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American Council of Engineering Companies of South Carolina Board of Director's Meeting February 3, 2022 Join Via ZOOM

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## **Board of Directors**

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☐ Jason Eppley, <i>Past Chair</i>
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☐ Theresa McClure, <i>Director and</i> Communications Committee Chair
☐ Bryan Shiver, <i>Director and Membership</i> Committee Chair
☐ Dan Moses, <i>Director</i>
☐ Ricky Ward, <i>Director</i>
☐ Theresa Hodge, <i>Director</i>
☐ Kylie Page, National Director/PAC Lady
☐ Jim O'Connor, Affiliate National Director
☐ Jeff Mulliken, <i>Transportation Committee</i> Chair*
☐ Melvin Williams, ACEC Vice Chair*
☐ Tom Jordan, Environmental Committee Chair*
☐ Adam B. Jones, Executive Director*
☐ Allison J. King, ACEC-SC Staff*
☐ Sarah Waldrop, Account Executive*
☐ Other*
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# **Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order Matt Gehman
- 2. Approve Consent Agenda
  - Meeting Minutes from January 6, 2022
  - Membership Report
    - 1. Wilson Ferguson Associates, LLC
- 3. Financial Report Chuck Black, PE
  - Financial Report
- 4. Chair's Report: Matt Gehman
  - Strategic Plan & KPIs
  - Board Meetings (in-person)
  - Governor's Event 1/27/2022
  - IIJA Op ED
  - Activation of the Budget Committee
  - Transportation Executives Committee
- 5. Executive Director's Report Adam B. Jones
  - Legislative Report
    - IIJA
- Impact in SC
  - SCDOT Concerns
- 2. PPP
- Meeting with Senator Scott
- 3. ARP Funding
  - Governor's Recommendation
  - Senate Subcommittee /House Subcommittee
- 4. South Carolina Tracked Legislation
- Consulting Congress Day (May 24, 2022)
- Transportation Executives Committee
- Engineering Excellence Awards
- SC Engineering Conference
- 6. ACEC National Directors Report Kylie Page, PE
  - PAC Goal
- Committee Reports:
  - Transportation Committee
    - ✓ Partnering Committee Meeting
  - BRE Committee
    - ✓ Future Leaders
  - Communications Committee
    - ✓ Infrastructure Works Progress
    - ✓ PAC Campaign
  - Membership Committee
    - Trade Show opportunities
      - SC Environmental Conference 3/13-16/2022
      - SC HWY Engineers Conference 4/12-13/2022
  - Advocacy PAC
    - ✓ PAC Fundraiser will get started now that McMaster event is done
- 8. Other Business
- 9. Next Meeting: March 11, 2022 (AT RETREAT)
- 10. Adjourn



# ACEC-SC Board of Director's Meeting January 6, 2022, at 10:00 AM Zoom

<u>Call to Order</u>: Chair Matt Gehman called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. The following were in attendance: Matt Gehman, Jeff Mulliken, Chuck Black, Jason Eppley, Ben Temple, Theresa McClure, Bryan Shiver, Dan Moses, Ricky Ward, Theresa Hodge, Jim O'Connor, Melvin Williams, Adam B. Jones, and Sarah Waldrop.

A motion was made to approve the December 2 meeting minutes by Vice-Chair Jeff Mulliken, seconded by Director Ricky Ward, and passed unanimously.

# **Membership Report:** Executive Director Adam B. Jones reported:

- Sweatt Surveying
  - Sponsor: Secretary/Treasurer Chuck Black (S&ME)
  - The membership application and information are available in the packet. It was noted they are a small surveying firm.
- AECOM's dues are coming to us. Most white lines are new members from whom we are waiting for dues payments. Jones announced JMT acquired Vaughn & Melton.
  - ACEC Royalties are portions of the ACEC Business Trust that we earn from having members who join the Trust.

A motion was made to approve today's applicant by Ward, seconded by Chair Matt Gehman, and passed unanimously.

### **Financial Report:** Secretary/Treasurer Chuck Black reported:

Total Income: \$475,979.44Total Expenses: \$312,888.46

- Black noted that the Delta column has happened in the last 30 days. We are over budget on member dues. The SCDOT Annual Meeting brought large, positive changes to our financial statement. Overall, we are in good shape and where we need to be.
- Jones and Black praised Edwards Jones Investments. It has streamlined our financials.
- Jones noted ACEC-SC is still waiting on sponsorship, exhibitor, and attendee money.
  - The Metropolitan Convention Center is the only viable location for this meeting.
     There will be an increase in food and rental costs for next year. We will handle this as needed. Dale Murphy was a great speaker, especially for the cost. There will be a reevaluation of the speaker budget for next year.
    - Additionally, Roger Nutt's check was cut late, which is reflected in this month's financial statement.

A motion was made to approve the financial report by Director and Membership Committee Chair Bryan Shiver, seconded by Director Dan Moses, and passed without objection.

# **Chair's Report:** Chair Matt Gehman reported:

- Gehman suggested we might need a bigger location. It was difficult to get to the food and coffee in the hallway outside the classrooms.
- ACEC National's Symposium was a great success.
- Williams said the Op-Ed for the National Symposium would be released soon.
- Black said he counted about ten people from ACEC-SC at the Conference. We receive 10% back on the conference attendees.
- Gehman reported on the KPIs:
  - There are lots of positive numbers. He hopes we can improve the media mentions and press release numbers soon.
- Unfortunately, we saw a reduction in numbers for the EEA due to permission issues on projects and complications with deadlines. This is a national issue, not unique to ACEC-SC.
- The McMaster fundraiser is quickly approaching, as is the Engineers' Day on The Hill and the Legislative Reception.
  - o Jones noted 15 organizations are joining us for Engineers' Day on The Hill.
- Gehman noted MUSC is reporting a massive spike in Omicron cases. How does everyone feel about in-person meetings? Do we stay virtual?
  - Discussion ensued.
    - Jones added a side note about the Legislative Reception. It will not be canceled unless Legislature cannot attend. Masks will be provided.
  - The consensus is to stay virtual for the foreseeable future.
- Jones asked if the EEA should be paused and pushed back to another date.
  - A motion was made to postpone the EEA gala by Director Theresa Hodge, seconded by Moses, and passed unanimously.
- Gehman asked if there were concerns about the Governor's event on January 27, 2022.
  - Jones noted the Governor asked for it to be earlier rather than later.
  - Discussion ensued.
  - The consensus is the event will not be postponed.
  - Continuing with the discussion about the Governor's fundraiser, Jones noted we would like to adjust pricing to:
    - Four attendees for \$3,500.00
      - Two attendee access to the private reception, and four attendees accesses to the general reception
      - Signage
    - Three attendees for \$1,500.00
      - Signage
    - Two attendees for \$1,200.00
      - Signage
    - One attendee for \$750.00
      - Access to the general reception

- TranSystems has generously offered to pay for food and drinks for this event.
   They will also be a \$3,500.00 sponsor.
- Jones noted the Op-Ed has been tweaked. The draft is in the Board packet. The final draft should be available today from Chernoff-Newman.

# <u>Executive Director's Report</u>: Executive Director Adam B. Jones reported: <u>Legislative Report</u>

- IIJA Impact in SC
  - o EPA Investments:
    - 82.8% for Water Infrastructure
    - 8.2 % For Cleaner Schools
    - 8.8% Clean up and Revitalization
    - .02 % Pollution Prevention
  - EPA 2022 State Revolving Funds Allotment
    - Total: \$88,894,000.00
    - DWSRF: \$23,253,000.00
    - DWSRF Lead Service Line Replacement: \$36,618,000.00
    - DWSRF Emerging Contaminants: \$9,765,000.00
    - CWSRF: \$18,383,000.00
    - CWSRF Emerging Contaminants: \$965,000.00
  - Transportation Investments:
    - SC Expects close to \$5 Billion in investments over the next five years
    - \$4.6 Billion for federal-aid highway appropriated programs and \$274 million for bridge replacement and repairs.
    - \$366 million for public transportation
    - \$70 million to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging network
    - \$100 million to invest in broadband coverage across the state
    - \$15 Million to protect against wildfires
    - \$18.3 to protect against cyber attacks
    - \$510 million to improve water infrastructure
    - \$161 million for airport improvements/development
    - Significant investments in weatherization to help with extreme weather events
    - SC will need to raise a minimum of \$100 Million annually to get the surface transportation funding.
    - SCDOT would like to get \$200 million/annually to take advantage of other grants in the IIJA
  - o PPP
    - 2022 ACEC will focus on new vehicles for our legislative fix, with particular emphasis in the Senate. There is also an urgency in this campaign for early success in 2022, as we believe that most of our members will feel the impact of the FAR credits clause to their overhead rates next Spring. Our plan will focus on the following elements:

- The FY'22 spending package. Congress still needs to pass the spending bills that fund various federal agencies and programs action is expected by mid-February and this legislation is likely the next available vehicle for ACEC's PPP amendment. Right after January 1, we need to engage in a new grassroots effort which will target Senators on the Appropriations Committee. That roster can be accessed here, and we will be sending you draft language to send to each of these offices to request a meeting to discuss our issue and request their support for a legislative fix.
  - Engaging Senator Rand Paul. As we've discussed previously, the
    primary obstacle remains the senior Republican on the Senate
    Small Business Committee Senator Rand Paul (R-KY). We're
    working with Russ Romine and his ACEC/KY members on new
    outreach to the Senator, including reiterating our request for a
    meeting to make our case for a waiver from the FAR credits
    clause.
  - Outreach to the Senate Small Business Committee. As part of our effort to engage Senator Paul, we also need to engage the Republican members on the Senate Small Business Committee to request their support for a fix. That roster can be accessed here. Similar to the Appropriations strategy noted above, we will be sending those of you who have Republican Senators on the Committee a sample request for meetings in January.
  - Communications. The fourth pillar of the strategy will focus on communications to heighten attention to the issue and the need for a fix. This will include re-engaging with reporters we worked with over the past year, engaging through social media, the placement of op-eds in certain states and congressional districts around the country, and letters to the editor from impacted firms. We will be working with Jeff Urbanchuk and his team to develop sample materials that you can use, and coordinate with you on placement in key newspapers and other media platforms.
- Vaccine Mandate from WH
  - On Friday, December 17, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit dissolved the Fifth Circuit's stay of the Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS).
  - The Department of Labor (DOL) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) can now resume implementing this vital workplace health standard.
  - The ETS establishes requirements to protect employees of large employers (100 or more employees) from the risk of contracting COVID- 19 in the workplace.
- Off-Season Lobbying Effort
  - Met with:
    - Senator Williams

- Senator Talley
- Representative Caskey
- Meeting with before the return:
  - Senator Alexander
  - Senator Davis
  - Representative Sandifer
- South Carolina Tracked Legislation
  - See packet
- Legislative Reception/Day on The Hill
  - 1/12/2022 at 10:30 AM in the State House lobby
  - Engineers' Day on The Hill is in the morning. The Legislative Reception follows that evening.
  - Ward asked if ACEC-SC could call Columbia member offices to encourage them to come.

# **Transportation Executives Committee**

Waiting on SCDOT (last contacted December 24, 2021)

## **Engineering Excellence Awards**

- Judging completed
- National Finalist Notified
- Looking for Emcee

# **SC Engineering Conference**

- Splits being finalized
- ACEC-SC is looking at receiving just over \$16,000.00.
- Santee Cooper made a special deal with the Conference for special pricing for guaranteed virtual attendees.

# **South Carolina Council of Engineering and Surveying Societies**

- Recommended Tim Rickborn to be reseated
- Recommended Peter Strub, TranSystems, for the other seat
  - Hesha Gamble as a close second

#### **OSE Committee**

- Member called about issues with a number of inspections on vertical projects
- Wants to reengage the OSE Committee
- Happy to come to talk about the issue
  - The Board asked Caleb Pozsik (KCI) to come speak to them at the Board meeting in February.
  - Discussion ensued about the long-term status of this Committee. There was positive feedback for allowing this to be a long-term Committee.
    - Director Ben Temple offered to step in for that Committee.

# Additional

- ACEC-SC Retreat
  - Jones asked all Board members to please book their hotel rooms as soon as possible. Deadlines and information are included in the Board packet.

- Mulliken said he would like to update bylaws and discuss how to engage our community more.
- o Mulliken reviewed the retreat agenda (available in the Board packet).
- o More information will also be coming to everyone's inboxes soon.
- Tricia Hatley of Freese & Nichols will be speaking to the Board about DE&I at the retreat.
- Mulliken also noted he wants to discuss a Junior Board of Directors in which future leaders within ACEC-SC can get their toes wet with ACEC-SC's inner workings and become engaged in the organization.
- o There will also be golf and a brewery tour.

# **ACEC National Director's Report:** Affiliate National Director Jim O'Connor reported:

- Our PAC goal for this year is \$12,165.00.
- OSHA and Federal Mandates reports have been updated on the National website.
- There is a Budget Meeting next week.

# **Committee Reports:**

- Transportation Committee: Transportation Chair Jeff Mulliken reported:
  - o Meeting schedules have been finalized, including the Partnering Meeting dates.
  - We will be reengaging pre-meetings with John Boylston to hash out the issues that need to be discussed and prioritized.
  - Jones added that the ACEC-SC/SCDOT Annual Meeting for 2022 will be December 14.
- **BRE Committee:** Secretary/Treasurer Chuck Black reported:
  - Black said he and Sarah Waldrop will set a date soon for reviewing all scholarship submittals.
  - Mulliken reported on Future Leaders.
    - The third speaker evaluation will be sent this week.
    - For the community service project, the Future Leaders have chosen the Pinewood Derby.
- **Communications Committee:** Communications Committee Chair Theresa McClure reported:
  - o *Infrastructure Works* will be moving forward with the release of the newest Op-Ed. The URLs have been purchased.
    - We are waiting for Chernoff-Newman to send us details for website content and direction.
  - We are looking at mid-March for the website release for Infrastructure Works.
  - We are looking at a direct approach for reaching PAC goals rather than fundraisers.
    - The launch date is also Mid-March.
  - Williams said infrastructure needs to include beyond transportation, like ports and water/wastewater.
- Membership Committee: Membership Committee Chair Bryan Shiver reported:

• We are planning our next membership media push. We received a prospect list from National and will be targeting them.

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#### Other Business:

- Ward shared The College of Charleston is launching an electrical engineering program.
  - The status of ABET accrediting is still in question.
  - o Williams said they also have Logistics and Computer Engineering programs.

