

2014 General Assembly
Hot List Summary

Topic	Staff Recommendation	Senate Bills			House Bills		
		Bill #	Patron	Status	Bill #	Patron	Status
Precious Metals Dealers, \$200 fee waiver	Support	SB 95	Black	Passed the Senate. Referred to House General Laws.	HB 192	Minchew	Passed the House. Referred to Senate General Laws - February 10
Transportation - primary highway definition	Support	SB 518	Wagner	Passed the Senate. Referred to House Transportation, Sub #4	HB 1048	Rust	Passed the House. Referred to Senate Transportation
Sidewalk ROW Dedication	Support	SB 237	Petersen	Reported from Local Government	-	-	-
Award of damages and attorneys fees	Oppose	SB 578	Obenshain	Passed the Senate with substitute. Referred to House Courts of Justice	HB 1084	Morris	Passed the House with substitute
Remediation fees, remove \$5,000 cap	Oppose	SB 431	Watkins	Passed the Senate. Referred to House ACNR (W, 8:30am)	-	-	-
Land Use - preliminary subdivision plats limited to subdivisions of 50 lots or more	Oppose	-	-	-	HB 209	Marshall, D	Passed the House. Referred to Senate Local Government
Utility crossing, SCC jurisdiction	Oppose	-	-	-	HB 978	Rust	Passed the House. Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor (M, 1/2 hour after adj)
Eminent Domain, date of valuation in inverse condemnations	Neutral on substitute	SB 194	Black	Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute	-	-	-
Zoning, limitation of local authority	Oppose	-	-	-	HB 1219	Marshall, R	Courts, Constitutional Law subcommittee
BPOL - limit rates & allow income tax credit for BPOL paid	Oppose	-	-	-	HB 435	LeMunyon	Finance (M, 8:30am)

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City Status	Supported HB 158	SB 312	Vogel	Passed the Senate, without town's exception	HB 158	Minchew	Stricken from docket at patron's request
Building Code Enforcement	Support	SB 313	Vogel	Continued to 2015 in General Laws	HB 826	Minchew	Tabled in General Laws, Subcommittee #1
Vacant/derelict properties	Support	SB 374	Marsh	Continued to 2015 in Local Government			
Legal notices	Support	SB 472	Smith	Passed by indefinitely in Local Government	HB 95	Head	Failed to report from Counties, Cities & Towns
Communications Taxes	Oppose	SB 586	Colgan	Passed by indefinitely in Finance	HB 685	Torian	Stricken from docket
Using local communication taxes to fund Line of Duty Act	Oppose	SB 289	Carrico	Continued to 2015 in Finance	HB 1230	Sickles	Tabled in Appropriations subcommittee
Waiver of stormwater fees for churches	Oppose	SB 53	Stuart	Passed by indefinitely in ACNR	-	-	-
Eminent Domain, add the right to quiet and peaceful enjoyment of property	Oppose	SB 665	Petersen	Continued to 2015 in Courts of Justice	-	-	-
Eminent Domain, mandates award of attorneys' fees	Oppose	SB 666	Petersen	Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice	-	-	-
Motor vehicle sales tax	Oppose	-	-	-	HB 65	Marshall, D	Tabled in Finance subcommittee
BPOL - base on taxable income	Oppose	-	-	-	HB 371	Head	Continued to 2015
BPOL - limit rates	Oppose	-	-	-	HB 434	LeMunyon	Continued to 2015
Documentation of application requirements	Oppose	-	-	-	HB 94	Head	Tabled in Counties Cities & Towns subcommittee
Out of state FOIA requests	Oppose	-	-	-	HB 788	LeMunyon	Continued to 2015 in General Laws
Award of attorneys fees	Oppose	-	-	-	HB 519	Morris	stricken from docket in Courts of Justice by voice vote

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Stormwater	SB 0423	Hanger, Emmett	Stormwater management program; regulations; single-family residence.	Authorizes the State Water Control Board to adopt regulations that create a procedure for approving permits for individual parcels in a common plan of development, provide a General Permit for Discharges of Stormwater from Construction Activities that omits unneeded information on post-construction water quality standards, and provide reciprocity with other states regarding certification of best management practices. The bill also allows the submission of an agreement in lieu of a permit where land-disturbing activity results from the construction of a single-family residence.	Support	ACNR	Reported from ACNR
Payday Loans	SB 0157	Miller, John C.	Payday loans; permitted interest	Repeals provisions of the Payday Loan Act that authorize lenders to charge a loan fee or verification fee, thereby limiting permissible charges on payday loans to simple interest at a maximum annual rate of 36 percent	Support	Commerce & Labor	Assigned Payday Loans subcommittee
Payday Loans	SB 0164	Locke, Mamie	Payday loans; permitted interest	Repeals provisions of the Payday Loan Act that authorize lenders to charge a loan fee or verification fee, thereby limiting permissible charges on payday loans to simple interest at a maximum annual rate of 36 percent.	Support	Commerce & Labor	Assigned Payday Loans subcommittee
Eminent Domain	SB 0194	Black, Richard	Eminent domain; date of valuation; inverse condemnation proceeding	Provides that the "date of valuation" of property in an eminent domain proceeding may be the date on which an action is taken by the petitioner which substantially affects the use and enjoyment of the property by the owner. The bill also adds the language "or damage" to the provision of the Code directing the court to reimburse a plaintiff for the costs of an inverse condemnation proceeding if a judgment is entered for the plaintiff to correspond with the language of the amendment to Article 1, Section 11 of the Constitution of Virginia, which became effective on January 1, 2013.	Oppose	Courts of Justice	Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute
Retirement Programs	SB 0422	Watkins, John C.	Hybrid retirement program; local deferred compensation and cash match plans.	Allows political subdivisions the option of establishing and administering their own deferred compensation and cash match plans for all retirement programs if they elect not to participate in the plan administered by the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System for the hybrid retirement program. The bill also states that employees and state or local entities are not liable for loss.	Neutral	Finance	Reported from Finance with substitute

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Conflict of Interest	SB 0649	Norment, Thomas	State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act and General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act; Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council	Establishes the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council composed of 14 members: four appointments each by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, Senate Committee on Rules, and Governor; one designee of the Attorney General and one representative of the Virginia Association of Counties and Virginia Municipal League. The Council will elect its chairman and vice-chairman and choose its executive director. The Council will review and post online the disclosure forms filed by lobbyists and persons subject to the conflict of interests acts and provide formal opinions and informal advice, education, and training. The bill requires the filing of the disclosure forms twice a year. It provides that the Division of Legislative Services will staff the Council, and the House and Senate Clerks will transmit complaints of conflict law violations to the ethics advisory panels of the House of Delegates and Senate. The bill prohibits tangible gifts with a value of more than \$250 from lobbyists to certain executive officers and employees and to legislators. A number of disclosure provision thresholds are reduced from \$10,000 to \$5,000 and gifts to immediate family members are made subject to disclosure.	Neutral	Rules	Reported from Rules with substitute

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Retirement Program	HB 0877	Jones, S. Chris	Hybrid retirement program; local deferred compensation and cash match plans.	Allows political subdivisions the option of establishing and administering their own deferred compensation and cash match plans for all retirement programs if they elect not to participate in the plan administered by the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System for the hybrid retirement program. The bill also states that employees and state or local entities are not liable for loss.	Neutral	Appropriations	Reported from Appropriations with substitute
Land Use	HB 0979	Surovell, Scott	Local limitations on number of certain businesses.	Provides that a locality may by ordinance reasonably limit the number of motor vehicle title loan businesses, payday lenders, check cashers, and precious metals dealers that may be operated at any one time within its territorial limits. The ordinance may limit the number of such establishments based on a specific number of businesses per magisterial or election district or by limiting the number of such businesses within an established radius.	Oppose	Commerce & Labor	
Local Officials	HB 0513	Morris, Rick	Removal of certain local government appointees	<i>Provides that any appointee of a local governing body to a local board, commission, or committee, whether pursuant to § 15.2-1411 or any other provision of the Code, shall serve at the pleasure of the local governing body and may be removed at any time.</i>	Neutral	Counties, Cities & Towns	Assigned Subcommittee #1
Fireworks	HB 0843	Lewis, Lynwood	Statewide Fire Prevention Code; State Fire Marshal; consumer grade fireworks; penalty	Authorizes the use of consumer grade fireworks in the Commonwealth. The bill defines "consumer fireworks" as small fireworks devices containing restricted amounts of pyrotechnic composition designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion and complying with certain federal regulations regarding composition and labeling	Oppose	Courts of Justice	
Zoning	HB 1219	Marshall, Robert	Unconstitutional acts and ultra vires enforcement by localities	Provides that any zoning ordinance of a locality that violates or unreasonably restricts the free exercise of rights guaranteed under the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Virginia shall be null and void and shall constitute a violation. Any enforcement by a locality of such ordinance shall be deemed a violation.	Oppose	Courts of Justice	Assigned Constitutional Law subcommittee
Taxes	HB 0435	LeMunyon, James	Machinery and tools, merchants' capital and BPOL taxes; maximum rates and income tax credits.	Prohibits a locality from increasing its merchants' capital tax, local license (BPOL) fees and taxes, and taxes on machinery and tools used in a business above the locality's rates in effect as of January 1, 2014, and establishes refundable income tax credits for the same taxes beginning with taxable year 2014. The refundable individual and corporate income tax credits would equal 33 percent of such taxes paid during the taxable year.	Oppose	Finance	

