



**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
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SUBJECT: Week 10 State Legislative Report

HOT TOPICS

Charlotte Regional Airport Authority Act (SB 81 – Rucho / HB 104 – Brawley) Legislation transfers control of the Charlotte Douglas International Airport from the City of Charlotte to an independent Authority composed of 13 members; Charlotte City Council, Charlotte Mayor, County Commissions of Mecklenburg, Gaston, Cabarrus, Lincoln, Iredell and Union, Speaker of the House, Senate President Pro Tem, and Governor would each get one appointee; final two appointees would be picked by Authority members; in Senate Finance, committee added power for the Authority to exercise eminent domain for public uses at the Airport but only after being authorized by a majority of the eight local government appointee members of the Authority; SB 81 goes on to state that the power of eminent domain may not be used by the Authority to acquire land for uses such as hotels, motels, restaurants, or industrial parks; HB 104 referred to House Transportation; SB 81 passed Senate and has been sent to the House; SB 81 has been referred to House Transportation and if reported favorably to House Finance; HB 104 was discussed among committee members in House Transportation on Tuesday 4/2

Panther's Stadium (HB 193 – Samuelson, W. Brawley, Carney, Earle) Legislation allows City of Charlotte to utilize Convention Center funds to finance improvements to Bank of America Stadium, which funds are already needed to finance coming Convention Center improvements; funds in the Convention Center account are not even enough to finance the needed stadium improvements; reported out of House Government on 3/14 and Occupancy Tax subcommittee of House Finance on 3/21; HB 193 passed House and has been referred to Senate Finance, where it could be heard in Committee as early as Wednesday 4/10

Tax Reform (SB 363 – Brock / SB 394 – Clodfelter / SB 669 – Rucho, Rabon, Berger / SB 677 – Rucho, Rabon) Several proposals have been introduced with the goal of spurring economic development in the State; SB 363 reduces or eliminates several business taxes including the locally imposed business privilege license tax; SB 394 modifies a wide range of taxes including business taxes, personal income taxes, corporate income taxes, including elimination of the locally imposed business privilege license tax; SB 394 is structured to be revenue neutral in the aggregate for both the State and local governments; SB 669 reduces personal income tax rates; SB 677 reduces corporate income tax rates; SB 677 will be discussed in Senate Finance on Tuesday 4/9

Mecklenburg Revaluation (HB 200 – W. Brawley, Cotham / SB 159 – Tarte, Rucho) Legislation requested by Mecklenburg County to correct issues related to the recent countywide revaluation; HB 200 referred to House Government; SB 159 passed Senate; HB 200 was heard on 4/4 in House Government where a committee substitute was reported favorably, and the next stop will be House Regulatory Reform followed by House Finance

Blue Line Extension (BLE) The North Carolina Local Government Commission approved the issuance of debt for the BLE project on Tuesday 4/2; Fitch ratings assigned a rating of AA+ with Outlook Stable for the certificates of participation going to market on 4/15; one of the key rating drivers was the “strong general credit characteristics” of the City; even though Transit is an Enterprise Fund, like the Airport, Stormwater and Water and Sewer, the general credit of the City was instrumental in the assignment of this rating

STATE BUDGET

Governor’s Budget Proposal:

Governor McCrory announced his budget proposals on Wednesday, March 25; FY 2014 and FY 2015 funding in the amount of \$25 million each year for the Blue Line Extension appears on pages 19 and 300 of the [Recommended Continuation Budget for the Department of Transportation](#), which is consistent with the budget agreement made in 2012 between the NC House and Senate

Budget Timeline:

Now through late April – Subcommittees of House and Senate Appropriations’ Committees continue meeting, and receiving reports from State agencies

Early May – Senate Appropriation subcommittees make recommendations to Senate Appropriations Committee

May 7 – Senate Appropriations Committee reports out proposed budget to full Senate

May 9 – Senate passes budget proposal

May 30 – House considers Senate proposal and passes its budget proposal, which would commence budget conference process

June 13 – House and Senate agree upon budget conference report

Late June – If the General Assembly is still in session, Governor must sign or veto budget within 10 days after being presented with the bill or it becomes law

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Long Term Investment Program (SB 276 – Clodfelter) Local charter bill amends City’s long term investment authority to enable use of “prudent investor” rule; referred to Senate State and Local Government

Public Transportation Buses (SB 301 – Graham / HB 375 – Jeter, Bryan, Schaffer, Cotham) SB 301 is a statewide bill increasing maximum allowable length of public transportation buses from 45 to 60 feet, thus allowing use of higher capacity articulated buses; SB 301 referred to Senate Transportation; HB 375 is a local bill allowing buses owned and operated by the City of Charlotte to be up to 60 feet but be operated primarily on roadways with speed limits over 45 miles per hour; HB 375 referred to House Transportation