**Adjourn:** There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 AM by Mulliken, seconded by Moses, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Sarah Waldrop Account Executive ACEC-SC

#	Company Name	Date Received Payment	Employee	4010 ACEC SC Dues	4020 ACEC PAC	4030 ACEC National Dues	4040 Minute	4045 Education	TOTAL DUES	payment differ	ACEC-SC Paid	
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	Alfred Benesch & Company	7/21/21		\$1,665.88	\$214.11		\$19.00		\$1,898.99	47		paypal fee
	Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc.	8/3/21		\$3,853.98	\$481.74	\$4,704.00	\$39.00		\$9,078.72	47		раурапее
	American Engineering Consultants, Inc.	7/13/21		\$2,141.10	\$267.63	\$2,509.00	\$23.00		\$4,940.73		-	
	Applied Building Science (ABS)	7/13/21		\$2,141.10	\$267.63	\$2,677.00	\$23.00		\$5,108.73			
		7/20/21		\$1,217.92	\$160.58	\$1,308.00	\$15.00		\$2,701.50	66.74		paypal fee
	Applied Control Technologies					\$1,308.00						
	Aulick Engineering	8/10/21		\$423.02	\$53.53		\$7.00		\$483.55	12.2		paypal fee
_	ATCS, P.L.C.	12/21/21		\$856.44	\$107.06		\$11.00		\$974.50			
	Buford Goff & Associates	7/13/21		\$2,141.10	\$267.63	\$2,210.00	\$23.00		\$4,641.73			
	Caitlin USA	8/10/21		\$434.47	\$53.53				\$488.00			
	Carolina TEA	8/30/21		\$856.44	\$107.06		\$11.00		\$974.50			
	CDM Smith	10/4/21		\$4,282.20	\$535.28		\$43.00		\$4,860.48			
14	Century Southern, Inc.	8/30/21		\$428.22	\$53.52	\$514.00	\$7.00		\$1,002.74			
15	CH Engineering, PLLC	7/26/21		\$1,299.66	\$162.45		\$15.00		\$1,477.11			
16	Civil Engineering Consulting Service, Inc.	7/12/21		\$2,425.94	\$321.16	\$3,044.00	\$27.00		\$5,818.10	143.38		paypal fee
17	Clark Patterson Lee	7/19/21		\$1,284.66	\$160.58		\$15.00		\$1,460.24			
	Collins Engineers, Inc.	8/10/21		\$1,712.88	\$214.11		\$19.00		\$1,945.99			
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	Cox and Dinkins, Inc.	8/10/21		\$2,766.85	\$374.69	\$3,188.00	\$31.00		\$6,360.54	230.69		paypal fee
	Davis & Floyd, Inc.	8/30/21		\$4,282.20	\$535.28	\$5,542.00	\$43.00		\$10,402.48			
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	Development Resource Group	7/26/21		\$1,712.88	\$214.11	\$1,947.00	\$19.00		\$3,892.99		1	
	Dunbar Geomatics Group	7/26/21		\$1,284.66	\$160.58	\$1,400.00	\$15.00		\$2,860.24			
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	Engineering Design & Testing Corp	7/9/21		\$4,282.00	\$535.00	\$5,142.00	\$43.00		\$10,002.00			
	ESP Associates, PA	7/26/21		\$5,995.08					\$5,995.08			
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	F&ME Consultants	8/3/21		\$3,853.98	\$481.75	\$4,449.00	\$39.00		\$8,823.73			
	Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC	7/12/21		\$1,233.55	\$160.58		\$15.00		\$1,409.13	\$51.11		paypal fee
35	Gannett Fleming, Inc.	8/3/21		\$1,284.66	\$160.58		\$15.00		\$1,460.24			
36	GEL Solutions (requested to pay quarterly)	8/3/21		\$856.44	\$107.06		\$11.00		\$974.50			
37	GeoEngineers											
38	GPI Geospatial	7/26/21		\$1,284.66	\$160.58		\$15.00		\$1,460.24			
39	GWA, Inc.	7/19/21		\$1,284.66	\$160.58	\$1,400.00	\$15.00		\$2,860.24			
40	Haley & Aldrich Inc.	11/1/21		\$1,652.85	\$214.11					60.03		paypal fee
	HDR	*9/20/21 & 10/12/21		\$5,566.86	\$642.33							as of 9/20 has only paid pac/partial dues 10
_	Heath & Lineback Engineers Inc	7/19/21		\$856.44	\$107.06		\$11.00		\$974.50			,, , , , ,
43		12/28/21		\$428.22	\$53.53		\$7.00		\$488.75			
	Holt Consulting Company, LLC	7/26/21		\$2,141.10	\$267.64		\$23.00		\$2,431.74			
	Hussey Gay Bell	8/3/21		\$2,569.32	\$321.17		\$27.00		\$2,917.49			
	Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering	7/26/21		\$6,423.30	\$802.91		\$63.00		\$7,289.21			
	Insight Group, A Christopher Company	9/13/21		\$1,712.88	\$214.11	\$1,727.00	\$19.00		\$3,672.99			
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	IPW Construction Group	8/30/21				\$1,001.00	\$15.00					
	Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson	8/16/21		\$2,569.32	\$321.16				\$2,917.48			
	KCI Technologies, Inc.	7/26/21		\$4,325.20	\$535.28		\$43.00		\$4,903.48			
	Keck & Wood, Inc.	8/3/21		\$1,712.88	\$214.11		\$19.00		\$1,945.99			
	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	8/23/21		\$2,569.32	\$321.16				\$2,890.48			
	Kleinfelder	8/23/21		\$2,141.10					\$2,141.10			
	Life Cycle Engineering, Inc.	11/15/21		\$5,138.64	\$642.93	\$15,944.00	\$51.00		\$21,776.57			
55	Long Engineering ATLAS TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS	8/3/21		\$1,284.66	\$160.58	\$1,001.00	\$15.00		\$2,461.24			
56	Mattern & Craig	8/3/21		\$428.22	\$53.53		\$7.00		\$488.75			
57	MBP Carolinas, Inc	7/12/21		\$416.19	\$53.53		\$7.00		\$476.72			
58	MC Squared											
	McCormick Taylor	8/24/21		\$1,233.55	\$160.58		\$15.00		\$1,409.13	51.11		paypal fee
	Mead & Hunt, Inc.	8/16/21		\$4,282.20	\$535.27		\$43.00		\$4,860.47			
	Michael Baker International	10/4/21		\$4,282.20	\$535.27		\$43.00		\$4,860.47		1	
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	OLH, Inc.	7/26/21	\$2,141.10	\$267.63	\$3,774.00	\$23.00		\$6,205.73		
67	Parrish and Partners, LLC	8/10/21	\$2,997.54	\$374.69		\$31.00		\$3,403.23		
68	Pond	7/21/21	\$1,665.88	\$214.11		\$19.00		\$1,898.99	47	paypal fee
69	Professional Engineering Associates, Inc.	7/19/21	\$1,712.88	\$214.11	\$1,727.00	\$19.00		\$3,672.99		
70	Ramey Kemp & Associates Inc	8/30/21	\$1,284.66			\$15.00	\$160.58	\$1,460.24		
71	RK&K-Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP	7/26/21	\$1,712.88	\$214.11		\$19.00		\$1,945.99		
72	Rowe Professional Services Company	8/16/21	\$1,284.66	\$160.58		\$15.00		\$1,460.24		
	RS&H	12/6/21	\$1,284.66	\$160.58		\$15.00		\$1,460.24		
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75	SAM, LLC	8/10/21	\$1,239.05	\$160.58		\$15.00		\$1,414.63	45.61	paypal fee
76	SEPI	7/26/21	\$1,284.66	\$160.58				\$1,445.24		
	Sims Group Engineers, Inc	7/26/21	\$1,284.66	\$160.58	\$1,109.00	\$15.00		\$2,569.24		
	Stantec Consulting	7/26/21	\$3,425.50	\$428.22	\$1,103.00	\$35.00		\$3,888.72		
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	Stewart Engineering	7/21/21	\$1,249.31	\$160.58		\$15.00		\$1,424.89	35.35	paypal fee
	Southern Steel	7/21/21	\$1,249.51	\$100.38	\$868.00	\$11.00		\$1,797.49	44.51	
	STV Incorporated	8/10/21	\$2,141.10	\$267.63	\$808.00	\$23.00		\$2,431.73	44.31	раурагіее
	Sweatt Land Surveying LLC	1/18/22	\$2,141.10	\$267.63	\$168.00	\$4.35		\$370.35	11.93	paypal fee
	SynTerra	8/10/21	\$4,282.20	\$535.27	\$108.00	\$4.35		\$4,860.47	11.93	раурапее
						\$43.00				
	T2 Utility Engineers	8/23/21	\$428.22	\$53.53		455.00		\$481.75		
	Terracon Consultants, Inc.	8/30/21	\$5,566.86	\$695.85		\$55.00		\$6,317.71		
	Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co.	7/26/21	\$5,566.86	\$695.85		\$55.00		\$6,317.71		
88	Three Oaks Engineering	8/10/21	\$1,284.66	\$160.58		\$15.00		\$1,460.24		
	Traffic Planning & Design Inc	11/8/21	\$767.90	\$107.06		\$11.00		\$2,760.96	88.54	paypal fee
	Tidemark Land Services, Inc.	7/26/21	\$1,712.88	\$214.11	\$1,875.00	\$19.00		\$3,820.99		
91	TranSystems Corporation	8/10/21	\$2,997.54	\$374.69		\$31.00		\$3,403.23		
92	TRC Environmental Corporation	8/3/21	\$3,853.98	\$481.74		\$39.00		\$4,374.72		
93	Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers	7/12/21	\$1,712.88	\$214.11		\$19.00		\$1,945.99		
	W. R. Riggs And Associates, Inc.	8/3/21	\$1,299.66	\$160.58		\$15.00		\$2,476.24		
95	Weston & Sampson	7/26/21	\$2,569.32	\$321.16		\$27.00		\$2,917.48		
96	Wooten Company	12/13/21	\$856.44	\$107.06				\$963.50		
97	WSP Parsons Brinkerhoff (formerly PB Americas)	8/10/21	\$2,569.32	\$521.17		\$27.00		\$3,117.49		
98	Zuednt Engineering									
	<u>TOTAL</u>		\$194,932.66	\$22,629.51	\$77,010.00	\$1,876.35	\$856.44	\$277,449.11		
					4030 ACEC	4040 Minute	4045 Education			
	AFFILIATE MEMBERS		4050 ACEC SC Dues	4020 ACEC PAC		Man	Fund			
1	ACEC Business Insurance Trust	12.10.21								
2	Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc.	8/10/21	\$624.41	\$81.25					25.59	paypal fee
3	George Consulting, Ltd.	7/19/21	\$650.00	\$81.25				\$731.25	25.55	раурансе
	Gibbes Burton, LLC	7/13/21	\$632.15	\$81.25				\$713.40	17.85	paypal fee
5	Insurance Management Consultants, Inc./Nexus Prof	7/26/21	\$650.00	\$81.25				\$731.25	17.03	payparies
6	O R Colan Associates, LLC	7/19/21	\$650.00	\$81.25				\$731.25		
	SC Asphalt Pavement Association	8/3/21	\$650.00	\$81.25				\$731.25		
9	T. Wayne Owens & Associates, PC/Stambaugh Ness	7/26/21	\$650.00	\$81.25				\$731.25		
	THC, Inc.	8/30/21	\$650.00	\$81.25				\$731.25		
			\$650.00	\$81.25						
11	Utility Coordination Consultants, LLC	7/12/21						\$731.25		
$\vdash$	TOTAL		\$5,806.56	\$731.25			<b> </b>	\$5,100.90		
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	GRAND TOTALS:		4							
			\$200,739.22	\$23,360.76	\$77,010.00	\$1,876.35	\$856.44	\$282,550.01		



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION Section I

Firm Name				
Parent Company (if branch or subsidiary) _				
Address				
City/State/Zip				
Phone	Fax			
Website				
Key Principal or Primary Contact (Re	equired):			
Full Name	Title			
Email Address	Professional	Professional Role Within Firm		
SC Registration #:	_			
Total Company-Wide Personnel	Total State Pe	ersonnel		
SC Certificate of Authorization number a Surveyors:		egistration for Professional Engineers and		
Business Organization Type:  ☐ Cooperative	□ Public	☐ Limited Partnership ☐ Limited Liability Company (LLC) ☐ Partnership		
□ Corporation □ Sub Chapter S	☐ Private ☐ Joint Venture			
☐ Sub Chapter S  List all partners, limited partners, or ind and officers (Use additional sheet if needed.)	☐ Joint Venture	☐ Partnership☐ Sole Partnership		
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□ Sub Chapter S  List all partners, limited partners, or indand officers (Use additional sheet if needed.)  Name  Tit  Firm Description: Attach a 50-word de  Minority Status:  □ Certified Small Business □ Disadvantaged Business Enter	□ Joint Venture  ividual owners residing in South Caroli  le Office Locatio  scription of your firm's activities and a carolic scription of your firm's activities and your firm's activities and y	Partnership Sole Partnership na; for a corporation, list all directors n (if different from above)  SC Reg. #  copy of your marketing brochure.  eran Owned Business nterprise sciplines are provided by the firm.		

# PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE FIRM'S BROCHURE TO THIS APPLICATION. THANK YOU.

# **CERTIFICATE FOR MEMBER FIRMS**

Application for membership in the American Council of Engineering Companies of South Carolina is hereby made and as a requirement thereof, the undersigned certifies all statements on this application are correct and that:

1. The principle business of this firm is the private practice of consulting engineering;

**Email Address** 

- 2. This firm is not engaged in the sale of a factory product or in the contracting for construction;
- 3. This applicant firm agrees to subscribe to the principles and the dues payment policy and the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the American Council of Engineering Companies of South Carolina;
- 4. This firm will energetically support the activities of the American Council of Engineering Companies of South Carolina. Firm Signature Title Sponsored by ACEC-SC Member: Firm Signature Section II Add the names of staff members whom you feel would benefit from participation in ACEC-SC and ACEC. Your firm's ROI on your ACEC membership is directly related to the number of staff who are active in the Council. (Use separate sheets to provide additional names) **Full Name** Title **Email Address Professional Role Within Firm Full Name** Title **Email Address Professional Role Within Firm** Title **Full Name Email Address Professional Role Within Firm Full Name** Title

**Professional Role Within Firm** 

# STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE ENGINEERING COMMUNITY

(All staff members added to this roster will receive ACEC *Last Word* and *Engineering Inc., ACEC-SC Reports* and *Bi Annual ACEC-SC Membership Directory*)

Full Name	Title
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RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION	TO: American Council of Engineering Companies of SC 826 Assembly Street Columbia, SC 29201
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Wilson.Ferguson Associates, LLC (WFA), SCDOT Certified DBE/WBE/SBE, specializes in providing a professional and expert approach to bridge and roadway Construction Engineering and Inspection services. WFA was established by Julie Ferguson in 2012, gaining traction with their first contract in summer of 2015. Since then, we have developed a team of qualified staff including, junior, mid-level, and senior inspectors that are SCDOT certified. We also have administrators and project managers who are experts in their field in every phase of construction management. Our experience encompasses everything from initial clearing and implementation of best management practices in storm water and erosion control, to the final paving of hot mix asphalt surface, concrete paving and bridge decks. WFA has experienced inspectors that have successfully performed Quality Control, Quality Assurance, and lab services with SCDOT Project Specific and On Call contracts. Our experience dates back to the inception of the CRM East, working with York County Pennies for Progress as well as performing QC on several bridge packages.

Our staff has many years of experience with the systems, ProjectWise and SiteManager, that SCDOT utilizes to provide Daily Work Reports, contractor administration, materials sampling and testing, material certifications as well as all pay item quantities and estimates. WFA is familiar with the required SCDOT QC/ QA Construction Forms and documentation.

WFA has also been on several teams that have been awarded contracts with SCDOT including Districts One, Four and Seven On-Call Inspection Services, District Four Bridge Package E, US701 Bridge Replacement, I-20 Widening Lexington Co. MM49-MM60, I-85 Widening from MM78 to MM99, and I-85 Phase III Widening.

Our extensive experiences working on a vast array of projects with SCDOT has set us on the path for success and WFA looks forward to continuing to provide quality, dependable, and knowledgeable staff for SCDOT projects throughout the state.