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Law Enforcement	HB 0008	Ware, R. Lee	Concealed handgun permits; decreases local law-enforcement background investigation fee	Decreases the local law-enforcement background investigation fee from \$35 to \$10, which includes any amount assessed by the FBI for providing criminal history record information. The total amount assessed for processing an application for a permit is thereby decreased from \$50 to \$25.	Oppose	Militia, Police & Public Safety	
Firearms	HB 0992	BaCote, Mamyé	Control of firearms; libraries owned or operated by localities.	Allows a locality to adopt an ordinance that prohibits firearms, ammunition, or components, or a combination thereof, in libraries owned or operated by the locality.	Support	Militia, Police & Public Safety	Assigned Subcommittee #1
Streets	HB 0555	Kory, Kaye	Blocking highway drains and culverts.	Allows localities by ordinance to prohibit interfering with or impeding storm water runoff into drains or culverts on VDOT-controlled highway rights-of-way	Support	Transportation	Reported from Transportation with amendment
Transportation	HB 1100	Yancey, David E	CTB Six-Year Improvement Program	Requires that the Commonwealth Transportation Board's Six-Year Improvement Program give priority to either projects that are expected to provide the greatest congestion reduction relative to the cost of the project or projects that promote economic development and promote commerce and trade within the highway construction district where they are located.	Under Review	Transportation	

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Chickens	SB 0432	McDougle, Ryan	Compensation for livestock or poultry	Removes the cap on the fair market value that the owner of livestock or poultry that has been killed or injured by dogs is entitled to receive as compensation, provided certain procedures are followed. Currently, such compensation cannot exceed \$400 per animal or \$10 per fowl	Neutral on substitute	ACNR	
Hazardous Waste Remediation	SB 431	Watkins, John	Remediation fees	Removes the \$5,000 cap on registration fees collected by the Department of Environmental Quality from persons conducting voluntary remediation on contaminated properties. The fees defray the costs of administering the voluntary remediation program. The bill also exempts the Virginia Waste Management Board from the regulatory requirements of the Administrative Process Act (APA) so that new regulations needed to adjust the fee schedule will be in place by July 1, 2014. The bill requires any subsequent adjustment to the fee schedule to be in compliance with the APA	Oppose	ACNR	
Utilities	SB 0010	Garrett, Thomas A.	Water and sewer; discounted fees and charges for certain low-income and disabled customers.	Removes the requirement that a locality owning a water and sewer system have a population density of no more than 200 persons per square mile before it may by ordinance develop criteria for providing discounted water and sewer fees and charges for low-income and disabled customers.	Support	Counties, Cities & Towns	
Planning	SB 0058	Marsden, David W.	Comprehensive plans; alignment of transportation services with accessible housing and other community services.	Requires localities to take steps to align transportation infrastructure and facilities with affordable, accessible housing and community services when developing the transportation component of the comprehensive plan for the physical development of the territory. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission.	Support	Counties, Cities & Towns	
Land Use	SB 0237	Petersen, J. Chapman	Optional provisions in subdivision ordinances; sidewalk improvements	Adds to the list of optional provisions in local subdivision ordinances a provision allowing any town in the Northern Virginia Transportation District to require the dedication of land for sidewalk improvements where the property being developed is designated for such improvements on the locality's pedestrian plan.	Support		
Land Use	SB 0241	Stuart, Richard H.	Transfer of development rights.	Provides that a locality may designate specific receiving areas for specific sending areas. Also, a locality may require that development comply with any locality-adopted architectural standards for the receiving area in which the development shall occur.	Support	Counties, Cities & Towns	

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City Status	SB 0312	Vogel, Jill	Annexation Moratorium Statute; continuation of the moratorium on annexation by cities.	Extends the temporary restrictions on granting city charters, filing annexation notices, and instituting annexation proceedings and county immunity proceedings until July 1 following the 2014-2016 biennium. The bill also excepts towns with a population of 40,000 or more from the moratorium on the granting of city charters, and it permits a county that includes a town with a population of 40,000 or more to seek immunity from annexation.	Neutral on reported version	Counties, Cities & Towns	
Land Use	SB 0340	Puller, Linda	Group homes of eight or fewer; public notice and hearing; smoke detectors	Allows a locality to require any party wishing to establish a certain type of residential facility for the aged, infirm, disabled, or those with mental illness to provide public notice and participate in a public hearing. The bill requires the operator of such a facility to install smoke detectors regardless of when the building was constructed and directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to adopt regulations establishing standards for requiring smoke detectors.	Neutral		
Emergency Relief	SB 0549	Puckett, Phillip	Donations by localities; emergency relief.	Provides that a locality may make gifts and donations to any nonprofit tax-exempt organization that is engaged in providing emergency relief to low-income residents, including providing the repair or replacement of private property damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster	Support	Counties, Cities & Towns	
Attorney Fees	SB 0578	Obenshain, Mark	Attorney fees in certain land use cases	Provides that a court, in addition to any other relief provided, and for good cause, may award reasonable attorney fees, expenses, and court costs to any person, group, or entity that prevails in an action successfully challenging an ordinance, administrative act, or other local action related to planning, subdivision of land, zoning, or other land use activity.	Oppose	Courts of Justice	
Taxes	SB 0175	Black, Richard	Real property tax exemption for religious bodies.	Clarifies the meaning of real property used exclusively for religious worship for determining the real property tax exemption for religious bodies.	Neutral	Finance	
Retirement Programs	SB 0188	McDougle, Ryan	Deferred compensation plans for state and local employees.	Authorizes the inclusion of a Roth contribution program in deferred compensation retirement plans for state and local government employees beginning July 1, 2015.	Neutral		
Taxes	SB 0480	Norment, Thomas	Real property tax; notice of assessment.	Requires every notice of assessment to set forth (i) the new and prior two appraised values of land and appraised value of improvements, and the assessed values of such if different from the appraised values; (ii) the new tax rate and the rates for the prior two tax years; (iii) the total new tax levy and the tax levies for the prior two years; and (iv) the percentage changes in such levies. Under current law, such information is required for the current year and the prior year	Neutral	Finance	

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Precious Metals Dealers	SB 0095	Black, Richard	Precious metals dealers; retail merchants; exemption	Exempts purchases of precious metals or gems by a retail merchant from the statutory requirements of precious metals dealers, provided (i) the retail merchant has a permanent place of business and (ii) the purchases of precious metals or gems do not exceed five percent of the retail merchant's total business revenue	Support	General Laws	
FOIA	SB 0161	Favola, Barbara	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; participation in meetings in event of emergency or personal matters	Removes the requirement that a public body approve by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting the remote participation in the meeting by one of its members in the event that an emergency or personal matter prevents his attendance in person at the meeting.	Support	General Laws	
Human Resources	SB 0250	McEachin, A. Donald	Employment applications; inquiries regarding criminal arrests, charges, or convictions.	Prohibits state agencies from including on any employment application a question inquiring whether the prospective employee has ever been arrested or charged with, or convicted of, any crime, subject to certain exceptions. A prospective employee may not be asked if he has ever been convicted of any crime unless the inquiry takes place after the prospective employee has received a conditional offer of employment, which offer may be withdrawn if the prospective employee has a conviction record that bears a rational relationship to the duties and responsibilities of the position. A prospective employee may not be asked if he has ever been arrested or charged with a crime unless the inquiry takes place after the prospective employee has received a conditional offer of employment, which offer may be withdrawn if (i) the prospective employee's criminal arrest or charge resulted in the prospective employee's conviction of a crime and (ii) the crime of which he was convicted bears a rational relationship to the duties and responsibilities of the position. Localities are authorized to prohibit such inquiries.	Oppose		
Fireworks	SB 0343	Garrett, Thomas A.	Statewide Fire Prevention Code; State Fire Marshal; consumer grade fireworks.	Authorizes the use of consumer-grade fireworks in the Commonwealth. The bill defines "consumer fireworks" as small fireworks devices containing restricted amounts of pyrotechnic composition designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion and complying with certain federal regulations regarding composition and labeling.	Oppose	General Laws	
Procurement	SB 0461	Vogel, Jill	Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive negotiation; limitation of certain term contracts; exception	Provides that limitations imposed upon single project fees procured by competitive negotiation shall not apply to environmental, location, design, and inspection work regarding highways and bridges by the Commissioner of Highways, or architectural and engineering services for rail and public transportation projects by the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.	Support	General Laws	