Infrastructure Improvements (SB 104 – Hartsell) Legislation eliminates the July 1, 2013 sunset date of the Special Assessments for Critical Infrastructure Needs Act of 2008; SB 104 is consistent with City and MTC legislative agendas that requested extension of sunset date to allow for continued examination of Red Line Regional Rail project and not lose one of the potential sources of funding for the project; referred to Senate Finance

Transportation Project Financing (SB 322 – Clodfelter) Legislation allows local government to use special obligation bond financing for public transportation projects, thereby facilitating local participation in the federal Transportation Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program; loans are available from the federal government through the TIFIA program for public transportation projects at costs that are competitive with other forms of financing; referred to Senate Finance

Civil Service Board (SB 299 – Graham) Charter bill increases membership of Charlotte Civil Service Board from 7 to 9 members; referred to Senate State and Local Government

DEVELOPING ISSUES

Zoning/Design & Aesthetic Controls (HB 150 – Dollar, W. Brawley, Moffitt, Jordan / SB 139 – Clodfelter, Gunn, Tarte) Legislation restricts use of design standards by counties and cities for any residential dwelling subject to the NC Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwellings; several exceptions are granted for dwellings located in historic districts and national registers of historical places, local, State or federal national historical landmarks, manufactured or modular housing, life safety codes, and national flood insurance program areas; SB 139 referred to Senate Commerce; HB 150 passed House and referred to Senate Rules

Towns Enforce Ordinances on Lake Norman (HB 186 – Jeter / SB 142 – Tarte) Local legislation authorizes towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Mooresville and Troutman to enforce ordinances adopted by the towns on the waters of Lake Norman extending 2,500 feet from the shoreline at the 760 waterline (the 760 waterline indicates that the elevation of the lake is 760’ when full); SB 142 referred to Senate State and Local Government; HB 186 was reported favorably out of House Government and re-referred to House Judiciary Subcommittee B

Repeal Combined Motor Vehicle & Registration System (HB 30 – Stevens, Starnes): HB 30 would repeal the 2005 law that provides for payment of local motor vehicle taxes at the same time the annual state vehicle registration is required; system will soon be going online and is expected to result in a higher rate of taxes collected; referred to House Transportation

Repeal of Extraterritorial Jurisdictional Powers (HB 264 – Pittman) “Justice for Rural Citizens Act” repeals authority of cities and towns to exercise extraterritorial jurisdictional (ETJ) powers in adjacent unincorporated areas due to inability of ETJ residents to vote in municipal elections; referred to House Government

MPO Ethics (SB 303 – Graham / SB 411 – Rabon, Harrington) Legislation makes changes to 2012 legislation requiring greater disclosure of individuals appointed by local governments to serve on MPO boards; SB 303 exempts the Mecklenburg Union Metropolitan Planning Organization from the 2012 requirements while SB 411 requires any individual with voting authority on a MPO board to follow State Government ethics guidelines; SB 303 referred to Senate Rules; SB 411 reported favorably out of Senate Transportation and re-referred to Senate Judiciary I

Transportation Tolling (HB 267 – Collins, Torbett, Floyd, Wray / SB 521 – Rabon, Daniel / SB 601 – Rabon, Daniel) There are several pieces of legislation introduced that regulate how tolled lanes would be added to interstate highways; issue is being driven by opposition to tolling I-95; HB 267 would require General Assembly approval of any tolling projects; SB 521 and SB 601 make amendments to 2012 legislation that authorized a public-private partnership for adding HOT lanes to I-77 from Uptown to northern Mecklenburg; HB 267 and SB 601 referred to, respectively, House Transportation and Senate Transportation, while SB 521 has not been referred to Committee

Repeal Certain Turnpike Projects Authorization (SB 716 – Rabon) Legislation removes three projects from the list of authorized projects of the North Carolina Turnpike Authority including the Cape Fear Skyway in Wilmington, Mid-Currituck Bridge connecting the outer banks to the mainland, and the Garden Parkway connecting Charlotte-Douglas International Airport to Gaston County and eventually I-85; the Garden Parkway has been listed in several reports as being key to realizing the full economic potential of the new NS intermodal rail yard being constructed at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport

BILL FILING DEADLINES

As of Thursday 4/4, a total of 724 bills had been filed in the Senate and 591 in the House. Senate deadlines for filing public and local bills have now passed. The House local bill filing deadline was Wednesday 4/3, while the deadlines for filing House bills not required to be heard by either the House Appropriations or Finance Committee is Wednesday 4/10 and bills required to be heard by one of those two committees is Wednesday 4/17.