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H	+		ome I	Jul '21 - Jun 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	anuary 25,202	<u>Delta</u>	Notes
H	#		4010 · ACEC-SC DUES	195,989.02	180,000.00	15,989.02	100 000/	195,560.80	428.22	dues
H	╬	_	4010 · ACEC-SC DUES 4020 · ACEC-SC PAC	195,989.02	21,875.00	15,989.02	108.88% 107.45%	23,450.58	53.53	
H	Ħ	_	4030 · ACEC DUES	75,442.00	70,000.00	5,442.00	107.77%	75,442.00	0.00	pac
H	╁	_	4040 · ACEC MINUTE MAN FUND (TORT)	1,885.62	1,750.00	135.62	107.77%	1,878.62	7.00	mm
H	╅	_	4045 · EDUCATION FUND	1,017.02	2,000.00	-982.98	50.85%	1,017.02	0.00	
Ħ	T	_	4050 · AFFILIATE DUES	5,806.56	6,500.00	-693.44	89.33%	5,806.56	0.00	
	T	_	4060 · INTEREST	1,538.81	2,428.75	-889.94	63.36%	1,538.81	0.00	
	T		4070 · ACEC ROYALTIES	1,100.00	862.25	237.75	127.57%	1,100.00	0.00	
			4075 · REIMBURSEMENTS						0.00	
			4075.1 · MEMBERSHIP GOALS	7,645.00				7,645.00	0.00	
			Total 4075 · REIMBURSEMENTS	7,645.00				7,645.00	0.00	
			4130 · MEMBER EVENTS						0.00	
			4130.10 · ENGINEER EXCELLENCE AWARDS						0.00	
			4130.11 · ENTRY FEES	7,556.90	7,000.00	556.90	107.96%	7,556.90	0.00	
	4	4	4130.12 · PLAQUES	297.37	1,500.00	-1,202.63	19.83%	297.37	0.00	
4	4	_	4130.13 · EE BANQUET	219.44	7,500.00	-7,280.56	2.93%	219.44	0.00	
$\vdash$	4	4	4130.10 · ENGINEER EXCELLENCE AWARDS - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
$\vdash$	4	_	Total 4130.10 · ENGINEER EXCELLENCE AWARDS	8,073.71	16,000.00	-7,926.29	50.46%	8,073.71	0.00	
$\vdash$	#	4	4130.2 · WINTER MEETING 4130.3 · SCDOT MEETING	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
H	╬	=		5 121 22	0.000.00	-3,878.77	56.9%	5,121.23	0.00	
H	╬	╣	4130.31 · SCDOT MEETING EXHIBITORS  4130.32 · SCDOT MEETING SPONSORS	5,121.23 83,585.91	9,000.00	-3,878.77 14,585.91	121.14%	5,121.23 83,585.91	0.00	
Ħ	╁	╡	4130.33 · SCDOT MEETING SPONSORS	37,867.37	57,000.00	-19,132.63	66.43%	37,867.37	0.00	
Ħ	╁	┪	4130.3 · SCDOT MEETING - Other	1,922.63	0.00	1,922.63	100.0%	0.00	1,922.63	scdot
Ħ	✝	ᅦ	Total 4130.3 · SCDOT MEETING	128,497.14	135,000.00	-6,502.86	95.18%	126,574.51	1,922.63	
F	T	ᅦ	4130.4 · BOARD RETREAT	0.00	9,000.00	-9,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
F	T	ᅦ	4130.5 · SUMMER ENGINEER'S CONFERENCE	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
	T	7	4130.6 · MEMBER EVENTS						0.00	
	Ī		4130.61 · FALL PAC GOLF TOURNAMENT	0.00	7,000.00	-7,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
			4130.62 · SPRING SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT	1,382.90	18,000.00	-16,617.10	7.68%	1,382.90	0.00	
			4130.6 · MEMBER EVENTS - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
			Total 4130.6 · MEMBER EVENTS	1,382.90	25,000.00	-23,617.10	5.53%	1,382.90	0.00	
		_	4130.63 · Webinars	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
	4	=	Total 4130 · MEMBER EVENTS	137,953.75	214,500.00	-76,546.25	64.31%	136,031.12	1,922.63	total
	4	_	4140 · FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAM	26,343.69	27,000.00	-656.31	97.57%	26,343.69	0.00	
$\blacksquare$	4	_	4220 · TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS	165.24				165.24	0.00	
			tal Income	478,390.82	526,916.00	-48,525.18	90.79%	475,979.44		total income
G	_		rofit	478,390.82	526,916.00	-48,525.18	90.79%	475,979.44	2,411.38	
	#	_	6010 - ACEC NATIONAL DUES						0.00	
H	╬	╡	6010.1 · MINUTE MAN CONTRIBUTIONS	0.00	1,750.00	-1,750.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
$\vdash$	╁	┪	6010.2 · NATIONAL DUES	75,442.00	70,000.00	5,442.00	107.77%	75,442.00	0.00	
	Ħ	=	6010.3 · EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/NAECE DUES	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.0%	200.00	0.00	
	Ħ	┪	Total 6010 · ACEC NATIONAL DUES	75,642.00	71,950.00	3,692.00	105.13%	75,642.00	0.00	
Ħ	T	=	6015 · ACEC-SC PAC Transfer	0.00	21,563.00	-21,563.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
	T		6020.7 · ACEC TRAVEL staff train in DC						0.00	
			6020.2 · EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	4,239.63	7,500.00	-3,260.37	56.53%	3,200.97	1,038.66	ex dir travel
			6020.3 · NATIONAL DIRECTOR	82.62	4,500.00	-4,417.38	1.84%	82.62	0.00	
			6020.4 · PRESIDENT	3,932.28	4,500.00	-567.72	87.38%	3,932.28	0.00	
			6020.5 · PRESIDENT ELECT	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
Щ	_ _	_[	6020.6 · AFFILIATE NATIONAL DIRECTOR	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
$\blacksquare$	4	_[	6020.7 · ACEC TRAVEL staff train in DC - Other	0.00	1,100.00	-1,100.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
$\blacksquare$	4	_	Total 6020.7 · ACEC TRAVEL staff train in DC	8,254.53	25,100.00	-16,845.47	32.89%	7,215.87	1,038.66	total
$\vdash \vdash$	4	_	6030 · BOARD EXPENSE	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
$\vdash$	4	=	6045 · EDUCATION FUND EXP	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
H	╬	4	6050 · COMMITTEE ACTIVITY  6050.1 · MEMBERSHIP	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
H	╬	╡	6050.2 · TRANSPORTATION	56.09	500.00	-250.00 -443.91	11.22%	26.68		krisy kreme
Ħ	╁	╡	6050.3 · ENVIRONMENTAL	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
Ħ	╁	┪	6050.4 · COMMUNICATIONS	316.25	250.00	66.25	126.5%	316.25	0.00	
m	T	ᅦ	6050.5 · BRE	0.00	137.00	-137.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
F	T	ᅦ	6050.6 · ADVOCACY/PAC	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
	j		6050.7 · ADHOC/BYLAWS & INVESTMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
	1		Total 6050 · COMMITTEE ACTIVITY	372.34	1,887.00	-1,514.66	19.73%	342.93	29.41	total
	J		6120 · LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY						0.00	
			6120.2 · LOBBY FEES	84.96	416.00	-331.04	20.42%	84.96	0.00	
	1		6120.3 · ACTIVITIES EXPENSE	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
$\square$	_[		6120.4 · SC PAC CONTRIBUTIONS	22,500.00	0.00	22,500.00	100.0%	19,000.00		mcmaster
Щ	_[_	=	Total 6120 · LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY	22,584.96	666.00	21,918.96	3,391.14%	19,084.96	3,500.00	
$\blacksquare$	4	_[	6130 · MEMBER MEETING EXPENSES						0.00	
$\mathbf{H}$	4	4	6130.1 · ENG. EXCELLENCE AWARDS	10,152.87	10,500.00	-347.13	96.69%	10,152.87	0.00	
$\vdash$	4	4	6130.13 · EEA PLAQUES	170.99	1,500.00	-1,329.01	11.4%	170.99	0.00	
$\vdash$	4	4	6130.15 · EAA PRINTING	1,651.22	1,500.00	151.22	110.08%	1,651.22	0.00	
$\mathbf{H}$	4	4	6130.2 · WINTER MEETING EXPENSE	0.00	8,000.00	-8,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00 3,392.94	scdat
H	╬	4	6130.3 · SCDOT MEETING EXPENSE	78,064.67	70,000.00	8,064.67 -13,000.00	111.52%	74,671.73	3,392.94	ocuot
$\vdash$	╬	┥	6130.4 · BOARD RETREAT EXPENSE 6130.6 · MEMBER EVENT EXPENSES	0.00	13,000.00	-13,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
H	╁	╡	6130.61 · PAC EVENT EXPENSE	0.00	7,000.00	-7,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
H	#	╣	6130.61 · PAC EVENT EAPENSE  6130.62 · SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT EXPENSE	0.00	16,000.00	-16,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
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	П	1	Total 6130.6 · MEMBER EVENT EXPENSES	0.00	23,000.00	-23,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	l
┢┼	╬	╬	6130.70 · LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
┢┼	╬	╬	6130.80 · REGIONAL MEETINGS			-3,000.00			0.00	
┢	╬	┺		0.00	4,000.00	,	0.0%	0.00		
┢	╬	_	otal 6130 · MEMBER MEETING EXPENSES	90,039.75	134,500.00	-44,460.25	66.94%	86,646.81	3,392.94	totai
₩	╬	_	130.8 · FAR PROGRAM EXP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00		
╙	╬	_	140 · FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAM EXPENSE	6,871.10	20,000.00	-13,128.90	34.36%	3,192.33	,	future leaders
	4	616	160 · DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS						0.00	
	╄	4	6160.1 · SCCFLR DUES	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.0%	2,500.00	0.00	
	╙	_	6160.2 · SCFOR DUES	600.00	750.00	-150.00	80.0%	600.00	0.00	
	<u> </u>	_	6160.3 · SCCESS DUES	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
	┸	_	otal 6160 · DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	3,100.00	3,450.00	-350.00	89.86%	3,100.00	0.00	
	┸	620	200 · MANAGEMENT FEES	110,833.31	190,000.00	-79,166.69	58.33%	94,999.98	15,833.33	
Ш		621	210 · MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONS						0.00	
			6210.1 · PHOTOCOPIES	990.44	0.00	990.44	100.0%	924.71	65.73	copies
			6210.2 · POSTAGE	157.26	0.00	157.26	100.0%	114.19	43.07	postage
			6210.5 · 501 APP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
			6210.6 · OFFICE SUPPLIES	279.43	5.40	274.03	5,174.63%	279.43	0.00	
			6210.8 · WEBSITE ELECTRONIC MARKETING	300.00	0.00	300.00	100.0%	300.00	0.00	
			6210.9 · WEB EX	116.32	29.99	86.33	387.86%	0.00	116.32	web ex
			6210 · MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONS - Other	-304.00	3,000.00	-3,304.00	-10.13%	-304.00	0.00	
		Tot	otal 6210 · MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONS	1,539.45	3,035.39	-1,495.94	50.72%	1,314.33	225.12	total
		621	215.1 · Intern	0.00	7,800.00	-7,800.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
		641	110 · BANK CHARGES / CREDIT CARD FEES						0.00	
	T		6410.1 · CAROLINA FIRST SERVICE FEE	121.27	50.00	71.27	242.54%	118.27	3.00	bank fee
	T		6410.2 · PAYPAL EXPENSE	180.00	400.00	-220.00	45.0%	180.00	0.00	
	T		6410.3 · REGONLINE EXPENSE	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
	T		6410 · BANK CHARGES / CREDIT CARD FEES - Other	-9.35				-9.35	0.00	
	T	Tot	otal 6410 · BANK CHARGES / CREDIT CARD FEES	291.92	1,950.00	-1,658.08	14.97%	288.92	3.00	total
	T	651	510 · LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES						0.00	
	T		6510.1 · ACCOUNTING & PROFESSIONAL SVCS	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
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# ACEC-SC Balance Sheet

As of January 25, 2022

		As o	of January 25.
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ASS	ETS		
	Curi	rent Assets	
		Checking/Savings	
		1001 · ACEC-SC	10,000.00
		1010 · PAC	23,951.75
		1015 · ACEC-SC Education Foundation	8,442.54
		1210 · Edward Jones Money Market	315,868.89
		Total Checking/Savings	358,263.18
		Other Current Assets	
		1350 · Edward Jones Investments	307,883.43
		Total Other Current Assets	307,883.43
	Tota	al Current Assets	666,146.61
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LIAI	BILIT	IES & EQUITY	
	Equ	ity	
		3000 · OPENING BAL EQUITY	27,737.68
		3900 · RETAINED EARNINGS	503,298.64
		Net Income	135,110.29
	Tota	al Equity	666,146.61
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# ACEC- SC 2020-2021 Strategic Action Plan

Strategic Goal	Measures of Success	Tactic	Responsibility	Due By	Progress Update
Grow and diversify membership	Have 100 member firms by 2023.	<ul> <li>Develop and Implement Membership Drive Program.</li> <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>	Membership Committee; Gehman	January 1, 2021 (survey results) April 2021 plan Q1 2021-2022 implement	<ul> <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>
•	Do we need a metric for member diversity?	<ul> <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> <li>MG/ AJ to prioritize opportunities</li> <li>All Board to attend events</li> </ul>
		<ul> <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> <li>Survey implementation should be completed by 11/7/2020</li> </ul>
Grow our brand awareness	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> <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	April 2021 (Discuss) May 2021 (Decisions made) Q1 2021-2022 implement	<ul> <li>Selected firm – NPT         December 2020</li> <li>Discovery Workshop         December 2020</li> </ul>
		<ul> <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	
Grow the PAC and increase legislative influence	Grow PAC income by 5% every year.  Maybe Chernoff Newman can help us	<ul> <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	March 23, 2021	
	with a metric to measure our legislative influence	<ul> <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	March 23, 2021	

# ACEC- SC 2020-2021 Strategic Action Plan

	Measures of success to be developed post survey	•	Create value proposition for current and future members	Communications Committee; Ward, McClure, Chernoff Newman	May/June/August 2021	
Energize and engage our membership	Maybe be able to include a metric from the comm plan that targets this goal	•	Create plan for member engagement goals and a schedule of activities for 2020-2021	Membership Committee; Shiver, McClure	Q1 2021-2022	

# ACEC-SC KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI's)

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Key Focus Areas	KPI's	End of FY20 21	January	Febreray
	Regular Members	91	97	98
Grow & Diversify	Affiliate Members		11	11
Membership	DBE Firms		3	3
	Non Transportation Firms		9	9
	LinkedIn Page Followers	466	986	1026
	LinkedIn Unique Visits	61	141	148
	Linked In Page Views	135	247	248
	Facebook Likes	306	333	336
	Facebook Followers	382	411	416
Grow Brand Awareness	Facebook Views	162	1569	2741
GIOW BIAIRU AWAI EIIESS	Twitter Followers	692	763	778
	Instagram Followers	62	100	102
	Unique Visits to the website	269	648	311
	Media Mentions			1
	Press Releases		0.5	0.5
	ACEC First Word Open rate	24.6	33.23%	31%
	ACEC-SC/SCDOT Annual Meeting	488	716	716
	ACEC-SC/SCSPE Winter Meeting	74	0	8
	ACEC-SC EEA Entries	16	14	14
	ACEC-SC EEA Gala Attendees	104		
	ACEC-SC PAC Fundraiser			
	ACEC-SC Planning Retreat	16		17
Energize & Engage our	ACEC-SC Golf Tournament	198		
membership	ACEC-SC Membership Meetings	23		
	ACEC-SC Virtual Meetings	80		
	ACEC-SC Future Leaders Program		21	21
	ACEC-SC Transportation Committee Members/meeting attendee			
	ACEC-SC Environmental Committee Members	5	7	7
	ACEC-SC Members attending ACEC Fall Conference		15	15
	ACEC-SC Members attending ACEC Annual			1
	Legislative Touches	242	8	17
	Legislative Call To Action	1	0	

	# of Bill Tracking	80	82	82
	# of Bill Introduced	1	1	1
	# of Bills ACEC-SC Supports	11	11	11
	# of Bills ACEC-SC opposes	7	8	8
	# of Bills ACEC-SC is monitoring	63	65	65
Grow PAC & Increase Legislative Influence	Congressional Bills Tracking	4	3	3
	Congressional Calls to action	14	2	0
	ACEC-SC PAC \$ Collected	21.669.47	\$22,719.00	\$ 41.00
	ACEC PAC Contributions	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 13,190.00	\$ 3,500.00
	ACEC PAC Distributed	2500	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	ACEC-SC PAC Expenditures	21750		\$ 21,500.00
	Properly used Legislative Relationships	5	6	6
	Engineer Day on the Hill Attendees	26		25

South Carolina is poised for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that can improve the quality of life for its citizens while growing our state's economy. South Carolina stands to receive nearly \$5 billion in federal funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) — a multi-trillion-dollar federal spending bill that provides funds to build and improve infrastructure across the United States.

To access the IIJA funding, South Carolina must identify opportunities to provide matching dollars. The South Carolina General Assembly will be required to raise at least \$100 million in state funds to begin to draw down the federal dollars outlined in the IIJA for surface transportation funding. The real goal for the S.C. legislature, however, should be to raise \$200 million in state funds to ensure that the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is able to take advantage of the many grants outlined in the IIJA. Access to these grants is critical to SCDOT's ability to implement road and bridge improvements across the state.