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Voting	SB 0310	Vogel, Jill	Senate districts; technical adjustment	Changes district assignments of certain census blocks between Districts 13 and 33 in Loudoun County in order to eliminate a precinct split. Both Districts will have a deviation of two percent or less from the ideal district population.	Support	Privileges & Elections	
Transportation	SB 0518	Wagner, Frank	Funding among highway systems	Includes primary state highway system extensions, the part of the primary highway that runs through a city or town, in the list of highways that receive the 25 percent for reconstruction of deteriorated highways of the amount allocated each year by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.	Under Review	Transportation	Assigned subcommittee #4

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Chickens	HB 0054	Hodges, M. Keith	Compensation for livestock or poultry	Removes the cap on the fair market value that the owner of livestock or poultry that has been killed or injured by dogs is entitled to receive as compensation, provided certain procedures are followed. Currently, such compensation cannot exceed \$400 per animal or \$10 per fowl	Oppose	ACNR	
Chickens	HB 0740	McClellan, Jennifer	Duty to kill a dog injuring livestock or poultry; limitation by locality	Allows certain localities by ordinance to limit or eliminate the duty of a local animal control officer to kill or seize a dog found in the act of injuring noncommercial poultry. The bill also allows localities to alter the rights of certain persons to kill dogs found chasing livestock or poultry.	Neutral	ACNR	
Stormwater	HB 1173	Hodges, M. Keith	Stormwater management programs; optional for some localities	Allows any locality that does not operate a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) to opt out of establishing Virginia Stormwater Management Programs. Localities that notify the Department of Environmental Quality of their decision to opt out shall have their stormwater programs managed by the Department	Support	ACNR	
Utilities	HB 0978	Rust, Thomas	Public utility definition in PPTA and PPEA	<i>Defines a public utility within the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 and the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002.</i>	Oppose	Commerce & Labor	
Zoning	HB 1084	Morris, Rick	Damages for unconstitutional grant or denial by locality of certain permits and approvals.	Provides that any applicant aggrieved by the grant or denial by a locality of any approval or permit, however described or delineated, where such grant included, or denial was based upon, an unconstitutional condition pursuant to the United States Constitution or Constitution of Virginia, shall be entitled to an award of damages, reasonable attorney fees, and court costs and to an order remanding the matter to the locality with a direction to grant or issue such permits or approvals without such conditions. The bill also provides that once an unconstitutional condition has been proven by the aggrieved applicant to have been a factor in the grant or denial of the approval or permit, the court shall presume, absent clear and convincing evidence to the contrary, that such applicant's acceptance of or refusal to accept the unconstitutional condition was the controlling basis for such impermissible grant or denial.	Oppose		
Utilities	HB 0674	Poindexter, Charles	Water supplies and waterworks; human consumption	Defines "human consumption" as used in the context of water supplies and waterworks.	Neutral	Education & Health	

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Taxes	HB 0044	Cole, Mark L.	Personal property tax; classification.	Creates a separate personal property tax classification for a motor vehicle owned or leased by a uniformed member of the Virginia Defense Force and used by the uniformed member of the Virginia Defense Force to respond to his official duties. Any locality is authorized to set a personal property tax rate for such motor vehicles less than the rate applicable to the general class of tangible personal property.	Neutral	Finance	
Taxes	HB 0156	Minchew, J. Randall	Real property tax exemption for religious bodies	Clarifies the meaning of real property used exclusively for religious worship for determining the real property tax exemption for religious bodies.	Neutral	Finance	
Taxes	HB 0499	Yost, Joseph	Real property tax; nonjudicial sale of certain delinquent property.	Reduces the number of years of delinquency in payment of taxes from five years to three years before a locality may sell real property that (i) measures less than 4,000 square feet or (ii) is determined to be unsuitable for building.	Neutral	Finance	
Taxes	HB 0525	Pogge, Brenda	Real property tax; notice of assessment	Requires every notice of assessment to set forth (i) the new and prior two appraised values of land and appraised value of improvements, and the assessed values of such if different from the appraised values; (ii) the new tax rate and the rates for the prior two tax years; (iii) the total new tax levy and the tax levies for the prior two years; and (iv) the percentage changes in such levies. Under current law, such information is required for the current year and the prior year.	Neutral	Finance	
Taxes	HB 0617	Davis, Glenn	Personal property tax; classification	Creates a classification for personal property tax rate purposes of property owned by a business during its first two years of operation, if the business's annual gross revenues do not exceed \$100,000. A locality may impose a rate of tax on such property that is lower than the rate on the general class of tangible personal property.	Neutral	Finance	
Precious Metals Dealers	HB 0192	Minchew, J. Randall	Precious metals dealers; retail merchants; exemption.	Exempts purchases of precious metals or gems by a retail merchant from the statutory requirements of precious metals dealers, provided (i) the retail merchant has a permanent place of business and (ii) the purchases of precious metals or gems do not exceed five percent of the retail merchant's total business revenue.	Support	General Laws & Technology	

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FOIA	HB 0193	Minchew, J. Randall	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; participation in meetings in event of emergency or personal matters.	Removes the requirement that a public body approve by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting the remote participation in the meeting by one of its members. The bill instead requires the public body to approve by a majority vote a policy allowing participation of its members by electronic communication. Once adopted, the public body shall apply this policy uniformly to its entire membership, without regard to the identity of the member requesting remote participation or the matters that will be considered or voted on at the	Support		
FOIA	HB 0380	Surovell, Scott	Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); disclosure pursuant to court order or subpoena.	Provides that nothing in FOIA shall have any bearing upon disclosures required to be made pursuant to any court order or subpoena, nor shall any discretionary exemption from mandatory disclosure be construed to make records covered by such discretionary exemption privileged under the rules of discovery, unless disclosure is otherwise prohibited by law.	Neutral		
Stormwater	HB 0445	Bulova, David	Administrative Process Act; standard procedures for adoption of waste load allocations by the State Water Control Board	Establishes minimum procedural requirements for the adoption of all waste load allocations, including public notice, public comment opportunity, a stakeholders advisory group process, agency response to comments, and a public meeting. Historically, waste load allocations were established under various procedures on a case-by-case basis.	Support	General Laws & Technology	
Procurement	HB 0948	Filler-Corn, Eileen	Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive negotiation; limitation of certain term contracts; exception	Provides that limitations imposed upon single project fees procured by competitive negotiation shall not apply to environmental, location, design, and inspection work regarding highways and bridges by the Commissioner of Highways, or architectural and engineering services for rail and public transportation projects by the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.	Support		
Nuisance Abatement	HB 0177	Farrell, Peter F.	Cutting of grass; statewide application	Makes current grass-cutting provisions applicable statewide for all localities	Neutral	Local Government	
Land Use	HB 0208	Marshall, Daniel	Vested rights	Amends the existing vested rights statute by clarifying that structures that meet certain conditions shall be considered nonconforming. Additional changes make clear that a requirement under existing law to bring certain structures into compliance with the Uniform Statewide Building Code shall not affect the nonconforming status of those structures.	Oppose	Local Government	
Land Use	HB 0209	Marshall, Daniel	Preliminary subdivision plats	Provides that localities may mandate the submission of preliminary subdivision plats for tentative approval only for plats involving 50 or more lots.	Oppose	Local Government	