Bill Filing Deadlines	Filed in Senate by 3 p.m.	Filed in House by 3 p.m.
Study Commission Bills	--	Wednesday, February 27 Closed
State Agency Bills	--	Wednesday, March 20 Closed
Local Bills	Wednesday, March 13 Closed	Wednesday, April 3 Closed
Public Bills (All Public Bills)	Thursday, March 28 Closed	--
Public Bills & Resolutions (Not Appropriations or Finance)	--	Wednesday, April 10 by 1:00 pm
Public Bills (Appropriations and Finance)	--	Wednesday, April 17

Crossover deadline for both chambers is Thursday, May 16.

BILL TRACKING REPORT

The following report shows all bills being followed by City staff.

Bill # Title (Sponsors)	Summary of Major Provisions & Impacts Upon City	Bill Status	Staff Resource(s)
City's Legislative Agenda			
SB 104 Eliminate Critical Infrastructure Sunset (Hartsell, Meredith)	Infrastructure Improvements: Bill eliminates the sunset date of the Special Assessments for Critical Infrastructure Needs Act Consistent with City and MTC legislative agendas	Referred to Senate Finance	CATS
SB 276 Charlotte Charter/Investments (Clodfelter)	Long Term Investment Program: Allows the City to make investments which meet the "prudent person" standard	Referred to Senate State and Local Government	Finance
SB 299 Charlotte Charter/Civil Service Board (Graham, Clodfelter)	Civil Service Board: Increases the membership of the City of Charlotte Civil Service Board from seven to nine	Referred to Senate State and Local Government	City Clerk
SB 301 Increase Allowed Size of Passenger Buses (Graham)	Public Transportation Buses: Allows passenger buses that have an overall length of 60 feet or less to operate on public streets and highways	Referred to Senate Transportation	CATS
HB 375 Increase Allowed Size of Passenger Buses (Jeter, Bryan, Schaffer, Cotham)	Local bill—applies to Charlotte only; Buses must be operated primarily on routes with speed limits of 45 miles or greater	Referred to House Transportation	
SB 322 Amend Authority for Local Special Obligation Bonds (Clodfelter)	Transportation Project Financing: Allows local governments to issue special obligation bonds for public transportation facilities, which would enable local governments to utilize the federal governments TIFIA program	Referred to Senate Finance	Finance
Tax Reform			
SB 363 Business Tax Reduction and Reforms (Brock)	Simplifies varies business taxes including repeal of local privilege license taxes	Referred to Finance Committee	Finance
SB 394 Lower Tax Rates to a Stronger Economy (Clodfelter)	Comprehensive tax reform proposal that impacts both State and local tax systems; Broadens bases of State and local sales taxes; Repeals local privilege license taxes	Referred to Senate Finance	Finance

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SB 669 Reduce the Individual Income Tax Rate (Rucho, Rabon, Berger)	Phases in a reduction of the individual income tax rate and directs a study of the elimination of the individual income tax	Referred to Senate Finance	Finance
SB 677 Corporate Income Tax Reduction and Reform (Rucho, Rabon)	Reforms corporate income tax and reduces corporate income tax rate	Referred to Senate Finance	Finance
General			
HB 6 Public Sector Collective Bargaining / Right to Work / Secret Ballot Constitutional Amendments (Tillis, Moffitt, Murry) Similar but not identical to HB 53 (Tillis, Moffitt, Murry)	Proposes that State Constitution be amended to include long term prohibition on public sector collective bargaining and right to work laws, and guarantee to secret ballots in union elections; November 2014 general election ballot Amends NC Constitution to guarantee an individual's right to work and prohibits contracts between state/local governments and labor organizations; Makes statutory changes to Article 10 of Chapter 95	Referred to House Rules Referred to House Rules	HR
HB 8 Eminent Domain (McGrady, Stam, Lewis, Goodman)	Proposes that State Constitution be amended to prohibit condemnation except for a public use; Similar to Edition 3 of 2011-2012 HB 8 that passed House but was not considered by Senate; November 2014 general election ballot	Passed House; Referred to Senate Rules	E&PM
HB 30 Repeal Combined Motor Vehicle & Registration System (Stevens, Starnes)	Bill repeals 2005 law and subsequent amendments to provide for payments of local motor vehicle taxes at same time state vehicle registration is due to ensure owners pay their taxes	Referred to House Transportation	Finance
HB 74 Periodic Review and Expiration of Rules (Murry, Moffitt, Samuelson and Bryan)	Allows for the expiration of a permanent rule unless there is a readoption of the rule by the Rules Review Commission	Referred to House Regulatory Reform	E&PM
HB 79 Annexation amendment (Pittman, Hardister)	Amends the NC constitution to restrict annexation by municipalities. Requires any municipal initiated annexation to be approved by 2/3 of the voters residing in the affected area.	Referred to House Government	Planning

