



VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL WATER JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRACKING REPORT MARCH 12, 2026

How to Understand and Use this Tracking Report

- **Scope:** This Tracking Report includes bills that have been screened-in by staff using search criteria, Member requests, and other intelligence to attempt to provide a useful tracking report for the four participating associations, with an emphasis on water-related utility and environmental matters. General government matters (e.g., procurement, VFOIA, etc.) may be included but the report may be less comprehensive as to such matters.
- **Organization:** Bills are organized by topics: Water Supply / Drinking Water, PFAS Chemicals, Wastewater, Stormwater / Flooding, Rates / Disconnections / Liens, Miscellaneous Water & Environment, Data Centers, Miscellaneous Other, Grants / Funding, and [State Budget](#).
- **Bill Summaries:** Noted that the descriptions below summarize bills as originally introduced. Due to subsequent amendments, the current substance of a bill may differ from summary description. For an updated understanding of the bill, it is necessary to read the current bill text available at the link provided.
- **Bill Text:** To review the current text of a bill, use the Legislative Information Service (LIS) link provided and look under “Bill Versions” for the most recent version. Bills are available in either HTML or PDF format, but only the PDF version provides text line numbers useful for issue identification and reference.
- **Bill History:** To review the progress of bill, use the LIS link provided and look under “History” for a chronological report, including amendments and committee and floor voting results.
- **Yellow Highlighting:** This Tracking Report uses yellow highlights to indicate new information added to the report since this last published version to help save time in reviewing weekly updates.
- **Italic Typeface:** This indicates that a dead has failed to pass (e.g., tabled / left in committee, negative committee or floor vote, vetoed, etc.). Failed bills are moved to end of each topic section but retained to provide a comprehensive reference. In rare cases, a failed bill can be revived and considered.

KEY DATES

Jan. 14 – Session convenes, pre-filed bill introduction deadline

Jan. 16 – Budget amendment and bill drafting request deadline (5pm)

Jan. 23 – Last day to introduce legislation (3pm)

Feb. 17 – Crossover deadline; beginning Feb. 18 each house may only consider the other’s bills

Feb. 22 – Each house to complete work on other house’s Budget Bill and appoint conferees

Mar. 14 – Adjournment Sine Die

April 22 – Reconvened Session (“Veto Session”)

WATER SUPPLY / DRINKING WATER

Note: Data Centers are Addressed [Separately](#)

HB 1149 (Hodges) Inspection of water distribution systems; lead status inspections for water service lines. Permits any locality that operates a water distribution system or any water authority that operates a water distribution system, or their respective duly authorized agents, to, at reasonable times and under reasonable circumstances, enter any establishment or upon any property, public or private, for the purpose of obtaining information or conducting surveys or investigations necessary to inspect service lines to make the required system-side and customer-side service line material classifications for lead status to comply with federal law. Requires any such inspector to maintain a record of such inspections, including the date, time, and result of the inspection, and, further, requires the inspector to inform the customer of the result of the inspection. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1149>

Reported from Counties Cities and Towns with substitute (21-Y 0-N)

Passed House by Block Vote (97-Y 0-N 0-A)

Reported from Local Government (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate Block Vote (40-Y 0-N 0-A)

HB 1381 (Bloxom) Prohibiting bioslurry injection wells in a groundwater management area. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1381>

Reported from HACNR with substitute (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (98-Y 0-N 0-A)

Reported from ACNR (14-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate Block Vote (37-Y 0-N 0-A)

SB 683 (Reeves) Appointment of receiver for waterworks; public waterworks. Allows the Commissioner of Health to petition the circuit court for the jurisdiction in which any public or private waterworks is located for the appointment of a receiver for such waterworks. Currently such appointment of receivership is only for private waterworks. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB683>

Reported from Education and Health with amendment (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate Block Vote (39-Y 0-N)

Reported from Health and Human Services (19-Y 2-N)

Passed House (97-Y 1-N 0-A)

SB 784 (Stuart) Prohibiting bioslurry injection wells in a groundwater management area. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB784>

Reported from SACNR with substitute (14-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate Block Vote (40-Y 0-N 0-A)

Reported from ACNR (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (99-Y 0-N 0-A)

HB 387 (Krizek) Occoquan Reservoir; low-flow protections for drinking water safe yield. Requires any VPDES Permit issued after July 1, 2026, authorizing the diversion of sewage or reclaimed water from a publicly owned treatment works for reuse that would otherwise discharge into the Occoquan Reservoir, the Occoquan River, Bull Run, or any of their tributaries above the Occoquan Reservoir to incorporate certain low-flow protection requirements for drinking water safe yield if the total diversion amount allowed by the permit exceeds 500,000 gallons per day... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB387>

Tabled in HACNR

HB 421 (Cole) Eminent domain; condemnation of public waterworks systems; determination of lost profits. Requires the body determining just compensation in a condemnation proceeding initiated by a locality for the taking of a waterworks system to consider in its determination of lost profits the difference between the rates, fees, and charges for water service provided by (i) the condemning locality or authority and (ii) the owner on date of valuation. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB421>

Continued to next Session in Courts of Justice

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HB 501 (McAuliff) Study; Department of Environmental Quality; groundwater supply in western Loudoun and Fauquier Counties; report. Directs DEQ to study the threats and challenges to the groundwater supply in western Loudoun and Fauquier Counties, to complete its meetings by Nov., 2026, and to report its findings by Dec. 31, 2026. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB501>
Left in Rules

HB 537 (Hamilton) Board of Health; regulations governing waterworks; prohibition on fluoridation of water. Requires the Board of Health to include a prohibition on fluoridation of water in its regulations governing waterworks and requires testing for fluoridation to be included in chemical monitoring requirements for waterworks. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB537>
Left in Health and Human Services

HB 1190 (Scott) Appointment of receiver for waterworks; public waterworks. Allows the Commissioner of Health to petition the circuit court for the jurisdiction in which any public or private waterworks is located for the appointment of a receiver for such waterworks. Currently such appointment of receivership is only for private waterworks. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1190>
Left in Health and Human Services

SB 473 (Marsden) Occoquan Reservoir; low-flow protection for drinking water safe yield. Requires any VPDES Permit issued after July 1, 2026, authorizing the diversion of sewage or reclaimed water from a publicly owned treatment works for reuse that would otherwise discharge into the Occoquan Reservoir, the Occoquan River, Bull Run, or any of their tributaries above the Occoquan Reservoir to incorporate certain low-flow protection requirements for drinking water safe yield if the total diversion amount allowed by the permit exceeds 500,000 gallons per day... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB473>
Continued to next session in SACNR (12-Y 0-N)

PFAS CHEMICAL BILLS

HB 122 (Keys-Gamarra) Manufacturing or sale of cosmetic products with certain ingredients prohibited. Prohibits any person from manufacturing, selling, delivering, offering for sale, or using in connection with a consumer transaction any cosmetic product that contains certain ingredients that are listed in the bill. Provides that a violation of its provisions constitutes a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB122>
Incorporates [HB 864](#) (Cousins)
Reported from General Laws with substitute (20-Y 1-N)
Passed House (76-Y 22-N 0-A)
Reported from General Laws and Technology with amendments
Passed Senate with amendments (40-Y 0-N 0-A)
Senate amendments agreed to by House (73-Y 26-N 0-A)

HB 938 (Clark) Self-reporting of PFAS manufacture and use for PFAS assessment; DEQ; industrial wastewater; POTWs. Requires every POTW to require certain new or existing industrial users to self-report use of PFAS substances as part of a pretreatment program. Requires every POTW receiving such self-report of PFAS from an industrial user to convey the information to DEQ within 90 days of receipt. Amends the defined meaning of "use of PFAS" to exclude use of surface water or groundwater supply from the definition. Directs any industrial user required to self-report use of PFAS to submit such report within 90 days of notification from the publicly owned treatment works of this reporting requirement and requires the POTW to notify relevant industrial users of the requirement to self-report use of PFAS...
<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB938>
Reported from HACNR with substitute (20-Y 2-N)
Reported from Appropriations (22-Y 0-N)
Passed House (88-Y 7-N 0-A)
Reported from Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)
Passed Senate Block Vote (40-Y 0-N 0-A)

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HB 1011 (Tran) Compost and other products containing organic soil amendments infrastructure; DEQ tax policy options for reforming the litter tax study expanded; civil penalty. Allows a locality, by ordinance, to require certain generators, as defined in the bill, of large quantities of organic waste to separate the organic waste from other solid waste and ensure that the organic waste is diverted from final disposal in a refuse disposal system. Directs a locality that has adopted such ordinance to require a business generating at least one ton of organic waste weekly to compost such organic waste at a permitted facility if such facility is within 30 miles of the business. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1011>

Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns with amendments (18-Y 3-N)

Passed House (69-Y 28-N 0-A)

Reported from Local Government with substitute, referred to Finance and Approps (8-Y 7-N)

Reported from Finance and Approps (10-Y 4-N)

Passed Senate with substitute (21-Y 19-N 0-A)

HB 1072 (Laufer) Local authority to test and monitor the land application of sewage sludge within its political boundaries. Clarifies that a locality may, by ordinance, test and monitor the land application of sewage sludge within its political boundaries to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including all water quality standards set forth in the Surface Water Standards with General, Statewide Application regulations, and not limited to testing and monitoring for substances listed in the VPA Permit Regulations. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1072>

HACNR Subc recommends reporting with substitute (7-Y 3-N)

Reported from HACNR with substitute (15-Y 7-N)

Passed House (62-Y 34-N 0-A)

Reported from Finance and Appropriations (11-Y 4-N)

Passed Senate (23-Y 17-N 0-A)

HB 1443 (Lopez) Owners of sewage treatment works; land application, marketing, or distributing of sewage sludge; PFAS; testing requirements. Requires any owner of a sewage treatment works land applying, marketing or distributing sewage sludge in the Commonwealth to collect quarterly a representative sample of the finished sewage sludge product and have such sample analyzed by an accredited laboratory for PFAS substances, using EPA Method 1633. The bill requires such owner to submit such analysis to DEQ. The bill restricts or prohibits land application of sewage sludge and requires the owner to send the test results to the landowner of every property at which the owner intends to land apply such sewage sludge if the analysis reveals certain concentrations of PFOS or PFOA in such sewage sludge... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1443>

HACNR Subc recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 2-N)

Reported from HACNR with substitute (17-Y 5-N)

Passed House (67-Y 29-N 0-A)

Reported from ACNR with substitute; referred to Finance and Approps (15-Y 0-N)

Reported from Finance and Approps (14-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate with substitute Block Vote (40-Y 0-N 0-A)

Senate substitute agreed to by House (74-Y 24-N 0-A)

SB 138 (McPike) DEQ; industrial wastewater; POTWs; PFAS monitoring. Directs DEQ to require quarterly monitoring for one year for PFAS substances for every industrial wastewater source that discharges pollutants into a publicly owned treatment works. The bill requires (i) any owner or operator of such industrial wastewater source to submit the results of such monitoring quarterly to the publicly owned treatment works and DEQ; (ii) if quarterly monitoring reveals PFAS in any amount, the owner or operator of such industrial wastewater source to continue to monitor for PFAS on a quarterly basis and submit the results of such monitoring to the POTW and DEQ; and (iii) any new industrial wastewater source that discharges pollutants into a publicly owned treatment works to monitor discharges from each outfall for PFAS and submit the results of such monitoring within 90 days of the commencement of such discharges to the POTW and DEQ. Allows DEQ to reduce frequency of such required monitoring in clause (ii) if an industrial wastewater source has at least two consecutive quarters of test results with all analyzed PFAS below the method detection level... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB138>

