



**Bill Position Update**  
**Friday, January 30, 2026**

**Bills to Discuss**

<b>Summary</b>	<b>Last Action</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Priority Alignment</b>
<b>Health and Human Services</b>			
<b>HB 624</b> Mike A. Cherry	Referred to Committee on Education		Recommend: Monitor
School boards; student diabetes care and management in schools; divisionwide plan required. Requires each school board to develop, amend as necessary, and implement a divisionwide plan for the care, at school during regular school hours, of each public elementary or secondary school student who is diagnosed with diabetes in the school division, to become effective beginning with the 2027-2028 school ...			
<b>HB 1301/SB 122</b> Joshua E. Thomas/Jeremy S. McPike	Referred to Committee on Education		Recommend: Monitor
Public elementary and secondary schools; student diabetes medical care and management. Establishes several provisions relating to student diabetes medical care and management in public elementary and secondary schools in the Commonwealth, including (i) defining relevant terms; (ii) requiring and permitting certain diabetes management-related tasks by certain trained school employees; and (iii) permitting, ...			
<b>Transportation</b>			
<b>HB 1010</b> Kathy K.L. Tran	Assigned HTRAN sub		Recommend: Monitor
School crossing zones; large children's sports complexes; Planning District 8. Expands the definition of "school crossing zone" to include areas surrounding schools where the presence of students, in addition to children, reasonably requires a special warning to motorists. The bill also defines "school" and provides that, in Planning District 8, the term "school" includes large children's sports complexes, ...			



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#### Bills with Recommended Positions

##### **Summary**

##### **Cannabis/Marijuana**

**SB 142** Ryan T. McDougle

Sale of retail tobacco products and hemp products intended for smoking to persons younger than 21 years of age; civil penalty paid to locality. Requires that any civil penalty imposed for selling a retail tobacco product or hemp product intended for smoking to persons younger than 21 years of age be deposited into the local treasury. Under current law, such civil penalty is paid into the state tre...

##### **Last Action**

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

##### **Position**

**Support**

##### **Priority Alignment**

Support flexibility and authority to protection of public health, safety, and welfare (Legislative Program p. 5).

##### **Child Care**

**HB 254/SB 20** Jackie H. Glass/Mamie E. Locke

Early childhood care and education; Child Care Subsidy Program; income-based eligibility for assistance; development and implementation of phased reduction model. Requires the Department of Education (the Department) to develop and implement a phased reduction model for the Child Care Subsidy Program (the Program) that provides for an assistance phase-out period during which the assistance for which ...

Assigned HAPP sub

**Support**

Support increased tools to help make child care more affordable (Legislative Program p. 10).

**HB 403** David A. Reid

Income tax credits; child care-related expenses. Establishes in taxable years 2026 through 2030 (i) a refundable tax credit in an amount equal to 20 percent of the credit claimed by a qualified taxpayer, as defined in the bill, pursuant to the federal Employer-Provided Childcare Credit, and (ii) a refundable tax credit equal to 50 percent of an employer's qualified child care expenditures, as defined ...

Referred to Committee on Finance

**Support**

Support increased tools to help make child care more affordable (Legislative program p. 10).



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**Child Welfare**

**HB 76** Karen Keys-Gamarra

Department of Social Services; foster care; new luggage; report. Directs the Department of Social Services to establish and maintain a decentralized supply of new luggage to be used to transport the personal belongings of a child in foster care. The bill requires the Department to provide new luggage to a child who is entering or exiting foster care or moving from one foster care placement to another ...

**Last Action**

**Position**

**Priority Alignment**

**Support**

Support providing resources to support the most vulnerable in the community, reflecting the state-local partnership in child welfare services (Legislative Program p. 5, 14).

**HB 266** Anne Ferrell Tata

Department of Social Services; centralized intake and validity determination for child abuse and neglect. Creates a centralized system for intake for reports and complaints of child abuse or neglect. The bill directs the Department of Social Services to be the agency responsible for the intake of reports and complaints of child abuse or neglect and specifies that the Department shall determine the ...