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HB 110 Public Contracts/ Project Labor (Goodman, Bell, Moffitt, and Murry) SB 611 Public Contracts/Project Labor (Brown)	Prohibits contracts that requires a bidder or contractor to enter into an agreement with a labor organization as a term of a contract Identical to HB 110	Referred to House Government Referred to Senate Commerce	E&PM
HB 160 Public Contracts/Illegal Immigrants (Conrad, Cleveland, Mills and Szoka)	Prohibits state and local government contracts with contractors who employ illegal immigrants and requires contractors to verify and certify their employees' authorization to work in the US	Referred to House Government	E&PM
HB 193 Expand Uses for Mecklenburg County/Charlotte Local Taxes (W. Brawley, Samuelson, Carney and Earle)	Allows the City and Mecklenburg to use existing food and beverage tax monies to fund construction, renovation and maintenance needs associated with professional and amateur sports facilities	Passed House; re-referred to Senate Finance	Finance
HB 208 Ban the Box (Brandon, Pierce, R. Moore)	Prohibits an employer from inquiring whether an applicant for employment has been convicted of a criminal offense and assesses a civil penalty against those who do	Referred to House Commerce / Job Development	HR
HB 227 Local Governments/ Vacant Housing (Brandon, Hardister, Faircloth, Collins)	Authorizes cities and counties the ability to petition superior court to appoint a receiver to rehabilitate, demolish or sell a vacant building, structure or dwelling in a case when an owner has failed to comply with an order to do so. It also charges the owner with a \$100 administrative fee.	Referred to House Government	N&BS
HB 248 Taxpayer Debt Information Act (Conrad, Fulghum, Cleveland, Blust)	Requires a disclosure of the amount of interest that would be incurred from the issuance of bonds to appear on the ballot; Similar to legislation filed in 2011	Referred to House Finance	Finance
HB 364 Treasurer's Debt Issuance Accountability Act (McGrady, Moffitt, R. Brown, Murry)	Makes changes to authority of State Treasurer to enter into financing arrangements	Referred to House Finance	Finance
HB 378 Study Oversight of MPOs (Floyd, Lucas, Hanes, C. Graham)	Creates a committee to study the oversight of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and their roles in transportation planning.	Referred to House Transportation	Planning

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HB 425 Public Employment Applicants/Criminal Histories (Pierce)	Mandates that public employers may not inquire into or consider criminal history of an applicant for employment until a conditional offer of employment has been made.	Referred to House Rules	HR
HB 504 Local Electronic Notice (McGrady, Stam, Jackson, Hardister)	Allows counties and cities to give electronic notice in lieu of publication or advertisement	Referred to House Judiciary	City Clerk CC&M
SB 81 Charlotte Regional Airport Authority (Rucho) HB 104 Charlotte Regional Airport Authority (W. Brawley, Samuelson, Moffitt, Torbett, Saine and Ramsey)	Transfers City's control of the Charlotte Douglas International Airport to a 13-person authority to operate the airport. The authority would be comprised of appointments by the NC Governor, General Assembly leadership, Charlotte Mayor and Council, as well as Mecklenburg, Gaston, Cabarrus, Union, Lincoln and Iredell counties. Identical to introduced version of SB 81	Passed Senate; referred to House Transportation HB 104 referred to House Transportation, where discussion occurred on 4/2	CMO
SB 125 Public Meeting/Records Law Violations (Goalsby, Apodaca)	Makes it a Class 3 misdemeanor to deny access to public records for the purpose of inspection or to deny copies of public records	Referred to Senate Judiciary 1	Communications City Clerk
SB 145 Reform Oversight of State Owned Vehicles (Hartsell) HB 61 Reform Oversight of State Owned Vehicles (Howard)	Reforms the management and oversight of state-owned motor vehicles as recommended by the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee	Referred to Senate Transportation Favorable report from House Finance; Re-referred to House Appropriations	Shared Services CATS