These funds could be used for things like:

- SCDOT plans to use these dollars to bolster its current program, advance projects in the pipeline.
- They will use new funding with existing funding for bridge repairs and replacements.
- It will also help tackle traffic and congestion

I urge all South Carolinians to speak to their elected officials and advocate for allocating the \$200 million in state funds needed to secure the federal dollars and investment in South Carolina. Our local elected officials alone hold the ability to secure this funding by making an annual commitment to support a lifetime of opportunity. It is unlikely that there will ever be another chance like this for our state.

This generational achievement for our country and for South Carolina will allow the state to improve and/or replace our state's aging infrastructure while also creating opportunities to expand access to critical infrastructure, like broadband internet, to the areas of state that need it most.

The types of projects that the IIJA will fund in South Carolina are investments that will allow our state to continue to prosper by creating and facilitating opportunities for economic development and the continued growth of the state's economy. The bipartisan bill outlines long-term investments that will provide jobs to thousands of South Carolinians over several years and ultimately leave South Carolina a better connected, safer and prosperous state for our children and their children.

This level of investment in our state's infrastructure would allow for \$4.6 billion to be allocated for federal-aid highway appropriated programs and \$274 million for bridge replacement and repairs, \$510 million to improve water infrastructure, \$366 million for public transportation, \$161 million for airport improvement and development, \$100 million to invest in broadband coverage across the state, \$70 million to support the

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expansion of electric vehicle charging network, \$18.3 million to protect against cyberattacks and \$15 million to protect against wildfires,

Investing in SC water infrastructure is critical. With these allocations water utilities both large and small will be able to upgrade their current systems. Many systems around the state have old and outdated pipes, and the IIJA funds will allow them to make significant upgrades to ensure safe and clean water for the citizens of SC.

South Carolina will also benefit from the IIJA's proposed \$3.5 billion investment in weatherization technology and infrastructure to soften impacts from extreme weather events.

SCDOT, South Carolina Ports Authority (SCPA), Palmetto Railways and other members of the supply chain, along with their private sector partners, deserve to be applauded for the infrastructure improvements and efficiencies they have been able to create in their respective industries. With the additional funding the IIJA will provide, economies of scale can be applied to provide necessary funding to undertake several large projects at the same time or closely together. This will allow agencies and other state and municipalities to coordinate on projects as they occur in real-time and with confidence once funding for these projects is secured in full.

South Carolina cannot afford to miss this opportunity if we wish to continue improve the safety and efficiency of our states' transportation infrastructure.

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### **Executive Director's Report**

# **Legislative Report**

- IIJA
  - o RECAP of Nationwide dollars committed:



- Implementation of the IIJA continues
- More details are released regularly.
  - Competitive Infrastructure Funding Opportunities for Local Governments (also in the packet)
  - 60 Days implementation of IIJA Report from Whitehouse
  - ACEC updates their IIJA Resource Page Regularly
- SC Legislature seems to be in favor of budgeting for the matching funds for SCDOT to take full advantage of the money
  - SCDOT is prepared for the money
  - SCDOT has concerns on 12/16/2021 Memorandum "Policy on Using Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Resources to Build a Better America."
  - SCDOT believes this Memorandum "Will result in unintentional and erroneous application of the IIJA."
- AMERICAL SCDOT says, "Poorly designed or misused guidance documents can IES impose significantly costs or limit the freedom of the public."
  - The memo is inconsistent with the law as intended by congress
  - I have reached out to other ACEC MOs in the SE to see if they're hearing similar concerns.
  - PPP Fix
    - ACEC National continues to look for a legislative fix
      - Senator Braun (R) & Senator Duckworth (D) have sponsored an amendment for the appropriations bill
    - Met with Senator Scott's Staff on 1/27/2022
      - Scott sits on the Senate Small Business Committee, where we are trying to get support for a legislative fix
      - Scott's aid asked if we had spoken with Graham's camp.
        - We had Senator Graham's support in 2021
        - Scheduling a meeting with him now
      - Sent Scott's staff info from National
  - ARPA Funds
    - Movement on how to spend these funds on infrastructure
    - Governor McMaster's recommendations:
      - \$1.2 Billion to SCDOT

- \$500 Million to Water
- Senate Recommendations:
  - \$453 Million for Transportation infrastructure acceleration
  - \$900 Million for Water & Waste Water
  - Senate Finance Passed this out of Committee on 2/1/2022
- House has not come up with amounts yet
  - House meeting on one time funds for SCDOT 2/4/2022
- Rural Infrastructure Authority presented them and stated their needs are \$1.8 Billion
- When given funds the distribution would be 60% for large systems (population) > 30,000) and 40% for smaller systems (population < 30,000)
- o Breakdown of funds if received:
  - \$425-750 Million in Infrastructure Grants (\$10 Million/grant)
  - \$50-80 Million in Regional Solution Grants (\$10 million/grant)
  - \$10-20 Million in Planning grants (\$1 Million/grant)
- They're encouraging them to use local matches
- The expectation is the House will recommend between \$800 & \$900 Million for Water & Wastewater
- Tracked Legislation
  - In Packet
  - New bill: H.3892 "TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-96-295 AND 48-20-45 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL FROM ISSUING ANY PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY OR FOR MINING ACTIVITIES, RESPECTIVELY, IF LOCATED WITHIN A CERTAIN PROXIMITY TO A PUBLIC PARK OR OTHER PUBLIC NATURAL AREA."
    - This bill now only applies to mining activities
    - This may hurt the ability to get materials for various projects
    - Coalition forming to discuss how to approach it

- AMERICAN COUCESLE OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
  - CarolinasAGC
  - SCFOR outh Carolina
  - SC Asphalt Pavement Association
  - SC Aggregates

# **ACEC-SC & ACEC Consulting Congress Day**

- Consulting Congress day is May 24, 2022
  - Currently, the House is not hosting in-person meetings at the Capital
  - Should ACEC-SC get a room to host a lunch and invite the Legislators/Staff to

# come and hear our issues? Transportation Executives Committee

- Contacted Colvin 1/27/2022
  - SCDOT has had COVID issues
  - Winter Weather problems
  - Commission meeting postponement
- Committee Members Meeting 2/7/2022 (internal) w/ SCDOT 3/7/2022
- They're looking at the drafted bylaws and charter and working on comments to return

# **Engineering Excellence Awards Gala**

- Open dates at Alumni Center
  - o March 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>
    - We may need more time to market.
    - 9<sup>th</sup> is doable
  - o April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

# **SC Engineering Conference & Trade Show**

- Checks being cut
- 2023 Decision will be made soon
- 2022 Registration is open
- Need speakers



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# **FACT SHEET:**

# Competitive Infrastructure Funding Opportunities for Local Governments

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes billions of dollars in competitive funding available to cities, towns, and municipalities across dozens of new and existing programs. As local governments begin to rebuild and reinvest in their communities, the Biden-Harris Administration stands ready to support local leaders as they combine funding streams, organize around their priorities, and build local support for long overdue infrastructure projects.

At the U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting, White House Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator and former New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu will highlight 25 already available or soon-to-be-available sources of funding that local governments – particularly cities – can compete or apply for directly. Listed below is the latest available information on these key programs, including links to agency websites, application timing, and descriptions. Highlighted programs were selected based on their size and cross-cutting objectives. Using these available sources of funds, cities can begin to plan to build in-line with President Biden's economic, equity, climate and resilience, Made in America, and labor goals. The White House will also be releasing a comprehensive guidebook of all available funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in the coming weeks.

The federal government cannot build a better America alone – it needs state and local leadership to act as coordinators and help prepare communities to benefit from transformative infrastructure funding. Outlined below is a short overview of how cities and towns can begin to prepare, as well as contact information for relevant federal agencies. The support of mayors is essential to fulfilling the Biden-Harris Administration's goal of equitably rebuilding America on time, on task, and on budget. Building back better is going to be a multi-year effort, and we need the help of all local leaders to start building the foundation for years to come.

# 25 Competitive Infrastructure Funding Opportunities for Local Governments<sup>1</sup>

# **Transportation**

- (RAISE) Grants—This existing competitive grant program at the Department of Transportation provides \$7.5 billion with an additional \$7.5 billion subject to Congressional approval in funding for road, rail, transit, and other surface transportation of local and/or regional significance. Selection criteria safety, sustainability, equity, economic competitiveness, mobility, and community connectivity. Applications will open in the first quarter of 2022.
- 2. Port Infrastructure Development Program Grants This existing \$2 billion Department of Transportation program funds investment in the modernization and expansion of U.S. ports to remove supply chain bottlenecks, ensure long-term competitiveness, resilience, and sustainability while reducing impacts to the environment and neighboring communities. The infrastructure law expanded the program's eligibilities to include projects that improve goods movement, as well as port electrification projects, idling reduction solutions, equipment charging infrastructure and related worker training initiatives. The Department of Transportation expects to open applications in February 2022.
- 3. Bus & Bus Facilities Competitive Grants This existing \$2 billion program at the Department of Transportation provides capital funding to replace, rehabilitate, purchase, or lease buses and bus related equipment and to rehabilitate, purchase, construct, or lease bus-related facilities as well as capital funding for low or no emissions bus projects. Fiscal Year 2021 grant selections will be announced soon. Applications are expected to open for the Fiscal Year 2022 grant program in the first quarter of 2022.
- 4. National Infrastructure Project Assistance (also known as "Megaprojects" or MEGA)— This \$5 billion competitive grant program supports multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects of regional or national significance. Communities are eligible to apply for funding to complete critical large projects that would otherwise be unachievable without assistance. Selection criteria for the program will be posted on the Department of Transportation website in February 2022.
- 5. <u>Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grants</u> This Department of Transportation program supports highway and rail projects of regional and economic significance. **Applications will open in the first quarter of 2022.** Learn more about how to apply here.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Funding amounts includes programs' contract authority, advanced appropriations and mandatory appropriations. Funding subject to appropriations not included.

- 6. Safe Streets and Roads for All This new \$5 billion competitive grant program at the Department of Transportation will provide funding directly to and exclusively for local governments to support their efforts to advance "vision zero" plans and other complete street improvements to reduce crashes and fatalities, especially for cyclists and pedestrians. Applications are expected to open in May 2022.
- 7. Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grants In addition to the \$5 billion formula program distributed to states, this \$2.5 billion discretionary grant program at the Department of Transportation will fund the strategic deployment of publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure, as well as hydrogen, propane, and natural gas fueling infrastructure, along designated alternative fuel corridors and in communities. The Department is seeking comments on program design by January 28<sup>th</sup> here, and after January 28<sup>th</sup> here.
- 8. Clean School Bus Program This new \$5 billion competitive grant program at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will provide funding to replace existing school buses with low- or zero-emission school buses. Applications for funding will be made available here later this spring.
- 9. Reconnecting Communities The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law creates a first-ever \$1 billion program at the Department of Transportation to reconnect communities divided by transportation infrastructure particularly historically disadvantaged communities too often nearly destroyed or cut in half by a highway. This new competitive program will provide dedicated funding to state, local, metropolitan planning organizations, and tribal governments for planning, design, demolition, and reconstruction of street grids, parks, or other infrastructure to address these legacy impacts. Applications will open in the second quarter of 2022.
- 10. Rural Surface Transportation Grant This new \$2 billion competitive grant program at the Department of Transportation will improve and expand surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas, increasing connectivity, improving safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth. This amount includes specific set asides for small projects (\$200 million), rural roadway lane departure improvements (\$300 million), and the Appalachian Development Highway System (\$500 million). Applications will open in the first quarter of 2022.

# Climate, Energy & Environment

**1.** Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program – This existing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program will distribute \$1 billion to support communities undertaking hazard mitigation projects to reduce the risks they face from disasters and other natural hazards. FY21 applications are open until January 28th, 2022 and hundreds of millions of dollars in funding remains available. Communities will apply as sub-applicants

- under their states. Applications for FY22 are expected to open no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- 2. Flood Mitigation Assistance \$3.5 billion from this existing FEMA program can be used for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program. FY21 applications are open until January 28th, 2022. Communities will apply as subapplicants under their states. Applications for FY22 are expected to open no later than September 30th, 2022.
- 3. <u>Brownfields Remediation Program</u> This existing EPA program will provide \$1.2 billion in grants and technical assistants to communities to assess and safely clean-up contaminated properties and offer job training programs. Communities are currently able to request funding for Targeted Brownfields Assessments through their regional EPA office. Additional competitive funding opportunities will be announced this spring.
- 4. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants This Department of Energy block grant program will provide \$550 million to states, local governments, and tribes for projects that reduce energy use, increase energy efficiency, and cut pollution. The first funding opportunity is expected for release in the Fall of 2022.
- 5. Grants for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Improvements in Schools This new Department of Energy Program will provide \$500 million for local government education agencies and nonprofit partners to make energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean vehicle upgrades and improvements at public schools. The opportunity to apply for funding is expected to be open in the Fall of 2022.
- 6. Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas This new Department of Energy program will provide \$1 billion to entities in rural or remote areas (defined as cities, towns, or unincorporated areas with fewer than 10,000 inhabitants) to increase environmental protection from the impacts of energy use and improve resilience, reliability, safety, and availability of energy.

  Applications for funding are expected to be open in the Fall of 2022.
- 7. Grants for Energy Efficiency and Resilience Code Adoption This Department of Energy program will provide \$225 million to state energy agencies, in partnership with local building code agencies, codes and standards developers, utilities, and other entities, to enable sustained, cost-effective implementation of updated building energy codes to save customers money on their energy bills. Applications for funding are expected to be open by the end of 2022.

- **8. Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs** This new Department of Energy program will provide \$8 billion to support the development of at least four regional clean hydrogen hubs to improve clean hydrogen production, processing, delivery, storage, and end use. **Applications for funding will open in the Summer of 2022.**
- 9. Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program This new \$1 billion program at the Department of Agriculture will provide grants to communities at risk from wildfire to develop or revise their community wildfire protection plans and carry out projects described within those plans. It will include a mix of formula and competitive funds. Applications are expected to open early in 2023.

# Broadband, Cyber, and Other Programs

- 1. ReConnect Program This existing Department of Agriculture program will provide almost \$2 billion in loans and grants for projects that provide broadband in rural areas. Applications will likely open in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2022 (and towns in rural areas can apply to the current \$1.15B in loans and grant funding, application deadline: February 22, 2022).
- 2. Middle Mile Grants Program This new \$1 billion program at the Department of Commerce provides grants for the construction, improvement or acquisition of middle mile broadband infrastructure. Applications will likely open during the second quarter of 2022.
- 3. State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program This new \$1 billion program at the Department of Homeland Security makes available federal funds to state, local, and tribal governments to address cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats to information systems that they own or operate.
  Applications will likely open during the third quarter of 2022.
- 4. Smart Grid Investment Grant Program and Energy Sector
  Operational Support For Cyber Resilience Program These two
  Department of Energy programs will provide \$3 billion and \$50 million,
  respectively, for electric utilities, including municipal and co-operative utilities,
  to modernize the electricity grid and increase resilience to cybersecurity threats.
  Applications for the Smart Grid program are expected to be open by
  the end of 2022, and applications for the Cyber Resilience program
  are expected to be open in the Summer of 2022.
- **5.** Water & Groundwater Storage and Conveyance This existing \$1 billion program at the Department of Interior provides funding for water storage projects with capacity between 2,000 and 30,000 acre-feet as well as projects

convey water to or from surface water or groundwater storage. **The Department will hold its final stakeholder sessions this month and open applications later this spring.** 

**6.** Emergency Watershed Protection Program – This existing Department of Agriculture program will provide \$300 million in technical and financial assistance to project sponsors for the design and construction of measures to help repair damages from a recent disaster. Applications open in February.

# **Other Opportunities**

The law further significantly increased the amount of non-competitive formula funding that will flow first to states and then on to cities and local governments. Examples include funding available through Surface Transportation Block Grant sub-allocations for local governments, which now include significantly expanded the flexibilities for cities to determine how these funds can be used, as well as increases for states' <u>Clean Water</u> and <u>Drinking Water</u> State Revolving Funds. We encourage cities to reach out to the state or regional offices for various federal agencies, as well as state governments' infrastructure coordinators, to better understand forthcoming increases in formula funding.

