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS WHICH PERMIT THE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO FIND A CANDIDATE QUALIFIED IF HE DOES NOT HAVE THE BACKGROUND OR EXPERTISE REQUIRED BY LAW AND PROVISIONS WHICH PERMIT CERTAIN INCUMBENT COMMISSIONERS TO BE REELECTED WHO DO NOT MEET THESE QUALIFICATIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-3-21 AND 58-3-22 BOTH SO AS TO AUTHORIZE MILEAGE AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONERS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE NOT PROHIBITED FROM CONSULTING WITH RETAINED EXPERTS AND ATTORNEYS IN CLOSED SESSION IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE APPELLATE COURTS OF THIS STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 58-3-25, RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH ARE CONSIDERED CONFLICTS, AND TO DELETE A REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN FILINGS BY EMPLOYEES; TO AMEND SECTION 58-3-30, RELATING TO CODES OF CONDUCT OF COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE

FOR THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND PERMISSIBLE ACTIONS AND PRACTICES OF COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSION, AND TO REQUIRE ANNUAL CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 58-3-60, 58-3-190, AND 58-3-200, ALL RELATING TO AUDITS AND EXAMINATIONS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH INSPECTIONS, AUDITS, AND EXAMINATIONS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ARE CONDUCTED; BY ADDING SECTION 58-3-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY EMPLOY, THROUGH CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE, THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANTS AND EXPERTS IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF RATEPAYERS AND IT IS APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 58-3-225, RELATING TO CONDUCT OF HEARINGS BY THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEFORE MAKING A DETERMINATION, THE COMMISSION SHALL QUESTION THE PARTIES THOROUGHLY DURING HEARINGS OF CONTESTED CASES WHEN APPROPRIATE; TO AMEND SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES TO A PROCEEDING, SO AS TO PERMIT CERTAIN COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-3-281, 58-3-282, 58-3-283, 58-3-284, 58-3-285, 58-3-286, AND 58-3-287 ALL SO AS TO IMPOSE CERTAIN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS AGAINST A PUBLIC UTILITY WHICH VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 58 OR REFUSES TO OBEY A RULE, ORDER, OR REGULATION OF THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF OR THE COMMISSION, OR WHICH FILES OR SUBMITS FALSE INFORMATION, INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER OF A UTILITY CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED; BY ADDING SECTION 58-3-290 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION TO REQUIRE MEDIATION OR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION; TO AMEND SECTION 58-3-520, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE AND PREVENT A PERSON FROM BEING APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE WHO HAS MADE CERTAIN POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 58-3-530, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOMINATE ALL CANDIDATES IT FINDS QUALIFIED FOR EACH SEAT ON THE COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL APPOINT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; TO AMEND SECTION 58-3-560, RELATING TO ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTION AS A COMMISSIONER, AND TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH ELECTIONS AFTER 2020, THE ELECTIONS MUST BE HELD AT LEAST FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER THE SCREENING AND NOMINATION PROCESS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-3-565 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ARE PROHIBITED FROM CERTAIN ACTIONS OR HAVING CERTAIN BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS; TO AMEND SECTION 58-4-40, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS ON THE PART OF EMPLOYEES AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS BY THESE EMPLOYEES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-140 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF MAY EMPLOY THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANTS AND EXPERTS IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTY IF IT DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF RATEPAYERS TO DO SO; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 58-4-30 RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF.

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*State Bill Page:* [HB3683](#)

**HB3689**     **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION UNDER A USDOT NUMBER** (ALLISON M) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-190, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSURE OF VEHICLES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE IS REGISTERED THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN AND IS OPERATED UNDER A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT) NUMBER ASSIGNED TO A PERSON OTHER THAN THE VEHICLE'S OWNER, THEN THE PERSON TO WHOM THE USDOT NUMBER IS ASSIGNED MAY REGISTER THE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE BY SUBMITTING THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION AND FEES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

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**HJR3698**     **COVID-19 LIABILITY** (POPE T) A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTIONS FOR A LIMITED TIME PERIOD FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND BUSINESSES THAT FOLLOW PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; TO STATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROTECT AGAINST LIABILITY FOR BUSINESSES DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR COVERED ENTITY, COVERED INDIVIDUAL, CORONAVIRUS, CORONAVIRUS CLAIM, AND PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE; TO STATE THE LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR COVERED ENTITIES AND COVERED INDIVIDUALS FOR CORONAVIRUS CLAIMS; TO STATE THAT DEFENSES ARE CUMULATIVE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION ARE SEVERABLE; TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE CASE OF A CONFLICT OF LAW BETWEEN THIS JOINT RESOLUTION ANY OTHER LAW OF THIS STATE, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION SHALL PREVAIL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE JOINT RESOLUTION TO BE UPON APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNOR AND FOR ITS PROVISIONS TO BE RETROACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH 13, 2020, THE DATE UPON WHICH THE GOVERNOR DECLARED A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS.