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SB 159 Require Certain General Appraisals (Tarte, Rucho) HB 200 Require Certain General Appraisals (W. Brawley, Cotham)	Adjusts reappraisals that resulted in property values that do not comply with State requirements	Passed Senate; referred to House Government Referred to House Government	Finance
SB 186 Notice Publication by counties and cities (Wade, Brock)	Allows counties and cities to adopt an ordinance that allows them to publish public notices electronically in lieu of or in addition to printed notices via publications and advertisements.	Referred to Senate Rules	Communications City Clerk
SB 303 MPO Changes (Graham) SB 411 Ethic requirements for MPOs/RPOs (Rabon, Harrington)	Exempts the Mecklenburg Union Metropolitan Planning Organization from the 2012 ethics requirements for MPOs Requires that representatives with voting authority on MPOs and RPOs are subject to the same ethic provisions as state government employees	Referred to Senate Rules Favorable report from Senate Transportation; referred to Senate Judiciary I	Planning
SB 331 Sunshine Amendment (Goolsby)	Calls for a voter referendum on whether to add an "access to public records and meetings" section to the NC constitution.	Referred to Judiciary I Committee	CMO
SB 332 Government Transparency Act (Goolsby)	Increases access to personnel records including performance records and reasons for promotion, demotions, transfers, separations or any changes in position classification.	Referred to Judiciary I Committee	HR
SB 402 SB 419 SB 487 Appropriations Act of 2013 (Brown, Hunt, Brunstetter)	Makes base budget appropriations for operations of state departments, institutions, agencies and other purposes	Referred to Senate Appropriations/ Base Budget	Budget Finance
SB 469 Budget Technical Corrections (Brunstetter)	Annual bill filed to make corrections to budget legislation	Referred to Senate Appropriations/ Base Budget	Budget Finance
SB 558 State Treasurer's Investments (Hise)	Makes changes to authority of State Treasurer to invest retirement system funds	Referred to Pensions Committee	Finance

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SB 703 Limit Local Regulations of Outdoor Smoking (Newton, Jackson, Brock)	Prohibits local governments and local community colleges from regulating outdoor smoking in a manner that is more restrictive than State law	Referred to Senate Agriculture/ Environment/ Natural Resources committee	CMO
SB 723 Local Accountability Act (Clark)	Amends the NC Constitution to prevent the condemnation of property by an unelected board and requires the condemnation to be approved by the appointing elected board of the county where the property is located	Referred to Senate Judiciary I	CMO
Public Safety			
HB 17 Gun Permits / Restaurants & Confidentiality (Burr, Hager, Hollo, J. Bell)	Allows persons with concealed handgun permits to possess handguns in restaurants if allowed by establishment, and to preserve confidentiality of information concerning concealed handgun permits and pistol purchase permits	Passed House; sent to Senate Judiciary I	CMPD
HB 48 Operation of Mopeds (Shepard)	Requires mopeds to be licensed and insured.	Referred to House Transportation	CMPD
HB 49 Firearm in Locked Motor Vehicle / Parking Lot (Shepard)	Shares some similarities to 2011-2012 HB 111; Prohibits any business, commercial enterprise or employer from prohibiting the storage of firearms or ammunition when locked out of sight in motor vehicles; Allows for civil suits when a person is injured or killed against any business, commercial enterprise or employer who violates the locked out of sight standard; Provides for reinstatement, back pay, etc. of employees discharged from employment as result of violating company policies in conflict with this bill; Effective December 1, 2013 and applies only to violations committed on or after that date	Referred to House Rules	CMPD
HB 59 Eliminate Safety Inspections (Howard) SB 194 Eliminate Safety Inspections (Hartsell)	Eliminates annual vehicle safety inspections as well as the requirement that window tinting inspections be conducted by a licensed safety inspector. Legislation stems from recommendations by the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee	Referred to House Transportation Withdrawn from Commerce; referred to Senate Rules	CMPD