# Getting Ready to Apply for and Receive Federal Infrastructure Funds

Building a better America is a shared endeavor no one can do alone, and investing federal infrastructure dollars will require significant coordination between cities, states, Tribal governments, community stakeholders, and other key partners.

Earlier this month, the White House Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator <u>sent a letter to Governors</u> recommending a series of preparatory actions, including appointing infrastructure coordinators to manage the flow of funds to their states. Cities can also begin to coordinate across their departments and with metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) to:

- 1. Prioritize your community's capital needs and develop a project pipeline taking time to think about the projects previously considered impossible due to lack of funding or regional coordination. This is a once-in-a-generation funding opportunity that will require bold, inclusive thinking.
- **2.** Use the forthcoming Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Guidebook to identify federal funding streams to target.
- **3.** Ensure all transit, railway, road, highway, and bridge projects are a part of your MPO's Transportation Improvement Plan.
- **4.** Begin mapping sites for electric vehicle and alternative fuel charging stations.
- **5.** Inventory and map the lead pipes in your city. Read through the Biden-Harris Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan <a href="here">here</a> for additional federal resources for this effort.
- **6.** Work with your state's broadband agency to ensure your city or region's needs are appropriately mapped and inventoried.

7. Establish relationships with the regional offices for key federal agencies, who can help direct you to resources and provide technical assistance.

The American Rescue Plan also provided over \$350 billion in critical resources to every state, county, city, and unit of local government to support their response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, including in making the investments needed to ensure a durable and equitable economic recovery. Cities should look to leverage those resources to help prepare for the transformative investments included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law including training the workers needed to build high quality infrastructure; hiring back the public sector workers needed to help manage potential federal investments; and getting a jump start on water, sewer, and broadband projects that could complement investments from the infrastructure law.

We recognize local capacity may be strained due to the pandemic, historic underinvestment, or just the challenges of day-to-day governance. A city's lack of capacity to apply for federal funds can create significant inequities — and for many communities, this will be their first time applying for funds from a suite of federal agencies. While many funding streams in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law specifically set aside funds for disadvantaged communities, the White House Infrastructure Implementation Team will be engaging states, Tribal governments, territories, federal agencies, philanthropies, and others to leverage all available resources to quickly deliver the necessary technical assistance and capacity to underserved communities.

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# **MEMORANDUM**

TO: MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

FROM: MITCH LANDRIEU, SENIOR ADVISOR & INFRASTRUCTURE

**COORDINATOR** 

With the signing of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in mid-November, President Biden marked a new era of building a better America together. I am honored and humbled by the President's trust in me to oversee execution of this historic legislation, and I am especially thankful for all of the work each of you put into this bill from day 1.

From bringing high-speed internet to every American, to replacing lead service lines to bring clean water to people's homes, to repairing thousands of roads and bridges, this law will make a positive impact in Americans' lives in a very real way. These results will create good-paying, union jobs, support domestic manufacturing and supply chains, and position the United States to win the 21st century. As we implement the law, it is imperative we deliver on President Biden's commitment to ensure investments advance equity and racial justice, reach communities all across the country – including rural communities, communities of color, and disability communities – and strengthen the nation's resilience to climate change.

Since President Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law two months ago, our team has hit the ground running to deliver results. Now 60 days in, I am providing this memo to provide an update on the progress made to date. It will be very important we coordinate closely in the coming months.

# The Infrastructure Implementation Task Force

On the same day he signed the bill into law, the President released an Executive Order creating an Infrastructure Implementation Task Force responsible for breaking down barriers and driving implementation of infrastructure investments across all levels of government. This Task Force brings together leaders from the federal departments and agencies with the most significant investments in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, as well as agencies and White House offices with important responsibilities to support and assist those agencies. Each Cabinet Member is appointing an Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator. These individuals are charged with leading the implementation of the various infrastructure programs within their agency, as well as working with other Coordinators across agencies on investments where multiple agencies are involved with implementation.

Just as we are closely coordinating with you, I have also reached out to all 50 governors and have spoken to dozens of mayors and other local officials across all 50 states, DC and the territories. Given lessons learned from past programs like ARRA, we have also asked Governors to appoint a high-level person to serve as Infrastructure

Implementation Coordinator in states and territories, along with considering an interagency task force structure.

# **Hit the Ground Running**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is historic in its size – the largest ever investments in broadband, rail and transit, clean energy, and water, just to name a few – as well as the breadth of programs and sectors included in the law. The infrastructure law allocated funding to over 100 distinct programs across more than a dozen federal departments and agencies. As you are aware, some programs are brand new while others are existing programs.

In our office's first 60 days, we have prioritized providing information to states, territories, and local and tribal governments on formula-based, existing programs as possible, as well as long-range plans to help them prepare for what's coming. For example, we released a Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan with 15 actions across 10 agencies and our EV Charging Action Plan to outline steps agencies are taking to build a national network of 500,000 chargers, including the establishment of a joint office between the Departments of Energy and Transportation. We have also announced a new \$21 billion Office of Clean Energy Demonstration. In this short period of time, over \$65 billion is already on its way out the door to states, territories, tribes and local governments including:

- U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) apportioned \$52.5 billion to states and territories to repair roads & bridges in 2022;
- USDOT/FHWA announced \$5.5 billion dollars to states and tribes to repair and rebuild bridges across the country;
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) outlined \$7.4 billion in funding for states and territories to spend on water infrastructure in 2022, including targeting resources to disadvantaged communities, making rapid progress on lead-free water for all, and tackling dangerous chemicals such as PFAS;
- USDOT/Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced \$3 billion to modernize 3,075 airports across the country;
- EPA announced \$1 billion in funding to clean up 49 hazardous Superfund sites across 24 states;
- The Federal Communications Commission launched the Affordable Connectivity Program providing broadband subsidies of up to \$30/month for low-income households (up to \$75/month for households on Tribal Lands) and up to \$100 towards the purchase of a desktop, laptop or tablet computer;
- Interior released guidance and solicited requests from states for orphan well capping and cleanup;
- USDOT announced \$260 million for highway safety programs and;

• USDOT awarded \$230 million in Port Infrastructure Development Program Grants to modernize 25 port sites across the country. This program will be boosted by an additional \$2.25 billion through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Linked here is a <u>fact sheet</u> with a more comprehensive list of wins 60 days in, along with a map of <u>state-by-state allocations</u> for the Bridge Formula Program announced today.

# **Forthcoming Guidance and Guidebook**

The President has been clear in his charge to me: make sure these programs get implemented without unnecessary bureaucracy and delay to rebuild America's infrastructure – while at the same time being good stewards of taxpayer dollars and working to achieve goals around creating good middle-class jobs, supporting disadvantaged and underserved communities, advancing climate resilience and sustainability, and investing in American manufacturers. Later this month, our team, in conjunction with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), will be releasing formal guidance to agencies on financial oversight and reporting, labor, Made in America/Buy America, equity, climate and resilience, and environmental justice. This will help set the policy parameters for much of the discretionary and remaining formula funding in 2022 and beyond.

Since we haven't spent this kind of money on infrastructure in generations, we're also talking about how to do it with accountability – making sure we can be good stewards of taxpayer dollars and deliver results on time, on task, and on budget. Next week, I will convene the Inspectors General for the relevant federal agencies to let them know we will be implementing this bill in partnership with them, much like the President did when he led the Recovery Act process. This is a high priority for the President and for me personally.

We are also finalizing a guidebook to help recipients of federal funds better understand key information about all of the available sources funding, as well as things they can be doing now to prepare for implementation. Our hope is that sharing this information with all of you will be helpful to communities in your districts, as they prepare for the many streams of funding available through this law.

# **Telling the Story**

While my team is very focused on establishing initial policy guidance and setting agencies, state and local governments up for success, we are also very interested in telling the story of the importance of this massive investment. This requires us to work alongside Members of Congress, Governors, Mayors, Tribal leaders, local officials, community members, and more to make sure the public understands how the historic legislation is changing lives for the better. To more closely coordinate on program announcements and rollouts, we are preparing a tentative calendar of "infrastructure themes" and key program and policy announcements. The brand for this effort will be "Building A Better America."

For example, earlier today the Federal Highway Administration published state apportionment tables for how much money each state will receive under the formula program part of the BIL's funding to repair more than 15,000 bridges. We asked state and local governments, and your offices, to amplify this announcement by hosting local events and sending localized press releases. Additionally, we prepared a toolkit to assist you in that effort. Thank you for your amplification efforts. We anticipate similar coordinated announcements in the first quarter on Electric Vehicle charging program guidance, broadband grants, airport funding, water infrastructure funds and more.

As always, I look forward to working with you in the coming year. I appreciate your feedback and guidance as we implement this very important law for the American people. If you ever need to reach me, please contact me through the White House Office of Legislative Affairs. Thank you for your leadership.



January 12, 2022

Ms. Stephanie Pollack Deputy Administrator Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Deputy Administrator Pollack:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates the opportunity to comment on Docket FHWA-2021-0021, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Request for Information.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA, also known as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) was signed by President Biden on November 15, 2021, and is a significant increase in the investment provided for surface transportation in the United States.

SCDOT stands ready to partner with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to successfully implement IIJA for the benefit of South Carolina and the United States. South Carolina views the language adopted by Congress in the IIJA as being consistent with a 100+ year history of federal support for state-owned highway systems.

On December 16, 2021, you issued a memorandum entitled <u>Policy on Using Bipartisan</u> <u>Infrastructure Law Resources to Build a Better America</u> (the Memorandum) to FHWA staff on how the administration intends to administer the IIJA. It is a "guidance document" intended to be FHWA's interpretation concerning the IIJA. Moreover, it is intended to have general applicability and future effect on the states. However, as a "guidance document," it does not have the force or effect of law in its own right and is not required by statute to satisfy or substitute for the rulemaking procedures specified in the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (section 553 or section 556 of title 5, United States Code). FHWA issued this Memorandum a month after enactment of the IIJA to establish a policy prior to the completion of the public comment process specified in the APA.

While the Memorandum is not legally binding in its own right and cannot be relied upon by the FHWA as a separate basis for affirmative enforcement action or other administrative penalty, it nevertheless sets the tone for the application of the IIJA. It has the capacity to direct agency actions even though conformity with Memorandum (as distinct from existing statutes and regulations) is voluntary only, and nonconformity will not affect rights and obligations under existing statutes and regulations. Since it is intended to affect the future of a state's application



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of the IIJA, it is imperative that it accurately reflect the IIJA provisions or it will result in unintentional and erroneous application of the IIJA.

FHWA is required to seek and respond to public comments on any economically significant guidance. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has established policies and procedures for the development, issuance, and use of significant guidance documents by Executive Branch departments and agencies. These procedures are intended to increase the quality and transparency of agency guidance practices and the significant guidance documents produced through them. These procedures include, among other action, an internal agency review by a senior agency official, and public participation, including notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA).

The courts, Congress, and other authorities have emphasized that rules, which do not merely interpret existing law or announce tentative policy positions, but which establish new policy positions that the agency treats as binding, must comply with the APA's notice-and-comment requirements, regardless of how they initially are labeled. Poorly designed or misused guidance documents can impose significant costs or limit the freedom of the public.

FHWA issued the Memorandum one month after enactment of the IIJA and without any public comment period opportunity or availability of comment period for the public to address its concerns regarding the positions and interpretations set forth by FHWA in the Memorandum. These actions are contrary to the premise espoused by the OMB for agency guidance memorandums to be informed, transparent, fair and accountable.

SCDOT asserts that the policy initiated in the Memorandum is inconsistent with the law as intended by Congress. We believe the policy being initiated:

- 1) Changes the federal role from eligibility determination to project selection.
- Restricts the use of federal funds contrary to the eligibilities established in the law.
- 3) Undermines state ownership and planning processes established with its political subdivisions.

To that end, SCDOT encourages FHWA to adopt rules, regulation, and policy consistent with the IIJA as codified and to maintain the historic 100+ year tradition of states' flexibility to tailor programs unique to their specific circumstances and geographies.

SCDOT's specific concerns on the Memorandum include:

<u>Changing the Federal Role from Eligibility Determination to Project Selection:</u> The Memorandum initiates of a "one-size-fits-all" approach to transportation policy regardless of a particular state's



needs. Specifically, the policy appears to presuppose the ability of FHWA to select transportation projects rather than determine eligibility of activities allowed under the plain language of the law. This is referenced in the section of the Memorandum entitled "Encouraging and Prioritizing Projects That Build a Better America," which emphasizes projects that repair, replace, and maintain existing transportation infrastructure. This presumes that FHWA has the ability to direct a state's expenditure of funds authorized in the IIJA to particular projects, rather than determining if a state's project is consistent with the law. To the contrary, as enacted, the IIJA's changes to major program categories like National Highway Performance Program (Section 11105) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (Section 11109) provide a general expansion of program eligibilities rather than a restriction on the usage of funds by a state.

Fundamental to the federal process under Title 23 is the statutory guarantee provided in Section 23 USC 145 which provides the states right to select which transportation projects shall receive Federal-Aid Highway Act assistance. Congress recognized each state's sovereign right to choose which projects shall be programmed for Federal-Aid Highway Act assistance under this section. Other sections of federal law also give the states the right to assume the responsibilities of the Secretary under Title 23 for design, plans, specifications, estimates, contract awards, and inspections with respect to the projects unless the Secretary determines that the assumption is not appropriate. 23 USC 106. Federal law also is engrained with the state's right to develop adequate plans for use of federal funds. Section 23 USC 104 provides the USDOT will certify to each of the State the amount that has been apportioned to the State for the fiscal year; and to permit the States to develop adequate plans for the use of amounts apportioned under this section (emphasis added).

These provisions establish the congressional intent to allow the states the right to choose which projects will be programmed and the responsibilities associated with those projects. Despite these statutory provisions, the Memorandum presupposes the ability of FHWA to select road and bridge projects. It incorrectly establishes a policy position to direct FHWA to undertake actions in which projects which repair, replace and maintain existing transportation infrastructure will be selected "over" those which increase capacity. This is inconsistent with the authority set forth in Section 23 USC 145, 106 and 104 and disregards state planning needs. The Memorandum is inconsistent with the long-standing procedures established in these federal provisions.

SCDOT strongly supports repair and maintenance of existing transportation infrastructure. Through its 10-Year Plan, SCDOT has emphasized bringing its pavements and bridges toward a state of good repair. At the same time, South Carolina is also the 10<sup>th</sup> fastest growing state in the Union and needs to invest in new capacity to handle the demands of growth. In order for SCDOT and FHWA to successfully implement the IIJA, states must have the flexibility expressly enumerated in law to balance the needs for existing infrastructure, as well as be ready to build new infrastructure.



Moreover, the Memorandum's policy presupposes that federal funds are best suited for repair and rehabilitation activities. Prior to an increase in state funding in 2017, the majority of South Carolina's pavement rehabilitation activities were federally funded. In order to comply with federal standards and requirements, SCDOT spent significant sums for engineering and compliance rather than new asphalt or concrete needed to improve pavement conditions. SCDOT intentionally moved its pavement rehabilitation program to state funds so that SCDOT could more efficiently and effectively rehabilitate its network in its effort to bring the network toward a state of good repair. The new FHWA policies would direct and force states to spend on particular activities. This would result in a less effective implementation, especially because the FHWA would not consider how state funds are currently being used outside of federal funds. In South Carolina, 58% of transportation funding comes from state sources, rather than the federal government.

SCDOT strongly encourages FHWA to adopt policies that maintain state flexibility and to allow a state to best determine the project composition and requirements of its transportation network.

Restricting the Use of Federal Funds Contrary to the Eligibilities Established in the Law: The section of the Memorandum entitled "General Purpose Capacity Expansion Projects" appears to establish a policy where FHWA seeks to deny or limit capacity projects needed for states to handle the pressures of growth. The sections in the IIJA that historically fund capacity projects (Section 11105, National Highway Performance Program and Section 11109, Surface Transportation Block Grant), include no language indicating that Congress intended to restrict a state's ability to add capacity. The authorities of states for adding capacity remained in the law, and, in fact, the law generally expanded the types of projects a state may fund with federal funds.