Assigned sub

**Amend**

Amend the centralization of child protective service provisions to better align with the state-local partnership in child welfare services (Legislative Program p. 5, 14).

**HB 1366** Katrina Callsen

Department of Social Services; corrective action plans and assumption of temporary control of local boards and local departments. Grants the Commissioner of Social Services the authority to create and enforce a corrective action plan for any local board of social services or local department of social services that (i) fails to administer public assistance and social services programs in accordance ...

Assigned sub

**Amend**

Amend the centralization of child protective service provisions to better align with the state-local partnership in child welfare services (Legislative Program p. 5, 14).



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##### **HB 1490**

Kathy K.L. Tran

Department of Social Services; centralized intake system for reports or complaints of child abuse or neglect; response to complaints within 24 hours for children under three years of age. Creates a centralized system for intake for reports and complaints of child abuse or neglect. The bill directs the Department of Social Services (the Department) to be the agency responsible for the intake of reports ...

#### Last Action

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

#### Position

**Amend**

#### Priority Alignment

Amend the centralization of child protective service provisions to better align with the state-local partnership in child welfare services (Legislative Program p. 5, 14).

##### **SB 640**

Todd E. Pillion

Department of Social Services; corrective action plans and assumption of temporary control of local boards and local departments; centralized intake system for reports or complaints of child abuse or neglect. Creates a centralized system for intake for reports and complaints of child abuse or neglect and grants the Commissioner of Social Services the authority to create and enforce a corrective action ...

Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

**Amend**

Amend the centralization of child protective service provisions to better align with the state-local partnership in child welfare services (Legislative Program p. 5, 14).

#### Collective Bargaining

##### **HB 715**

Patrick A. Hope

Labor and employment; collective bargaining by certain constitutional officers. Permits the employees of any sheriff within certain localities to organize, form, join, or assist a labor union or employee organization and collectively bargain and enter into a collective bargaining agreement with their locality with respect to matters relating to the supplementation of salary and benefit compensatio...

Subcommittee recommends incorporating (Voice Vote)

**Oppose**

Oppose due to limiting local authority and flexibility and shifting costs to localities for shared employees (Legislative Program p. 5).



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**HB 1263/SB 378** Kathy K.L. Tran/Scott A. Surovell

Collective bargaining by public employees; individual home care providers; Virginia Home Care Authority established; Public Employee Relations Board established; exclusive bargaining representatives. Repeals the existing prohibition on collective bargaining by public employees. The bill creates the Public Employee Relations Board, which shall determine appropriate bargaining units and provide for certification ...

#### Last Action

#### Position

#### Priority Alignment

**Oppose**

Oppose due to limiting local authority and flexibility (Legislative Program p. 5).

#### Consumer Safety

**HB 190** Kelly K. Convirs-Fowler

Financial institutions; prevention of continuation of known fraudulent transactions or occurrences. Requires a financial institution that receives knowledge of fraudulent transactions or occurrences on an account to take reasonable measures to prevent the continuation of such fraudulent transactions or occurrences, including by providing consumer education materials to the account holder, temporarily ...

**Support**

Support funding and programs that help prevent, stop, and remedy financial scams, especially for vulnerable populations. (Legislative Program p. 14-15).

#### Data Centers

**HB 897** Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan, Jr.

Retail sales and use tax; exemption for data centers. Requires a data center operator, in order to be eligible for the existing data center sales and use tax exemption, to (i) beginning July 1, 2027, not use co-located generating facilities that emit carbon dioxide, other than backup generators; (ii) beginning July 1, 2029, contract for a certain percentage of energy, capacity, and renewable energy ...

Referred to Committee on Finance

**Support**

Support addressing the environmental impacts of data centers (Legislative Program p. 6).