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Reported from SACNR with substitute; Reported from Finance and Approps (15-Y 0-N)
Passed Senate Block Vote (39-Y 0-N 0-A)
Reported from Appropriations (22-Y 0-N)
Passed House Block Vote (95-Y 0-N 0-A)

SB 293 (Aird) Capital Region Airport Commission; plan for discontinuing the use of PFAS chemicals in firefighting materials at Richmond International Airport; report. Directs the Capital Region Airport Commission to develop a plan for discontinuing by Jan. 1, 2028, the use of PFAS chemicals in firefighting materials at Richmond International Airport and to complete plan and provide report to the Virginia Aviation Board by Nov. 15, 2026. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB293>
Reported from General Laws and Technology (15-Y 0-N)
Passed Senate Block Vote (39-Y 0-N)
Reported from General Laws with amendments (20-Y 0-N)
Passed House with amendment Block Vote (96-Y 0-N 0-A)
House Amendment agreed to by Senate (38-Y 2-N 0-A)

SB 386 (Stuart) Distribution of sewage sludge; PFAS substances testing requirements; civil penalty. Prohibits any person that holds a valid VPA permit to distribute or land apply sewage sludge in the Commonwealth from distributing or land applying sewage sludge that contains any trace of PFAS, as defined in the bill. The bill (i) requires such person to, prior to the distribution or land application of sewage sludge, submit to the owner or lessee of the site where the sewage sludge is to be land applied a written statement affirming that such sewage sludge contains no trace of PFAS and (ii) subjects such person to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for violating the provisions of the bill. Exempts any person engaged in an agricultural operation, and land applying sewage sludge on lands used for agricultural operation. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB386>
Reported from SACNR with substitute; re-referred to Finance and Approps (8-Y 7-N)
Reported from Finance and Approps with substitute (10-Y 3-N 2-A)
Passed Senate (27-Y 13-N 0-A)
Reported from ACNR with substitute (22-Y 0-N)
Passed House with substitute with amendments (86-Y 12-N 0-A)
House substitute with amendments agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N 0-A)

HB 348 (McLaughlin) Residential Well Water Testing and Treatment Program and Fund. Directs the State Board of Health to adopt regulations to utilize point-of-use or point-of-entry drinking water treatment or filtration systems to remove or significantly reduce concentrations of perfluorooctanoic acid, perfluorooctane sulfonate, and other established and emerging contaminants of concern that meet or exceed maximum contaminant levels or health advisory levels for the same contaminant adopted by USEPA or, in the absence of an EPA health advisory for such contaminant, a contaminant level determined by VDH's Office of Drinking Water... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB348>
Left in Appropriations

HB 864 (Cousins) Manufacturing or sale of cosmetic products with certain ingredients prohibited. Prohibits any person from manufacturing, selling, delivering, offering for sale, or using in connection with a consumer transaction any cosmetic product that contains certain ingredients that are listed in the bill. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB864>
Incorporated by [HB 122](#) (Keys-Gamarra)

HB 880 (Kent) DEQ; monitoring requirements for PFAS substances in biosolids. Directs DEQ to amend its regulations to require an owner of a sewage treatment works to sample and test sewage sludge for PFAS substances, defined in the bill, once a month. The bill requires the results from such sampling to be subject to all existing reporting, compliance, and enforcement provisions. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB880>
Incorporated by [HB 1443](#) (Lopez) by voice vote

WASTEWATER (OTHER THAN PFAS – SEE ABOVE)

HB 728 (Leftwich) State Board of Health; permanent pump and haul of sewage; agritourism. Requires State Board of Health to amend regulations to exempt the pumping and hauling of sewage associated with an agritourism activity from the prohibition on pumping and hauling sewage on a permanent basis unless done under the auspices and supervision of a government entity.

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB728>

Reported from HHS with amendment (19-Y 2-N)

Passed House (82-Y 14-N 0-A)

Reported from Education and Health with substitute (14-Y 1-N)

Passed Senate with substitute (30-Y 9-N 0-A)

Senate substitute agreed to by House (95-Y 1-N 0-A)

HB 952 (Lopez) Chesapeake Bay Watershed Nutrient Credit Exchange Program; nutrient credit use by regulated entities. Provides that certain conditions and limitations for 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 nitrogen or phosphorus credits acquired, used, and transferred by a facility registered under an ISWGP or a VPDES permit regulating stormwater discharges for compliance with such permit. The bill also provides that such facility may use a compliance plan prepared by the Virginia Nutrient Credit Exchange Association and approved by DEQ for such purposes in lieu of separate compliance plans. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB952>

HACNR Subc recommends reporting with substitute (10-Y 0-N)

Incorporates [HB 1519](#) (Runion)

Passed House Block Vote (97-Y 0-N 0-A)

Reported from ACNR (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate Block Vote (40-Y 0-N 0-A)

HB 1178 (Pope Adams) Authorized septic system inspectors. Provides that an inspection performed by an authorized septic system inspector, as defined in the bill, may include flow testing, dye testing, camera scoping, inspection of readily accessible system components, sludge or scum measurement, hydraulic load testing, interior inspection of the septic tank, and excavation. The bill provides that system components are not considered readily accessible if access requires removal of surface material exceeding 24 inches in depth to uncover septic tank access lids, distribution devices, or other inspection ports.... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1178>

Reported from General Laws with substitute (21-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (97-Y 0-N 0-A)

Reported from General Laws and Technology

Passed Senate Block Vote (40-Y 0-N 0-A)

SB 401 (Jordan) Authorized septic system inspectors. Provides that an inspection performed by an authorized septic system inspector, as defined in the bill, may include flow testing, dye testing, camera scoping, inspection of readily accessible system components, sludge or scum measurement, hydraulic load testing, interior inspection of the septic tank, and excavation. Provides that system components are not considered readily accessible if access requires removal of surface material exceeding 24 inches in depth to uncover septic tank access lids, distribution devices, or other inspection ports. Requires an authorized septic system inspector to, prior to conducting onsite septic system inspection, review any operation permit.. and scope of services... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB401>

Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate Block Vote (39-Y 0-N 0-A)

Reported from General Laws with substitute (21-Y 0-N)

Passed House with substitute Block Vote (98-Y 0-N 0-A)

House substitute agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N 0-A)

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SB 453 (Stuart) Intentional discharge of untreated sewage onto land or into waters of the Commonwealth; penalty. Creates a Class 6 felony for any person found to have intentionally discharged untreated sewage onto land or into waters of the Commonwealth. The bill also provides that such violation is subject to a fine not to exceed \$50,000. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB453>

Reported from Finance and Approps with substitute (14-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate Block Vote (38-Y 0-N 0-A)

Reported from Appropriations (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (95-Y 0-N 0-A)

HB 1424 (Whittle) Board of Health: Powers and Duties; Onsite Sewage System Designs. Directs the Board of Health to establish and maintain a pre-certified library of engineered onsite sewage system designs that may be used by right when site conditions materially match the design envelope for such systems. The bill also directs the Department of Health, in coordination with DEQ, to implement a fast-track permitting timeline for subdivision plat review when a subdivision will have identical, decentralized onsite sewage system designs. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1424>

Left in HACNR

HB 1519 (Runion) Chesapeake Bay Watershed; generated by point sources or nonpoint sources, sunset. The term nutrient credit shall include nutrient credits generated by point sources or by nonpoint sources. The provisions of this legislation shall expire on June 30, 2027. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1519>

Incorporated into [HB 952](#).

SB 131 (Craig) State Board of Health; permanent pump and haul of sewage; agritourism. Requires the State Board of Health to amend regulations to exempt the pumping and hauling of sewage associated with an agritourism activity from the prohibition on pumping and hauling sewage on a permanent basis unless done under the supervision of a government entity. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB131>
Stricken at request of Patron in Education and Health

STORMWATER & FLOODING

HB 237 (Lopez) Department of Conservation and Recreation; ConserveVirginia; wetlands. Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to include in the floodplains and flooding resilience and protected landscape resilience categories of the ConserveVirginia program a geographic information system layer to map those lands adjacent to existing wetlands and lands suitable for wetland migration to occur. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB237>

Reported from HACNR with substitute (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (98-Y 0-N)

Reported from ACNR with amendment (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate with amendment Block Vote

Senate amendment agreed to by House (99-Y 0-N 0-A)

HB 390 (Askev) Marine Resources Commission; Habitat Policy Oversight Committee established; powers and duties; report. Establishes the Habitat Policy Oversight Committee within the Marine Resources Commission to advise the Commission and the Habitat Management Division of the Commission on policies within their jurisdiction and to support the Commission's coastal resilience efforts. The bill establishes the powers and duties of the Committee, provides that the Committee shall have nine voting members and two ex-officio members... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB390>

Reported from HACNR with substitute (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (98-Y 0-N)

Reported from ACNR with substitute (14-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate with substitute Block Vote (37-Y 0-N 0-A)

Senate substitute agreed to by House (98-Y 0-N 0-A)

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HB 397 (Herring) Clean energy and community flood preparedness; market-based trading program. Directs the Director of DEQ to establish, implement, and manage an auction program to sell allowances into a market-based trading program consistent with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and the Clean Energy and Community Flood Preparedness Act. Under current law, the Director is authorized but not required to establish, implement, and manage such auction program. Requires certain regulatory actions necessary for the Commonwealth to rejoin RGGI and resume participation therein.
<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB397>

Reported from HACNR with substitute (15-Y 7-N)

Passed House (63-Y 35-N 0-A)

Reported from ACNR (8-Y 6-N)

Passed Senate (21-Y 19-N 0-A)

HB 521 (Hernandez) Marine Resources Commission; powers and duties; wetlands. Requires the Marine Resources Commission to ensure that, in promulgating minimum standards for protection and conservation of wetlands, no net loss of existing wetland acreage and functions is achieved. The bill requires permits for the use and development of wetlands to contain requirements for compensating impacts on wetlands sufficient to achieve no net loss of existing wetland acreage and functions. Directs the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources to convene a stakeholder work group to address mitigation requirements for tidal non-vegetated wetlands... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB521>

HACNR Subc recommends reporting with amendments (9-Y 1-N)

Reported from HACNR with amendments (19-Y 3-N)

Passed House (74-Y 24-N 0-A)

Reported from ACNR with substitute (8-Y 6-N)

Passed Senate with substitute (21-Y 19-N 0-A)

Senate substitute agreed to by House (70-Y 25-N 0-A)

HB 549 (Hope) Conservation and replacement of trees during development process. Expands certain existing local government authority to conserve or replace trees during the development process by expanding such authority statewide. The bill changes from 20 years to 10 years the time in which certain tree canopy or cover percentages should be met at the development site. The bill allows localities to establish higher tree canopy replacement percentages based on density per acre, lot size, or any other measurement relevant to the practices of the locality to achieve MS4 stormwater nutrient reductions, mitigate urban heat islands, increase resilience to climate change, including reducing coastal and inland flooding, and mitigate air pollution. Alters the current process for granting exceptions to a local ordinance for conserving or replacing trees during the development process under certain circumstances...
<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB549>

Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns with substitute (16-Y 4-N 1-A); Incorporates [HB 995](#) (Seibold)

Passed House (64-Y 34-N 0-A)

Reported from Local Government with substitute (9-Y 6-N)

Passed Senate with substitute (24-Y 16-N 0-A)

Senate substitute rejected by House (0-Y 96-N 0-A)

Senate insisted on substitute Block Vote (40-Y 0-N 0-A)

Conferees appointed by House: Hope, Helmer, Tate

HB 1350 (Kent) DEQ; special orders; Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Program; civil penalties. Increases the maximum civil penalty amount that the Director of DEQ may assess for any special order to comply with certain related laws, regulations, permits, and certifications from \$10,000 to \$32,500. The bill also increases from \$10,000 to \$32,500 the maximum civil penalty amount that DEQ or a locality can assess related to violations of a Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Program.
<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1350>