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Utilities	HB 0227	Cole, Mark L.	Public water and sewer utilities and authorities; service contracts.	Authorizes localities and water and sewer authorities to establish and operate programs under which they agree to repair, replace, or maintain the water or sewer line of a customer's residential dwelling. The bill also exempts such agreements from requirements applicable to providers of home service contracts.	Neutral	Local Government	
Procurement	HB 0422	Davis, Glenn	Prohibiting certain local government practices that would require contractors to provide certain compensation or benefits.	Prohibits local governing bodies from establishing provisions that would require a wage floor of any other employee benefit or compensation, above what is otherwise required by state or federal law, to be provided by a contractor to its employees as part of a local government contract. Any such provisions previously adopted by a local governing body that did not receive the approval of the General Assembly shall be considered null and void.	Neutral	Local Government	
Human Resources	HB 0494	Lingamfelter, L. Scott	Localities; personnel policies related to the use of public property.	Requires all localities to establish personnel policies covering the use of public property by officers and employees of the locality. Among other things, the personnel policies shall prohibit the use of telephones, personal computers, and related devices and peripheral equipment that are the property of the locality for (i) personal use, to the extent that such use interferes with the employees' productivity or work performance, or (ii) political activities.	Oppose	Local Government	
Zoning	HB 0527	Pogge, Brenda	Group homes; zoning.	Provides that for purposes of zoning, a residential facility in which no more than eight individuals with mental illness, intellectual disability, or developmental disabilities reside, with one or more resident or nonresident staff persons, shall be considered residential occupancy by a single family. Currently, such facilities are required to have one or more resident counselors or other staff persons to qualify for this zoning designation.	Oppose	Local Government	
Legal Notices	HB 0652	LaRock, David	Boundary adjustments; notice	Provides that all affected landowners shall be given notice of a proposed voluntary boundary adjustment. The bill authorizes landowners to file a petition to intervene in the action under certain circumstances.	Oppose	Local Government	

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Zoning	HB 1209	Torian, Luke	Family day homes.	Clarifies that a local governing body may, after notice and a public hearing, either approve with conditions or deny an application for a family day home serving six through 12 children.	Under Review	Local Government	
Streets/Public Safety	HB 0733	Lingamfelter, L. Scott	Parking in front of mailboxes	Allows localities by ordinance to prohibit vehicle parking that blocks access to mailboxes	Neutral	Transportation	
Transportation	HB 0002	Stolle, Christopher	Allocations within highway construction districts	Provides that funding allocations for the Northern Virginia highway construction district and the Hampton Roads highway construction district be made by giving	Under Review		
Transportation	HB 0793	LeMunyon, James	Transportation planning	Requires the Department of Transportation, when reviewing certain proposed comprehensive plan amendments from localities in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia), to recommend specific transportation improvements to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and the appropriate locality that are necessary to ameliorate congestion.	Under Review		
Transportation	HB 1048	Rust, Thomas	Funding among highway systems.	Includes primary state highway system extensions, the part of the primary highway that runs through a city or town, in the list of highways that receive the 25 percent for reconstruction of deteriorated highways of the amount allocated each year by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.	Support	Transportation	

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Stormwater	SB 0053	Stuart, Richard H.	Regulation of stormwater; waiver of charges for places of worship.	Requires a locality that adopts a system of stormwater management service charges to provide for a waiver of at least 50 percent of such charge to any church, synagogue, or other place of worship.	Oppose	ACNR	Passed by indefinitely in ACNR
Stormwater	SB 0425	Hanger, Emmett	Stormwater management programs; appeals.	Clarifies the appeals process for persons subject to state permit requirements under the Stormwater Management Act. The bill removes Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) authorities from the list of bodies whose actions may be appealed. For appeals of actions of the Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) or the State Water Control Board (the Board), the bill refers to applicable hearing procedures and provides that appeals include an opportunity with judicial review in accordance with certain standards.	Support	ACNR	Incorporated into SB 423
Stormwater	SB 0530	Hanger, Emmett	Local implementation of Stormwater Management Program	Delays the date that local governments will have to assume responsibility for administering the Stormwater Management Program from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2015.	Neutral	ACNR	Incorporated into SB 423
FOIA	SB 0121	Garrett, Thomas A.	Prohibited conduct by state and local government officers and employees; retaliation	Prohibits a state or local government officer or employee from using his public position to retaliate or threaten retaliation against any person for expressing views on matters of public concern or for exercising any right that is otherwise protected by law.	Neutral	Courts of Justice	Failed to report in Courts of Justice
Eminent Domain	SB 0665	Petersen, J. Chapman	Limitations on eminent domain; right of quiet and peaceful enjoyment	Limitations on eminent domain; right of quiet and peaceful enjoyment. Recognizes the property right of quiet and peaceful enjoyment and provides that just compensation is owed to the owner of property subject to condemnation when quiet and peaceful enjoyment is taken or damaged. This bill is in response to the decision of the Supreme Court of Virginia in <i>Byler v. VEPCO</i> , 284 Va. 501, 731 S.E.2d 916 (2012).	Oppose	Courts of Justice	Continued to 2015
Eminent Domain	SB 0666	Petersen, J. Chapman	Eminent domain; costs; attorney fees	Requires the court, in certain condemnation proceedings, to award costs, including reasonable attorney fees, to the owner of property taken by condemnation. Under current law, awarding costs is discretionary and such costs exclude attorney fees.	Oppose	Courts of Justice	Passed by indefinitely
Human Resources	SB 0089	Newman, Stephen	Virginia Retirement System; disability program for hybrid retirement plan participants.	Provides that a disability program that provides income protection of at least 60% through the use of paid leave, or disability payments, is deemed a program comparable to the Virginia Retirement System's (VRS's) disability program for hybrid retirement plan participants, which an employer may provide in lieu of VRS's program.		Finance	Failed to report in Finance

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Taxes	SB 0248	Hanger, Emmett	Personal property tax; telephone and telegraph companies.	Authorizes localities to tax the personal property of telephone and telegraph companies not used in furnishing telegraph, telephone, broadband personal, or mobile commercial communication services, at the applicable personal property rate. Under current law, all personal property of telegraph and telephone companies must be taxed at the locality's real property tax rate.		Finance	Continued to 2015 in Finance
Human Resources	SB 0289	Carrico, Charles	Line of Duty Act, funding and review	Creates a Line of Duty Death and Health Benefits Fund and provides for the funding of Line of Duty claims. The bill also establishes an advisory review board to assist the Comptroller in the review of claims involving a claimant who has not received a disability determination from the Virginia Retirement System, Social Security Administration, Workers' Compensation Commission, or any recognized retirement system or who is, as of the time the claim for benefits had been filed, working in an alternative position.	Oppose	Finance	Continued to 2015 in Finance
Taxes	SB 0320	Ebbin, Adam	Local paper and plastic bag tax.	Authorizes localities in Planning District 8 by ordinance to impose a tax on disposable paper bags and disposable plastic bags. Revenues from the local tax would be collected by the Tax Commissioner and distributed monthly to the county or city imposing the tax. The bill requires each county or city adopting an ordinance to impose the tax to provide a certified copy of the ordinance to the Tax Commissioner at least six months prior to the date the tax is to become effective.	Oppose	Finance	Passed by indefinitely in Finance
Retirement Programs	SB 0385	Reeves, Bryce	Virginia Retirement System and local government retirement systems; investments.	Authorizes the Virginia Retirement System and any local government retirement system to purchase investment grade life insurance policies and annuity policies on their members or retirees, provided that (i) the applicable retirement system offers a monetary benefit to a beneficiary selected by the member or retiree and (ii) the member or retiree consents to such retirement system having an insurable interest in him.	Neutral	Finance	Stricken at patron's request