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HB 63 Support Right to Bear Arms (Speciale)	A resolution expressing support of the Second Amendment and opposes any infringement by the federal government in keeping and bearing arms	Referred to House Rules	CMPD
HB 299 Law Enforcement Officer Fairness Act (Jordan, Glazier, Avila)	Standardizes the dismissal of municipal law enforcement officers through the state. Requires departments to develop rules that define just cause. Ensures officers are eliminated for just cause and includes the establishment of review boards for disciplinary appeals.	Referred to House Rules	CMPD City Clerk
HB 345 Increase Penalties for Misuse of 911 System (Faircloth, McNeill)	Increase the criminal penalty for misuse of 911 from a Class 3 misdemeanor to Class 1 misdemeanor.	Referred to Judiciary Subcommittee B	CMPD
HB 348 Public Safety Technology/State ROW (Faircloth)	Allows the NC Department of Transportation to enter into agreements with local governments to utilize public safety technology in the rights-of-way of state maintained roads	Referred to Transportation	CMPD
HB 547 Tax and Regulate Video Sweepstakes (Wray, Collins)	Regulates and imposes an excise tax on electronic sweepstakes	Referred to House Commerce	CMPD Finance
SB 8 Towing Fines (Meredith, Clark and Jenkins)	Raises the minimum fine for violating provisions of local tow ordinances authorized by 20-219.2 from \$100 to \$150	Passed Senate; sent to House Government Committee	CMPD
SB 17 Concealed Carry Permits (Bingham)	Invalidates in North Carolina concealed handgun permits issued by other states to nonresidents	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee II	CMPD
SB 27 Public School Protection / Firearm Amendments (Bingham)	Allows individuals both certified by the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and designated by a local board of education or charter school board of directors to possess and carry firearms on school property to provide additional protection to those attending and working in public schools.	Referred to Senate Rules	CMPD
SB 28 Gun Permit Information / No Publication (Bingham)	Increases the confidentiality of information regarding concealed handgun permits and pistol purchase permits. Other than the local permitting sheriff and the NC State Bureau of Investigation, it limits availability of information to other State and local law enforcement agencies	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee II	CMPD
SB 124 Shoot Gun From Inside (Brunstetter)	Makes it a Class E felony to discharge a firearm from within an enclosure with the intent to do harm or incite fear	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee I	CMPD

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<p>SB 142 Towns Enforce Ordinances on Lake Norman (Tarte)</p> <p>HB 186 Towns Enforce Ordinances on Lake Norman (Jeter)</p>	<p>Allows the towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Mooresville and Troutman to enforce their town ordinances on the waters of Lake Norman</p>	<p>Referred to Senate State and Local Government</p> <p>Received favorable report from House Government; Re-referred to Judiciary Subcommittee B</p>	<p>CMPD</p>
<p>SB 146 Private Schools/Firearms Amendments (Bingham, Brock, Hise)</p>	<p>Allows employees and volunteers at a private school to carry weapons on educational property when authorized by the school board of trustees or administrative director and allows a person to carry a concealed handgun during worship services at a location that serves as both a school and a place of worship</p>	<p>Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee I</p>	<p>CMPD</p>
<p>SB 190 Gun on Ed. Property/Stored in Locked Car (Cook, Brock)</p>	<p>Allows an adult, who has a concealed gun permit, to have a gun on the property of a school, community college or university, provided the gun is in a closed container in or attached to a person's vehicle and is removed only for defensive purposes</p>	<p>Referred to Senate Rules</p>	<p>CMPD</p>
<p>SB 342 Amend Gun Laws (Newton, Soucek, Tarte)</p>	<p>Permits a person with a concealed handgun permit to possess a handgun in a restaurant unless a notice prohibiting the possession is posted. Also makes it unlawful for a felon to possess ammunition, certain weapons and a concealed handgun. Also clarifies that local governments may prohibit concealed weapons on municipal recreational facilities but they cannot include greenways, bike paths or walking paths.</p>	<p>Referred to Senate Rules</p>	<p>CMPD</p>
<p>SB 408 Lawful Citizens Self Protection Act (Tarte, Randlemann, Brock)</p>	<p>Expands areas in which concealed handgun permit owners may carry or keep firearms for self-protection</p>	<p>Referred to Senate Rules</p>	<p>CMPD</p>
<p>SB 549 Gun Privacy (Tucker, Meredith)</p>	<p>Provides that lists of persons who obtain permits and identifying information to purchase pistols or obtain concealed handgun permits are confidential and not a public record</p>	<p>Referred to Senate Judiciary I</p>	<p>CMPD</p>