Reported from HACNR with substitute (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (98-Y 0-N 0-A)

Reported from ACNR (10-Y 4-N)

Passed Senate (22-Y 18-N 0-A)

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HJ 16 (Convirs-Fowler) Study; continuing the Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding; report. Continues the Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding for an additional year, through the 2027 interim. This joint resolution is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HJ16>

Reported from Rules (18-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (96-A 0-N 0-A)

Reported from Rules by voice vote

Agreed to by Senate Block Vote voice vote

SB 197 (Graves) Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund; loan and grant program; deferment of interest accrual and repayment obligations. Provides that for funds disbursed to localities, federally recognized tribes, and Virginia recognized tribes primarily for the purpose of implementing flood prevention and protection projects and studies in areas that are subject to recurrent flooding, interest on loans shall not accrue and repayment obligations shall not come into effect for loans or grants until completion of the project or study for which such funds are disbursed. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB197>

Reported from Finance and Approps (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate Block Vote (39-Y 0-N 0-A)

Reported from Appropriations (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (98-Y 0-N 0-A)

SB 589 (Salim) Conservation of trees during land development process; Planning District 8; minimum tree canopy or cover percentages requirements after development. Allows any locality within Planning District 8 belonging to an eight-hour nonattainment area for air quality standards to require, by ordinance, that a subdivision or development provide for the preservation or replacement of trees on the development site such that the minimum tree canopy or cover 10 years after development is projected to meet specified coverage criteria. Under current law, the criteria apply to tree canopy coverage 20 years after development. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB589>

Reported from Local Government (10-Y 4-N)

Passed Senate (24-Y 16-N 0-A)

Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns with substitute (16-Y 5-N)

Passed House (64-Y 34-N 0-A)

House substitute rejected by Senate

House requests Conference Committee

Conferees Appointed: Salim, Srinivasan, Suetterlein and Hope, McClure, Tata

HB 214 (Feggans) Localities; Home Flood Protection Assistance Program. Enables a locality to establish by ordinance a Home Flood Protection Assistance Program to provide financial assistance to households to install temporary home flood exclusion tools at vulnerable entry points. Such financial assistance is limited to \$3,000 per household and shall only be granted after a household has (i) completed a stormwater extension program, as defined in the bill, or local floodplain review, including an on-site assessment by the locality; (ii) completed all required or recommended passive or structural flood mitigation measures... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB214>

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HB 477 (Watts) Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; required disclosures; local permits. Requires the owner of residential real property with actual knowledge that the local governing body issued any special exception, special use permit, variance, or other land disturbing permit, including building permits and erosion and sediment control permits, for the property within the five years preceding the execution of a contract for sale for such property to disclose such fact to the purchaser prior to the execution of the contract for sale. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB477>

Incorporated into [HB 1518](#) (Convirs-Fowler) by voice vote

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SB 482 (Roem) Study; Virginia Department of Transportation; alternatives to use of Sodium Chloride to treat and pretreat roadways for winter weather; report. Directs the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to conduct a study on safe and environmentally sensitive alternatives to using Sodium Chloride, or rock salt, to treat and pretreat roadways for winter weather. Such study shall measure the impact of current treatment and pretreatment substances on infrastructure and the environment and their corrosive effects on personal property and compare such impacts with those of potential alternatives, including nonchemical substances and new technologies. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB482>

Continued to 2027 in Rules by voice vote

HB 487 (Hernandez) State-owned bottomlands; localities; property interest. Provides that any city or county that is party to an executed project partnership agreement with the Department of the Army for a flood or storm risk management program, damage reduction project, or similar program specifically authorized by Congress shall be deemed to hold a legal property interest in the use of state-owned waters, bottoms, or subsurface soils sufficient to qualify for any easements necessary for the construction or completion of the project or program. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB487>

Continued to 2027 in Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)

HB 619 (Bloxom) Marine Resources Commission; Habitat Policy Oversight Committee established; powers and duties; report. Establishes the Habitat Policy Oversight Committee within the Marine Resources Commission to advise the Commission and the Habitat Management Division of the Commission on policies within their jurisdiction and to support the Commission's coastal resilience efforts. The bill establishes the powers and duties of the Committee, provides that the Committee shall have nine voting members and two ex-officio members, and directs the Committee to submit an annual oversight report to the full Commission. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB619>

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HB 995 (Seibold) Conservation of trees during land development process; Planning District 8; minimum tree canopy or cover percentages requirements after development. Allows any locality within Planning District 8 belonging to an eight-hour nonattainment area for air quality standards to require, by ordinance, that a subdivision or development provide for the preservation or replacement of trees on the development site such that the minimum tree canopy or cover 10 years after development is projected to meet specified coverage criteria... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB995>

Incorporated by [HB 549 \(Hope\)](#) in Counties, Cities and Towns

HB 1064 (Hodges) Department of Conservation and Recreation; federal National Flood Insurance Program; guidance document. Requires DCR, in collaboration with the Department of Health, DEQ, Department of Transportation, Marine Resources Commission, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, representatives from localities, and any other state agency issuing permits in a floodplain, to develop and maintain a comprehensive guidance document to assist localities in complying with federal floodplain management requirements... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1064>

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HB 1356 (Convirs-Fowler) Precipitation design standards; non-stationary precipitation; climate-adjusted rainfall. Requires the SWCB to serve as the lead agency responsible for establishing and maintaining precipitation design standards to be used by all state agencies, localities, and other political subdivisions and in transportation projects. The bill requires such precipitation design standards to include the most recent precipitation frequency estimates published in the NOAA national precipitation frequency atlas to account for observed and projected increases in precipitation intensity, frequency, and duration. ...<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1356>

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HB 1436 (Cole) VESMP authority; right of entry; performance bond. Removes the requirement for a Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program (VESMP) authority to have a performance bond with surety, cash escrow, letter of credit, any combination thereof, or such other legal arrangement in order

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to enter any establishment or upon any property, public or private, for the purpose of initiating or maintaining appropriate actions that are required by conditions imposed by the VESMP authority on a land-disturbing activity when an owner, after proper notice, has failed to take acceptable action within the time specified. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1436>

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SB 192 (Graves) State-owned bottomlands; localities; property interest. Provides that any city or county that is party to an executed project partnership agreement with the Department of the Army for a flood or storm risk management program, damage reduction project, or similar program specifically authorized by the U.S. Congress shall be deemed to hold a legal property interest in the use of state-owned waters, bottoms, or subsurface soils sufficient to qualify for any easements necessary for the construction or completion of the project or program. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB192>

Continued to next session in SACNR (15-Y 0-N)

SB 617 (Durant) VESMP authority; right of entry; performance bond. Removes the requirement for a Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program (VESMP) authority to have a performance bond with surety, cash escrow, letter of credit, any combination thereof, or such other legal arrangement in order to enter any establishment or upon any property, public or private, for the purpose of initiating or maintaining appropriate actions that are required by conditions imposed by the VESMP authority on a land-disturbing activity when an owner has failed to take acceptable action within the time specified.

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB617>

Continued to next session in SACNR

SB 768 (Locke) Commonwealth Flood Prevention Match Assistance Fund and Program. Establishes the Commonwealth Flood Prevention Match Assistance Fund and Program for the purpose of supporting local governments with grants to finance the cost share required of a local government for storm and flood risk management projects ... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB768>

Continued to next session in Finance and Approps (15-Y 0-N)

RATES & CHARGES / DISCONNECTIONS / LIENS

HB 242 (Cole) Public utilities; budget plan payment increases. Prohibits a public utility from, for any residential customer who is enrolled in a budget plan or similar billing option, increase the amount of such customer's monthly payment more than once within any 12-month period or without notifying the customer in writing at least 30 days before such increase takes effect. The bill defines "budget plan" as a fixed billing option offered by a public utility to a customer whereby the total service for the succeeding 12-month period is estimated in advance and bills are rendered monthly on the basis of one-twelfth of the 12-month estimate. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB242>

Reported from Labor and Commerce with amendments (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (97-Y 0-N)

Reported from Commerce and Labor with amendment (12-Y 1-N)

Passed Senate with amendment (37-Y 2-N 0-A)

Senate amendment agreed to by House (93-Y 4-N 0-A)

HB 422 (Cole) Public utilities; prohibition of multiple rate increases within three-year period for certain utilities. Prohibits a public utility authorized to furnish water or water and sewer service from filing an application for a rate increase more frequently than once in any three-year period. Provides exceptions to such prohibition for the utility to file an application (i) for a decrease in rates; (ii) limited to a rate adjustment clause, rider, or surcharge; (iii) for a temporary emergency increase in rates; or (iv) for an increase upon a finding by the SCC that extraordinary circumstances exist that materially impair the public utility's ability to provide safe and adequate service. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB422>

Reported from Labor and Commerce with substitute (15-Y 7-N)

Passed House (69-Y 29-N 0-N)

Reported from Commerce and Labor (14-Y 1-N)

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Passed Senate (28-Y 12-N 0-A)

HB 764 (Zehr) Public utilities; discounted water and sewer fees; Town of Hurt. Adds the Town of Hurt to those localities that may develop criteria for providing discounted water and sewer fees and charges for low-income, elderly, or disabled customers. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB764>

Counties, Cities and Towns Subc recommends reporting (5-Y 0-N)

Reported from CC&T (20-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (99-Y 0-N)

Reported from Local Government (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate Block Vote (40-Y 0-N 0-A)

HB 770 (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 equal to 80 percent of the median income of the area in which the household is located, as reported by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and (ii) 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB770>

Labor and Commerce Subc recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 1-N)

Reported from Labor and Commerce with substitute (15-Y 7-N)

Passed House (64-Y 33-N 0-A)

Reported from Commerce and Labor (10-Y 5-N)

Passed Senate (24-Y 16-N 0-A)

HB 898 (Herring) Electric, gas, water, and wastewater utilities; disconnections for nonpayment; certain fees prohibited. Amends a provision authorizing electric, gas, water, and wastewater utilities to recover costs related to compliance with disconnection suspensions for residential customers for nonpayment of bills or fees on certain days and during extreme temperatures to require such costs to be recovered through the utility's base rates for service. The bill also prohibits such utilities from charging disconnection or reconnection fees to restore service to residential customers disconnected due to the nonpayment of bills or fees. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB898>

Reported from Labor and Commerce with substitute (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House (84-Y 14-N 0-A)

Reported from Commerce and Labor (12-Y 3-N)

Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N 0-A)

HB 1144 (Martinez) Water and sewer connection fees; first-time homebuyers; affordable housing. Provides that any locality may provide for the full or partial reimbursement to a first-time homebuyer of water and sewer connection fees, capital recovery charges, and availability fees paid in connection with any new residential development conveyed to such homebuyer. The bill also requires any locality that has adopted an affordable dwelling unit ordinance pursuant to general law to provide for a waiver of such fees and charges for any development subject to the requirements of such ordinance. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1144>

Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns with amendments (15-Y 6-N)

Passed House (64-Y 34-N 0-A)

Reported from Local Government (10-Y 3-N 2-A)

Passed Senate (26-Y 13-N 0-A)

SB 294 (Aird) Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; tenant records; submetering, energy allocation, and ratio utility billing systems. Requires a landlord to provide a tenant with tenant records and a written statement identifying all debits and credits incurred by the tenant when serving the tenant with written notice of termination of the rental agreement due to the tenant's material noncompliance with the terms of the agreement or certain violations materially affecting health and safety. If the rental agreement provides for use of submetering equipment, energy allocation equipment, or a ratio utility billing