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*Recent Status:* 2/9/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :  
B.Newton  
2/2/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : Taylor  
*State Bill Page:* [HJR3698](#)

**HB3766**     **ABOLISH DEPARTMENT AND BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL** (YOW R) A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SO AS TO RENAME THE CHAPTER THE "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH" AND TO REORGANIZE THE CHAPTER TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT AND BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BY THE GOVERNOR, TO ELIMINATE PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE BOARD AND TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY ADDING CHAPTER 6 TO TITLE 48 SO AS TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BY THE GOVERNOR, TO TRANSFER TO THE DEPARTMENT THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISIONS, OFFICE, AND PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 44-2-20, 44-2-40, 44-2-60, 44-2-130, 44-4-130, 44-4-540, 44-7-130, 44-7-150, 44-7-180, 44-7-190, 44-7-200, 44-7-210, 44-7-230, 44-7-320, 44-7-370, 44-7-760, 44-7-2430, 44-29-10, 44-29-150, 44-29-210, 44-53-160, AS AMENDED, 44-53-280, AS AMENDED, 44-53-290, AS AMENDED, 44-53-310, 44-53-320, 44-53-360, AS AMENDED, 44-53-740, 44-55-20, 44-55-30, 44-55-40, 44-55-45, 44-55-50, 44-55-60, 44-55-70, 44-55-120, 44-55-690, 44-55-860, 44-56-20, 44-56-30, 44-56-60, 44-56-100, 44-56-130, 44-56-160, 44-56-200, 44-56-210, 44-56-405, 44-56-410, 44-56-420, 44-56-495, 44-56-720, 44-56-840, AS AMENDED, 44-61-20, AS AMENDED, 44-61-30, 44-61-40, 44-61-50, 44-61-60, 44-61-70, 44-61-80, 44-61-130, 44-61-310, 44-61-350, 44-61-720, 44-61-800, 44-63-110, 44-69-20, 44-69-30, 44-69-50, 44-71-20, 44-75-20, AS AMENDED, 44-75-30, 44-75-40, 44-89-30, 44-93-20, 44-93-150, 44-93-160, 44-96-40, 44-96-85, 44-96-100, 44-96-120, AS AMENDED, 44-96-165, 44-96-170, 44-96-250, 44-96-440, 44-96-450, 48-1-10, 48-1-20, 48-1-55, 48-1-85, 48-1-95, 48-1-100, 48-1-130, 48-1-280, 48-2-20, 48-2-70, 48-2-320, 48-2-330, 48-2-340, 48-3-10, 48-3-140, 48-5-20, 48-14-20, 48-18-20, 48-18-50, 48-20-30, 48-20-40, 48-20-70, 48-21-20, 48-34-40, 48-39-10, AS AMENDED, 48-39-35, 48-39-50, 48-39-270, 48-39-280, AS AMENDED, 48-39-320, 48-40-20, 48-40-40, 48-43-10, 48-43-30, 48-43-40, 48-43-50, 48-43-60, 48-43-100, 48-43-390, 48-43-510, 48-43-520, 48-43-570, 48-46-30, 48-46-40, 48-46-50, 48-46-80, 48-46-90, 48-52-10, 48-52-810, 48-52-865, 48-55-10, 48-56-20, 48-57-20, 48-60-20, 48-60-55, 49-1-15, 49-1-16, 49-1-18, 49-3-30, 49-4-20, 49-4-170, 49-5-30, 49-5-60, 49-6-30, 49-11-120, 49-11-170, AND 49-11-260, RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS, EMERGENCY HEALTH POWERS, HOSPITALS, CONTAGIOUS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, DRINKING WATER, HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, VITAL STATISTICS, HOME HEALTH AGENCIES, HOSPICE PROGRAMS, ATHLETIC TRAINERS, BIRTHING CENTERS, INFECTIOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT, SOLID WASTE POLICY AND MANAGEMENT, POLLUTION CONTROL, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WATER QUALITY, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL, MINING, PRESCRIBED FIRES, COASTAL TIDELANDS AND WETLANDS, BEACH RESTORATION, OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND INNOVATION, ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT RECOVERY, IMPOUNDMENT OF NAVIGABLE WATERS, WATER RESOURCES PLANNING, SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWAL, GROUNDWATER USE, AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT, AND DAMS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL; BY ADDING SECTION 1-30-140 SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 1-30-45 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

**Current Status:** 1/28/2021 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary

**Recent Status:** 1/28/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB3766](#)

Week In Review

[SC Senate reluctantly approves borrowing \\$550M for port](#)



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES

## FAR CREDITS CLAUSE

# ENSURE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM BENEFITS FOR AMERICA'S ENGINEERING BUSINESSES

Paycheck Protection Program loans have been a critical lifeline that have enabled small engineering firms – including many women-owned and minority-owned firms – to maintain their payroll and meet other expenses. However, a provision in federal contracting rules could force engineering firms that qualify for loan forgiveness to give some of that needed assistance back. This policy is grossly unfair and essentially invalidates the core purpose of PPP loans. ACEC is requesting a clarification in the law to ensure that all firms that qualify for loan forgiveness – including America's engineering industry – are permitted to keep this critical assistance.

## Background

Engineering firms working for State Departments of Transportation and federal agencies are subject to procurement rules based on the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). The FAR includes a "credits" clause (under FAR 31.201-5) that was put in place to ensure that agencies benefit from any discounts a contractor receives on costs to be reimbursed under a contract (such as discounts or rebates on insurance rates, hotels, or rental car expenses covered in the contract). This provision is now being interpreted to apply to forgiven PPP loans, which would require a refund or a credit in billing rates in the amount of forgiven PPP loans that are allocable to contract costs. Depending on how this credit is applied, some firms could actually lose more than the amount of the loan, especially in the case of multi-year contracts that lock in the reduced billing rate.