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SB 659 MAP 21 Conforming Revisions (Harrington, Rabon) HB 539 MAP 21 Conforming Revisions (Shepard, Stevens, Ramsey)	Conforms state motor vehicle law to the recently passed federal MAP-21 Identical to SB 659	Referred to Senate Transportation Referred to House Judiciary	CMPD CMPD
SB 685 Concealed Handgun Permit/Certain Exceptions (Goolsby)	Allow a NC district judge, superior court judge, magistrate, clerk and register of deeds who has a concealed handgun permit to carry a weapon on certain premises or in certain circumstances	Referred to Senate Rules	CMPD
SB 713 Close ATM Loophole/Copper Purchasing Sites (Bryant)	Prohibits ATMS at fixed sites occupied by secondary metals recyclers	Referred to Senate Commerce	CMPD
Environment & Planning			
HB 94 Amend Environmental Laws (McElraft, Samuelson and McGrady) SB 112 Amend Environmental Laws (Jackson, Brock and Davis)	This is the omnibus environmental amendments bill considered every year Clarifies the process for civil penalties associated erosion and sedimentation violations, which may impact the City	Referred to House Environment Referred to Senate Agriculture/ Environment/ Natural Resources	E&PM CMUD
HB 264 Justice for Rural Citizens Act (Pittman, Ford, Moffit, Hardister)	Prohibits municipalities from enacting extraterritorial jurisdiction beyond their corporate limits	Referred to House Government	Planning
HB 276 Zoning / Board of Adjustment Changes (G. Graham, Stam)	Makes substantive changes to the Board of Adjustment statute	Referred to House Government	Planning

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HB 480 Environmental Permitting Reform (Millis, Moffit, Catlin, Hardister)	Makes changes in how state and local entities issue environmental permits	Referred to House Environment	CMUD E&PM
HB 488 Regionalization of Public Utilities (Moffitt, McGrady, Ramsey)	Transfers ownership and operation of certain public water or sewer systems that do not function as joint systems to a metropolitan water and sewerage district; Intended to apply only to the Asheville water system	Referred to House Finance	CMUD
HB 573 Stormwater Management Fees (Jeter, Samuelson) SB 275 Stormwater Management Fee Uses (Clodfelter)	Broadens permitted use of storm water fees by allowing counties to purchase property as well as implement flood damage reduction techniques on private property with the owner's consent; Mecklenburg County initiative Identical bill	Referred to House Finance Referred to Senate Finance	E&PM E&PM
SB 105 Clarify Political Sign Ordinance Authority (Tillman)	Amends legislation passed in 2011 by allowing municipalities to regulate and prohibit placement of political signs along state highways that fall within a municipality's corporate limits	Referred to Senate Transportation	N&BS
SB108 Building Inspections/Local Consistency (Apodaca, Hunt, Ford) H120 Building Codes: Local Consistency/Exempt Cable (Brawley, Cotham, Arp)	Local governments must seek approval from the NC Building Code Council before requiring routine and regular inspections with requirements above the NC Building Code	Referred to Senate Commerce Passed House; Referred to Senate Commerce	E&PM CMU

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<p>SB 139 Zoning/Design and Aesthetic Controls (Clodfelter, Gunn and Tarte)</p> <p>HB 150 Zoning/Design and Aesthetic Controls (W. Brawley, Moffitt and Jordan)</p>	<p>Limits the application of design building standards at the county and municipal level to the following circumstances only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • structures located in local historic districts • structures located in areas listed on the National Registry of Historic Places • structures located in local, state or national historic landmarks • when the standards are related to safety code requirements • for applications for manufactured or modular housing • as a condition of participation in the National Flood Insurance Program 	<p>Referred to Senate Commerce</p> <p>Passed House; referred to Senate Rules</p>	<p>Planning E&PM</p>
<p>SB 192 Allow ROW Usage in Central Business Districts (Hunt, Daniel, Harrington)</p> <p>HB 192 (Shepard, Hamilton, Torbett, Ross)</p>	<p>Permits local governments to enact sidewalk dining ordinances for use of State owned right of way.</p>	<p>Referred to Senate State and Local Government</p> <p>Received favorable report from House Commerce; re-referred to Regulatory Reform</p>	<p>CDOT</p>
<p>SB 328 Solid Waste Management Reform Act of 2013 (Wade, Brown, Jackson)</p>	<p>Directs the Commission on Public Health and DENR to adopt and enforce a rule requiring solid waste vehicles and containers to be leak resistant instead of leak proof</p>	<p>Referred to House Agriculture/ Environmental/ Natural Resources</p>	<p>Solid Waste</p>
<p>SB 330 Study Water and Sewer Providers (Goolsby and Clodfelter)</p>	<p>Directs the Environmental Review Commission to study the reduction and consolidation of statutory models for establishing, operating and financing certain organizations that provide water and sewer services in North Carolina.</p>	<p>Referred to House Agriculture/ Environmental/ Natural Resources</p>	<p>CMUD</p>
<p>SB 341 Amend Interbasin Transfer Law (Rabon)</p>	<p>Limits transfer between basins with a certificate to an average of 2 million gallons per day not to exceed 5 million per day on any given day</p>	<p>Referred to House Agriculture/ Environmental/ Natural Resources</p>	<p>CMUD</p>