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system, the landlord shall identify debits and credits incurred by the tenant for energy and utility bills and any permitted additional charges. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB294>

Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute (11-Y 3-N)

Passed Senate (21-Y 19-N 0-A)

Reported from H-General Laws committee with substitute (20-Y 1-N)

Passed House with substitute (75-Y 23-N 0-A)

House substitute agreed to by Senate (21-Y 19-N 0-A)

HB 349 (VanValkenburg) Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; Manufactured Home Lot Rental Act; pre-tenancy fees. Prohibits a landlord from charging or collecting any fee that is not a pre-tenancy fee as described in the bill and limits the charging or collection of such pre-tenancy fees to either prior to or upon the execution of a rental agreement... The bill also provides that nothing shall be construed to allow an owner, manager, or operator of a residential building to charge a tenant for water, sewer, electrical, natural gas, oil, or other utilities if the utility is supplied directly to the tenant. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB349>

Continued to next session in General Laws and Technology

HB 420 (Cole) Public utilities; reopening rate case in certain instances. Provides that if an application is filed with the State Corporation Commission for approval of the acquisition or disposition of control involving a public utility and such application is filed within 24 months after the entry of a final order in a rate increase proceeding, the Commission may, on its own initiative or upon petition of any interested person, reopen such rate increase proceeding. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB420>

Continued to next session in Labor and Commerce by voice vote

HB 844 (Kent) Public utilities; discounted water and sewer fees; Town of Bowling Green. Adds Town of Bowling Green to those localities that may develop criteria for providing discounted water and sewer fees for low-income, elderly, or disabled customers. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB844>

Stricken from docket by Counties, Cities and Towns (21-Y 0-N)

MISCELLANEOUS WATER & ENVIRONMENT

HB 52 (Bloxom) Marine Resources Commission; beneficial use of dredged material. Provides that it is the policy of the Commonwealth to promote the beneficial use of dredged material, and that the Marine Resources Commission shall require the beneficial use of dredged material unless such use is not suitable based on criteria developed by the Commission... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB52>

HACNR Subc recommends reporting with amendment (10-Y 0-N)

Reported from HACNR with amendment (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (98-Y 0-N)

Reported from ACNR and referred to Finance and Appropriations (13-Y 0-N)

Reported from Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate Block Vote (40-Y 0-N 0-A)

HB 747 (Runion) Impaired waters clean-up plan report; consolidation of the agricultural commitments in the Chesapeake Bay WIP annual report. Consolidates the report on the implementation of the Commonwealth's agricultural commitments in the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan into the impaired waters clean-up plan report submitted annually by the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB747>

Reported from HACNR (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (97-Y 0-N 0-A)

Reported from ACNR (14-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate Block Vote (37-Y 0-N 0-A)

HB 1073 (Rasoul) State Corporation Commission; pipeline leak detection and repair standards. Directs the State Corporation Commission to promulgate regulations for pipeline leak detection

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and repair standards for pipeline facilities used in the intrastate transportation of gas that are, at a minimum, as protective as the standards set forth in the Pipeline Safety: Gas Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair Final Rule. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1073>

Reported from Labor and Commerce with substitute (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (98-Y 0-N 0-A)

Reported from Finance and Approps (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate Block Vote (40-Y 0-N 0-A)

HB 1266 (Tran) Environmental permits; cumulative impact of certain activities on environmental justice communities; public hearing and notice requirements. Requires any person seeking any permit approved or issued by DEQ for a covered activity, as defined in the bill, prior to applying for or submitting any required notice of intent to apply for a permit for a covered activity, to submit a site-specific public participation plan to DEQ for approval. The bill requires the applicant and DEQ to complete certain notice requirements including (i) holding a public hearing; (ii) publishing notices in English and other languages regularly spoken by persons who reside within a five-mile radius of the location of the proposed covered activity in a newspaper... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1266>

Reported from Appropriations (16-Y 6-N)

Floor Amendments agreed to

Passed House (63-Y 34-N 0-A)

Reported from SACNR with substitute (9-Y 5-N 1-A)

Passed Senate with substitute (22-Y 18-N 0-A)

Senate substitute agreed to by House (65-Y 34-N 0-A)

HB 389 (Askew) Marine Resources Commission; fisheries climate adaptation plan; report. Directs the Marine Resources Commission, in collaboration with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, to develop and maintain a fisheries climate adaptation plan that utilizes the best available science to consider climate-driven impacts to Virginia fisheries and aquaculture and identify adaptive management strategies and research needs necessary to safeguard the economic and environmental health of Virginia fisheries...

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB389>

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HB 419 (Cole) Approval of land use applications; residential development. Requires every locality to take final action to approve, approve with conditions, or deny any land use application for the rezoning or development of property that includes residential development within 12 months from the date of submission of such application to the locality. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB419>

Continued to next session in Counties, Cities and Towns

HB 492 (Seibold) Public utilities; vegetation management in public parks. Requires a public utility, when managing trees, shrubs, or other plants located in any public park owned or operated by a locality, to consult with the locality and aim to trim or prune such trees, shrubs, or other plants only to the extent necessary to preserve the reliability of service. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB492>

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DATA CENTERS

HB 153 (Thomas) Data centers; site assessment; high energy use facility. Provides that prior to any approval of a rezoning application, special exception application, or special use permit for the siting of a new high energy use facility (HEUF), as defined in the bill, a locality shall require that an applicant perform and submit a site assessment to examine the sound profile of the HEUF on residential units and schools located within 500 feet of the HEUF property boundary... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB153>

Reported from CC&T with substitute (17-Y 2-N)

Incorporates [HB 511](#) (McAuliff)

Passed House (90-Y 7-N 0-A)

Reported from Local Govt committee with substitute and referred to Finance and Approps (13-Y 2-N)

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Reported Finance and Approps (10-Y 4-N)
Passed Senate with substitute (26-Y 14-N 0-A)

HB 496 (Guzman) Siting of data centers; site assessment; water use disclosures. Provides that, prior to any approval of a rezoning application, special exception application, or special use permit for the siting of a new data center, a locality shall require that an applicant perform and submit a site assessment to examine and disclose the expected water use for the new data center. The bill also requires an applicant that is proposing the by-right development of a new data center to disclose the expected water use for the new data center at the time of site plan or plan of development submission...<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB496>

Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns with substitute (20-Y 1-N)
Passed House (74-Y 23-N 0-A)

Reported from Local Government with substitute (11-Y 4-N)
Passed Senate with substitute (25-Y 15-N 0-A)

Senate substitute rejected by House (0-Y 97-N 0-A)
Senate insisted on substitute Block Vote (40-Y 0-N 0-A)

SB 94 (Roem) Siting of data centers; property zoned for industrial use. Provides that any local government land use application for the siting of a data center shall only be approved if such application is for a data center located on a parcel of land zoned for industrial use or used for such purpose. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB94>

Reported from Local Government with amendments; re-referred to Finance and Approps. (8-Y 5-N 1-A)
Incorporates [SB 130 \(Ebbin\)](#)

Reported from Finance and Approps with substitute (10-Y 5-N)
Local Government amendments rejected in Senate by voice vote

Finance and Approps substitute agreed to
Floor amendment agreed to (24-Y 16-N 0-A)

Passed Senate (21-Y 18-N 1-A)
Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns with substitute (15-Y 6-N)

Passed House with substitute (80-Y 14-N 0-A)
House substitute rejected by Senate; House insists on substitute
Conferees appointed: Roem, Srinivasan, Stanley and **Thomas, Convirs-Fowler, Wyatt**

SB 553 (Srinivasan) Certain data from water users; water use consumption of data centers. Requires any water user that provides water to a data center, as defined in the bill, and is required to register certain water withdrawal and use data with the SWCB to report to the Board, on a monthly basis or as frequent as practicable, the total volume of water, including the portion that is reclaimed water, provided to such data center during the reporting period. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB553>

Reported from SACNR with substitute (9-Y 4-N 1-A)
Passed Senate (25-Y 15-N 0-A)

Reported from ACNR with substitute (18-Y 3-N 1-A)
Passed House with substitute (81-Y 18-N 0-A)

House substitute rejected by Senate
Conferees appointed: Marsden, Srinivasan, Stuart

SB 554 (Srinivasan) Zoning; high-energy users; local authority. *Permits the governing body of any locality to give consideration to the adverse impacts on the electric grid caused by high-energy users, as defined in the bill, and impacts resulting from new electric infrastructure in the design of zoning ordinances and the drawing of districts.* <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB554>

Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (12-Y 3-N)

HB 154 (Thomas) DEQ; data centers; use of emergency generation unit; disclosure requirements. *Directs DEQ to require each data center that operates an emergency generation unit, as*

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those terms are defined in the bill, to report on a publicly accessible website within 24 hours the times when such emergency generation unit will be in operation. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB154>
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HB 370 (Reid) Local authority on requiring water consumption in zoning ordinance; industrial and commercial facilities. Authorizes a locality to include in its zoning ordinance provisions for (i) requiring proposed industrial and commercial facilities to submit water consumption estimates and (ii) considering water consumption from public resources when making rezoning and special use permit decisions related to such facilities. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB370>
Continued to next 2027 in Counties, Cities and Towns by voice vote

HB 511 (McAuliff) Data centers; industrial zoning. Requires a locality to review and amend its zoning ordinance to (i) designate data centers as industrial uses for zoning purposes; (ii) review the locations of zones allowing data centers by right, and adjust the zoning map, if needed, considering proximity to residential areas; (iii) review the minimum requirements in the zoning ordinance, such as setbacks and building heights, for the purpose of mitigating negative impacts on residential or other sensitive areas and consider adding requirements specific to data centers... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB511>
Incorporated by CC&T into [HB 153](#)

HB 589 (Simonds) Certain data from water users; water use consumption of data centers. Requires any water user that provides water to a data center, as defined in the bill, and is required to register certain water withdrawal and use data with the SWCB to report to the Board, on a monthly basis or as frequent a basis as practicable, the total volume of water, including the portion that is reclaimed water, provided to such data center during the reporting period. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB589>
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HB 591 (Simonds) Policy of the Commonwealth; data centers. Provides that it is the policy of the Commonwealth to encourage the responsible operation of data centers in the Commonwealth while supporting grid reliability, affordability, and the deployment of renewable resources. The bill provides that in furtherance of this policy, the Commonwealth shall (i) promote coordination between data centers, state agencies, and regional grid operators to share information; (ii) incentivize data centers to participate in demand response programs... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB591>
Continued to 2027 in Commerce and Labor (14-Y 0-N)

HB 1112 (Singh) Zoning; high-energy users; local authority. Permits the governing body of any locality to give consideration to the adverse impacts on the electric grid caused by high-energy users, as defined in the bill, and impacts resulting from new electric infrastructure in the design of zoning ordinances and the drawing of districts. The bill also permits the governing body of any locality in Planning District 8 to consider the current availability of electric energy against the expected annual electric energy consumption of high-energy users when evaluating land use applications and zoning amendments. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1112>
Continued to next session in Counties, Cities and Towns by voice vote

SB 130 (Ebbin) Data centers; site assessment; high energy use facility. Provides that prior to any approval of a rezoning application, special exception application, or special use permit for the siting of a new high energy use facility (HEUF), as defined in the bill, a locality shall require that an applicant perform and submit a site assessment to examine the sound profile of the HEUF on residential units and schools located within 500 feet of the HEUF property boundary. Allows a locality to require that a site assessment examine the effect of the proposed HEUF facility on (i) ground and surface water resources, (ii) agricultural resources, (iii) parks, (iv) registered historic sites, and (v) forestland on the HEUF site or immediately contiguous land. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB130>
Incorporated by [SB 94](#) (Roem)