## Key Points

- **This policy unfairly penalizes engineering firms** – construction contractors and other businesses working for State DOTs are not subjected this to restriction and can keep the full amount of their forgiven loans.
- **Firms were not advised of this requirement when they applied for PPP loans** – the application of the FAR credits clause to forgiven PPP loans was clarified in guidance issued months after the program was launched.
- **The disparate impact will fall most heavily on small, minority- and women-owned firms** that need the assistance the most.
- **It creates a disincentive for engineering companies to compete for work for public agencies** -- depriving the government of qualified engineering services, and it will hamper DOT efforts to expand small business and WDBE contracting opportunities.

## Request

ACEC supports a simple fix to clarify that the FAR credits clause will not apply to PPP loans: *Principal amounts of qualifying loans forgiven pursuant to the provisions of Section 1106 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Pub. L. 116-136) shall not be considered income, a rebate, allowance, or other credit received by or accruing to a contractor under 48 CFR 31.201-5.*



# SAVE THE DATE

## MARCH 23, 2021

### Engineers' Day on the Hill



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2021 ACEC-SC Scholarship Golf Tournament

When: April 19, 2021

Where: Lexington Country Club

If you would like to warm up, please arrive at 11:00 AM.

Please arrive for the event no later than 11:30 AM.



**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTIVES**

**Directive Number: 28**

**Date: February 4, 2021**

**Subject: Complete Streets**

**Referrals: SCDOT Roadway Design Manual**

**Purpose: Establish Guidelines for Inclusion of Multimodal Accommodations (Walking, Bicycling, and Transit) in Projects Undertaken on the State-Owned Highway System**

This Directive serves as the foundation for the South Carolina Department of Transportation (Department) to implement a complete streets policy that requires and encourages a safe, comfortable, integrated transportation network for all users, regardless of age, ability, income, ethnicity, or mode of transportation. This Directive will initiate change with numerous other sources of information within the Department to ensure our approach to providing complete streets is integrated into our practices and procedures. This Directive supersedes all other Department guidance that conflicts with the information in this Directive.

**General**

The Department recognizes walking and bicycling as modes of travel on the state-owned highway system as well as the importance of transit accommodations within the highway network. The intent of this Directive is to establish the Department's guidelines for programmatic inclusion of walking, bicycling, and transit accommodations on projects undertaken by the Department and other entities performing work on the state-owned highway system in South Carolina. The Department shall collaborate with Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Councils of Government (COGs), and regional transit providers to document walking, bicycling, and transit needs on targeted routes as part of their regional plans. For the purpose of this Directive, transit accommodations include bus pads, accessible ramps, and bus turnouts where appropriate. Transit accommodations do not include passenger amenities, expansion of bus routes, or buses themselves as those elements are managed by the transit providers.

The MPO/COG plans will aid in ensuring that the local needs and a modal vision for the region occurs in a cohesive manner. The plans will also serve as a guide for design, construction, maintenance, and operations for the programs identified in this Directive. Additionally, the rapid growth of our state may result in contextual change to a location that has outpaced the approved MPO/COG plans. To address these rapidly changing areas, each proposed project should include a review of the modal travel patterns within the project footprint to determine if there are modal gaps for walking, bicycling, or transit accommodations that may have occurred after the MPO/COG plan was approved. If modal





gaps are observed within the project limits, further coordination with the MPO or COG will be needed to ensure the project scope will adequately address the gaps. Addressing modal gaps shall not be construed as a means to expand the project limits.

Ultimately, the Department must use judgement and discretion to decide on the feasibility of multimodal accommodations based upon the scope and context of the project. This judgement and discretion is critical to the success of complete streets because it will ensure the construction of accommodations occurs in a logical manner with well-defined termini in lieu of having fragmented accommodations scattered throughout the state-owned highway system.

### **Planning**

The Department recognizes that strategic planning for walking, bicycling, and transit accommodations is critical to ensuring a comprehensive and fiscally responsible approach. The following considerations are intended to serve as guidance for the creation of MPO and COG walking, bicycling, and transit plans. Additional considerations may be included for planning as deemed appropriate by the local and regional planning authorities.

- Transportation equity
- Assessment of existing corridors
  - Level of Service analysis for all modes of travel
  - Presence of large wheelbase vehicles and freight distribution
  - Presence of worn footpaths
  - Proximity to schools, hospitals, recreational facilities, and other similar facilities that are destinations for walking, bicycling, and transit
- Comprehensive review of land use and transportation plans
- Safety data and safety audits from the Department
- Integration with other modes of travel
  - Proximity to transit and other multimodal accommodations
- Engineering feasibility with application of design principles
- Public involvement upon completion of planning and engineering analysis
- Prioritization

The Department shall facilitate coordination and collaboration between MPOs, COGs, and local transit providers to assist with the creation and implementation of approved plans in accordance with the existing MPO/COG plan update cycles. The Department will also assist with the exchange of guidance, information, and technology to perform routine updates to long-range transportation plans.