Specifically, in the newly-added Rural Surface Transportation Grant program under Section 11132 of the IIJA, it specifically mandates that the Secretary shall consider increases in capacity or connectivity of the surface transportation system in providing grants under this program. While the policy does not prohibit funding of new lanes, it directs FHWA division offices to undertake actions to select projects on existing infrastructures before "making new investments in highway expansion." However, there are no provisions in the IIJA which specifically mandate such policy direction as espoused by FHWA in this Memorandum.

The only section concerning lane restrictions in the IIJA is found in Section 11309. That section was added to create a new NEPA evaluation time frame for Categorical Exclusion (CE) projects within an operational right-of-way. This new section was to ensure that a preliminary evaluation of the NEPA permit be conducted no later than 45 days after receipt of the application by the state for "eligible projects." Eligible projects was narrowly defined as those within the operational right-of-way that performed presentative maintenance, preservation or highway safety improvements and that are classified as CE. The eligible project definition specifically did not include projects



that "create new travel lanes" as those would require more substantial review than a CE. This provision should not be construed as the precipice of creating a "no highway widening policy."

SCDOT strongly encourages FHWA to respect the authorities and eligibilities established in the law to allow a state to design its program to best meet the needs of its residents, businesses, and visitors and not unnecessarily restrict activities expressly allowed.

Undermining State Ownership and Planning Processes Established with Its Political Subdivisions: The section of the Memorandum entitled "Prioritizing Investment in All Federal-Aid Eligible Transportation Assets," appears that FHWA intends to change the relationship of the federal government vis-à-vis a state and its political subdivisions. In South Carolina, 97% of the federal-aid eligible highway system is owned and maintained by the State of South Carolina. South Carolina has established a robust system, much of it codified in state law, of ranking projects through an objective selection process based on quantifiable factors. In addition, South Carolina maintains a comprehensive regional planning system with its Transportation Management Areas and Metropolitan Planning Organizations in its urban areas and its Councils of Governments in its rural areas. All levels of local government – rural and urban – can and do participate in transportation planning, and have done so for many years.

The IIJA's implementation must respect a state's public policy framework for managing transportation policy given that each of the 50 states has unique transportation systems and relationships with its local governments. South Carolina is particularly concerned that a discretionary grant awarded by FHWA to a local government for improvements on the state's federal-aid highway system may run contrary to state public policy and prior coordination of the state's integrated planning framework.

SCDOT strongly encourages FHWA establish policies that reflect the diversity of the states and their relationships with the political subdivisions.

During 2021 when Congress was debating the IIJA and the Administration was encouraging its passage, a bipartisan consensus emerged: invest more in infrastructure across the board to modernize it. This included investments in a variety of modes and transportation types — a recognition that transportation is not "one-size-fits-all." Before 2017, South Carolina's transportation system had fallen into disrepair, not because the Department needed help prioritizing projects, but due to insufficient funding for projects. Five years ago, South Carolina added significant additional state funding to bring its network into a state of good repair, which is being accomplished through a strategic 10-Year Plan. FHWA and SCDOT as partners can continue this work and enable the IIJA to most effectively fulfill its commitment to modernize the transportation system by enabling us to continue bringing the system into a state of good repair, while also redesigning and expanding the system to address growth happening in South Carolina. We must do both, and the IIJA as enacted should enable us to do both.



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Therefore, SCDOT encourages FHWA to adopt rules, regulation, and policy consistent with the IIJA as passed by Congress and signed into law and to maintain the historic 100+ year tradition of a state's flexibility to tailor a program unique to its specific circumstances and geographies. The IIJA presents a rare opportunity to make a meaningful impact on surface transportation in the United States. Within the historic framework of flexibility and partnership, South Carolina stands ready to successfully implement the IIJA to move both South Carolina and the nation forward.

Sincerely,

Christy A. Hall, P.E. Secretary of Transportation

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Senator Tim Scott
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# **Executive Budget Summary**

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### **APPROPRIATIONS OVERVIEW**

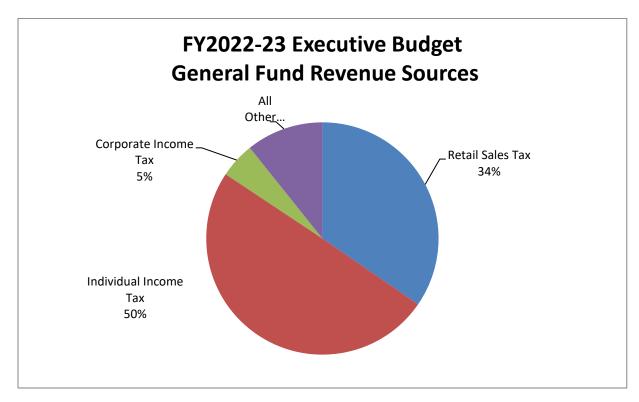
The Executive Budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2022-23 total \$34.4 billion, of which \$10.1 billion is from General Funds:

	FY22 Budget	FY23 Exec. Budget	\$ Change	% Change
<b>General Funds</b>	\$9,270,619,766	\$10,059,850,369	\$789,230,603	8.51%
Federal Funds	\$9,499,378,927	\$11,434,392,176	\$1,935,013,249	20.37%
Other Funds	\$12,294,873,070	\$12,860,813,213	\$565,940,143	4.60%
Total	\$31,064,871,763	\$34,355,055,758	\$3,290,183,995	10.59%

#### REVENUE

Over 84% of South Carolina's General Fund revenue comes from individual income and retail sales taxes.

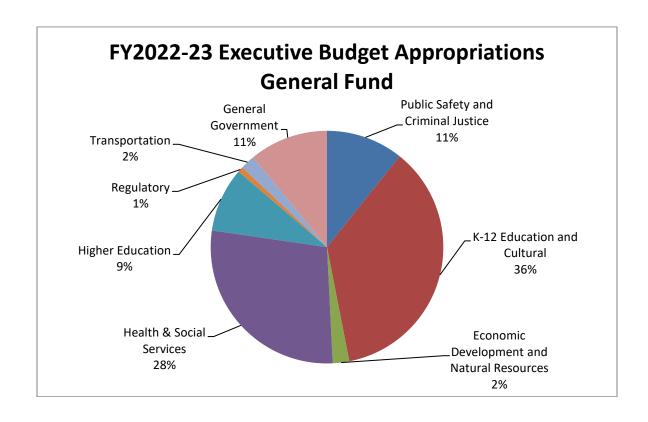
General Fund Revenue Sources	FY2022-23	<u>%</u>
Retail Sales Tax	\$3,708,694,000	34.59%
Individual Income Tax	\$5,333,296,000	49.74%
Corporate Income Tax	\$528,092,000	4.93%
All Other	\$1,151,777,539	10.74%
Total Regular & Misc Revenue	\$10,721,859,539	100.00%



#### **AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS**

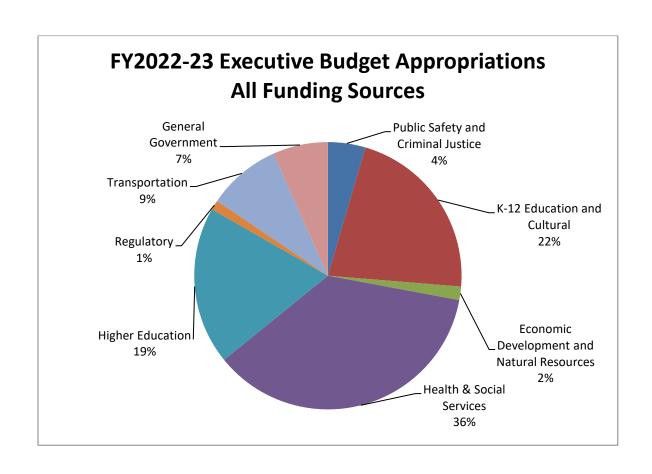
The Executive Budget recommends 45% of General Funds for K-12 and higher education, 28% for health and social rehabilitation agencies, 11% for public safety agencies, and 16% for all other agencies.

General Fund Appropriations	<u>FY2022-23</u>	<u>%</u>
Public Safety and Criminal Justice	\$1,081,132,679	10.7%
K-12 Education and Cultural	\$3,639,284,716	36.2%
Economic Development and Natural Resources	\$231,098,903	2.3%
Health & Social Services	\$2,824,023,232	28.1%
Higher Education	\$900,386,314	9.0%
Regulatory	\$77,589,648	0.8%
Transportation	\$204,158,286	2.0%
General Government	\$1,102,176,591	11.0%
Total General Fund	\$10,059,850,369	100.0%



The Executive Budget recommends 41% of Total Funds for K-12 and higher education, 36% for health and social rehabilitation agencies, 5% for public safety agencies, 9% for transportation agencies, and 9% for all other agencies.

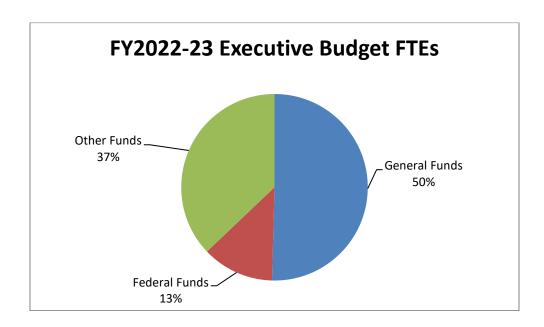
All Funding Sources	FY2022-23	<u>%</u>
Public Safety and Criminal Justice	\$1,558,380,716	4.5%
K-12 Education and Cultural	\$7,476,456,403	21.8%
Economic Development and Natural Resources	\$560,039,924	1.6%
Health & Social Services	\$12,446,482,954	36.2%
Higher Education	\$6,569,496,152	19.1%
Regulatory	\$399,308,863	1.2%
Transportation	\$3,049,092,931	8.9%
General Government	\$2,295,797,815	6.7%
Total General Fund	\$34,355,055,758	100.0%



## **AUTHORIZED FTES**

The Executive Budget recommends a total of 73,030.65 authorized FTEs for Fiscal Year 2022-23 from all funding sources.

Source	FY22 Authorized	FY23 Executive Budget	# Chg	% Chg
General Funds	36,230.68	36,827.26	596.58	1.65%
Federal Funds	9,061.89	9,108.46	46.57	0.51%
Other Funds	27,035.93	27,094.93	59.00	0.22%
Total	72,328.50	73,030.65	702.15	0.97%



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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-AMER 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: 5/5/2021 - Senate Medical Affairs Subcommittee (Medical

Professions) Sen. Davis, Chair, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

Time & Location: 9:30 AM, Gressette Building - 209

Recent Status: 4/29/2021 - Senate Medical Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

**Time & Location:** 9:00 AM, Gressette Building - 308 4/28/2021 - Senate Medical Affairs Subcommittee (Medical Professions) Sen. Davis, Chair, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 9:30 AM, Gressette Building - 209

AMERICAN 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) AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-5-840, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ALTERATIONS BY MUNICIPALITIES OF STATE HIGHWAY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE USE OR RESTRICTIONS MADE BY MUNICIPALITIES ON STATE HIGHWAY FACILITIES OR RIGHTS OF WAY FOR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, PARKING OR OTHER PURPOSES ARE SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BY ENCROACHMENT PERMIT; BY ADDING SECTION

57-5-845 SO AS TO PROVIDE FREE AND PAID PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON STATE HIGHWAY FACILITIES LOCATED IN BEACH COMMUNITIES ELIGIBLE FOR BEACH RENOURISHMENT FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF FUNDS GENERATED FROM MUNICIPAL PUBLIC BEACH PARKING CHARGES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 57-7-210, RELATING TO OBSTRUCTIONS IN HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "HIGHWAY" AND REVISE THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION. - ratified title

**Current Status:** 6/1/2021 - Act No 89

**Recent Status:** 5/24/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR** 

5/13/2021 - Read third time and enrolled

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

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

RELATED TO WIND ENERGY FACILITIES.

American Council of Engineering Companies

**SB145 TORTFEASORS ACT** (MASSEY A) A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 15-38-15, 15-38-20(A), 15-38-40(B), AND 15-38-50 OF THE 1976 CODE, ALL RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONTRIBUTION AMONG TORTFEASORS ACT, TO INCLUDE PERSONS OR ENTITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF ALLOCATION OF FAULT, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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: SB145

SJR147 SOUTH CAROLINA COVID-19 LIABILITY SAFE HARBOR ACT (MASSEY A) A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COVID-19 LIABILITY IMMUNITY ACT" SO AS 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 DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR CERTAIN COVERED ENTITIES AND COVERED INDIVIDUALS FOR CORONAVIRUS-RELATED CLAIMS; TO PROVIDE THAT DEFENSES ARE CUMULATIVE; AND TO PROVIDE A TIMEFRAME THAT THIS LIABILITY PROTECTION IS IN EFFECT. - ratified title

**Current Status:** 7/2/2021 - Act No 99

Recent Status: 4/28/2021 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

4/28/2021 - Ratified R 39

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

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

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 HANDSFREE REQUIREMENTS AT CERTAIN POINTS ALONG THE STATE'S INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Current Status: 1/26/2022 - STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS

**Recent Status:** 1/25/2022 - Committee report Favorable with amendment

Transportation

1/19/2022 - Senate Transportation, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

Time & Location: 11:00 AM, Gressette 209

State Bill Page: SB248

American Council of Engineering Companies

SB271 ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT (TALLEY S) AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 12-65-20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF THE TEXTILE COMMUNITIES REVITALIZATION ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTIES WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "CONTIGUOUS PARCEL"; AND 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. - ratified title

Current Status: 4/28/2021 - Act No. 21

**Recent Status:** 4/28/2021 - Effective date 04/26/21

4/22/2021 - Ratified R 30

State Bill Page: SB271

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

ELECTRIC UTILITY AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION (CLIMER W) AN **SB304** ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, 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; BY ADDING SECTION 58-27-260 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE ELECTRIFICATION OF TRANSPORTATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMITTEE'S COMPOSITION, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-27-265 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO OPEN A DOCKET FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING THE REGULATORY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR; AND BY ADDING SECTION 58-27-270 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO COMPLETE A STAKEHOLDER PROCESS TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES TO ADVANCE THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR AND TO IDENTIFY CHALLENGES. - ratified title

Current Status: 5/17/2021 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

Recent Status: 5/12/2021 - Returned to House with amendments

5/12/2021 - Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-0 (Concur in Senate

Amendment)

State Bill Page: SB304

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 AMFR The lower value becomes the property tax value of the real property and SIS 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 REOUIRE 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

**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

**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

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 // U//////

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: 3/17/2021 - Senate Transportation, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

Time & Location: 11:00 AM, Gressette - 105

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

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: 3/31/2021 - Senate Transportation Subcommittee-

Transportation, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 

11:00 AM, Gressette Building - 308

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

1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

State Bill Page: SB442

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

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:** 3/17/2021 - Referred to Lee Delegation **Recent Status:** 3/17/2021 - Introduced and read first time

State Bill Page: SB447

**SB460** 

STATE FIRE MARSHAL (ALEXANDER T) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-9-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION AND THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, TO DELETE CERTAIN OBSOLETE LANGUAGE, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO PROVIDE THE DIVISION OF FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY'S PROGRAM AREAS: TO AMEND SECTION 23-9-20 OF THE 1976 CODE. RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, TO REVISE HIS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 23-9-25(F)(2) AND (5) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE VOLUNTEER STRATEGIC ASSISTANCE AND FIRE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM, TO REVISE GRANT APPLICATION AND FUNDING PROCEDURES; TO AMEND SECTION 23-9-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RESIDENT FIRE MARSHALS, TO REVISE THEIR DUTIES AND WHO MAY EXERCISE THESE DUTIES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL MAY PROMULGATE REGULATIONS REGARDING A FIRE MARSHAL'S TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 23-9-45 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS D FIRE EQUIPMENT DEALER LICENSE OR A FIRE EQUIPMENT PERMIT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL CLASSES OF LICENSES AND QUALIFICATIONS TO OBTAIN THESE LICENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 23-9-50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S AUTHORITY TO INSPECT CERTAIN BUILDINGS OR PREMISES, TO REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH HE MAY ENTER A BUILDING OR PREMISES; TO AMEND

ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 9, TITLE 23 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, BY ADDING SECTION 23-9-125, TO PROVIDE THAT THESE PROVISIONS MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE BOARD OF PYROTECHNIC SAFETY OR THE REGULATION OF FIREWORKS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 10, TITLE 23 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA FIRE ACADEMY, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 23-49-120(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA FORESTRY COMMISSION'S ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS OF FIRE EQUIPMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, DIVISION OF FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY, MAY ALSO ACCEPT DONATIONS OF FIRE EQUIPMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 40-80-30(D) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO A FIREFIGHTER REGISTERING WITH THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, TO REVISE THE COST AND PROCESS OF OBTAINING CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL FIGHTER RECORDS; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 23-9-35, 23-9-40, 23-9-60, 23-9-110, AND 23-9-130 OF THE 1976 CODE, ALL RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.