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SB 417 (Stuart) Cloud Computing Cluster Infrastructure Grant Fund; reclaimed water usage. Requires data center operators applying for grant payments from the Cloud Computing Cluster Infrastructure Grant Fund to utilize reclaimed water, defined in the bill, for water-dependent cooling processes at data center and cloud computing cluster operations facilities. Gradually increases reclaimed water utilization requirement at such facilities from 60% of all water-dependent cooling processes beginning July 1, 2027, to 100% on and after July 1, 2031. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB417>
Continued to next session in Finance and Approps (15-Y 0-N)

SB 521 (Deeds) Data centers; rainwater harvesting systems. Requires any new construction or substantial expansion, as defined in the bill, of a data center... to (i) include a rainwater harvesting system sufficient to capture rainwater runoff from at least 30% of the total roof surface area of such data center and (ii) use such harvested rainwater for non-potable water needs, as defined in the bill, including irrigation or the dissipation of heat from any component of such data center. Requires any such system to be designed, installed, and periodically inspected... authorizes the State Board of Health to promulgate regulations in collaboration with DEQ as necessary... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB521>
Continued to next session in SACNR (12-Y 2-N)

SB 552 (Sturtevant) DEQ; siting of large data centers; site assessment; standards; civil penalties. Requires a locality, prior to any approval of a rezoning application, special exception, or special use permit for the siting or major expansion of a large data center, as those terms are defined in the bill, to conduct an initial public hearing regarding such siting or expansion and to require the applicant to perform a site assessment including certain specified information and to submit such site assessment to the locality and DEQ. Directs the locality to hold a second public hearing upon such submission. The bill requires DEQ to review such site assessment to ensure compliance with site assessment standards established by DEQ. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB552>
Failed to report from Local Government with amendments (7-Y 7-N 1-A)

SB 709 (Stuart) Cloud Computing Cluster Infrastructure Grant Fund; performance agreement. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB709>
Continued to next session in General Laws and Technology (15-Y 0-N)

MISCELLANEOUS OTHER

HB 135 (Simon) Virginia Code Commission; subdivision plats work group; report. Extends by one year the work of the work group established by the Virginia Code Commission to review existing provisions of the Code of Virginia related to the submission, review, and approval of subdivision plats and site plans. The work group shall submit a report to the General Assembly by November 1, 2026. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Code Commission. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB135>
Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns (20-Y 0-N)
Passed House Block Vote (99-Y 0-N)
Reported from Local Government (15-Y 0-N)
Passed Senate Block Vote (40-Y 0-N 0-A)

HB 256 (Simonds) Comprehensive plan; environmental justice strategy. Requires cities with populations greater than 20,000 and counties with populations greater than 100,000 to consider, at the next and all subsequent reviews of the comprehensive plan, adopting an environmental justice strategy. The bill provides that the locality's strategy shall be to identify environmental justice and fenceline communities within the jurisdiction of the local planning commission and identify objectives and policies to reduce health risks, to promote civic engagement, and to prioritize improvements and programs that address the needs of environmental justice and fenceline communities, as those terms are defined in the bill. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB256>
Passed House (63-Y 35-N 0-A)
Passed Senate with substitute (21-Y 19-N 0-A)
Senate substitute agreed to by House (63-Y 35-N 0-A)

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HB 346 (McLaughlin) Virginia Freedom of Information Act; exclusions to application of chapter; public utility account numbers. Excludes account numbers of any person or public body for an account with a public utility, as defined in the bill, from the mandatory disclosure provisions of the Virginia FOIA. However, such information may be disclosed by the custodian in his discretion, except where such disclosure is prohibited by law. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB346>

General Laws Subc recommends reporting (10-Y 0-N)

Reported from General Laws (21-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (98-Y 0-N 0-A)

Reported from General Laws and Technology (13-Y 1-N)

Passed Senate (37-Y 1-N 0-A)

HB 317 (Pope Adams) Damage or trespass to public services or utilities or critical infrastructure; penalties. Adds the intentional destruction of or damage to any fixture, equipment, or information technology system that is used to provide, process, transmit, or maintain public services, public utilities, or other critical infrastructure, as defined in relevant law, to the existing offense of damage or trespass to public services or utilities. The bill contains technical amendments. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB317>

Incorporates [HB 769](#) (Herring)

Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (21-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (97-Y 0-N 0-A)

Reported from Finance and Approps (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate Block Vote (37-Y 0-N 0-A)

HB 505 (McAuliff) Counties, cities, and towns; dual office holding; members of governing body not to hold certain employment. Counties, cities, and towns; dual office holding, etc. Provides that any member of a governing body in any locality, who has been employed by any governmental agency that is a component part of and that is subject to the ultimate control of the governing body of which he is a member, is deemed to have continuing personal interest in that agency for a period of two years following the termination of such employment. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB505>

Reported from Privileges and Elections with substitute (13-Y 8-N)

Passed House (63-Y 34-N 0-A)

Reported from Privileges and Elections with substitute (11-Y 4-N)

Passed Senate with substitute (23-Y 17-N 0-A)

Senate substitute rejected by House (0-Y 94-N 0-A)

Conference Report Released

HB 569 (Feggans) Prevailing wage rate for public works contracts; localities. Requires each locality, when procuring services or letting contracts for public works paid for in whole or in part by state or local funds, or when overseeing or administering such contracts for public works, to ensure that its bid specifications or other public contracts applicable to the public works require bidders, offerors, contractors, and subcontractors to pay wages, salaries, benefits, and other remuneration to any mechanic, laborer, or worker employed, retained, or otherwise hired to perform services in connection with the public contract for public works at the prevailing wage rate. Requires Commissioner of Labor and Industry's determination of the prevailing wage rate required to be paid under certain contracts for public works to include, if applicable, consideration of any wages or employer contributions to employee benefits paid pursuant to existing collective bargaining agreements with employers employing a majority of workers of the craft or trade subject to such agreements in the locality in which the public facility or immovable property that is the subject of public works is located. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB569>

Reported from Labor and Commerce with substitute (13-Y 7-N)

Reported from Approps with substitute (15-Y 7-N)

Labor and Commerce substitute rejected; Approps substitute accepted

Passed House (62-Y 34-N 0-A)

Reported from Commerce and Labor; referred to Finance and Approps (8-Y 6-N)

Reported from Finance and Approps with substitute (10-Y 4-N)

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Passed Senate with substitute (21-Y 19-N 0-A)

Senate substitute rejected by House (0-Y 98-N 0-A)

HB 693 (McAuliff) Department of Workforce Development and Advancement; workforce development programs; apprenticeship program. Recognizes the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement as the federally and state designated agency responsible for workforce development in the Commonwealth. The bill additionally makes technical changes to reflect the previous transfer of administration of apprenticeship programs from the Department of Labor and Industry to the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement. The bill also amends the seventh enactments of Chapters 624 and 625 of the Acts of Assembly of 2023 to exempt the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement's initial adoption and any additional regulations from the provisions of the APA provided that, prior to the final adoption of such regulations, the Department publishes in the Virginia Register... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB693>

Reported from General Laws with substitute (18-Y 3-N)

Passed House (70-Y 28-N 0-A)

Reported from Finance and Approps with substitute (14-Y 0-N 1-A)

Passed Senate with substitute (35-Y 5-N 0-A)

Senate substitute agreed to by House (71-Y 26-N 0-A)

HB 1046 (Carr) Va Public Procurement Act; additional public works contract requirements. Provides that public bodies shall require the contractor and its subcontractors for any capital outlay project, as defined in the bill, to complete certain safety training programs, maintain records of compliance with applicable laws, and participate in approved apprenticeship training programs. The bill provides exemptions from such requirements for reasons related to lack of availability of apprentices and high costs. The bill also requires contractors or subcontractors who employ four or more journeyworker employees to also employ one or more apprentices to perform the same work and provides specifications regarding the provision of remuneration to independent contractors by contractors, subcontractors, or any other party on a capital outlay project. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1046>

Reported from General Laws with substitute and re-referring to Approps (16-Y 5-N)

Incorporates [HB 850](#) (Krizek)

Reported from Approps with substitute (15-Y 7-N)

General Laws substitute rejected; Approps substitute agreed to

Passed House (61-Y 35-N 0-A)

Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute; referred to Finance and Approps (9-Y 6-N)

Reported from Finance and Approps (10-Y 4-N)

Passed Senate with substitute (21-Y 19-N 0-A)

Senate substitute rejected by House

HB 1117 (Nivar) Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; universal license recognition. Reduces from three years to one year the number of years an individual is required to have held a professional or occupational license or government certification in another state in order to apply to the regulatory board within DPOR and be issued an occupational license or government certification under the universal license recognition program. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1117>

General Laws Subc recommends reporting (9-Y 0-N)

Reported from General Laws (21-Y 0-N)

Passed House (97-Y 1-N 0-A)

Reported from General Laws and Technology (14-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate Block Vote (38-Y 0-N 0-A)

HB 1176 (Cole) Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; quorum requirements for certain regulatory boards. Lowers the quorum requirements for the (i) Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects of two engineers, two architects, and two land surveyors to at least one engineer, one architect, and one land surveyor and (ii) Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists of two

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professional soil scientists, two professional wetland delineators, and two professional geologists to at least one professional soil scientist, one professional wetland delineator, and one professional geologist.

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1176>

Reported from General Laws (21-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (98-Y 0-N 0-A)

Reported from General Laws and Technology (14-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate Block Vote (38-Y 0-N 0-A)

HB 1254 (Glass) Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. Makes several amendments for the purposes of regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation to include (i) amending the definition of the "practice of landscape architecture"; (ii) removing the exemption for a person engaged in the practice of engineering, architecture, or land surveying as a full-time, salaried employee of the Commonwealth on March 8, 1992, from certain licensure requirements provided the employee does not furnish advisory service for compensation to the public in connection with engineering, architecture, or land surveying; (iii) providing that any state agency or political subdivision that is unable to employ a qualified licensed engineer, architect, or land surveyor to fill a responsible charge position, after a reasonable and unsuccessful search, may fill the position with an unlicensed person upon the determination... that the person.... perform the work required of the position...

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1254>

Passed House Block Vote (98-Y 0-N 0-A)

Reported from General Laws and Technology (14-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate Block Vote (38-Y 0-N 0-A)

HB 1263 (Tran) Public employees; repeals existing prohibition on collective bargaining. 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 and decertification elections for exclusive bargaining representatives of state employees and local government employees. The bill requires public employers and employee organizations that are exclusive bargaining representatives to meet at reasonable times to negotiate in good faith with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1263>

Incorporates HB 715 (Hope)

Reported from Labor and Commerce committee with substitute and referred to Appropriations (15-Y 7-N)

Reported from Appropriations committee with substitute (15-Y 7-N)

Passed House (61-Y 35-N 0-A)

Reported from Commerce and Labor with substitute; referred to Finance and Approps (8-Y 6-N)

Reported from Finance and Approps (10-Y 4-N)

Passed Senate with substitute (21-Y 19-N 0-A)

Senate substitute rejected by House

HB 1518 (Convirs-Fowler) Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; comprehensive review of required disclosures; report. Directs the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation to convene a stakeholder advisory group to assist the Department in conducting a comprehensive review of (i) required disclosures for a buyer to beware, (ii) current methods for a buyer to receive a residential property disclosure statement, and (iii) the statutory language related to residential property disclosure statements and the language used in such disclosure statements. The bill further directs the Department to develop recommendations based on such review and stakeholder input to improve efficiency, transparency, and the consumer experience while maintaining legal protections for all parties... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1518>

Incorporates [HB 477](#) (Watts)

Passed House Block Vote (97-Y 0-N 0-A)

Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate with substitute Block Vote (40-Y 0-N 0-A)

Senate substitute agreed to by House (95-Y 3-N 0-A)

SB 56 (Roem) Virginia Freedom of Information Act; procedure for responding to requests; charges; posting of notice of rights and responsibilities. Limits the fees charged for producing public records to the median hourly rate of pay of employees of the public body or the actual hourly rate of pay of the person performing the work, whichever is less, and provides that a public body may petition a court for relief from this fee limit if there is no one who can process the request at the median hourly rate of pay or less. Makes corresponding amendments to the required statement on charges in the notice of rights and responsibilities that must be posted on a public body's website.