## **Funding**

The Department will support the implementation of walking, bicycling, and transit accommodations when documented as part of MPO and COG approved plans. Inclusion of accommodations will be established based on the following guidance:

<b>Program Category</b>	<b>Funding for Walking Accommodations</b>	<b>Funding for Bicycling Accommodations</b>	<b>Funding for Transit Accommodations</b>
Safety <sup>1</sup>	Included with Project	Included with Project	Included with Project
Interstate Preventive Maintenance	N/A	N/A	N/A
Interstate Capacity	Included with Project for impacted crossing routes and consideration given for major river crossings	Included with Project for impacted crossing routes and consideration given for major river crossings	Included with Project for impacted crossing routes
Interstate Interchange	Included with Project	Included with Project	Included with Project
Bridge Replacement	Included with Project	Included with Project	Included with Project
Off System Bridge Replacement	Included with Project	Included with Project	Included with Project
Pavement Improvement <sup>2</sup>	SCDOT-approved pavement markings and signage can be included with Project to enhance safety.	Included with Project	SCDOT-approved pavement markings and signage can be included with Project to enhance safety.
Statewide MPO and COG Widening	Included with Project	Included with Project	Included with Project
CMAQ	Included with Project	Included with Project	Included with Project
Locally Funded <sup>3</sup>	Included with Project	Included with Project	Included with Project
CTC Projects	Included with Project	Included with Project	Included with Project

1. Safety projects may not always be appropriate for the inclusion of walking, bicycling, and transit accommodations due to the limited and targeted scope of these projects. Walking, bicycling, and transit accommodations will be included when the scope and context of the safety project is conducive to implementation of these accommodations.
2. Reference the SCDOT Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for guidance on accessible walking accommodations and Engineering Directive 22 for guidance on bicycling accommodations as part of pavement improvement projects.
3. Local Option Sales Tax projects will be in accordance with the referendum for projects authorized by the voters if implemented prior to the effective date of this Departmental Directive. For projects authorized after the effective date of this Departmental Directive, accommodations for walking, bicycling, and transit that are within the project scope are expected to comply with the MPO/COG plans.



All Department projects that are currently in the project development phase at the effective date of this Directive should be reviewed to determine if multimodal accommodations should be incorporated into the proposed project based on the guidance above. It is the Department's intent to quickly adapt these new guidelines to existing projects in the project development pipeline, short of requiring new permits or additional right of way impacts where right of way has already been secured from landowners.

### **Design**

The Department has adopted numerous publications that have integrated design principles for accommodating walking, bicycling, and transit to include, but not limited to:

- American Association of State and Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets;
- AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities;
- AASHTO Guide for the Planning, Design, and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities;
- AASHTO Guide for Geometric Design of Transit Facilities on Highways and Streets;
- AASHTO Highway Safety Manual (HSM);
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD);
- Transportation Research Board (TRB) Highway Capacity Manual (HCM);
- SCDOT Roadway Design Manual (RDM);
- SCDOT Bridge Design Manual (BDM);
- SCDOT Standard Drawings;
- SCDOT Bridge Drawings and Details; and
- SCDOT Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan.

The Department also recognizes publications from the following sources as applicable for discussion purposes to determine planning and design principles for accommodating walking, bicycling, and transit:

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA);
- National Cooperative Highway Research program (NCHRP);
- Transportation Research Board (TRB);
- National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO); and
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).



### **Work Zone Traffic Control**

Work zone traffic control plans must address all modes of travel that are currently accommodated within the limits of the construction project. This may require appropriate design features to adequately maintain existing accommodations during construction. This applies to all construction initiatives on the state-owned highway system.

### **Maintenance**

The Department will maintain the following standard walking, bicycling, and transit accommodations, as defined in the SCDOT Roadway Design Manual unless previously addressed with a specific maintenance agreement:

- Sidewalks (concrete);
- Sidepaths (concrete);
- Paved shoulders;
- Bicycle lanes;
- Shared roadways;
- Shared lanes;
- Bus pads installed and owned by the Department (concrete);
- Bus turnouts adjacent to the travel lane; and
- Pavement markings and signage related to these accommodations that are installed and owned by the Department.

### **Safety and Operations**

The Department will provide the following safety and operational resources to assist with planning and designing accommodations for walking, bicycling, and transit:

- Crash data;
- Safety Audit findings (if available);
- Pavement marking and signage guidance; and
- Other project specific information that is currently available.

The Department will develop and publish a detailed Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan with the goal of:

- Increasing understanding of bicycling and walking crash patterns;
- Promote objectives and data-driven decision making;
- Promote investment in proven safety countermeasures; and
- Target locations with high needs and opportunities for successful outcomes.

The Director of Traffic Engineering is responsible for preparing, updating, and managing the Department's Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.

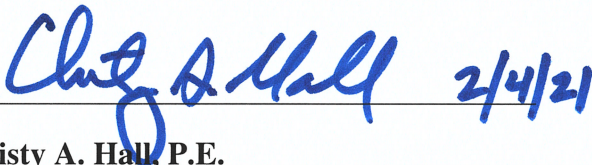


### **Training**

The Department will provide training regarding this policy, as well as the subsequent revisions to the Engineering Directives and the South Carolina Roadway Design Manual in order to fully implement this Directive.