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**Education**

**HB 753** Chris S. Runion

Public school funding; composite index of local ability-to-pay; use value of real estate devoted to certain uses. Requires, for the purpose of determining the state and local shares of basic aid funding, that the composite index of local ability-to-pay utilize the use value of all applicable real estate (i) devoted to agricultural use, horticultural use, forest use, and open-space use in each locality ...

**Last Action**

Referred to Committee on Education

**Position**

**Oppose**

**Priority Alignment**

Oppose further reducing state aid to Fairfax County Public Schools (Legislative Program p. 7).

**Elections**

**HB 28/SB 52** Rozia A. Henson, Jr./Aaron R. Rouse

Voter registration, regular periodic review of registration records; 90-day quiet period before all primary and general elections. Requires the Department of Elections to complete not later than 90 days prior to the date of a primary or general election any program the purpose of which is to systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from the voter registration system. This restriction is ...

Subcommittee recommends reporting and referring to Appropriations (6-Y 2-N)

**Support**

Support policies that protect the integrity of elections, ensure accurate voter registration records, and promote public confidence in the electoral process (Legislative Program p. 7).

**SB 34** Barbara A. Favola

Incapacitated persons; finding of lack of capacity to understand act of voting. Provides that a finding that a person is incapacitated in a proceeding for guardianship or conservatorship shall not be synonymous with a finding that such person is "mentally incompetent," as such term is used in relevant law, and therefore not qualified to vote in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of ...

Rerferred from Privileges and Elections to Courts of Justice (14-Y 0-N)

**Support**

Historical Position



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#### Environment

##### **HB 880**

Hillary Pugh Kent

Department of Environmental Quality; monitoring requirements for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in biosolids. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to amend its regulations to require an owner of a sewage treatment works to sample and test sewage sludge for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), defined in the bill, once a month. The bill requires the results from such sampling ...

#### Last Action

#### Position

#### Priority Alignment

**Oppose**

Oppose unfunded mandates as it would place an administrative burden on staff without corresponding funding (Legislative Program p. 5).

##### **HB 914**

Alfonso H. Lopez

Local Environmental Impact Fund. Allows a locality to create a permanent and perpetual fund to be known as the Local Environmental Impact Fund. The bill provides that the Fund shall consist exclusively of appropriated local moneys and any gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds received on its behalf, and that the Fund is to be created for the purpose of granting funds to residents or locally ...

**Support**

Historical Position

##### **HB 938**

Nadarius E. Clark

Self-reporting of PFAS manufacture and use for PFAS assessment; Department of Environmental Quality; industrial wastewater; publicly owned treatment works. Requires every publicly owned treatment works to require certain new or existing industrial users to self-report use of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) as part of a pretreatment program. The bill requires every publicly owned treatment ...

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

**Support**

Support efforts to address promote environmental stewardship and resilience (Legislative Program p. 5, 11-12).



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<b>HB 952</b>	Alfonso H. Lopez	Chesapeake Bay Watershed Nutrient Credit Exchange Program; nutrient credit use by regulated entities. Provides that certain conditions and limitations for municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permittees to acquire, use, and transfer nutrient credits for purposes of compliance with any waste load allocations established as effluent limitations in an MS4 permit shall also apply to point source ...	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources	<b>Support</b> Support tools to promote environmental stewardship and provide additional state assistance for urban stormwater needs (Legislative Program p. 11-12).
<b>SB 138</b>	Jeremy S. McPike	Department of Environmental Quality; industrial wastewater; publicly owned treatment works; PFAS monitoring. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to require quarterly monitoring for one year for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) for every industrial wastewater source that discharges pollutants into a publicly owned treatment works. The bill requires (i) any owner or operator of ...	Assigned HACNR sub	<b>Support</b> Support efforts to address promote environmental stewardship and resilience (Legislative Program p. 5, 11-12).
<b>SB 226</b>	Scott A. Surovell	Competitive bidding for compost and other products containing organic soil amendments; waste disposal infrastructure; civil penalty. Requires the Department of General Services, when purchasing compost or other products containing organic soil amendments for use by state agencies, to use competitive sealed bidding and to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder offering compost ...	Committee substitute agreed to (Voice Vote)	<b>Support</b> Support for local authority to require source-separation and recycling of food waste (Legislative Program p. 12).
<b>SB 645</b>	Scott A. Surovell	Air Pollution Control Board regulations; exemptions for waste-to-energy facilities; small renewable energy projects; anaerobic digestion technology. Exempts from certain regulations promulgated by the Air Pollution Control Board any waste-to-energy facility, as defined in the bill, and requires the Board, on a decennial basis beginning July 1, 2030, to review the effects of the provisions of the bill ...	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources	<b>Support</b> Support excluding and/or delaying carbon capture requirements for certain waste-to-energy facilities (Legislative Program p. 11).