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB56>

Passed Senate Block Vote (40-Y 0-N 0-A)

General Laws Subc recommends laying on table (10-Y 0-N)

SB 226 (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 produced in Virginia unless the bid price is more than four percent greater than the bid price of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder offering such products produced elsewhere. The bill allows the governing body of a locality to give preference to compost or other products containing organic soil amendments produced within such locality in the case of a tie bid. The bill also provides that any locality may by ordinance require that certain generators of large quantities of organic waste separate the organic waste from other solid waste... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB226>

Reported from Finance & Appropriations with substitute (9-Y 5-N)

Passed Senate with substitute (21-Y 17-N 0-A)

Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns with substitute (16-Y 5-N)

Passed House with substitute (66-Y 32-N 0-A)

House substitute rejected by Senate; House insists

Conferees appointed: Surovell, Pekarsky, Jordan and Tran, Nivar, Bloxom

SB 324 (McPike) Virginia Public Procurement Act; additional public works contract requirements. Provides that public bodies shall require the contractor and its subcontractors for any capital outlay project, as defined in the bill, to complete certain safety training programs, maintain records of compliance with applicable laws, and participate in approved apprenticeship training programs. The bill provides exemptions from such requirements for reasons related to lack of availability of apprentices and high costs. The bill also requires contractors or subcontractors who employ four or more journeyworker employees to also employ one or more apprentices to perform the same work and provides specifications regarding the provision of remuneration to independent contractors by contractors, subcontractors, or any other party on a capital outlay project. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB324>

Reported from General Laws & Technology with substitute; re-referred to Finance & Approps (9-Y 6-N)

Incorporates [SB 366](#) (Carroll Foy)

Reported from Finance and Approps with substitute (10-Y 5-N)

Passed Senate (21-Y 19-N 0-A)

Reported from Appropriations with substitute (15-Y 7-N)

Passed House with substitute (64-Y 34-N 0-A)

House substitute rejected by Senate; House insists

Conferees appointed: McPike, Pekarsky, Craig and Carr, Krizek, Davis

SB 378 (Surovell) Collective bargaining by public employees; 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 and decertification elections for exclusive bargaining representatives of state employees and local government employees. The bill requires public employers and employee organizations that are exclusive bargaining representatives to meet at reasonable times to negotiate in good faith with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB378>

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Reported from Finance and Appropriations committee with substitute (10-Y 5-N)
Passed Senate (21-Y 19-N 0-A)
Reported from Labor and Commerce with substitute and referred to Appropriations (15-Y 7-N)
Reported from [H-Appropriations](#) committee (15-Y 7-N)
Passed House with substitute (62-Y 35-N 0-A)
House substitute rejected by Senate (0-Y 40-N 0-A)

SB 425 (Bagby) Comprehensive plan; environmental justice strategy. Requires cities with populations greater than 20,000 and counties with populations greater than 100,000 to consider, at the next and all subsequent reviews of the comprehensive plan, adopting an environmental justice strategy. The bill provides that the locality's strategy shall be to identify environmental justice and fenceline communities within the jurisdiction of the local planning commission and identify objectives and policies to reduce health risks, to promote civic engagement, and to prioritize improvements and programs that address the needs of environmental justice and fenceline communities, as those terms are defined in the bill.

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB425>

Reported from Local Govt with amendments (8-Y 5-N 1-A)
Passed Senate (21-Y 19-N 0-A)
Reported from House Counties, Cities and Towns with substitute (15-Y 6-N)
Passed House with substitute (63-Y 35-N 0-A)
House substitute rejected by Senate
Conferees Appointed: Bagby, Aird, Stanley and Simonds, Clark, Kent
Conference Report Released

SB 518 (Rouse) Prevailing wage rate for public works contracts; localities. Requires each locality, when procuring services or letting contracts for public works paid for in whole or in part by state or local funds, or when overseeing or administering such contracts for public works, to ensure that its bid specifications or other public contracts applicable to the public works require bidders, offerors, contractors, and subcontractors to pay wages, salaries, benefits, and other remuneration to any mechanic, laborer, or worker employed, retained, or otherwise hired to perform services in connection with the public contract for public works at the prevailing wage rate. The bill also requires the Commissioner of Labor and Industry's determination of the prevailing wage rate required to be paid under certain contracts for public works to include, if applicable, consideration of any wages or employer contributions to employee benefits paid pursuant to existing collective bargaining agreements with employers employing a majority of workers of the craft or trade subject to such agreements in the locality in which the public facility or immovable property that is the subject of public works is located. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB518>

Reported from General Laws and Technology; re-referred to Commerce and Labor (15-Y 0-N)

Incorporates [SB 370](#) (Carroll Foy)

Reported from Commerce and Labor with substitute; re-referred to Finance and Approps (9-Y 6-N)

Reported from Finance and Approps with substitute (10-Y 5-N)

Passed Senate (20-Y 19-N 0-A)

Reported from Appropriations committee with substitute (14-Y 7-N)

Passed House with substitute (63-Y 35-N 0-A)

House substitute rejected by Senate (0-Y 40-N 0-A)

SB 575 (Reeves) Virginia Public Procurement Act; joint and cooperative procurement; construction exception. Repeals the provisions of law under the Virginia Public Procurement Act that provide an exception for construction where a public body may purchase from another public body's contract if the request for proposal or invitation to bid specified that the procurement was a cooperative procurement being conducted on behalf of other public bodies. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB575>

Reported from General Laws & Technology with substitute (9-Y 4-N 2-A)

Passed Senate with substitute (39-Y 0-N)

Reported from General Laws (21-Y 0-N)

Passed House Block Vote (97-Y 0-N 0-A)

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HB 83 (Feggans) Virginia Information Technologies Agency; powers of the CIO; creation of Cyber Civilian Corps. Allows the Virginia Information Technologies Agency to select persons to serve as Virginia Cyber Civilian Corp (the Corps) volunteers and Corps advisors and deploy such volunteers to provide rapid response assistance under the direction of VITA upon request of a client affected by a cybersecurity incident, defined in the bill. Establishes an advisory board within VITA to make recommendations regarding and administration of the Corps... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB83>

Continued to next session in Communications, Technology and Innovation by voice vote

HB 120 (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 who cannot be assisted by other Commission staff due to a potential conflict of interest. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB120>

Left in Communications, Technology and Innovation

HB 160 (Simon) Virginia Freedom of Information Act; officers, employees, or members of a public body; alleged willful and knowing violations; mitigating factors to be considered. Specifies that civil penalties may only be imposed on officers, employees, or members of a public body in actions brought against them in their individual capacity for certain violations of the Virginia FOIA. The bill further requires a court, when determining whether an officer, an employee, or a member of a public body has committed certain violations of the VFOIA willfully and knowingly, to consider certain mitigating factors, including good faith reliance on (i) opinions of the Attorney General; (ii) court cases substantially supporting such officer's, employee's, or member's actions... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB160>

Continued to next session in General Laws (Voice Vote)

HB 367 (Krizek) Consultation with federally recognized tribes; permits and reviews with potential impacts on environmental, cultural, and historic resources. Adds to the duties of the Ombudsman for Tribal Consultation requirements to (i) facilitate communication between federally recognized tribes and relevant state agencies and local governments to ensure an opportunity for meaningful and timely consultation on environmental, cultural, and historical permits and reviews; (ii) assist DoT in developing consultation policies... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB367>

Left in Appropriations

HB 463 (Cohen) Virginia Freedom of Information Act; definitions; meetings; quorum and electronic communication. Amends the definition of "meeting" for purposes of the Virginia FOIA such that any assemblage of a quorum of the constituent membership of a public body constitutes a meeting. Under current law, as many as three members or a quorum, if less than three of the constituent membership of a public body constitutes a meeting... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB463>

Continued to next session in General Laws

HB 535 (Hamilton) Review of plats and plans by locality; designated agent. Allows any locality with a population of 20,000 or less to use its planning commission as the designated agent for purposes of reviewing and acting on subdivision plats, site plans, and plans of development. Currently, only localities with a population of 5,000 or less are permitted to use their planning commissions for such purpose. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB535>

Left in Counties, Cities and Towns

HB 536 (Hamilton) Impact fees; residential development. Authorizes any locality to impose impact fees on certain residential developments in order to defray the costs of constructing public facilities necessitated by those developments. Under current law, impact fees have limited applicability and may be imposed only by counties that have established urban transportation service districts. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB536>

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HB 707 (Hayes) State government; transaction of public business; prohibited website domains. Prohibits a public body, defined in the bill, from maintaining an official website for public use with a domain other than a .gov, .edu, or .museum domain. The bill provides that any email address that a public body provides to its employees shall utilize a .gov domain and directs the Virginia Information Technologies Agency to promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB707>

Continued to 2027 in Senate General Laws and Technology

HB 769 (Herring) Damage or trespass to public services or utilities or critical infrastructure; penalties. Adds the intentional destruction of or damage to any fixture, equipment, or information technology system that is used to provide, process, transmit, or maintain public services, public utilities, or other critical infrastructure, as defined in relevant law, to the existing offense of damage or trespass to public services or utilities. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB769>

Incorporated by HB 317 (Pope Adams)

HB 804 (Helmer) Statewide housing targets for localities. Requires localities to increase their total housing stock by at least 7.5 percent over the five-year period beginning January 1, 2028. The bill provides that in order to meet such 7.5 percent growth target; a locality shall develop a housing growth plan that best meets the needs of the locality while meeting the growth target rates. The bill provides that such plan may include any strategy deemed appropriate by the locality; however, for purposes of demonstrating a good faith effort to meet growth targets ... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB804>

Stricken at request of Patron in Local Government committee (13-Y 0-N)

HB 850 (Krizek) Va Public Procurement Act; add'l public works contract requirements. Provides that public bodies shall require the contractor and its subcontractors for any capital outlay project, as defined in the bill, to complete certain safety training programs, maintain records of compliance with applicable laws, and participate in approved apprenticeship training programs. The bill provides exemptions from such requirements for reasons related to lack of availability of apprentices and high costs...

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB850>

Incorporated by [HB 1046](#) (Carr)

HB 1239 (Oates) Virginia Public Procurement Act; contract formation and administration; methods of procurement; competitive sealed bids or negotiation exemption. Establishes that any public body that has adopted purchase procedures not requiring competitive sealed bids or competitive negotiation for certain contracts shall, through such procedures, allow for purchases from a supplier of goods and services other than professional services to be procured under such procedures when the aggregate value of the purchases exceeds the thresholds established by law or by the public body ... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1239>

Left in General Laws

HB 1430 (Cousins) Impact fees; residential development. Authorizes any locality to impose impact fees on certain residential developments in order to defray the costs of constructing public facilities necessitated by those developments. Under current law, such impact fees have limited applicability and may be imposed only by those counties that have established urban transportation service districts. The bill also deletes provisions of current law that narrow the scope of included public facilities for localities in the Richmond Metropolitan Statistical Area. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1430>

Continued to next session in Counties, Cities and Towns by voice vote

HB 1521 (Williams) Digital innovation and infrastructure; establishing rights in digital property and technology resources; requiring risk management policies for critical infrastructure facilities controlled by critical artificial intelligence systems; providing safe harbors; preempting local regulation; and providing for enforcement and remedies.