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HR	SB 0493	Puckett, Phillip	Line of Duty Act, funding and review	Creates a Line of Duty Death and Health Benefits Fund and provides for the funding of Line of Duty claims. The bill also establishes an advisory review board to assist the Comptroller in the review of claims involving a claimant who has not received a disability determination from the Virginia Retirement System, Social Security Administration, Workers' Compensation Commission, or any recognized retirement system or who is, as of the time the claim for benefits had been filed, working in an alternative position.	Oppose	Finance	Incorporated into SB 289
Local Fines & Fees	SB 0524	Carrico, Charles	Revenues from local fines and penalties.	<i>Provides for a portion of the revenues from local fines and penalties to be segregated and deposited in a special fund in those counties or cities in which the local fines and penalties collected exceed a threshold amount. If the local fines and penalties collected by a county's or city's district courts during the fiscal year exceed 65 percent of the total of all fines and penalties collected by such courts, then the requirement to segregate and deposit the local fines and penalties in a special fund is triggered. One-half of the local fines and penalties exceeding such 65 percent would be deposited into the local special fund. Local fines and penalties deposited into the special fund could be used for any purpose including the funding or financing of the operations or administration of police or sheriff's departments. The bill intends to create a mechanism to track local government appropriations of local fines and penalties in certain counties and cities.</i>	Neutral	Finance	Continued to 2015 in Finance (reported from Local Government)
Retirement Programs	SB 0566	Colgan, Charles	Virginia Retirement System benefits	Provides for an increase, beginning July 1, 2014, of the monthly retirement allowance payable to any person who retired with at least 15 years of creditable service before January 1, 1990, under the Virginia Retirement System or the State Police Officers' Retirement System (or predecessor retirement systems).	Neutral	Finance	Continued to 2015 in Finance

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Taxes	SB 0586	Colgan, Charles	Distribution of communications sales and use tax revenues	Changes the distribution of communications sales and use tax revenues beginning with the month of August 2014 by providing that (i) first, each town would receive the same proportion of such revenues it received in fiscal year 2013-2014 and (ii) all of the remaining revenues would be distributed pro rata to those counties and cities that received a distribution in fiscal year 2013-2014, based upon the population of the county or city as shown by the most recent United States census. Currently, communications sales and use tax revenues are essentially distributed according to each locality's share of telecommunications and television cable funds (local consumer utility tax on landlines and wireless, E-911, business license tax in excess of 0.5 percent, cable franchise fee, video programming excise tax, local consumer utility tax on cable television) collected throughout the Commonwealth in fiscal year 2006	Oppose	Finance	Passed by indefinitely in Finance
Land Use	SB 0063	Puller, Linda	Uniform Statewide Building Code; accessible units.	Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to revise the Uniform Statewide Building Code to require that at least 10 percent of all dwelling units, but in no case less than one dwelling unit, in any newly constructed multifamily residential building shall be affordable, accessible units designed and constructed in a manner that satisfies the criteria for Type A units, in accordance with ANSI A117.1. Currently, at least two percent of dwelling units, but in no case less than one dwelling unit, in any multifamily residential building must be Type A units	Support with reservations	General Laws & Technology	Passed by indefinitely in General Laws
Procurement	SB 0174	Black, Richard	Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive negotiation; term contracts for certain architectural and engineering services.	Increases the term contract limits for architectural and engineering services to \$2.5 million per project for state agencies and \$10 million per term. Currently, these limits are \$1 million and \$5 million, respectively.	Support	General Laws & Technology	Passed by indefinitely
Building Code Enforcement	SB 0313	Vogel, Jill	Uniform Statewide Building Code; inspection and enforcement.	Provides that if any locality elects to enforce Part III of the Building Code, it shall also enforce the unsafe structures provisions for tenant complaints and enforce the elevator, escalator, or related conveyance inspections. The bill also provides that where a county provides enforcement of Parts I and II of the Building Code in a town, and elects to inspect and enforce Part III of the Building Code, the county is also required to inspect and enforce Part III of the Building Code in any such town situated in the county that has also adopted Part III, upon entering into a nonmonetary agreement with the town for such enforcement, unless the town elects to inspect and enforce Part III.	Support	General Laws & Technology	Continued to 2105

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Fireworks	SB 0533	Stuart, Richard H.	Statewide Fire Prevention Code; permissible fireworks	Redefines what constitutes permissible fireworks in Virginia. Under the bill, "permissible fireworks" means any small fireworks device designed to produce visible effects by combustion and that complies with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, as set forth in 16 C.F.R. Parts 1500 and 1507 and APA Standard 87-1. "Permissible fireworks" also includes whistling devices, ground devices containing 50 mg or less of explosive materials, and aerial devices containing 130 mg or less of explosive materials.	Oppose	General Laws & Technology	Stricken from docket at patron's request
Procurement	SB 0645	McEachin, A. Donald	Virginia Public Procurement Act; transportation construction services	Provides that for the award of transportation construction projects, certain specified factors other than price may be considered. The bill also provides that construction may be procured using either competitive sealed bidding or competitive negotiation and requires the public body to set forth in writing that the method selected is practicable or fiscally advantageous to the public. In addition, the bill establishes instances where the determination of the public body is presumed to be appropriate. Under current law, construction may only be procured by competitive bidding except under certain circumstances.		General Laws & Technology	Passed by indefinitely in General Laws
Nuisance Abatement	SB 0374	Marsh, Henry	Neighborhood revitalization.	<i>Provides that a locality may by ordinance adopt a program to establish and impose an annual blighted property assessment fee on real properties that have remained vacant for one year or longer if the property has been permitted by the owner to deteriorate to the extent that it has become detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare of the locality or surrounding area and has contributed to the reduction of surrounding property values.</i>	Support	Local Government	Continued to 2015
Legal Notices	SB 0472	Smith, Ralph K.	Advertisement of legal notices by localities.	<i>Allows localities to meet certain notice requirements by utilizing their websites, radio, or television rather than being limited to a newspaper of general circulation</i>	Support	Local Government	Failed to report from Local Government
FOIA	SB 0021	Smith, Ralph K.	Conflict of Interests Acts, State and Local Government and General Assembly; disclosure thresholds.	Lowens the value above which state and local government officers and members of the General Assembly must disclose specific economic interests on their Statements of Economic Interests from \$10,000 to \$5,000.	Neutral	Rules	Incorporated into SB 649

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FOIA	SB 0023	Alexander, Kenneth C.	State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act and General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act	Requires the disclosure on statements of economic interests for legislators and certain state and local government officers of gifts in excess of \$1,000 made to immediate family members if such gift is made by a registered lobbyist or a business, governmental entity, or individual that has transacted or is transacting business with the Commonwealth or its agencies, departments, or political subdivisions within 12 months from the date of the gift. "Immediate family member" is defined, for the purposes of gifts, to include (i) the filer's spouse; (ii) dependents residing with the filer; and (iii) the filer's or his spouse's parent, child, and grandchild.	Neutral	Rules	Incorporated into SB 649
Conflict of Interest	SB 0410	McWaters, Jeffrey	State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act and General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act; lobbyist disclosure; prohibited gifts.	Establishes a ban on gifts or aggregate of gifts that are reasonably expected to be in excess of \$100 in value for certain state and local government officers and employees and members of the General Assembly from any single source except a relative or personal friend. The gift ban also applies to the immediate family members of an officer, employee or member of the General Assembly. In addition, the bill (i) removes the current disclosure requirement for gifts over \$50, and (ii) provides circumstances for consideration in determining whether the individual providing a gift is a personal friend.	Neutral	Rules	Incorporated into SB 649
PTEA	SB 0026	Alexander, Kenneth C.	Public comment and access	Increases time periods for public comment and submission of competing proposals and transparency in agreements pursuant to the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995.	Neutral	Transportation	Stricken from docket at patron's request
Streets/Public Safety	SB 0061	Puller, Linda	Distribution of handbills, solicitation of contributions, etc., on highways.	Allows localities to adopt ordinances allowing for the solicitation of contributions on highways for organizations granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code	Oppose	Transportation	Continued to 2015 in committee