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<b>Environment - Energy</b>			
<b>HB 828</b> Charniele L. Herring	Reported from Labor and Commerce with amendment(s) (22-Y 0-N)	<b>Support</b>	Support additional resources for vulnerable communities and promote environmental stewardship (Legislative Program p. 5).
Electric utilities; disconnection reports; State Corporation Commission database; annual summary. Requires each investor-owned utility and electric cooperative operating in the Commonwealth to provide a monthly report on residential customer disconnections to the State Corporation Commission (the Commission). The monthly report is required to include specific information outlined in the bill, including ...			
<b>SB 251</b> Scott A. Surovell	Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor	<b>Support</b>	Promote environmental stewardship and address climate resilience (Legislative Program p. 5).
Electric utilities; performance-based regulation; work group; report. Directs the State Corporation Commission to convene a work group to design an effective regulatory framework to improve electric utility performance in the Commonwealth and submit a report of the work group's findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by October 31, 2026. This bill is a recommendation of the Commission ...			
<b>Federal Impacts</b>			
<b>HB 915</b> Alfonso H. Lopez	Referred to Committee on Finance	<b>Support</b>	Support for state efforts to support federal workers and help localities weather local impacts from federal actions (Legislative Program p. 6)
Local taxation; tax extension for federal government shutdown. Allows a local governing body to provide an extension on personal property taxes owed by federal employees who are furloughed due to a federal government shutdown. The bill states that any such extension granted shall end and the taxes shall be due no later than 90 days following the reopening of the federal government.			



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<b>Firearms</b>				
<b>HB 21/SB 27</b>	Dan I. Helmer/Jennifer D. Carroll Foy	Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (7-Y 3-N)	<b>Support</b>	Historical Position
	Firearm industry members; standards of responsible conduct; civil liability. Creates standards of responsible conduct for firearm industry members and requires such members to establish and implement reasonable controls regarding the manufacture, sale, distribution, use, and marketing of the firearm industry member's firearm-related products, as those terms are defined in the bill. Such reasonable ...			
<b>HB 40</b>	Marcus B. Simon	Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 3-N)	<b>Support</b>	Historical Position
	Manufacture, import, sale, transfer, or possession of plastic firearms and unfinished frames or receivers and unserialized firearms prohibited; penalties. Creates a Class 5 felony for any person who knowingly manufactures or assembles, causes to be manufactured or assembled, imports, purchases, sells, offers for sale, transfers, or possesses any firearm that, after removal of all parts other than a ...			
<b>HB 93/SB 38</b>	Elizabeth B. Bennett-Parker/Barbara A. Favola	Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 3-N)	<b>Support</b>	Historical Position
	Firearm transfers to another person from a prohibited person. Provides that a person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm because the person is subject to a protective order or has been convicted of an assault and battery of a family or household member may transfer a firearm owned by the prohibited person to any person who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing such firearm, provided ...			