### **Complete Streets Council**

The Department will establish a council to facilitate ongoing communication for continuous improvement opportunities and initiatives regarding complete streets within South Carolina. The Deputy Secretary for Engineering and the Deputy Secretary for Intermodal Planning will jointly recommend the participants to the Secretary of Transportation. The participants will be comprised of Department staff, MPO/COG staff, local government staff and other external stakeholders. The Deputy Secretary for Intermodal Planning shall be responsible for organizing the meetings of this council.



Christy A. Hall, P.E.

Secretary of Transportation

**Office of Primary Responsibility: Deputy Secretary for Intermodal Planning**

**History:** Issued as Departmental Directive 28 on February 4, 2021  
Deleted on April 8, 2008 and divided into Engineering Directive 22

## COMMUNICATIONS AUDIT FOR AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES – SOUTH CAROLINA

PREPARED FOR ACEC-SC  
PREPARED BY CHERNOFF NEWMAN  
FEB 2021





## ACEC-SC COMMUNICATIONS AUDIT

As Chernoff Newman begins our partnership with ACEC-SC to provide communications consultation and implementation services, a communications audit is the initial, and critical, step in a long-term strategy to assist ACEC-SC with implementing its strategic plan. This communications audit will identify best practices for coalition/association communications, determine ACEC-SC's utilization of those practices and provide recommendations for communications strategies moving forward. Chernoff Newman will utilize the communications audit to then create a multi-phase communications plan in coordination with ACEC-SC leadership to begin implementing tactics to achieve the overarching communications strategy.

## ACEC-SC COMMUNICATIONS SWOT ANALYSIS

<b>STRENGTHS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Website is updated regularly and with relevant information.</li> <li>- Regular communications schedule with member organizations through email, Last Word &amp; Engineering Inc.</li> <li>- Engaged in communicating with members of the South Carolina Legislature to proactively address legislative issues affecting member organizations.</li> <li>- Strong national association communications plan and schedule.</li> <li>- Regularly conducted membership studies.</li> </ul>	<b>WEAKNESSES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Detailed but lengthy weekly email updates. Not quickly digestible.</li> <li>- Lack of central spokesperson to speak on behalf of ACEC-SC to press for media inquiries.</li> <li>- No pipeline to communicate with future / new prospective members.</li> <li>- No overarching PR, social or external communications calendar or strategy.</li> <li>- Lack of engagement with mid-level management positions within member organizations.</li> <li>- Small number of channels to engage with members</li> <li>- Website could be more engaging and better utilized to disseminate important information to members.</li> </ul>
<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strategic partnerships with other related industry organizations to amplify voice.</li> <li>- Strategic partnership with publications / relevant beat reporters.</li> <li>- Aging infrastructure in South Carolina. Will need to be funded via high-profile legislation that could provide ACEC-SC with the opportunity to lead discussion in South Carolina.</li> <li>- Grow appeal to SC organizations with engineering professionals.</li> </ul>	<b>THREATS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Low brand recognition with reporters / journalists. Not seen as an authority for engineering related sources for background or quotes.</li> <li>- Low name ID with overall members of the South Carolina General Assembly</li> <li>- Lack of pressing legislative issues that drive membership engagement.</li> </ul>

- Public relations efforts around pre-filed legislation to industry and local news publications.	
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### STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS

As ACEC-SC defines and prioritizes its short and long-term objectives, communications tactics change or shift accordingly to best meet those objectives based on the target audience. Each tactic provides unique value to different groups of an organization's stakeholders. Based on the ACEC-SC Strategic Plan, Chernoff Newman has identified the following as ACEC-SC's primary stakeholders:

#### Internal:

- Member organization's senior management team
- Member organization's junior management teams

#### External:

- South Carolina General Assembly (House and Senate members)
- Reporters / Press (Trade publications & local news outlets)
- SCDOT
- Prospective member organizations

#### Internal:

ACEC-SC's communication level with internal stakeholders is above average in terms of the frequency of communication. However, the communications audit revealed that the frequency may be too high, causing saturation and fatigue within the internal audiences. The Association regularly sends out detailed and in-depth information on a variety of topics including; committee updates, legislative CTAs, First Word updates, Webinar updates / invitations, and event notifications, which may cause members to become inundated with material that they cannot efficiently sift through. **As of January 2021, the open rate for ACEC-SC "First Word" emails is 37.00%.**

Average Open Rate – All Industries (2020): 18.00%

Average Open Rate – Government and Politics (2020): 26.70%

Average Open Rate – Professional Services (2020): 18.30%

#### External:

ACEC-SC does not regularly communicate with external audiences outside of Adam Jones' interaction with state legislators.