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Stormwater	HB 0058	Hodges, M. Keith	Stormwater management programs; appeals	Clarifies the appeals process for persons subject to state permit requirements under the Stormwater Management Act. The bill removes Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) authorities from the list of bodies whose actions may be appealed. For appeals of actions of the Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) or the State Water Control Board (the Board), the bill refers to applicable hearing procedures and provides that appeals include an opportunity with judicial review in accordance with certain standards	Support	ACNR	Incorporated into HB 1173
Stormwater	HB 0261	Scott, Edward T.	Stormwater management program; regulations; single-family residence.	Authorizes the State Water Control Board to adopt regulations that create a procedure for approving permits for individual parcels in a common plan of development, provide a General Permit for Discharges of Stormwater from Construction Activities that omits unneeded information on post-construction water quality standards, and provide reciprocity with other states regarding certification of best management practices. The bill also allows the submission of an agreement in lieu of a permit where land-disturbing activity results from the construction of a single-family residence.	Support	ACNR	Incorporated into HB 1173
Stormwater	HB 0649	Ransone, Margaret	Stormwater management program; regulations; single-family residence.	Allows the submission of an agreement in lieu of a Virginia Stormwater Management Plan where certain land-disturbing activity is the result of the construction of a single-family residence.	Support	ACNR	Incorporated into HB 1173
Stormwater	HB 0673	Poindexter, Charles	Stormwater management permit fees; land-disturbing activities of one to five acres involving single-family residences.	Directs the Board to set the fee for coverage of one-acre to five-acre single-family residential projects under a General Permit for Discharges of Stormwater from Construction Activities at the amount charged for similar projects of less than one acre.	Oppose	ACNR	Tabled in Chesapeake subcommittee
Stormwater	HB 0697	Poindexter, Charles	Local implementation of Stormwater Management Program.	Delays the date that local governments will have to assume responsibility for administering the Stormwater Management Program from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2015.	Neutral	ACNR	Tabled in Chesapeake subcommittee
Stormwater	HB 1071	Fariss, C. Matthew	Local implementation of Stormwater Management Program.	Delays the date that local governments will have to assume responsibility for administering the Stormwater Management Program from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2015.	Neutral	ACNR	Tabled in Chesapeake subcommittee
Stormwater	HB 1117	Wright, Thomas	Local implementation of Stormwater Management Program.	Delays the date that local governments will have to assume responsibility for administering the Stormwater Management Program from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2015.	Neutral	ACNR	Tabled in Chesapeake subcommittee
Stormwater	HB 1170	Rush, Nick	Stormwater management; separately built single-family residences	Expands the exemption from state stormwater permit requirements for certain separately built single-family residences by raising the area of disturbance for exempt projects from one acre to three acres. The bill does not alter the disturbance area for projects located in jurisdictions designated as subject to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management Regulations.	Neutral	ACNR	Tabled in Chesapeake subcommittee

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Law Enforcement	HB 0066	Ramadan, David I.	School resource officers; local school board to place officer in each public school.	Requires each local school board to place a school resource officer in each public elementary and secondary school. All costs resulting from the requirement shall be paid from the Lottery Proceeds Fund.	Neutral	Appropriations	Reported from Education, tabled in Appropriations
Law Enforcement	HB 0337	Webert, Michael	Active Shooter Local Law-Enforcement Training Grant Fund.	Establishes the Active Shooter Local Law-Enforcement Training Grant Fund (the Fund) to be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Criteria shall be established for making grants from the Fund, including procedures for determining the amount of a grant and the required local match, if any. The Fund is intended to assist localities with smaller populations and fewer resources at their disposal to provide training to their law-enforcement officers in order to prepare for and more effectively respond to active shooter situations	Support	Appropriations	Referred to Appropriations from Militia, Police & Public Safety. Assigned Public Safety subcommittee, tabled in subcommittee
Retirement Program	HB 0514	Morris, Rick	Virginia Retirement System and local government retirement systems; investments	Authorizes the Virginia Retirement System and any local government retirement system to purchase investment grade life insurance policies and annuity policies on their members or retirees, provided that (i) the applicable retirement system offers a monetary benefit to a beneficiary selected by the member or retiree and (ii) the member or retiree consents to such retirement system having an insurable interest in him	Neutral	Appropriations	Stricken from docket by voice vote in committee.
Transportation funding	HB 0626	Watts, Vivian	Allocation of funds among highways systems	Eliminates required allocations of up to \$500 million per year for bridge reconstruction and rehabilitation, high priority projects, and smart roadway technology projects.		Appropriations	Tabled in Transportation subcommittee
Transportation funding	HB 0920	Sickles, Mark	Funding among highway systems	Advances from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2014, the expiration date of the annual allocation that can be made by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.		Appropriations	Table in Transportation subcommittee
Line of Duty Act	HB 1230	Sickles, Mark	Line of Duty Act; funding and review	Creates a Line of Duty Death and Health Benefits Fund and provides for the funding of Line of Duty claims. The bill also establishes an advisory review board to assist the Comptroller in the review of claims involving a claimant who has not received a disability determination from the Virginia Retirement System, Social Security Administration, Workers' Compensation Commission, or any recognized retirement system or who is, as of the time the claim for benefits had been filed, working in an alternative position.	Oppose	Appropriations	Tabled in subcommittee
Transportation funding	HB 1254	Marshall, Robert	Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.	Places limitations and conditions on funding by the Authority of mass transit and highway projects to ensure comparative analysis of project costs and benefits.		Appropriations	Tabled in Transportation subcommittee

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Licenses & Permits	HB 0094	Head, Christopher	Business permits, etc.; assistance and documentation required from localities	Provides that in any instance in which a person is seeking a business permit, a license, or an application for any similar local government approval from a locality, the locality shall provide documentation and instructions that outline all steps necessary to obtain the permit, license, or approval. The locality shall also specify any further permit, license, or other approval that may be required to complete the original project or business activity and shall disclose the expected time required by the locality for the completion of each step of the process to obtain the permit, license, or other approval.	Neutral	Counties, Cities & Towns	Tabled in CC&T subcommittee
Legal Notices	HB 0095	Head, Christopher	Legal notices; advertisement by locality.	Allows localities with a population of 50,000 or greater to meet certain notice requirements by utilizing their websites, radio, or television instead of a newspaper of general circulation	Support	Counties, Cities & Towns	Failed to report from subcommittee
City Status	HB 0158	Minchew, J. Randall	Annexation Moratorium Statute; continuation of the moratorium on annexation by cities.	Extends the temporary restrictions on granting city charters, filing annexation notices, and instituting annexation proceedings and county immunity proceedings until July 1 following the 2014-2016 biennium. The bill also excepts towns with a population of 40,000 or more from the moratorium on the granting of city charters.	Support with amendment	Counties, Cities & Towns	Stricken from docket at patron's request
Law Enforcement	HB 0602	Head, Christopher	Providing alcohol to underage persons; local ordinance	Allows localities to adopt ordinances in conformity with current laws concerning providing alcohol to underage persons.	Neutral	Counties, Cities & Towns	Tabled in subcommittee
Human Resources	HB 0721	McClellan, Jennifer	Insurance; employees of localities.	Expands the list of people who may be provided certain types of insurance by a locality, adding the dependents of officers and employees of a locality, as well as the dependents of those employed by commissions and other entities controlled by or working closely with a locality, to the list of people to whom a locality may provide accident and health insurance. The bill expands the potential eligibility for health insurance programs to include the dependents of eligible members of volunteer fire or rescue companies and the dependents of retired officers and employees. The bill requires any locality providing insurance to dependents of employees to provide the same programs to dependents of constitutional officers in some cases	Oppose	Counties, Cities & Towns	Tabled in committee
Zoning	HB 0792	LeMunyon, James	Residential zoning restrictions in Planning District 8	Requires localities in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia) to include provisions in their zoning ordinances that limit the number of residential units with 500 square feet or less of living space to no more than 100 residential units per 100,000 population in the locality. Zoning changes required to accommodate such units must be at a location in which the zoning prior to January 1, 2014, was at least 12 residential dwellings per acre.	Oppose	Counties, Cities & Towns	Tabled in subcommittee

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Human Resources	HB 1203	Hugo, Timothy	Local employee grievance procedure	Requires that the final step in an employee grievance procedure adopted by a local governing body be either a hearing before an administrative hearing officer agreed upon by both parties or a hearing before an impartial panel.	Oppose	Counties, Cities & Towns	Continued to 2015
Conflict of Interest	HB 0015	Marshall, Robert	Conflict of Interests Acts, State and Local Government and General Assembly; gifts, disclosures	Requires the disclosure on statements of economic interests for legislators and certain state and local government officers of gifts in excess of \$100 made to immediate family members if such gift is made by a business, governmental entity, or individual that has transacted or is transacting business with the Commonwealth or its agencies, departments, or political subdivisions within 12 months from the date of the gift. "Immediate family member" is defined, for the purposes of gifts, to include (i) the filer's spouse; (ii) dependents residing with the filer; (iii) the filer's or his spouse's parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother, and sister; and (iv) any person habitually cohabiting with the filer in a relationship analogous to a marriage. The bill requires that legislators disclose gifts in excess of \$100 accepted during a regular session of the General Assembly within five business days of the acceptance of the gift. The bill also requires the disclosure on statements of economic interests for legislators and certain state and local government officers of liabilities owed by businesses in which the filer or an immediate family member holds an ownership interest.	Neutral	Courts of Justice	Incorporated into HB 1121
Zoning	HB 0519	Morris, Rick	Zoning; attorney fees.	Provides that a court may award reasonable attorney fees, expenses, and court costs to any person, group, or entity that prevails in a zoning action brought against it or that successfully challenges the validity of a zoning ordinance.	Oppose	Courts of Justice	Stricken from docket by voice vote in committee
Conflict of Interest	HB 0625	Watts, Vivian	State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act; statements of economic interests	Removes the exception from disclosure of gifts from a personal friend of the filer. The bill also includes the immediate family members of the officer or employee under the prohibition against accepting gifts for services performed within the scope of or that reasonably tend to influence the officer or employee in the performance of his duties. In addition, the bill (i) limits any payment for or reimbursement for actual travel, lodging, or subsistence expenses incurred in connection with such appearance, speech, or article to the per diem deduction allowable under § 162 of the Internal Revenue Code and (ii) provides for a mandatory fine of \$2,500 for certain violations.	Neutral	Courts of Justice	Tabled in subcommittee