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<b>HB 110</b> Amy J. Laufer  Firearm in unattended motor vehicle; civil penalty. Provides that no person shall leave, place, or store a handgun in an unattended motor vehicle, as defined in the bill, when such handgun is visible to any person who is outside such unattended motor vehicle. The bill provides that any person violating such prohibition is subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$500 and that such unattended motor ...	Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment (s) (7-Y 3-N)	<b>Support</b>	Historical Position
<b>HB 207</b> Karen Keys-Gamarra  Retail sales and use tax; firearm suppressor tax. Imposes a firearm suppressor tax equal to \$500 per retail sale of any firearm suppressor by a dealer in firearms. The bill provides that the revenue from such tax shall be deposited in the general fund.	Referred to Committee on Finance	<b>Support</b>	Historically supported as a means of firearm control (Legislative Program p. 17).
<b>HB 217</b> Dan I. Helmer  Importation, sale, manufacture, etc., of assault firearms and certain ammunition feeding devices prohibited; penalties. Creates a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person who imports, sells, manufactures, purchases, or transfers an assault firearm, as that term is defined in the bill with some exceptions, and prohibits a person who has been convicted of such violation from purchasing, possessing, or transporting ...	Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (7-Y 3-N)	<b>Support</b>	Historical Position
<b>HB 700</b> C.E. Cliff Hayes, Jr.  Purchase of firearms; waiting period; penalties. Provides that no person shall sell a firearm unless at least five days have elapsed from the time the prospective purchaser completes the written consent form to have a licensed dealer obtain criminal history record information, with exceptions enumerated in relevant law. The bill provides that any person who willfully and intentionally sells to another ...	Referred to Committee on Public Safety	<b>Support</b>	Historical Position



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<b>HB 871</b> Mark C. Downey  Storage of firearms in a residence where a minor or person prohibited from possessing a firearm is present; penalty. Requires any person who possesses a firearm in a residence where such person knows that a minor or a person who is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm is present to store such firearm and the ammunition for such firearm in a locked container, compartment, or cabinet that is inaccessible ...	Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 4-N)	<b>Support</b>	Historical Position
<b>HB 919</b> Alfonso H. Lopez  Firearm and ammunition tax. Imposes a firearm and ammunition tax equal to 11 percent of the gross receipts from the retail sale of any firearm or ammunition by a dealer in firearms, firearms manufacturer, or ammunition vendor, as such terms are defined in the bill. The bill provides that proceeds from such tax shall be distributed to the Virginia Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund.	Referred to Committee on Finance	<b>Support</b>	Historically supported as a means of firearm control (Legislative Program p. 17).
<b>SB 312</b> Adam P. Ebbin  Carrying assault firearms in public areas prohibited; penalty. Prohibits the carrying of certain semi-automatic center-fire rifles, pistols, and shotguns or any firearm modified to be operable as an assault firearm on any public street, road, alley, sidewalk, or public right-of-way or in any public park or any other place of whatever nature that is open to the public, with certain exceptions. Under ...	Incorporated by Courts of Justice (SB727-Jones) (13-Y 0-N)	<b>Support</b>	Historical Position
<b>SB 323/HB 40</b> Adam P. Ebbin/Marcus B. Simon  Manufacture, importation, sale, transfer, or possession of plastic firearms and unfinished frames or receivers and unserialized firearms prohibited; penalties. Creates a Class 5 felony for any person who knowingly manufactures or assembles, imports, purchases, sells, transfers, or possesses any firearm that, after removal of all parts other than a major component, as defined in the bill, is not detectable ...	Reported from Courts of Justice and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 5-N)	<b>Support</b>	Historical Position



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##### **SB 348**

Jennifer B. Boysko

Storage of firearms in a residence where a minor or person prohibited from possessing a firearm is present; penalty. Provides that any person who possesses a firearm in a residence where such person knows that a minor or a person who is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm is present shall store such firearm and the ammunition for such firearm in a locked container, compartment, or cabinet that ...

##### Last Action

Reported from Courts of Justice with amendments and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 5-N)

##### Position

**Support**

##### Priority Alignment

Historical Position

#### Health and Human Services

##### **HB 37**

Irene Shin

Developmental disability waivers; financial eligibility standards; sunset repeal. Repeals the July 1, 2026, sunset on provisions directing the Department of Medical Assistance Services to disregard Social Security Disability Insurance income above the maximum monthly Supplemental Security Income when determining financial eligibility for developmental disability waivers.

Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N)

**Support**

Support for developmental disability services, providers, and families (Legislative Program p. 14).

#### Housing - Affordability

##### **HB 4**

Elizabeth B. Bennett-Parker

Preservation of affordable housing; definitions; civil penalty. Creates a framework for localities to preserve affordable housing by exercising a right of first refusal on publicly supported housing, defined in the bill. The bill authorizes localities to adopt an ordinance that requires an owner to accept a right of first refusal offer by the locality or qualified designee, defined in the bill, in ...

Reported from General Laws (15-Y 6-N)

**Support**

Support tools to increase the availability of affordable, accessible, and integrated housing (Legislative Program p. 5, 15).



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##### **HB 183**

David A. Reid

First-time home buyer savings plan; townhouses; principal limits. Includes townhouses in the definition of single-family residence for purposes of the First-Time Home Buyer Savings Plan Act. The bill also increases (i) the aggregate amount of principal that can be contributed to a first-time home buyer savings account from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and (ii) the limit on the amount of principal and interest ...

#### Last Action

Reported from Appropriations with substitute (16-Y 5-N)

#### Position

***Support***

#### Priority Alignment

Support incentives increase the availability of affordable, accessible, and integrated housing options (Legislative Program p. 5-6, 15).

##### **HB 352**

Joshua E. Thomas

Local authority; affordable housing performance grant programs. Allows any locality that has created an industrial development authority or economic development authority (the Authority) to establish, by ordinance, an affordable housing performance grant program. The bill outlines that such ordinance authorizes the Authority to award affordable housing performance grants to qualifying applicants. Such ...

Read third time and passed House (78-Y 21-N 0-A)

***Support***

Support additional tools allowing localities to craft innovative solutions that are appropriate for their communities (Legislative Program p. 5-6, 15).

##### **HB 806**

Betsy B. Carr

Industrial development authorities; housing. Allows industrial development authorities to exercise their powers with respect to facilities used primarily for single or multi-family residences in order to promote safe and affordable housing in the Commonwealth. Under current law, such powers may be exercised only in a locality where a housing authority has not been activated. The bill also grants industrial ...

Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N)

***Support***

Support increased state funding, initiatives, and actions to increase the availability of affordable, accessible, and integrated housing options (Legislative Program p. 5-6, 14-16).



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##### **SB 629**

Kannan Srinivasan

First-time home buyer savings plan; townhouses; principal limits. Includes townhouses in the definition of single-family residence for purposes of the First-Time Home Buyer Savings Plan Act. The bill also increases (i) the aggregate amount of principal that can be contributed to a first-time home buyer savings account from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and (ii) the limit on the amount of principal and interest ...

#### Last Action

#### Position

#### Priority Alignment

##### ***Support***

Support for increasing the availability of affordable, accessible, and integrated housing (Legislative p. 6, 15).

#### Invasive Species Management

##### **HB 388**

Katrina Callsen

Powers of service districts; control of invasive plants. Allows a service district created within a locality to control invasive plants.

Assigned HCCT sub

##### ***Support***

Support for localities being granted additional authority to manage invasive plant species (Legislative Program p. 12).

#### Law Enforcement

##### **HB 273**

Dan I. Helmer

Law-enforcement officers; duty to render aid upon danger to life or limb; civil immunity. Provides that a law-enforcement officer, while engaged in the performance of his duties, has a duty to render aid to any person that he observes suffering from a serious bodily injury or life-threatening condition as circumstances objectively permit. The bill also immunizes a law-enforcement officer from civil ...

Reported from Courts of Justice (14-Y 6-N)

##### ***Support***

Support to ensure and expand local control and flexibility to protect public health, safety, and welfare (Legislative Program p. 5).