### COMPARATIVE ANALYTICS

Social Media – ACEC-SC / ACEC-GA

Platform	Facebook (Followers)	Twitter	Instagram	LinkedIn
ACEC-SC	357	770	42	296
ACEC-GA	1017	1132	43	1144
Δ	- 660	- 362	- 1	- 848

Social Media – ACEC-SC / ACEC-NC



Platform	Facebook (Followers)	Twitter	Instagram	LinkedIn
ACEC-SC	357	770	42	296
ACEC-NC	45	699	N/A	442
Δ	+ 312	+ 71	+ 42	- 146

## Social Media – ACEC-SC / ACEC-AL

Platform	Facebook (Followers)	Twitter	Instagram	LinkedIn
ACEC-SC	357	770	42	296
ACEC-AL	508	33	N/A	N/A
Δ	- 151	+ 737	+ 42	+ 296

Average Southeast American Council of Engineering Companies Social Media (Based on data from NC, GA, AL, MS, TN & VA)

Platform	Facebook (Followers)	Twitter	Instagram	LinkedIn
ACEC-SC	357	770	42	296
SE Average	373	772	141	538

## Website Analytics

A quantitative audit of ACEC-SC's website traffic and analytics yielded results that indicate website traffic has drastically increased from Jan 1, 2020 to Feb 21, 2021. New user introduction to the website was a **2,363.2% increase** over the same time frame, adding over 5,000 new users to the site. The majority of the new traffic came to the site organically, meaning that that users are actively looking for ACEC-SC website by name or already know the landing page and associated URL.

The ACEC-SC home page received the most visits with 3.8k of visitors landing on this page, followed by; 1.9k users landing on the "Upcoming Events" page, 738 users landing on the "Engineering Excellence Awards" page and 636 users landing on the "ACEC-SC Transportation Committee page. Other page traffic is as follows:

- 596 users landing on the "Membership Directory" page
- 546 users landing on the "Membership" page
- 528 users landing on the "About ACEC-SC" page

This data indicates that certain pages on the current ACEC-SC site are underutilized by visitors and could be rewritten or folded into other pages to create a more streamlined website. Noticeably absent is traffic to the "Advocacy" and "News" pages of the ACEC-SC website given ACEC-SC's membership and legislative goals. Although these pages are not regularly visited, they are consistently updated with new and relevant content for each respective function.

ACEC-SC's average engagement time on its website is :40 seconds. This indicates new users are giving the website a cursory glance for information or are familiar with the site to quickly locate and obtain information. The preferred time spent on website is **one to two minutes per page** of information sought by the user. Additionally, ACEC-SC's Google Analytics report indicates a 10k event count for user

engagement, a positive indication that users are engaging with multiple aspects of the site during the duration of their visit.

## BOARD FEEDBACK

The qualitative audit of ACEC-SC's Executive and Communications Committees' sentiment regarding the Association's communications practices revealed several common themes throughout the interviews. The most common themes are included below along with a brief description for context:

- **Current ACEC-SC communications do not easily explain or demonstrate the value that the association provides to current members.**
  - o Generally, the association does a poor job telling its own success stories – especially as it relates to legislative and government relations issues.
- **ACEC-SC communications do not engage membership.**
  - o ACEC-SC's communications are not engaging for membership and are often skimmed through or not read. This could also be related to the feedback regarding to the volume of content that ACEC-SC provides.
- **ACEC-SC's email communications can be overwhelming.**
  - o The email updates, legislative CTAs and First Word emails can be overwhelming and dense in terms of the amount of information provided. For members that may already be at capacity within their own organizations, a more succinct communications style would be preferred.
- **ACEC-SC does not regularly solicit large engineering firms moving to, or already doing business in, South Carolina for membership.**
  - o There is a lack of emphasis in regard to targeted outreach to recruit large firms to join the association. The same sentiment was expressed about ACEC-SC's attempts to recruit non-transportation engineering firms and smaller engineering firms.
- **ACEC-SC would greatly benefit from increased communications with legislators.**
  - o ACEC-SC does not currently play a vital role in influencing statewide policy by informing legislators of how proposed legislation will impact the engineering profession. Raising PAC contributions and expenditures could help with access to legislators in order for conversations to take place.
- **ACEC-SC lacks engagement from its members at the individual level.**
  - o Outside of the Board's participation in the organization, members are not incentivized to participate in ACEC-SC legislative, advocacy or membership recruitment efforts.

## COMMUNICATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

### Internal

- Condense weekly email.
  - o Redesign the email update to provide members a well-organized, succinct format with the option to quickly skim and then opt into a more in-depth report if they choose. This approach is an effective method of disseminating large amounts of information at one time (see Axios.com as an example).

- Aggregate and curate relevant engineering media articles to distribute to member organizations. ACEC-SC may also provide insight or analysis into the impact of relevant breaking news on the engineering industry in South Carolina (e.g. Biden infrastructure proposal).
- Conduct member organization and/or employee spotlights and highlights throughout the year. Allow member organizations to submit entries and award to best entry.
- Provide quarterly updates and Q&A's through webinar or in-person meetings.
- Explore additional memberships for colleges / organizations with engineering programs to attract young members.
- Develop and implement recruitment program(s) for prospective member organizations. Social media channels could be utilized to drive awareness of recruitment efforts.
- Produce or sponsor educational webinars and/or whitepapers to distribute to member organizations on governmental affairs efforts or on industry status and updates.
- Develop guest speaker series utilizing influential figures (e.g. Mayors, political figures, industry leaders, etc.) to be conducted through webinars for membership. Media could be invited to garner press coverage of program. Recordings of could also be repurposed in email updates to membership.

#### External:

- Create speaking opportunities for elected officials by leveraging Covid-19 impact on engineering projects, timelines and industry – especially with Congressman Jim Clyburn as it relates to President-elect Joe Biden's proposal for infrastructure legislation.
- Build Letter to the Editor and Op-ed communications calendar to raise awareness of two primary goals:
  - o Engineering's impact on society. Highlight items that South Carolinians use every day that they might not realize are heavily engineered.
  - o The need for an increased focus on aging engineering infrastructure to seed the environment for a public affairs or public awareness campaign.