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Conflict of Interest	HB 0746	Kory, Kaye	State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act and General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act; gifts; disclosures.	Requires the disclosure on statements of economic interests for legislators and certain state and local government officers of gifts in excess of \$100 made to immediate family members if the gift is made by a business, governmental entity, or individual that has transacted or is transacting business with the Commonwealth or its agencies, departments, or political subdivisions within 12 months from the date of the gift. "Immediate family member" is defined, for the purposes of gifts, to include (i) the filer's spouse; (ii) dependents residing with the filer; and (iii) the filer's or his spouse's parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother, and sister. In addition, the bill provides circumstances for consideration in determining whether the individual providing a gift is a personal friend whose gifts do not require disclosure. The bill also requires the disclosure on statements of economic interests for legislators and certain state and local government officers of liabilities owed by businesses in which the filer or an immediate family member holds a greater than three percent equity ownership interest.	Neutral	Courts of Justice	Continued to 2015
Conflict of Interest	HB 1143	Farrell, Peter F.	Prohibited conduct by legislators and state and local government officers and employees; retaliation	Prohibits a member of the General Assembly or a state or local government officer or employee from using his public position to retaliate or threaten retaliation against any person for expressing views on matters of public concern or for exercising any right that is otherwise protected by law.	Neutral	Courts of Justice	Tabled in Ethics subcommittee
Transportation	HB 0003	Cline, Benjamin	Transportation funding; all provisions of 2013 Session omnibus bill to expire on July 1, 2014.	Provides that all provisions of the 2013 Session omnibus transportation bill (HB 2313), which established state taxes and fees and regional taxes and fees in Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia, expire on July 1, 2014. HB 2313 provided for the revenues from such taxes and fees to be used primarily for transportation funding in the Commonwealth.	Oppose	Finance	Subcommittee recommends tabling
Taxes	HB 0065	Marshall, Daniel	Motor vehicle sales and use tax; definition of sale price.	Excludes from the sale price for determining motor vehicle sales and use tax the amount of any credit given by the seller for any motor vehicle taken as a trade-in.	Oppose	Finance	Tabled in subcommittee

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Taxes	HB 0117	Morrissey, Joseph	Paper and plastic bag tax	Imposes a tax of five cents (\$0.05) beginning on July 1, 2015, on disposable paper bags and disposable plastic bags used by purchasers to carry tangible personal property purchased in grocery stores, convenience stores, or drug stores. The following would be exempt from the tax: durable, reusable plastic bags; plastic bags used to carry ice cream, meat, fish, poultry, leftover restaurant food, newspapers, and dry cleaning; paper and plastic bags used to carry alcoholic beverages or prescription drugs; and multiple plastic bags sold in packages and intended for use as garbage, pet waste, or leaf removal bags. Retailers are allowed to retain one cent (\$0.01) of the five-cent (\$0.05) tax or two cents (\$0.02) if the retailer has a customer bag credit program. Failure to collect and remit the tax will result in fines of \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 for the first, second, and third and subsequent offenses, respectively. The revenues from the tax would be deposited into the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund. The bill also authorizes each county and city by ordinance to impose a tax on disposable paper bags and disposable plastic bags at the same rate and under the same terms and conditions as the state tax. Revenues from the local tax would be collected by the Tax Commissioner and distributed monthly to the county or city imposing the tax. Each county or city adopting an ordinance to impose the tax would be required to provide a certified copy of the ordinance to the Tax Commissioner at least six months prior to the date the tax is to become effective.	Oppose	Finance	Subcommittee recommends tabling
Taxes	HB 0148	Minchew, J. Randall	Motor vehicle sales and use tax; sale price	Reduces the sale price by the value of any trade-in, in determining the amount of motor vehicle sales and use tax owed.	Neutral	Finance	Continued to 2015
Taxes	HB 0371	Head, Christopher	Local license tax.	Requires that beginning with the 2015 license year, the optional local license (BPOL) tax would be imposed on the Virginia taxable income of corporations and the net income of sole proprietorships and pass-through entities. Under current law, the optional BPOL tax is imposed on the gross receipts or gross revenues of businesses.	Oppose	Finance	Continued to 2015
Taxes	HB 0434	LeMunyon, James	Machinery and tools, merchants' capital and BPOL taxes; maximum rates established.	Prohibits a locality from increasing its business machinery and tools tax, merchants' capital tax, and local license (BPOL) fees and taxes above the locality's rates in effect as of January 1, 2014.	Oppose	Finance	Continued to 2015

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Taxes	HB 0685	Torian, Luke	Distribution of communications sales and use tax revenues.	Changes the distribution of communications sales and use tax revenues beginning with the month of August 2014 by providing that (i) first, each town would receive the same proportion of such revenues it received in fiscal year 2013-2014 and (ii) all of the remaining revenues would be distributed pro rata to those counties and cities that received a distribution in fiscal year 2013-2014, based upon the population of the county or city as shown by the most recent United States census. Currently, communications sales and use tax revenues are essentially distributed according to each locality's share of telecommunications and television cable funds (local consumer utility tax on landlines and wireless, E-911, business license tax in excess of 0.5 percent, cable franchise fee, video programming excise tax, local consumer utility tax on cable television) collected throughout the Commonwealth in fiscal year 2006.	Oppose	Finance	Stricken from docket in subcommittee
Tax Delinquencies	HB 0875	Yancey, David E	Real property tax; sale of certain tax delinquent property.	Provides that a locality may condition the sale of certain tax delinquent real property on the purchaser's investing a certain amount in improvements to the property, provided that in determining surplusage accruing to the locality, the proceeds of the sale shall be increased by such amount.	Oppose	Finance	Stricken from docket by voice vote
Human Resources	HB 0093	Krupicka, K. Rob	Employment applications; inquiries regarding criminal arrests, charges, or convictions; penalty	Prohibits state agencies and private employers from including on any employment application a question inquiring whether the prospective employee has ever been arrested or charged with, or convicted of, any crime, subject to certain exceptions. A prospective employee may not be asked if he has ever been convicted of any crime unless the inquiry takes place after the prospective employee has received a conditional offer of employment, which offer may be withdrawn if the prospective employee has a conviction record that bears a rational relationship to the duties and responsibilities of the position.	Oppose	General Laws	Subcommittee recommends striking from docket
FOIA	HB 0174	Farrell, Peter F.	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; administrative investigations; local inspectors general.	Adds a records exemption for administrative investigations conducted by a local inspector general or other local investigator appointed by the local governing body of any county, city, or town or a school board who by charter, ordinance, or statute has responsibility for conducting an investigation relating to allegations of fraud, waste, or abuse by any officer, employee, department, or program of the locality or school division.	Support	General Laws	Stricken from docket by voice vote in committee
Procurement	HB 0289	Albo, David B.	Virginia Public Procurement Act; cooperative procurement.	Eliminates the limitation for cooperative procurement for construction in excess of \$200,000 by a local public body from the contract of another local public body that is more than a straight line distance of 75 miles from the territorial limits of the local public body procuring the construction	Support	General Laws	Continued to 2015