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#### Public Utilities

**HB 120** Karen Keys-Gamarra

Office of the Public Utility Ombudsman; established. Requires the State Corporation Commission to establish the Office of the Public Utility Ombudsman to protect the interests of residential customers of public utilities. The Office of the Public Utility Ombudsman shall serve (i) residential customers of public utilities that are jurisdictional or of limited jurisdiction and (ii) residential customers ...

#### Last Action

#### Position

#### Priority Alignment

**Support**

Support for resources for the most vulnerable in the community and promote environmental stewardship (Legislative Program p. 5).

**HB 770** Charniele L. Herring

Public utilities; water and sewerage companies; discounted rates for low-income customers. Provides that a public utility engaged in the business of furnishing water or sewerage facilities may propose and the State Corporation Commission may approve rates and tariff provisions that provide discounted service to customers with an annual household income equal to or less than the greater of (i) an amount ...

Assigned HCL sub

**Support**

Support for resources for the most vulnerable in the community as well as local flexibility to enhance quality of life (Legislative Program p. 5).

#### Solar Interconnection

**SB 659** Christie New Craig

Solar Interconnection Grant Fund and Program established; report; sunset. Establishes the Solar Interconnection Grant Program for the purpose of awarding grants on a competitive basis to public bodies to offset costs associated with the interconnection of solar facilities to the grid. The Program is administered by the Division of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency of the Department of Energy. ...

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

**Support**

Support for the fair allocation of interconnection fees between utilities and solar project developers (Legislative Program p. 11).



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**Sovereign Immunity**

**SB 637** Adam P. Ebbin

Virginia Human Rights Act; definition of "employer"; sovereign immunity. Reduces the number of employees from 15 to five for each working day in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year for the definition of employer of domestic workers under the Virginia Human Rights Act. The bill also waives sovereign immunity for all governmental entities for any act of unlawful ...

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**Priority Alignment**

Concerns regarding sovereign immunity (Legislative Program p. 5).

**Taxation**

**HB 13** Joseph P. McNamara

Sales and use tax; food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products. Eliminates the remaining one percent local sales and use tax that is imposed on food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products beginning on July 1, 2026. Under current law, no other sales and use tax is applied to such products. The bill requires an equivalent amount of revenue ...

Referred to Committee on Finance

**Oppose**

Oppose due to limiting localities' ability to raise revenue (Legislative Program p. 5-6, 9-10).

**HB 566** Joseph P. McNamara

Tangible personal property tax relief; rate of taxation. Requires, for tax year 2027 and all tax years thereafter, each county, city, or town to reduce its local tax rate on qualifying vehicles to no greater than \$0.000001 per \$100 of the eligible assessed value of the qualifying vehicle. The bill defines "eligible assessed value" as \$5,000 of the assessed value of a qualifying vehicle. For tax year ...

Referred to Committee on Finance

**Oppose**

Oppose as proposals to modify the car tax must ensure a sustainable, uncapped replacement revenue stream that supports growth based on accurate data (Legislative Program p. 9).



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##### **HB 703**

Anne Ferrell Tata

Sales and use tax; food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products. Eliminates the remaining one percent local sales and use tax that is imposed on food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products. Under current law, no other sales and use tax is applied to such products. The bill requires an equivalent amount of revenue to be distributed to ...

#### Last Action

Referred to Committee on Finance

#### Position

**Oppose**

#### Priority Alignment

Oppose due to limiting localities' ability to raise revenue (Legislative Program p. 5-6, 9-10).

##### **HB 960**

Vivian E. Watts

Personal property taxes; valuation. Requires that tangible personal property employed in a trade or business, other than such property set out for different valuation in current law, shall be valued by means of a percentage or percentages of original cost to the taxpayer. Current law requires such property to be valued only by means of a percentage or percentages of original cost. The bill has a delayed ...

**Oppose**

Oppose as would further restrict localities' ability to raise revenue (Legislative Program p. 5-6, 9-10).