Assign leadership at member organizations a topic to submit on the calendar. This initiative can also be supported through public relations pitches to the media.

- Conduct a high-profile study to emphasize the public's opinion on aging infrastructure. Utilize data to support conversations with elected officials and support with robust public relations campaign (see [CN Insights](#)). Present findings to relevant committees in South Carolina General Assembly.
- Create a Speaker Bureau built around meetings (virtual or in person) with local Chambers of Commerce and other business organizations (SCDEC, SC Manufacturers Alliance) about the need for improved infrastructure and other engineering-related projects. Utilize data to support improved efficiencies and profitability for their member organizations.
- Develop an educational program for members to present to appropriate stakeholder organizations (colleges, business roundtables, etc..) on what engineers do and the importance of the trade. Encourage membership to participate by offering incentives (i.e. reduced membership fee).
- Proactively look for media and community opportunities with relevance to the engineering profession, in order to elevate ACEC-SC as the regional expert on the issue.
- Create and implement a messaging strategy to raise awareness of South Carolina's infrastructure deficit (e.g. Fix SC Roads campaign). Additional tactics could include forming a coalition that is focused to raise public awareness and therefore pressure on legislators to address and fund

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solutions. Given the current Washington D.C. political climate, there is also potential opportunity to support, or jump ahead of, a federal initiative to fund infrastructure improvements.

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## Open-Ended Questions

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# **American Council of Engineering Companies of South Carolina (ACEC-SC) Industry Survey Respondent Comments to Open-Ended Questions**

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On the following pages are comments made by respondents to the open-ended questions of the survey. Comments are the original remarks submitted by respondents, without any changes or manipulations made. You will find each comment is numbered, this number only represents a respondents' full comment to the open-ended question, and do not have any other meaning.

## Open-Ended Question: Q7b. What is the main reason you attend this event (the one you selected in Q7a)?

- 1 Because I won - Great for Marketing as a new company.  
Golf was a close second, but the ACEC-SC / SCDOT conference is the best bang for the buck!
- 2 Client and firm interaction and continued education.
- 3 Networking - SCDOT is biggest client
- 4 Great networking opportunity both with SCDEOT and other consultants.
- 5 Legislative engagement is important because of its influence on the overall engineering profession.  
The purpose of ACEC is to represent the engineering industry across all markets and with all clients.  
This is the closest thing to diversity that ACEC does each year. We also feel that some of the involvement from the legislature can be attributed to the joint involvement of the AGC Chapter.
- 6 Network with industry partners and SCDOT (client).
- 7 Networking
- 8 Networking
- 9 Networking
- 10 Networking and PDH's
- 11 Networking and technical sessions
- 12 Networking opportunities with other engineers as well as continuing education credits.
- 13 Networking with clients.
- 14 Networking, SCDOT updates, PDH
- 15 PDH Credits
- 16 Networking



## Open-Ended Question: Q8. What events or services would you like ACEC-SC to offer?

- 1 ACEC-SC has strong membership with SCDOT consultants. However, our impact with state government leaders appears to be waning and we don't have any coordination with FHWA.
- 2 ACEC-SC could also do a better job supporting the SC association of counties (SCAC). SC has a few larger cities with the funding to tackle larger infrastructure projects but most projects come from the federal, state or county levels. Not aware of any coordination between acec-sc and scac nor council of governments (COGS).
- 3 Additional events or services focused on industries other than just dot or transportation  
Communication with member firms has traditionally been in-effective. This should be bolstered.  
- involvement with other clients/municipalities/counties/etc. Should have more focus with forums and other engagement events  
- acec should offer more transparency with regard to initiatives.
- 4 - need diversity for board roles and other leadership across the engineering industry and not be as focused on just transportation  
- provide opportunities to involve new participants in all activities (legislative visits)  
- stay focused on advocating for consultant firms and the engineering profession without being as focused on individual client preferences
- 5 Conferences-engineering team up with construction groups  
I maybe missing this been i have not seen any educational webinars that our sponsored by ACEC-SC. I am consistently bombarded by those activities through ACEC-GA and ACEC-NC. Not sure if this is
- 6 happening and i am just not seeing it. These other ACEC organizations are doing an excellent job of connecting and educating its member. I think ACEC-SC could definitely learn from these organization especially ACEC-GA.
- 7 More firm networking opportunities social and events.
- 8 More opportunities to network on a local level.
- 9 Sponsor seminars for small firms; opportunities for design firms (DOT projects) stumbling block commercial to infrastructure for small firms of 5 people

## Open-Ended Question: Q9-1. What benefits do you receive from participating in the committees?

- 1 Better understanding of issues that we are facing as an industry and of opportunities that are coming up across the state.
- 2 Early coordination with SCDOT
- 3 First hand knowledge of networking and partnering opportunities.
- 4 Joint committees with the SCDOT provide opportunities to improve standards and processes between the public and private sectors.
- 5 Networking & interaction with other consultants and SCDOT.
- 6 Networking and knowledge of people and projects
- 7 Networking with firm. Guide client policies.
- 8 Not sure that we do.
- 9 Often get good information on current issues facing each committee.