*Current Status:* 10/13/2021 - Senate Committee recommends passage Senate

Professions and Occupations Subcommittee -LCI

Recent Status: 10/13/2021 - REPORTED OUT, Senate Professions and

Occupations Subcommittee -LCI, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

Time & Location: 1:00 PM, Gressettee - 308

1/13/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Labor, Commerce

and Industry (Senate Journal-page 4)

State Bill Page: SB460

**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 A MER 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: 1/26/2022 - STATEWIDE THIRD READING BILLS Contested by

Senator Rankin

Recent Status: 1/20/2022 - STATEWIDE THIRD READING BILLS (Contested by

Senator Rankin)

1/11/2022 - STATEWIDE THIRD READING BILLS (Contested by

Senator Rankin)

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

**SJR560** 

HEIRS PROPERTY STUDY COMMITTEE (SCOTT, JR. J) A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE HEIRS' PROPERTY STUDY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE METHODS TO ADDRESS HEIR'S PROPERTY ISSUES IN SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE, TO REQUIRE THE COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO DISSOLVE THE STUDY COMMITTEE.

Current Status: 4/28/2021 - Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, (Bill Scheduled for

Hearing); **Time & Location:** 10:00 AM, Gressette Building - 207

**Recent Status:** 2/17/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

2/17/2021 - Introduced and read first time

State Bill Page: SJR560

**SB587** 

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS FOR CONVENTIONS AND TRADE SHOWS (TURNER R) AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-75, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS FOR CONVENTIONS AND TRADE SHOWS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS REQUIRING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF BOND PROCEEDS, PLUS INTEREST, UPON THE SALE OF A MEETING AND EXHIBIT SPACE ARE NOT APPLICABLE IF THE SALE PROCEEDS ARE USED IN THEIR ENTIRETY FOR A NEW MEETING AND EXHIBIT SPACE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND SQUARE FEET, OR TO REIMBURSE A STATE AGENCY, INSTRUMENTALITY, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FOR THE ACQUISITION OR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MEETING AND EXHIBIT SPACE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND SQUARE FEET IF CONSTRUCTION OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE SALE OF THE ORIGINAL MEETING AND EXHIBIT SPACE, AND TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE EXEMPTION APPLIES. - ratified title

> **Current Status:** 5/17/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR Recent Status:** 5/12/2021 - Read third time and enrolled

> > 5/12/2021 - THIRD READING STATEWIDE CONTESTED BILLS

State Bill Page: SB587

**SB627** 

PASS THROUGH TRADE AND BUSINESS INCOME (BENNETT S) AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-545, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INCOME TAX RATES FOR PASS-THROUGH TRADE AND BUSINESS INCOME, SO AS TO CREATE AN ELECTION TO TAX CERTAIN PARTNERSHIPS AND "S" CORPORATIONS AT THE ENTITY LEVEL. - ratified title

**Current Status:** 5/17/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR** 

Recent Status: 5/12/2021 - Concurred in House amendment and enrolled

5/12/2021 - Scrivener's error corrected

State Bill Page: SB627

SR664 ENGINEERS DAY (ALEXANDER T) A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO HONOR OUR ENGINEERS FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PALMETTO STATE'S QUALITY OF LIFE, AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021, AS "PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Current Status: 3/11/2021 - Introduced and adopted

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: SR664

SB934 SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL (DAVIS T) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-9-63, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE MEMBER WHO IS AN ARCHITECT LICENSED IN SOUTH CAROLINA MUST BE SELECTED FROM A LIST OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

Current Status: 1/27/2022 - Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry, (Bill

Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 9:00 AM, Gressette

308

**Recent Status:** 1/26/2022 - Senate Regulatory & Local Government

Subcommittee-LCI, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time &

**Location:** 10:00 AM, Gressette 408

1/20/2022 - Senate Regulatory & Local Government Subcommittee-LCI, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time &** 

Location: 10:00 AM, Gressettee 408

State Bill Page: SB934

SLOWER TRAFFIC TO MOVE RIGHT (WEST, IV J) AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-1885 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN A VEHICLE MAY NOT BE DRIVEN IN THE FARTHEST LEFT-HAND LANE OF A CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAY, TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUST PLACE SIGNS ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS DIRECTING SLOWER TRAFFIC TO MOVE TO THE RIGHT, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, TO PROVIDE A VIOLATION MUST NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE OFFENDER'S MOTOR VEHICLE RECORD, INCLUDED IN SLED'S CRIMINAL RECORDS, OR REPORTED TO THE OFFENDER'S MOTOR VEHICLE INSURER, TO PROVIDE A VIOLATION IS NOT NEGLIGENCE PER SE OR CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE, AND IS NOT ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE IN A CIVIL ACTION, TO PROVIDE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MUST NOT SEARCH AND MAY NOT REQUEST CONSENT TO SEARCH A VEHICLE, DRIVER, OR OCCUPANT OF A VEHICLE SOLELY BECAUSE OF A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPEAL OF A VIOLATION. - ratified title

**Current Status:** 5/17/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR** 

**Recent Status:** 5/12/2021 - Ordered enrolled for ratification

5/12/2021 - Free conference committee appointed Morgan,

West, Henderson-Myers

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 A MER 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: 1/20/2022 - THIRD READING STATEWIDE UNCONTESTED BILL

Recent Status: 1/19/2022 - Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-0

1/19/2022 - Read second time

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

HB3126 COVID-19 VACCINE OR MASK ENFORCEMENT PROHIBTION (JONES S) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR THIS STATE OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF TO ACCEPT ANY FEDERAL FUNDS TO ENFORCE AN UNLAWFUL FEDERAL MASK MANDATE OR UNLAWFUL FEDERAL VACCINE MANDATE.

Current Status: 12/10/2021 - Roll call Yeas-60 Nays-25

**Recent Status:** 12/10/2021 - Read third time and sent to Senate

12/9/2021 - Roll call Yeas-67 Nays-31

AMERICAN State Bill Page: HB3126

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".

Current Status: 3/9/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :

McDaniel

**Recent Status:** 2/3/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Huggins

1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Labor, Commerce and

LOMPANIES

Industry

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

#### **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 REOUIRE THE DEPARTMENT PERIODICALLY CONDUCT INSPECTIONS OF SUCH BALCONIES TO ASCERTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE, AND TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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Bernstein

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Industry

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State Bill Page: HB3191

HB3194 SANTEE COOPER (LUCAS J) AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 58-31-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REVISE THE TERMS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TO PROVIDE FOR EX OFFICIO MEMBERS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS; TO AMEND SECTION 58-31-30, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEES AND TO SELECT A CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WHO SHALL CAUSE THE AUTHORITY TO EMPLOY ALL NECESSARY EMPLOYEES WITH THE BOARD APPROVING THE COMPENSATION OF ANY SENIOR MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL SELECTED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY COMPENSATION AND SEVERANCE PACKAGES MUST FIRST BE APPROVED BY THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 58-31-55, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "BEST INTERESTS"; TO AMEND SECTION 58-31-56, RELATING TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST TRANSACTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION BY A DIRECTOR CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR; TO AMEND SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY TO REMOVE DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY; TO ESTABLISH EXPIRATION DATES FOR DIRECTORS SERVING AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-240 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE TO APPROVE, REJECT, OR MODIFY CERTAIN BONDS, NOTES, OR

AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL REPORT BY SEPTEMBER FIRST OF EACH YEAR REGARDING REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS EXECUTED DURING THE PRECEDING TWELVE MONTHS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-250 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE TO COMPEL CERTAIN WRITTEN OR ORAL TESTIMONY FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 58-33-110, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A QUALIFIED CERTIFICATION EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN TRANSMISSION LINES OR FACILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 58-31-430, RELATING TO THE SERVICE AREA TO BE EXCLUSIVELY SERVED BY THE AUTHORITY, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CLARIFY THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY'S RIGHT TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS CONCERNING SERVICE AREAS AND CORRIDOR RIGHTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A RETAIL RATES PROCESS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-225 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO MAKE INSPECTIONS, AUDITS, AND EXAMINATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-51 SO AS TO ENUMERATE CERTAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF REGARDING THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 58-4-55, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF WHEN CONDUCTING INSPECTIONS, AUDITS, AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AS CONFIDENTIAL, OR PROPRIETARY, AND EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 58-27-190, 58-27-200, 58-27-210, AND 58-27-220, ALL RELATING TO THE INSPECTION, AUDIT, AND ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, ALL SO AS TO EXPAND THE APPLICABILITY OF THESE SECTIONS' PROVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE "UTILITY FACILITY SITING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT", SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "MAJOR AMFRIUTILITY FACILITY"; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-33-180, 58-33-185, AND 58-33-190 ALL SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IMPOSE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, AND PURCHASE OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 58-37-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, EXPAND THE SECTION'S APPLICABILITY TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, AND TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-227 SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IMPOSE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY; TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN THAT PROVIDES FOR EMPLOYEE RETENTION, JOB TRAINING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYEES AND COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE RETIREMENT OF CERTAIN COAL STATIONS; AND TO

OTHER INDEBTEDNESS PRIOR TO ISSUANCE, AND TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE

**Current Status:** 6/15/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR** 

EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 11 OF ACT 135 OF 2020. - ratified title

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6/8/2021 - Roll call Yeas-111 Nays-0 (Adopt conference report)

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  $\mathsf{AMFR}$  body and public officials of local governmental agencies; to amend  $\mathsf{NIE}$ 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.

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Caskey

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State Bill Page: HB3200

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: 1/26/2022 - STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS Contested by

Senator Kimbrell

Recent Status: 1/25/2022 - STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS

1/11/2022 - STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS (Contested by

Senator Kimbrell)

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 MER 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 REOUIRE 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.

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

12/9/2020 - Prefiled

State Bill Page: HB3248

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

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State Bill Page: HB3277

**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: 3/17/2021 - Referred to Committee

Recent Status: 3/17/2021 - Introduced and read first time

3/17/2021 - Read third time and sent to Senate

State Bill Page: HB3291

**HB3297** TORT CLAIMS ACT (RUTHERFORD T) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 15-78-60, CODE OF

LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE TORT CLAIMS ACT AND EXCEPTIONS TO WAIVER OF IMMUNITY, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXCEPTION FOR INSTITUTION OR PROSECUTION OF ANY JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING.

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12/9/2020 - Prefiled

State Bill Page: HB3297

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.

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Industry -

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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.

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J.L.Johnson

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State Bill Page: HB3334

#### HB3354 RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (BALLENTINE N) AN

ACT 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, AND TO REMOVE PROVISIONS OF THE EXEMPTION FOR NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATIONS. - ratified title

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5/12/2021 - Roll call Yeas-107 Nays-1 (Concur in Senate

Amendments)

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.

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McGinnis

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary

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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

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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.

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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 AMER 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.

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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.

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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

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.

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

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State Bill Page: HB3483

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

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Alexander

OF "CONTRIBUTION" INCLUDES DIGITAL CURRENCY.

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State Bill Page: HB3529

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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Works

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

12/16/2020 - Referred to Committee House Education and Public

Works

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.

Current Status: 1/26/2021 - Scrivener's error corrected

Recent Status: 1/26/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor:

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.

Current Status: 1/26/2022 - House Agriculture, Natural Resources and

Environmental Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time &

Location: 11:00 AM, Blatt 410

Recent Status: 1/19/2022 - House Environmental Affairs - AG&NR, (Bill

Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 10:01 AM, Blatt 410

3/11/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :

arolina

Matthews

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.

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

**Memorial Resolutions** 

Recent Status: 1/12/2021 - Introduced

12/16/2020 - Referred to Committee House Invitations and

**Memorial Resolutions** 

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.

Current Status: 2/10/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :

Forrest

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary

1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

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.

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

AMERICAN COUNCIWORDS ENGINEERING COMPANIES

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

State Bill Page: HB3601 Carolina

**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.

Current Status: 1/27/2022 - Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry, (Bill

Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 9:00 AM, Gressette

308

**Recent Status:** 10/13/2021 - Senate Subcommittee recommends passage

Senate Professions and Occupations Subcommittee -LCI

10/13/2021 - Senate Professions and Occupations Subcommittee -LCI, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 1:00 PM,

Gressettee - 308

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.

Current Status: 1/27/2021 - Recommitted to Committee on Ways and Means Recent Status: 1/27/2021 - SECOND READING STATEWIDE UNCONTESTED

**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 REOUIREMENT 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-AMFR [30, as amended, and 12-60-2510, relating to tax procedures, all so as to ESMAKE 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: 1/14/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

**Recent Status:** 1/14/2021 - Introduced and read first time

State Bill Page: HB3674

**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 AMFR 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.

Current Status: 3/18/2021 - House Labor, Commerce and Industry, (Bill

Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 9:00 AM, Blatt - 403

Recent Status: 3/17/2021 - House Public Utilities Subcommittee- LCI, (Bill

Scheduled for Hearing): **Time & Location:** 9:00 AM, Blatt-403

1/26/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :

McGarry

State Bill Page: HB3683

#### **HB3689**

**COMMERCIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION UNDER A USDOT NUMBER (ALLISON** M) AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-376, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, SO AS TO REVISE THE WEIGHT LIMITATION FOR VEHICLES FOR WHICH THE BIENNIAL REGISTRATION FEE IS ONE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS OR MORE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-660, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF SELF-PROPELLED PROPERTY CARRYING VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A MOTOR CARRIER SELECTING SOUTH CAROLINA AS ITS A MER BASE JURISDICTION FOR REGISTERING A VEHICLE UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN MUST OWN OR LEASE REAL PROPERTY USED DIRECTLY IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF FREIGHT OR PERSONS WITHIN THE STATE, AND TO REVISE THE PROCESS FOR PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES FOR LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-190, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES THAT ARE REGISTERED THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-195, RELATING TO THE PROCESSING OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AND LICENSING RENEWALS BY COUNTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION AND LICENSING RENEWAL FEES BY OWNERS OF LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2650, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF VEHICLE TAX NOTICES AND PAID RECEIPTS, SO AS TO LIMIT THE TYPES OF TAX NOTICES PREPARED BY A COUNTY AUDITOR, AND PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL MAIL A NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS OF LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES WHO DO NOT RECEIVE BILLS FROM COUNTIES CONTAINING CERTAIN INFORMATION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2810, RELATING TO CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "MOTOR CARRIER"; TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-37-2840 AND 12-37-2850, BOTH RELATING TO ROAD USE FEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A MOTOR CARRIER REGISTERING A LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OR BUS MUST PAY THE ROAD USE FEE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE QUARTERLY INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMERS, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2860, RELATING TO CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO

AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES AND TO REVISE THE AMOUNT OF REGISTRATION FEES THAT MAY BE PAID ON AN INSTALLMENT BASIS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2880, RELATING TO THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF A LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SUBJECT TO A ROAD USE FEE, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN AND SECTION 56-3-190, AND PROVIDE COUNTIES SHALL MAIL BILLS FOR ROAD USE FEES AND REGISTRATION TO CERTAIN LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES DURING A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-240, RELATING TO THE CONTENT OF AN APPLICATION FOR A VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE, SO AS TO REVISE THE CONTENTS OF AN APPLICATION RELATING TO LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-355, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION CARDS AND LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MUST SUSPEND OR REVOKE A REGISTRATION CARD OR LICENSE PLATE FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES. - ratified title

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**Recent Status:** 5/13/2021 - Effective date See Act for Effective Date

**5/6/2021 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR** 

State Bill Page: HB3689

#### **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 A MER 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.