#### Transportation

##### **HB 649**

C.E. Cliff Hayes, Jr.

Removal of certain signs and advertisements within the limits of highways; agreements with local governing bodies; requirements. Requires any agreement entered into by the Commissioner of Highways with a local governing body authorizing the removal of signs and advertisements within the limits of a highway to provide that the locality shall not authorize volunteers, on its behalf, to remove signs or ...

Reported from Transportation with substitute (19-Y 2-N)

**Monitor**

Concern around limiting local authority to utilize volunteers and contractors to remove illegal signs in the right of way (Legislative Program p. 5).



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**Summary**

**Transportation - Bicycle Operations**

**HB 343** Marty Martinez

Helmets; local authority. Permits localities to adopt ordinances requiring children 14 years of age or younger to wear protective helmets whenever riding or being carried on a motorized skateboard or scooter or a nonmotorized scooter. Current law authorizes localities to adopt such ordinances for riders of bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, toy vehicles, and electric power-assisted ...

**Last Action**

**Position**

**Priority Alignment**

**Support**

Support expanding local authority and support legislation to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety (Legislative Program p. 5, 17).

**HB 812** Betsy B. Carr

Regulation of traffic; bicycles, electric power-assisted bicycles, motorized skateboards or scooters, and mopeds; bicycle signals. Requires a person operating a bicycle, electric power-assisted bicycle, motorized skateboard or scooter, or moped in or approaching an intersection controlled by traffic control devices that include a bicycle signal to obey such bicycle signal, regardless of whether such ...

Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 0-N)

**Support**

Support improvements to pedestrian and bicyclist safety (Legislative Program p. 17).

**HB 1120** JJ Singh

Department of Transportation; improving the safety of electric power-assisted bicycles, motorized skateboards and scooters, electric personal assistive mobility devices, and other motorized single-occupant vehicles for operators and the general public; report. Directs the Department of Transportation to convene a work group of relevant stakeholders to examine and make recommendations for options and ...

Assigned HTRAN sub

**Support**

Support improvements to pedestrian and bicyclist safety (Legislative Program p. 17).



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<b>Transportation - Finance</b>				
<b>HB 1205</b>	Delores Oates			
Motor vehicles; insurance; highway use fee; tangible personal property tax relief for certain vehicles. Removes the highway use fee for fuel-efficient vehicles, and maintains the same highway use fee for electric vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles. The bill removes the prohibition on motor vehicle insurers establishing a repair facility network. Under current law, insurers are prohibited from requiring ...		Assigned HTRAN sub	<b>Oppose</b>	Oppose as it reduces funding to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund (Legislative Program p. 5).
<b>HB 1281</b>				
Delores Oates				
Motor vehicles; insurance, highway use fee, and tangible personal property tax relief; application to certain vehicles.		Assigned HTRAN sub	<b>Oppose</b>	Oppose as it reduces funding to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund (Legislative Program p. 5).
<b>Transportation - Safety</b>				
<b>HB 409</b>	David A. Reid			
Passing a stopped school bus; divided highways, access roads, and certain driveways. Clarifies that the exemption from the requirement for a driver of a motor vehicle to stop for a stopped school bus if such bus is stopped on the other roadway of a divided highway, on an access road, or on a driveway when the other roadway, access road, or driveway is separated from the roadway on which he is driving ...		Referred to Committee on Transportation	<b>Support</b>	Historical position



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<b>Transportation - Speed Cameras</b>				
<b>SB 436</b>	Lamont Bagby	Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N 0-A)	<b>Oppose</b>	Oppose due to concerns about police procedure and implementation (Legislative Program p.).
Photo speed monitoring devices; highway work zones; workers present. Limits the use of photo speed monitoring devices in highway work zones to when workers are present, as defined in the bill. The bill provides that a certificate sworn to or affirmed by a law-enforcement officer or a retired sworn law-enforcement officer is not <i>prima facie</i> evidence of the facts contained therein for a photo speed monitoring	...			