**Open-Ended Question: Q9-2a. What barriers?**

- 1 ACEC does not focus on telecommunications organizations and that is what we are
- 2 ACEC is geared towards the civil engineering community and we are not civil engineers
- 3 Everything in columbia.
- 4 Have never heard about acec before this survey
- 5 Nc residency! Should be removed as a criteria.
- 6 No one in industry address 'industrial exemption'
- 7 Not aware of acec before you called
- 8 Presently not physically located in SC; in a border city.
- 9 Small firm
- 10 Small firm-not enough time
- 11 Time restraints mostly. We are a small group and spend 100% of our time getting jobs completed.
- 12 Would like to understand more on the financial implications of joining. Beyond that, it would be having more understanding/notice of opportunities.

**Open-Ended Question: Q9-2b. What committees would you like to see?**

- 1 Seminars
- 2 Something geared towards other engineering communities besides engineering

**Q11. How would you prefer to get information from ACEC-SC?****Open-Ended Question: Q11-8. Other**

- 1 Communication should be intentional and the form of communication should be developed based on what needs to be communicated and who it needs to be shared with. Some items will require direct conversations through phone calls and meetings while general information can be shared electronically.
- 2 I would like to get (1) email to review, and no more until I decide if I am interested.

**Open-Ended Question: Q14. What client organizations would you like ACEC-SC to engage?**

- 1 ADSC DFI
- 2 APWA
- 3 ASHE
- 4 Construction engineering and inspection-super heavy rigging
- 5 DOT, as well as, other organizations that you have mentioned in this survey
- 6 Engineering communities other than just the civil engineering communities
- 7 I would like to see acec-sc engage public utilities and municipalities more regularly as well as work with economic development organizations.
- 8 Joint venture with ASCE
- 9 Keep contacts with SCDOT and consider adding FHWA, SCAC and COGS.
- 10 Municipal and county associations
- 11 Specialty re chemical/pharmaceutical
- 12 State Department of Commerce, SC ports authority, counties, municipalities, MPOS, COGS, aviation authorities, water/wastewater clients, DHEC, USACE

## Open-Ended Question: Q15. What recommendations do you have for ACEC-SC?

- 1 ADSC-be a part of it; interface engineers and contractors together
- 2 Be careful of letting a few regulate for the all.
- 3 Contact ACEC-GA and learn how they motivated their membership through all the events they offer.  
Have been very impressed with them, have not been impressed with our acec.
- 4 Expand the base to firms that do other things other than just transportation and dot
- 5 Get more information out to surveying companies about ACEC
- 6 Keep growing membership.
- 7 Keep up the good work
- 8 Lower the cost (cost structure is out of touch with reality)
- 9 More information to get into sub consultants; seminars for small firms
- 10 My biggest concern is 'industrial exemption'-no use being a member of any committee or organization if they are not actively addressing this widespread problem in our industry.
- 11 Person to person meetings again.  
Remind us engineers that you are out there, how inexpensive it is to join and what the benefits are of
- 12 joining. I get info from asce and other organizations monthly. Nothing from you in ..5 to 10 years? I forgot you exist.
- 13 Small companies
- 14 To be more proactive with getting their organization's info into the engineering community
- 15 We need to improve our position as technical experts at the state house.

Open-Ended Question: What industry organizations are you a member of?				
	Organization 1	Organization 2	Organization 3	Organization 4
1	SC SOCIETY OF REGISTERED SURVEYORS			
2	SCNSPE	ASCE		
3	AS HEATING AND AIR	AS MECHANICAL ENGINEERING		
4	NFPA	ISA	AICHE-CCPS	MKOPSC
5	PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS			
6	ASCE	ACI	AISC	
7	ASCE	AISC	ACI	
8	NSPE	ASME		
9	ASCE			
10	E4			
11	NCPE	NSP	SFPE	CFPE
12	NCSEA	ASCE		
13	ACSE	ASHE	AWWA	
14	APA	ASCE		
15	Ashrae	CAGC	SCMCA	SC Building Codes Council
16	SEASC			
17	AIS (Steel Construction)	ICC		
18	TOO MANY-MOSTLY SURVEYORS ORGANIZATIONS			
19	ASCE	AISC	SSC&RA	SEA
20	TELECOMM ASSOCIATIONS OF DIFFERENT STATES			
21	ADC	DFI	AGC	
22	ASME	SAE	NAPARS	
23	APWA			
24	ICC	NSPE		
25	SCSPE (NSP)			

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26	Water Environment Association	SAMME	AWWA	
27	ASCE			
28	SEA	NACHI	NAHO	ASCE
29	ACEC in multiple other states			
30	ARTBA	APWA		
31	AISC	NSPE	ASCE	SEA
32	AISC	ASCE	NCSEA	
33	ASCE	ACI		
34	ASCE			
35	ACI	ASCE		
36	ACEC-SC	AGC		
37	ASCE	AISC		
38	SFPE			
39	NSP	NCPE		
40	SCAA	ASHE	WTS	
41	SCFOR	ASCE	WTS	SAME
42	AICHE-CCPS			
43	NAPARS	ISA	NFPA	
44	SAE	ASME		
45	AGC	ASHE		
46	SCMCA			
47	APWA	ACEC		
48	ASCE	CE Club of Charleston		