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1521>

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SB 50 (Rouse) Lobbying; registration; local governments; penalty. Expands the definition of "lobbying" to include influencing or attempting to influence local government action, defined in the bill, or solicitation of others to influence a local government official, also defined in the bill. Current law limits such influencing to executive or legislative action and soliciting to executive or legislative officials. Requires the Secretary of the Commonwealth to prepare a list of the positions and names of local government officials to be revised at least semi-annually and made available to lobbyists to assist them in complying. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB50>

Tabled in House Appropriations (22-Y 0-N)

SB 279 (Craig) Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; Board for Contractors; tradesman apprenticeship requirements. Requires any individual who performs plumbing, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning or electrical work for the purpose of qualifying for licensure as a tradesman to hold an apprentice license issued by the Board for Contractors. The bill outlines the requirements for an apprentice licensee generally, and the specific requirements for plumbing, HVAC, and electrical apprentices. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB279>

Passed by indefinitely in General Laws & Technology (9-Y 6-N)

SB 318 (Ebbin) Virginia Public Procurement Act; preference for local products and firms; by localities. Allows the governing body of a county, city, or town to give preference to goods, services, and construction produced in such locality or provided by persons, firms, or corporations having principal places of business in the locality if the bid price is not more than 10 percent greater than the bid price of the lowest responsive and active bidder. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB318>

Reported from General Laws & Technology with substitute (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate Block Vote (39-Y 0-N)

Continued to 2027 in Counties, Cities and Towns by Voice Vote

SB 334 (Roem) Conveyances of interests in real property; public hearing required. Requires localities disposing of any real property interest, including easements, licenses, rights-of-way, or similar interests across publicly owned land, for the purpose of allowing (i) electric transmission or distribution facilities, (ii) public utility infrastructure, (iii) data center operations or supporting utility infrastructure, or (iv) any commercial or industrial facility to hold a public hearing prior to disposing of any such real property interest... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB334>

Tabled in Appropriations (21-Y 0-N 1-A)

SB 353 (McDougle) Consultation with federally recognized tribes; permits and reviews with potential impacts on environmental, cultural, and historic resources. Adds to the duties of the Ombudsman for Tribal Consultation requirements to (i) facilitate communication between federally recognized tribes and relevant state agencies and local governments to ensure an opportunity for meaningful and timely consultation on environmental, cultural, and historical permits and reviews; (ii) assist DoT in developing consultation policies... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB353>

Continued to next session in Finance and Approps (9-Y 6-N)

SB 366 (Carroll Foy) Virginia Public Procurement Act; additional public works contract requirements. Provides that public bodies shall require the contractor and its subcontractors for any capital outlay project, as defined in the bill, to complete certain safety training programs, maintain records of compliance with applicable laws, and participate in approved apprenticeship training programs. The bill provides exemptions from such requirements for reasons related to lack of availability of apprentices and high costs. The provisions of the bill do not apply to transportation-related construction projects. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB366>

Incorporated by [SB 324](#) (McPike)

SB 370 (Carroll Foy) Prevailing wage rate for public works contracts; civil penalties. Provides that the prevailing wage rate required to be paid under certain contracts for public works shall not be less than the applicable prevailing wage rate determined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor under federal law. The bill

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subjects any contractor or subcontractor who fails to pay the prevailing wage rate for public works contracts as required by existing law to a civil penalty of \$500 for each day on which such underpayment occurs and disqualifies such contractor or subcontractor from bidding on public contracts until three years after the final date on which such underpayment occurs... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB370>
Incorporated by [SB 518](#) (Rouse)

SB 781 (Sturtevant) Zoning; adequate public facilities. *Allows a locality to determine the timing of development by considering the adequacy of public facilities when making zoning decisions. The bill provides that a locality that makes a determination of inadequate facilities may reject or defer a rezoning application based solely on that determination.* <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB781>
Passed by indefinitely in Local Government (8-Y 7-N)

GRANTS & FUNDING

HB 70 (Feggans) Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund; projects; low-income geographic areas and nature-based solutions; Interagency Resilience Management Team powers and duties. Provides that DCR shall give additional weight to projects located in low-income geographic areas and projects that incorporate nature-based solutions when distributing loans or grants from the Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund to particular local governments. Allows the Virginia Resources Authority to contract with any person to serve as a program administrator to be approved by DCR to assist in the distribution of loans and grants to local governments... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB70>
HACNR Subc recommends reporting with substitute (10-Y 0-N)
Reported from HACNR with substitute (21-Y 1-N)
Passed House (82-Y 16-N 0-A)
Reported from ACNR (11-Y 1-N 3-A)
Passed Senate (36-Y 4-N 0-A)

HB 196 (Thomas) Virginia Residential Development Infrastructure Fund. Establishes the Virginia Residential Development Infrastructure Fund to provide financial assistance to local governments for expanding or improving public infrastructure needed to support new residential development through the construction or installation of a project, as defined by the bill. The bill provides that the Department of Housing and Community Development shall establish guidelines related to a local government's application for and award of grants and loans from the Fund. The bill directs the Virginia Resources Authority to carry out the administration and management of the Fund in consultation with the Department. The bill specifies the terms by which the Authority may deposit, invest, and collect money belonging to the Fund... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB196>
Reported from Approps with substitute (21-Y 0-N)
Passed House (92-Y 6-N 0-A)
Reported from Finance and Approps with substitute (14-Y 0-N)
Passed Senate with substitute Block Vote (40-Y 0-N 0-A)
Senate substitute rejected by House (2-Y 96-N 0-A)

HB 386 (Krizek) Chesapeake Bay Pay for Outcomes Fund established. *Establishes the Chesapeake Bay Pay for Outcomes Fund to provide outcome-based payments for verified reductions in nutrient and sediment pollution from nonpoint sources within the Chesapeake Bay watershed of the Commonwealth. DEQ is directed to administer the Fund and to establish a competitive solicitation process for awarding payments from the Fund.* <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB386>
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HB 847 (Cousins) Extreme Weather Taxpayer Protection Program and Fund. *Establishes the Extreme Weather Taxpayer Protection Program and Fund, administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, for the purpose of holding parties responsible for covered greenhouse gas emissions between the covered period of Jan. 1, 1995, and Dec. 31, 2025, for the parties' share of the Commonwealth's costs due to climate change...* <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB847>

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HB 937 (Franklin) Virginia Resiliency Grant Program and Fund. Establishes the Virginia Resiliency Grant Program and Fund, administered by the Department of Emergency Management, to award local governing bodies grants of up to \$100,000 to support disaster recovery from those disasters and emergencies for which federal assistance under the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act is unavailable. Authorizes the Department to establish a Virginia Disaster Individual Assistance Program... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB937>

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HB 1057 (Phillips) Department of Housing and Community Development; Virginia Rural Housing Infrastructure Fund and Program. Establishes the Virginia Rural Housing Infrastructure Fund and Program, to be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, for the purpose of financing infrastructure projects in rural communities associated with increased housing development within such communities... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB1057>

Left in General Laws

HR 3 (Reid) Memorializing Congress; National Infrastructure Bank. Urges the Congress of the United States to create a National Infrastructure Bank to finance urgently needed infrastructure projects. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HR3>

Left in Rules

SB 499 (Marsden) Chesapeake Bay Pay for Outcomes Fund established. Establishes the Chesapeake Bay Pay for Outcomes Fund to provide outcome-based payments for verified reductions in nutrient and sediment pollution from nonpoint sources within the Chesapeake Bay watershed of the Commonwealth. DEQ is directed to administer the Fund and to establish a competitive solicitation process for awarding payments from the Fund. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB499>

Tabled in House Appropriations (22-Y 0-N)

HB 30: FY2026-2028 BIENNIAL BUDGET BILL (AS INTRODUCED)

VDH Budget

[Item 283](#): Drinking Water Improvement.

- Decrease in Construction Financing reflecting cuts in federal BIL SRF funds

SNHR Budget

[Item 361](#): Administrative & Support Servies.

- Keeps WQIF Study due Nov. 2026

DCR Budget

[Item 362](#): Land and Resource Management.

- \$2,464,294 for Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund
- \$750,000 HABs in Lake Anna

DEQ Budget

[Item 366](#): Water Protection.

- Ends temporary increase to CWRLF

[Item 368](#): Environmental Financial Assistance

- B.2. \$43.5M for SLAF
- H. \$140.5M for WQIF HRSD Boat Harbor Plant (State GF Correction to State Debt Use Issue)
- I. Pending further action in subsequent General Assembly sessions and prior to public comment and approval of future WQIF eligible projects that exceed unobligated balances held by the Department, the Department shall report qualified WQIF projects to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees for funding consideration no later than October 1st annually. As such, the Department shall establish a WQIF solicitation period to determine project demand, as well as criteria to prioritize eligible projects based on quantifiable nutrient reduction impact, cost-

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effectiveness of the project, impact on cost shared projects with multiple funding sources, funding need of the requesting entity, and project readiness. Grant agreements for awarded projects shall be fully executed before project construction costs are incurred, and no amount shall be awarded for a grantee to backfill project costs met with any type of taxable debt.

Central Appropriations

[Item 471](#): ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Reallocations

I.1. All agencies with previously authorized ARPA dollars remaining on June 30, 2026, shall provide a report by Aug. 15, 2026 detailing agency's plan and timeline to ensure that all obligated funds are expended prior to the federal expenditure deadline. The Governor may reallocate expected unexpended funds to one or more previously authorized ARPA projects.

HB 29: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FY2024-2026 BUDGET (“CABOOSE BILL”)

DEQ

[Item 365](#): Environmental Financial Assistance

Q. Pending further action in subsequent General Assembly sessions and prior to public comment and approval of future Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) eligible projects that exceed unobligated balances held by the Department, the Department shall report qualified WQIF projects to the Governor, the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees for funding consideration no later than October 1st annually. As such, the Department shall establish a WQIF solicitation period to determine project demand, as well as criteria to prioritize eligible projects based on quantifiable nutrient reduction impact, cost-effectiveness of the project, impact on cost shared projects with multiple funding sources, funding need of the requesting entity, and project readiness. Grant agreements for awarded projects shall be fully executed before project construction costs are incurred, and no amount shall be awarded for a grantee to backfill project costs met with any type of taxable debt.

Additional background on Governor’s proposals (HB30 / HB29), found at: [DPB Home Page](#)

House & Senate Floor Approved Budget Amendments (2/27/2026)

HB 30 (FY2026-2028 Budget)

(Unapproved Member Budget Amendment Requests have been moved to the end of this section.)

WATER SUPPLY / DRINKING WATER

Grants for Drinking Water Projects (Item 283) ([#1h, Floor Approved](#), [#1s Floor Approved](#)). Provides ongoing authority for VDH to expend \$25 million from GF that was appropriated in FY2026 and carried forward into FY 2027 for three local drinking water infrastructure projects approved by the department in fiscal year 2026. Language provides authority to carry forward funding to fiscal year 2029. Drinking water infrastructure projects are often multi-year projects to complete the design, contract awards and construction. Senate amendment also provides **\$50M in new Drinking Water Funding** and specifies localities for funding, House amendment is language only.

Water Supply Planning (Item 366) ([#2s, Floor Approved](#)). Provides \$750K each year of state support for water supply planning activities of the 25 regional planning units, including resource mapping, risk assessment and mitigation, community engagement, and local plan approval.

Groundwater Study for Loudoun & Fauquier Counties (Item 366) ([#2h, Floor Approved](#), [#3s, Floor Approved](#)). Provides \$200K (House)/ \$100K (Senate) the first year to study of groundwater challenges in western Loudoun and Fauquier Counties.