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Procurement	HB 0290	Albo, David B.	Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive negotiation; job order contracting	Makes technical changes to the provisions of the Virginia Public Procurement Act related to job order contracting.	Support	General Laws	Tabled in subcommittee
Local Mandates	HB 0384	Dance, Rosalyn	Local mandates; identification of sources of funding.	Requires the assessment performed by state agencies to include the identification of sources of funding for the mandate.	Support	General Laws	Tabled in General Laws subcommittee
Procurement	HB 0421	Minchew, J. Randall	Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive negotiation; term contracts for certain architectural and engineering services	Increases the term contract limits for architectural and engineering services from \$1 million to \$2.5 million per project for state agencies and from \$5 million \$10 million per term.	Support	General Laws	Tabled in subcommittee
Land Use	HB 0524	Pogge, Brenda	Uniform Statewide Building Code; accessible units	Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to revise the Uniform Statewide Building Code to require that at least 10 percent of all dwelling units, but in no case less than one dwelling unit, in any newly constructed multifamily residential building shall be affordable, accessible units designed and constructed in a manner that satisfies the criteria for Type A units, in accordance with ANSI A117.1. Currently, at least two percent of dwelling units, but in no case less than one dwelling unit, in any multifamily residential building must be Type A units.	Support	General Laws	Struck from docket in subcommittee by voice vote
Procurement	HB 0549	Filler-Corn, Eileen	Virginia Public Procurement Act; transportation construction services.	Provides that for the award of transportation construction projects, certain specified factors other than price may be considered.	Oppose	General Laws	Tabled in subcommittee
Procurement/Capital Projects	HB 0769	Hugo, Timothy	Virginia Public Procurement Act; project labor agreements by certain state agencies.	Provides, under certain conditions, that when engaged in procuring products or services or letting contracts for construction, manufacture, maintenance, or operation of any project paid for in whole or in part by state funds, or when overseeing or administering such procurement, neither the Commonwealth Transportation Board nor any state transportation agency nor any construction manager acting on behalf of such entities shall, in their bid specifications, project agreements, or other controlling documents, provide an incentive in the scoring of such bids that favors entities entering into project labor agreements.	Neutral	General Laws	Tabled in subcommittee
FOIA	HB 0788	LeMunyon, James	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; out-of-state requests for records.	Sets out the process for public bodies to respond to record requests made by out-of-state requesters.	Oppose	General Laws	Continued to 2015
FOIA	HB 0789	LeMunyon, James	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; participation in meetings in event of emergency or personal matters.	Removes the requirement that a public body approve by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting the remote participation in the meeting by one of its members in the event that an emergency or personal matter prevents his attendance in person at the meeting.	Support	General Laws	Tabled in subcommittee

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Building Code Enforcement	HB 0826	Minchew, J. Randall	Uniform Statewide Building Code; inspection and enforcement.	Provides that if any locality elects to enforce Part III of the Building Code, it shall also enforce the unsafe structures provisions for tenant complaints and enforce the elevator, escalator, or related conveyance inspections. The bill also provides that where a county provides enforcement of Parts I and II of the Building Code in a town, and elects to inspect and enforce Part III of the Building Code, the county is also required to inspect and enforce Part III of the Building Code in any such town situated in the county that has also adopted Part III, upon entering into a nonmonetary agreement with the town for such enforcement, unless the town elects to inspect and enforce Part III.	Support	General Laws	Tabled in subcommittee
Conflict of Interest	HB 1159	Rasoul, Sam	Political contributions; prohibitions during procurement process.	Includes the mayor or chief executive officer of a locality, school superintendent, and any member of a local governing body, planning commission, or school board in the current prohibition against knowingly soliciting or accepting a contribution, gift, or other item with a value greater than \$50 from any bidder, offeror, or private entity who has submitted a bid or proposal pursuant to the Virginia Public Procurement Act, the Public-Private Transportation Act, or the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act during the bidding period.	Neutral	General Laws	Continued to 2015
Procurement	HB 1208	Albo, David B.	Virginia Public Procurement Act; consideration of early payment discounts	Prohibits the consideration of discounts for early payment of invoices offered by any bidder in the determination of the lowest priced bid on any contract awarded using competitive sealed bidding. The bill also provides that no bidder shall be required to offer discounts for early payment of invoices as a condition of any Invitation to Bid, and no bidder shall be declared nonresponsive for failure to offer a discount for early payment of invoices.		General Laws	Continued to 2015
Procurement	HB 1223	Yancey, David E	Virginia Public Procurement Act; small, women, and minority-owned businesses.	Defines "historically Black colleges and universities" and provides that the term "minority-owned business" includes historically Black colleges and universities, regardless of the percentage ownership by minority individuals or, in the case of a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity, the equity ownership interest in the corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity. The bill also requires that programs to facilitate the participation of small businesses and all businesses owned by women, minorities, or service disabled veterans in procurement transactions include a provision for fair and equitable evaluations and opportunities for small businesses and all businesses owned by women, minorities, or service disabled veterans.		General Laws	Continued to 2015

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Procurement	HB 1238	Gilbert, Todd	Virginia Public Procurement Act; disclosure of cost estimates in solicitations prohibited	Provides that no Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal shall contain the public body's cost estimate for that which is sought to be procured		General Laws	Continued to 2015
Voting	HB 0383	Minchew, J. Randall	House of Delegates districts; technical adjustment.	Changes district assignments of certain census blocks for Districts 10, 32, 33, 67, and 87 in Loudoun County in order to reflect new precinct lines. The Districts will have a deviation of less than one percent from the ideal district population.	Support	Privileges & Elections	Tabled in subcommittee
NVTA	HB 0041	Marshall, Robert	Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; selection of projects.	Provides that the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall select the transportation projects to be funded by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.		Transportation	Tabled in subcommittee
NVTA	HB 0084	Marshall, Robert	Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; membership.	Removes the three legislative members of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.		Transportation	Tabled in subcommittee
NVTA	HB 0425	LeMunyon, James	Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; membership.	Increases Authority membership from 17 to 20 by the addition of one senator and two House members.		Transportation	Tabled in subcommittee
Streets	HB 0475	McQuinn, Delores	Solicitation of contributions on roadways.	Provides that any locality may by ordinance allow pedestrians over the age of 18 who are part of, or working on behalf of, a § 501(c)(3) organization, to enter one or more roadways for the purpose of soliciting contributions that are devoted to charitable or community betterment purposes.	Oppose	Transportation	Continued to 2015 in Transportation
Streets/Capital Projects	HB 0528	Hodges, M. Keith	"Revenue-sharing" highway funds.	Provides for use of so-called revenue-sharing highway funds for construction and maintenance of ditches and other drainage facilities and obtaining voluntary drainage easements or voluntary permission to enter private property.	Support	Transportation	Stricken from docket at patron's request
NVTA	HB 0635	LaRock, David	Use of revenues by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.	Requires that 70 percent of the revenues received by the Authority under § 15.2-4838.1 be used by the Authority solely to fund transportation projects selected by the Authority that are contained in the regional transportation plan in accordance with § 15.2-4830 and that have been rated in accordance with § 33.1-13.03:1. (Eliminates mass transit projects)	Oppose	Transportation	Tabled in subcommittee
NVTA	HB 0653	LaRock, David	Allocations by Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.	Limits allocations by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for transit, rail, and public transportation projects to no more than 25 percent of its total allocations.	Oppose	Transportation	Tabled in subcommittee
Transportation	HB 0658	LaRock, David	CTB allocations to Northern Virginia highway construction district.	Limits transit, rail, and public transportation allocations by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to the Northern Virginia highway construction district to no more than 25 percent of total allocations.	Oppose	Transportation	Tabled in subcommittee
Streets	HB 0744	Kory, Kaye	Blocking highway drains and culverts.	Allows localities by ordinance to prohibit interfering with or impeding storm water runoff into drains or culverts on VDOT-controlled highway rights-of-way.	Support	Transportation	Stricken from docket by voice vote
Trees	HB 0806	Lopez, Alfonso	VDOT tree replacement policy	Requires VDOT, in highway construction projects, to adhere to any tree replacement policy adopted by the locality in which the construction project is located.	Support	Transportation	Subcommitted recommends striking from docket

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NVTA	HB 0824	Minchew, J. Randall	Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.	Provides that the Authority's bonding authority shall not be effective until July 1, 2018. After such date, the Authority, prior to issuance of bonds, shall demonstrate in the context of a bond validation lawsuit that the transportation projects proposed for funding with the sought bond proceeds have been thoroughly analyzed and provide the greatest degree of congestion reduction relative to cost.		Transportation	Tabled in subcommittee