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SB 412 Water Infrastructure Authority/Water Grants (Hartsell)	Establishes a NC water and wastewater infrastructure authority to administer the state's funding for water and wastewater projects	Referred to House Agriculture/ Environmental/ Natural Resources	CMUD
SB 413 Interconnection of Public Water Systems (Hartsell)	Requires the interconnection of public water systems or wastewater systems to regional systems when necessary to promote public health, protect the environment and ensure compliance with drinking water rules. Also requires analysis before the construction or altering of a public water system	Referred to House Agriculture/ Environmental/ Natural Resources	CMUD
SB 612 Regulatory Reform Act of 2013 (Brown, Jackson, Brock)	Clarifies when city ordinances may conflict with similar county ordinances, what types of debris may be used for structural fill, laws that concern groundwater compliance permits; prohibition on master metering to permit an all- inclusive lease; exemption of certain properties from riparian buffer rules	Referred to House Agriculture/ Environmental/ Natural Resources	E&PM
Infrastructure			
HB 86 Restore Wallace to Wilmington Railroad (Hamilton, Shepard, R. Moore and Catlin)	Requires the NCDOT to seek funding for two economic development projects. The first to restore the rail connection from Wallace to Castle Hayne and another project to improve rail access to the NC State Port at Wilmington	Referred to House Transportation	CATS
HB 157 Limit Use of Highway Fund Credit Balance (Jeter, B. Brown, Dobson, Szoka)	Ensures unreserved credit balance in the Highway Fund is used for road-related uses only	Favorable report from House Transportation; re-referred to House Appropriations	CDOT
HB 195 Cornelius/Extend Use of Design Build (Jeter)	Extends the Town of Cornelius' authority to use design build construction from 2013 to 2016. In 2011 legislation, Cornelius received the authority to undertake three design build projects over two years.	Passed House; referred to Senate State and Local Government	CMO
HB 238 Fiscal Health of Water and Sewer Systems (Cleveland, Dockham)	Grants authority to Local Government Commission to assume control of local water and sewer systems if certain benchmarks are not achieved	Referred to House Government	CMUD
SB 207 Fiscal Health of Water and Sewer Systems (Tucker)	City staff was able to secure amendment to SB 207 to ensure benchmarks for financial performance reflected intent of Act	Passed Senate; referred to House Government	

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SB 521 Clarify Transportation Tolling Statutes (Rabon, Daniel)	Clarifies legislation passed in 2012 that authorized pilot P3 project	Filed and not assigned to committee	CDOT
SB 601 Clarify Transportation Tolling Statutes (Rabon, Daniel)	Clarifies NCDOT toll contracting collection and enforcement	Referred to Senate Transportation	CDOT
SB 609 Regional Transportation Authorities (Clodfelter)	Reorganizes regional public transportation statutes to allow local governments to create regional transportation funding agreements and provide for financing of its projects	Referred to Senate Transportation	CDOT
SB 716 Repeal Certain Turnpike Projects Authorization/ Funding (Rabon)	Removes certain projects from the Turnpike Authority Projects list and transfers the funding to the Mobility Fund	Referred to Senate Transportation	CDOT
Economic Development			
HB 55 Reform Workforce Development (Howard) SB 147 Reform Workforce Development (Hartsell)	Resolution to realign local workforce development areas with boundaries of councils of governments as recommended by the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee. It would: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce number of workforce development areas • Increase number of counties workforce development areas would cover 	Referred to House Commerce Referred to Senate Commerce	N&BS
HB 69 Opportunity Advancement Zones (Torbett)	Provides tier one tax treatment of employers located within newly created opportunity advancement zones based on the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40% of households with incomes below \$25K and exceeds the federal employment rate by 2% • 33% of households with incomes below \$25K and exceeds the federal employment rate by 4% • 25% of households with incomes below \$25K and exceeds the federal employment rate by 6% 	Referred to House Commerce	N&BS
SB 19 Building Contracts / Local Business Participation (Bingham, Clark and Jenkins)	Requires counties and cities to require bidders on public building contracts to demonstrate that they have made good faith efforts to recruit participation by local businesses in the contracts; Includes provisions that contracts awarded under this section shall be without regard to race, color, creed, age, sex or handicap which potentially impacts local MWBE programs	Referred to Senate Commerce	N&BS

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SB 232 Public Contracts/Local Business Preference (Soucek) HB 284 Local Contracts/Local Bidder Preference (Jordan)	Allow counties and cities to give preference to local bidders when contracting for construction, repair work or purchases of apparatus, equipment and supplies paid for by public money	Referred to Senate Rules Referred to House Government	Shared Services