Groundwater Research (Item 366) ([#4s, Floor Approved](#)). Provides \$2.3M the first year for DEQ to expand ground water research in the Eastern Groundwater Management Areas.

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SWIFT Model for Eastern Ground Management Study (Item 366) ([#5s, Floor Approved](#)). Provides \$300K the first year and \$200K the second year to study the feasibility and cost of aquifer recharge at wastewater treatment facilities in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area.

PFAS

PFAS Monitoring & Reporting (SB 138) (Item 366) ([#1s, Floor Approved](#)). Provides \$1.625M first year and \$1.125M second year for fiscal impact of SB 138, which requires monitoring and reporting of PFAS discharged by industrial users of POTWs.

PFAS Action Plan Development & Permit Administration (Item 366) ([#1h, Floor Approved](#)). Provides \$650,000 each year and five positions to support the additional workload of PFAS Action Plan Development and permit administration

PFAS Disposal Alternatives Analysis (Item 368) ([#2h, Floor Approved](#)). Provides \$500K the first year for a study to determine the feasibility and cost of PFAS Substances disposal options.

WASTEWATER (OTHER THAN PFAS)

Biosolids Coordinator Position (Item 362) ([#1h, Floor Approved](#)). Provides \$140K each year to support the existing Biosolids Coordinator position within DCR.

King George Wastewater Infrastructure (Item 368) ([#1s, Floor Approved](#)). Provides \$5M the first year to support the King George Service Authority's needed repairs to the Dahlgren WWTF.

Richmond CSO Project (Item 368) ([#1h, Floor Approved](#), [#2s, Floor Approved](#)). Provides \$50M in first year for the Combined Sewer Overflow project in the City of Richmond.

Bristow Manor Wastewater (Item 368) ([#3h, Floor Approved](#), [#5s, Floor Approved](#)). Provides \$1M in first year to support the connection of Bristow Manor to the Prince William County wastewater collection system. Senate approved language only.

WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FUND (WQIF) GRANTS

Removing \$36.2M Supplemental Deposit to WQIF (Item 362) ([#3h, Floor Approved](#)). Removes \$36.2M the first year from the general fund supplemental deposit WQIF. Preserves mandatory Part A and Part B deposits totaling \$107.9M the first year, as well as \$141.9M in supplemental nongeneral fund for agricultural best management practices found in Paragraphs U and V of Item 362 of HB 30 as introduced. From all funds, the total first year deposit for the WQIF after this action is \$249.9 million

Remove Proposed Cap on NRCF Interest Transfers to WQIF Reserve (language only) (Item 362) ([#4h, Floor Approved](#)). Removes language proposed in the introduced budget that would preclude a transfer of interest earnings from the Natural Resources Commitment Fund to the WQIF reserve if the total balance of the reserve is greater than \$70 million.

WQIF WWTP Deposit (Item 368) ([#4h, Floor Approved](#)). Provides \$188.9M in first year for deposit in WQIF to provide matching grants for eligible WWTP improvement projects.

WQIF for HRSD. (Item 368) ([#3s, Floor Approved](#)). Provides \$200.0M the first year for supplemental deposit to the WQIF to support the state share of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District project.

South Central Wastewater Authority WQIF Procedures (Language Only) (Item 368) ([#4s, Floor Approved](#)). Language only amendment provides flexibility to prioritize use of funds from existing ARPA

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grants (to meet the 2026 federal APRA expenditure deadline) and maintain and defer WQIF funds use until after all ARPA funds are used.

STORMWATER & FLOODING / DAM SAFETY

Lake Barcroft Dam Flood Mitigation (Item 362) (#3s, Floor Approved). Provides \$3M in first year to the Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District for a dam safety improvement project.

Lake Barcroft Dam (Item 363) (#1h, Floor Approved). Provides \$1.5M in first year to complete engineering and support construction of the Lake Barcroft Dam Flood Mitigation Project in Fairfax County

Soil & Water Conservation District Dam Rehab (Item 362) (#4s, Floor Approved). Provides \$25M the first year for repair and maintenance of Soil and Water Conservation District dams.

Rejoining RGGI (Language Only) (Item 369) (#1h, House Approved). (Language Only) Requires all agencies take actions necessary for the Commonwealth to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

MISCELLANEOUS WATER & ENVIRONMENT

Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (Item 362) (#5h, Floor Approved, #1s, Floor Approved). Provides \$2M (House)/ \$8M (Senate) in first year for the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program.

Lake Anna HAB (Cyanobacteria) Mitigation (Item 362) (#2s, Floor Approved). Provides \$500K the second year to support cyanobacteria mitigation and remediation efforts at Lake Anna in Louisa County.

COMPARISON OF KEY BUDGET ITEMS NOTED ABOVE

TOPIC (BUDGET ITEM)	HOUSE FLOOR	SENATE FLOOR
VDH Drinking Water Grants (Item 283) Authority for VDH to expend \$25M appropriated in FY26 & carried forward to FY27	Language only	\$50M
Water Supply Planning (Item 366) \$750K/Yr for 25 Reg'l Planning Units	-	\$1.5M
Groundwater Study (Item 366) Loudoun & Fauquier Counties	\$200K	\$100K
Groundwater Research (Item 366) Expand research in Eastern GW Mnmt Areas	-	\$2.3M
SWIFT Model Study (Item 366) Study cost of aquifer recharge at WWTFs in EGWMA	-	\$500K
PFAS Monitoring & Reporting (Item 366) House approved \$650K/year for 5 FTEs; Senate approved \$1.625M+\$1.125M	\$1.3M	\$2.75M
PFAS Alternatives Analysis (Item 368)	\$500K	(included in above)
Biosolids Coordinator Position (Item 362)	\$280K	-
Richmond CSO (Item 368)	\$50M	\$50M
SCWWA ARPA Flexibility (Item 368)	-	Lang. included
WQIF Additional Funds (Item 368)	\$189M	\$200M (all for HRSD)
WQIF Application Process	Still included, technical tweak ("non-taxable")	Still included
SLAF (Item 368)	(Retained \$43.5M)	(Retained \$43.5M)
Rejoin RGGI	Included	Included

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2026 BUDGET CONFEREES	
HOUSE	SENATE
Torian	Lucas
Carr	Deeds
McQuinn	Locke
Krizek	Pillion
Austin	Stuart
Bloxom	

**House Appropriations Committee (“HAC”) & Senate Finance & Appropriations Committee (“SFAC”) Approved Budget Amendments (2/24/2026)
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Rejoining RGGI (Language Only) (Item 365) (#1s, SFAC Approved). Requires all agencies take actions necessary for the Commonwealth to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

*Dead Budget Amendments
HB 30/SB 30 FY26-28 Budget*

ENRC Annual Reimbursement Cap (Language Only) (Item 368) (#13h, Krizek). Establishes an annual aggregate reimbursement cap of \$190M for certain WWTP upgrades required by the Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program for which DEQ enters into a grant agreement on or after January 1, 2026.

PFAS Testing & Prohibition (SB 386) (Item 365) (#2s, Stuart). Provides \$50K each year for the fiscal impact of SB 386, which prohibits any person who holds a VPA permit to distribute or land apply biosolids containing any trace of PFAS. It also subjects such person to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5K for violating provisions of the bill to be paid into the Sludge Management Fund.

Positions for PFAS Regulation (Item 368) (#7s, Stuart). Provides \$650K each year and 5 positions for regulation of PFAS Substances, including development of Action Plan, data management, permitting, compliance monitoring, and support for the Expert Advisory Committee.

Study the Feasibility of Reclaimed Water Use by Data Centers and Other Industrial Users (Item 366) (#2s, Stuart). Provides \$100K the first year for DEQ to study the feasibility of using reclaimed water (purple water) to serve data centers and other large industrial uses in Virginia.

Wastewater Expansion to NC Border (Item 438) (#6s, Stanley). Provides \$1.3M each year for the WWTP Improvements Project, a proposed regional project between the Carroll County Public Service Authority, NC DoT, and VDOT, to close three separate existing WWTPs and convey sewage to City of Mount Airy.

Extreme Weather Taxpayer Protection (Language Only) (Item 362) (#22h, Cousins). Authorizes DCR to receive a treasury loan to implement the Extreme Weather Taxpayer Protection Program pursuant to [HB 847](#).

Va Community Flood Preparedness Fund (SB 197) (Item 362) (#16s, Williams Graves). Provides \$50K each year for the fiscal impact of [SB 197](#), which defers interest on loans and repayment obligations for loans or grants until completion of the project supported by the Community Flood Preparedness Fund.

VESMP Authority for Right of Entry & Performance Bonds (Item 369) (#1s, Durant). Provides \$50K each year for the fiscal impact of [SB 617](#), proposing changes to Va’s Erosion & Stormwater Mgmt Program.

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Ag BMPs (Item 362) ([#13s, Marsden/ #7h, Bloxom](#)). Provides \$8.5M (\$71.8M) the first year (second year) for the Virginia Cost Share Program to support implementation of Ag BMPs. In conjunction with funding directed from the WQIF in the introduced budget this will fully fund the needs assessment for FY 2027.

Nutrient Load Reduction Practices (Item 362) ([#18h, Krizek](#)). Provides \$14M in fiscal year 2027 for nutrient load reduction practices.

Harmful Algal Bloom Water Testing (Item 365) ([#3s, Stuart](#)). Provides \$250K GF each year for DEQ, in coordination with DCLS, to provide testing of inland waterways for the presence of HABs.

Study Impacts of Unpermitted Withdrawals on Aquatic Life (Item 366) ([#7h, Willett](#)). Provides \$100K in fiscal year 2027 for DEQ to convene a workgroup to evaluate the impacts of unpermitted surface water withdrawals on aquatic life. This amendment is a placeholder until a fiscal impact for the legislation is produced.

Cumulative Impact of Pollution on Community (Item 368) ([#7h, Tran](#)). Provides \$50K each year pursuant to [HB 1266](#), requiring state agencies to evaluate the total pollution burden a community faces before approving new industrial permits.

Local Option for Composting Program (Item 368) ([#12h, Tran](#)). Provides \$100K in fiscal year 2027 pursuant to [HB 1011](#). Amendment is placeholder until fiscal impact statement is produced.

Dead Budget Amendments HB 29/SB 29 “Caboose Budget”

Regional Water Supply Planning (Item 363) ([#1s, Marsden/ #2s, Stuart](#)). Provides \$500K the second year of additional state support for the water supply planning activities of the 25 regional planning units.

Support for Regional Water Resource Planning (Item 365) ([#1h, Wilt/ #2h, Cole/ #3h, Hodges/ #4h, Willett](#)). Provides \$500K in fiscal year 2026 to support regional water resource planning activities.

South Central Wastewater Authority (Language Only) (Item 365) ([#1s, Aird/ #5h, Pope Adams](#)). Allows SCWWA’s Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Reduction Project in Petersburg the flexibility to prioritize use of funds from two existing ARPA grants to meet the 2026 federal ARPA expenditure deadline and maintain and defer WQIF funds use until after all ARPA funds are used as construction continues through 2029.

ENRC Annual Reimbursement Cap (Language Only) (Item 365) ([#6h, Krizek](#)). Establishes an annual aggregate reimbursement cap of \$190 million for certain wastewater treatment plant upgrades required by the Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program for which the Department of Environmental Quality enters into a grant agreement on or after January 1, 2026.

Bristow Manor Low Pressure Sewer Line (Item 365) ([#4s, McPike](#)). Provides \$2.5M the second year to Prince William County for Phase 2 of Bristow Manor Sewer Line Connection Project.