**Current Status:** 2/10/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : Taylor

**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

#### **HB3750**

TORTFEASORS ACT, (HIOTT D) A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 15-38-15, 15-38-20, 15-38-40, AND 15-38-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, ALL RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONTRIBUTION AMONG TORTFEASORS ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS OR ENTITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF ALLOCATION OF FAULT, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Current Status: 3/18/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :

Dabney

**Recent Status:** 3/16/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : B.Cox

3/11/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor:

Bradley, Erickson, Herbkersman, Allison, Gagnon, Govan, Huggins, Ballentine, Wooten, D.C.Moss, Hewitt

State Bill Page: HB3750

**HB3751** SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION (THAYER A) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-23-210, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, AND RENOVATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ONLY MAY APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, AND RENOVATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE STATE AND LOCAL BUILDING CODES AND STANDARDS, COMPLIANCE WITH WHICH IS LEFT TO THE DETERMINATION OF LOCAL BUILDING CODE OFFICIALS, TO ELIMINATE OTHER RELATED AUTHORITY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TO EXCLUDE THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 23, TITLE 59; TO AMEND SECTION 59-23-230, RELATING TO WAIVERS FROM CERTAIN SCHOOL BUILDING REGULATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-23-250, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS MUST RECEIVE APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-23-220 RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR

**Current Status:** 2/2/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : Felder **Recent Status:** 1/27/2021 - Referred to Committee House Education and Public

Works

FROM CERTAIN SCHOOL REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN GRANTED.

1/27/2021 - Introduced and read first time

LOCAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENTS, AND RENOVATIONS, AND SECTION 59-23-240 RELATING TO INSPECTIONS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR WHICH WAIVERS

State Bill Page: HB3751

#### HB3766 R 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,

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

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State Bill Page: HB3766

## HB3892 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINING, PERMITTING PROHIBITIONS (YOW R) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING

SECTIONS 44-96-295 AND 48-20-45 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL FROM ISSUING ANY PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY OR FOR MINING ACTIVITIES, RESPECTIVELY, IF LOCATED WITHIN A CERTAIN PROXIMITY TO A PUBLIC PARK OR

OTHER PUBLIC NATURAL AREA.

Current Status: 1/26/2022 - House Agriculture, Natural Resources and

Environmental Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time &

Location: 11:00 AM, Blatt 410

Recent Status: 1/19/2022 - House Environmental Affairs- AG&NR, (Bill

Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 10:01 AM, Blatt 410

2/23/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :

M.M.Smith

State Bill Page: HB3892

**ENGINEERS DAY** (NUTT R) A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO HONOR OUR ENGINEERS FOR

THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PALMETTO STATE'S QUALITY OF LIFE, AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021, AS "PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Current Status: 3/9/2021 - Introduced and adopted

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: HR4044

**HB4060** BUILDING CODES (SANDIFER, III W) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-9-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO BUILDING CODE ADOPTION PROCEDURES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL ALSO IS AUTHORIZED TO DENY THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODES WITHIN A CERTAIN TIME FRAME, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNCIL ALSO MAY DENY THE STUDY COMMITTEE'S REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND

TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNCIL MUST PROVIDE A PRELIMINARY FISCAL IMPACT

STATEMENT.

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Current Status: 4/7/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Labor, Commerce and

Industry

**Recent Status:** 4/7/2021 - Introduced and read first time

4/7/2021 - Read third time and sent to Senate

State Bill Page: HB4060

EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS (SANDIFER, III W) A BILL TO AMEND THE **HB4062** CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 58-3-65 SO AS TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO HIRE QUALIFIED, INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

*Current Status:* 4/7/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

South Carolina

**Recent Status:** 4/7/2021 - Introduced and read first time

4/7/2021 - Read third time and sent to Senate

State Bill Page: HB4062

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE REPORT** (HADDON P) A BILL **HB4090** TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-430, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY TO CERTIFY THE EXPENDITURE REPORT AND INCLUDE TRANSFERRED FUNDS, AND TO REOUIRE THE SECRETARY TO PUBLISH AND CERTIFY A REPORT REGARDING ANY TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK.

> Current Status: 3/24/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hill **Recent Status:** 3/17/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

> > 3/17/2021 - Introduced and read first time

State Bill Page: HB4090

USER FEE ON GASOLINE (HADDON P) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-310, CODE **HB4091** OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE USER FEES ON GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE USER FEE MAY NOT INCREASE AFTER JULY 1, 2020.

Current Status: 3/24/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : Hill

**Recent Status:** 3/17/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

3/17/2021 - Introduced and read first time

State Bill Page: HB4091

REPEAL USER FEE ON MOTOR FUEL (HADDON P) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY REPEALING SECTION 12-28-310 RELATING TO THE USER FEES ON GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL, AND BY REPEALING SECTION 56-11-410 RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION AND CALCULATION OF THE ROAD TAX AND THE EFFECT OF OTHER MOTOR CARRIER TAXES.

Current Status: 3/17/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

**Recent Status:** 3/17/2021 - Introduced and read first time

State Bill Page: HB4092

FY 2021-2022 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS (SMITH, JR. G) AN ACT TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. - ratified title

*Current Status:* 7/1/2021 - Act No 94 *Recent Status:* 7/1/2021 - Effective Date

6/29/2021 - Veto sustained on certain items: 2, 3, 6, 8, 15

State Bill Page: HB4100

TAX CREDIT FOR HOME OFFICE (WHITE W) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3810 SO AS TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR TAXPAYERS THAT UTILIZE A HOME OFFICE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO THE COMPUTATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO EXCLUDE ANY GAIN RESULTING FROM THE SALE OF A TAXPAYER'S HOME THAT WAS NOT EXCLUDED FROM FEDERAL GROSS INCOME SOLELY BECAUSE THE TAXPAYER CLAIMED THE FEDERAL DEDUCTION FOR UTILIZING A HOME OFFICE.

Current Status: 1/11/2022 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

**Recent Status:** 1/11/2022 - Introduced and read first time

11/17/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

State Bill Page: <u>HB4611</u>

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are making their way into South Carolina infrastructure through the American Rescue Plan. Now is the time to be present, active, and vocal with legislators. Now is the time to act.



## **Op-Eds**

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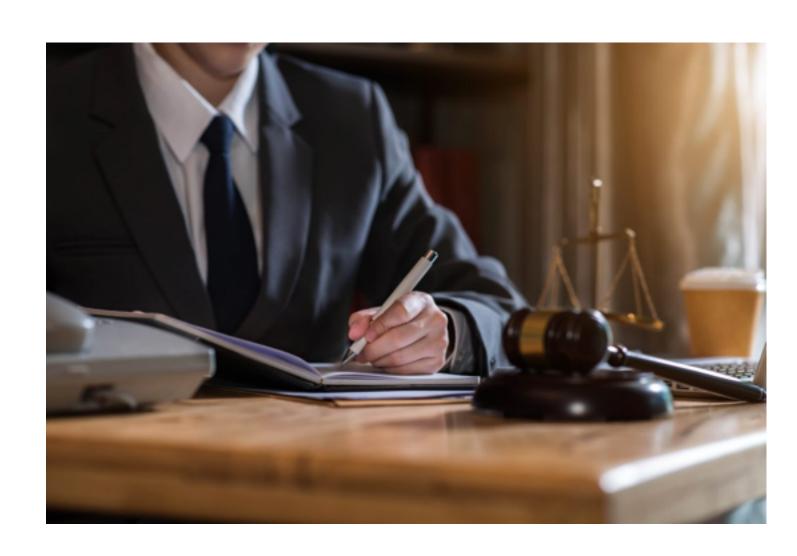
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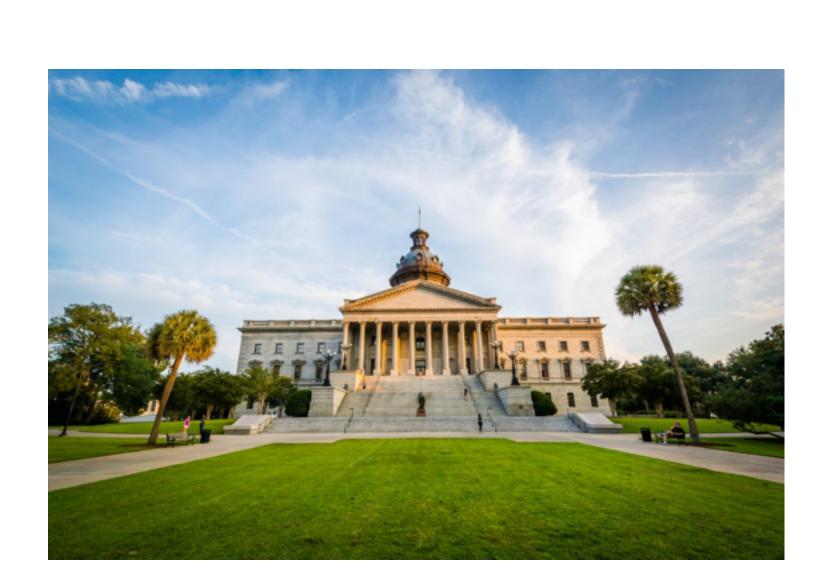
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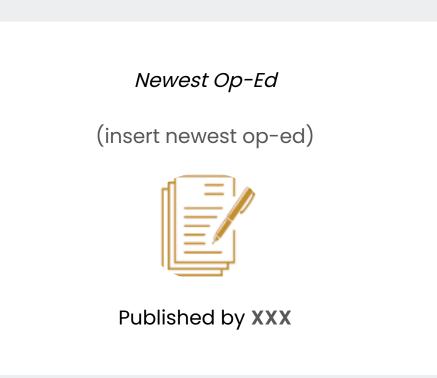
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# **Recent Op-Ed Releases**

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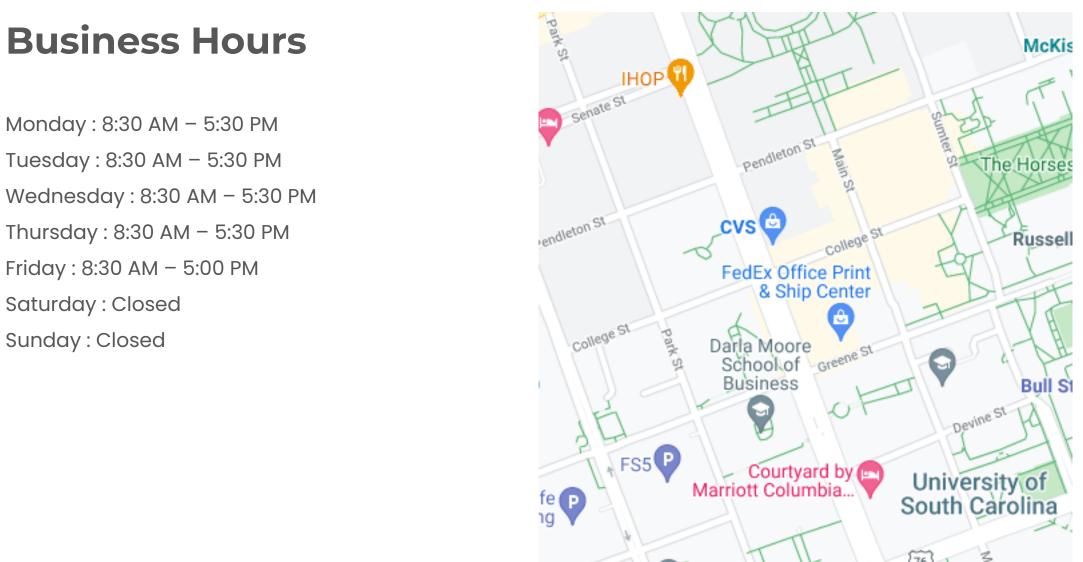
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## Membership Advocacy







2022-2023
American Council of Engineering
Companies of South Carolina
Annual Planning Retreat
March 11-13, 2022

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa Asheville, NC

"The 2022-2023 Strategic Planning retreat will focus on updating and modernizing our Bylaws, improving engagement and transparency with our membership, strengthening our committees, supporting ACEC National's commitment to DEI, and broadening engagement from our younger members."

Dr. Jeff Mulliken, PhD, PE – ACEC-SC Vice-Chair & Transportation Committee Chair

Day one of our 2022 ACEC-SC Strategic Planning Retreat begins after the monthly Board of Directors Meeting and will start with a working lunch and planning session to look at our bylaws. It is important for every Board Member (and member firm) to be familiar with the organization's bylaws. It's been several years since we have updated the bylaws. At the Retreat, we will review our bylaws to 1) see how we compare to other states in certain areas, 2) look at our nominating procedures, 3) ensure bylaws are up to date, 4) ensure our operating procedures are transparent, and 5) confirm the Board is operating within the guidelines laid out.

We will also be taking a look at our committee structures. We have many committees functioning as they should, but we have other committees that could be more engaged. Attendees will look at ways to make sure all of ACEC-SC's committees are doing what is needed to advance our Strategic Plan.

Day two will focus on engaging our membership. As ACEC-SC focuses on support of ACEC National's initiatives, we will have Tricia Hatley, PE of Freese & Nichols join us to walk us through what Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I) initiatives can look like as part of our organization functions. With DE&I becoming a priority with many firms, organizations, and government entities, we will explore what ACEC-SC can do to enhance engagement of our member firms' diverse workforces and to develop partnerships to advance strategic initiatives.

Attendees will also discuss a proposal for the creation of an ACEC-SC Junior Board. We will discuss the proposed outcome of its creation, a process for creation and implementation of a Junior Board, who would serve on the Board, and what their terms, tasks, and expectations are. A Junior Board could be a great opportunity for future leaders in our organization to learn how the ACEC-SC Board functions, and the members can take an active role in DEI initiatives, STEM outreach, and help improve our Future Leaders program.

Don't worry. It won't be all work. We'll wrap up our strategic planning just before lunch and have the afternoon free to explore The Grove Park Inn and Asheville. We will be offering a networking and team-building exercise with a brewery tour. If you're not a beer person, we will have wine too.

ACEC-SC is your organization; it needs your input, participation, and leadership. You can help build on this year's successes by participating in the 2022 Retreat at The Grove Park Inn and Spa, March 11-13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Your input in this process is vital.

## **Retreat Agenda**

#### **Thursday 3/10/2022**

7:30 PM – 9:00PM Reception & Appetizers

#### Fri 3/11/2022

7:30AM – 8:30 AM Breakfast 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM Break

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM Board Meeting

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Break

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM Lunch in the same room

12:45 PM – 2:30 PM Review/Updates to Bylaws, Committees

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM Break

2:45 PM – 4:30 PM Bylaw Discussions (cont.), Member Firm Diversity

6:30 PM Cocktails (cash bar) and dinner

### Sat 3/12/2022

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Breakfast Buffet

8:45 AM – 10:00 AM DE&I, w/ Tricia Hatley, PE (Freese & Nichols)

10:00 AM – 11:45 AM Proposal for an ACEC-SC Junior Board of Directors

11:45 AM –12:00 PM Recap 12:00 PM End

#### **Two Optional Events on Saturday Afternoon**

**1:00pm** Golf at the Grove Park Inn Golf Course

**2:00pm** Brewery Tour: Pick up & Drop off at the Grove Park Inn







#### ACEC-SC

# Annual Planning Retreat – March 10-13, 2022 The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa 290 Macon Avenue Asheville, NC 28804

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Attendee Registration (Includes F	riday lunch, break & dinner/Saturday breakfast & lunch)	\$665.00
Spouse/Guest/Children's Registrations (Includes Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast)		\$225.00
Golf at the Grove Park Inn Golf Course (priced per person)		TBD
Asheville Brewery Tour (Guided to	our of several breweries in the Asheville area) (priced per pers	son) \$79.00
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Reservation Deadline: February 24, 2022

Rate: \$289.00/per night, plus \$20 self-parking fee (\$30 Valet), plus \$30.00 resort fee and 13% state and local taxes

**Phone:** 800-438-5800 or 866-650-4137 **Group Name:** ACEC of SC Board Retreat

The retreat registration deadline is March 5, 2022