



**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE  
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**TO:** Ron Carlee, City Manager  
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**SUBJECT:** **Week 11 State Legislative Report**

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**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; reported out of Senate Finance on 4/10; passed Senate on 4/11

**Tax Reform:** Several proposals have been introduced with the goal of spurring economic development in the State; SB 363 (Brock) reduces or eliminates several business taxes including the locally imposed business privilege license tax; SB 394 (Clodfelter) 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, and is structured to be revenue neutral in the aggregate for both the State and local governments; [SB 669 \(Rucho, Rabon, Berger\)](#) reduces personal income tax rates; [SB 677 \(Rucho, Rabon\)](#) reduces corporate income tax rates to 6%; [HB 642 \(Conrad, Jeter, Moffit, Murry\)](#) reduces corporate income tax rate to 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

**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 reported out of House Transportation on 4/9 and passed House on 4/10

**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

**Extraterritorial Jurisdictional Powers: HB 70 (Pittman, Hardister)** is proposed constitutional amendment that repeals exercise extraterritorial jurisdictional (ETJ) powers of all towns and cities, in addition to repealing power of towns and cities to undertake involuntary annexations, and was referred to House Government; **HB 264 (Pittman)** is the “Justice for Rural Citizens Act” that repeals authority of cities and towns to exercise ETJ powers in adjacent unincorporated areas due to inability of ETJ residents to vote in municipal elections, and was referred to House Government; **HB 608 (Pittman, Ford, Moffit, Hardister)** limits exercise of ETJ powers to those towns and cities who started exercising it before June 1, 2013, and was referred to House Government;

**Property Owners Protection Act (HB 632 – Moffitt, Brawley, Saine, Setzer)** Awards attorney fees to successful plaintiffs in land use cases against City, County and State government; referred to House Judiciary Subcommittee B

**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/ SB 260 – Bingham)** 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; HB 30 referred to House Transportation' SB 260 referred to Senate Rules

**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 Judiciary I and passed Senate

**County and City Ethics (HB 659 – Moffitt, Howard, Brawley, Lewis)** Requires all members of governing board of cities, towns and other political subdivisions to file statements of economic interests as if those members were public servants as defined in NCGS 138A-3; referred to House Government

**Local Government Regulatory Reform (HB 677 – Brawley, Moffitt, Stone)** Prohibits local governments from implementing dues check off programs for union members in the local government workforce; referred to House Regulatory Reform

**Rental Property Ordinances (HB 773 – Brawley, Moffitt, Hardister, Brisson)** Repeals several portions of legislation passed in 2011 that became basis for 2012 changes to Charlotte rental property ordinance; referred to House Government Committee

**Regulatory Reform Act of 2013 (SB 612 – Brown, Jackson, Brock)** States that a local government ordinance or regulation that regulates a field also regulated by the State or federal government and is more stringent than State or federal government standards is inconsistent with State or federal law; referred to Senate Agriculture

**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 economic potential of the new NS intermodal rail yard being constructed at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport

**BILL FILING DEADLINES**

Bill Filing Deadlines	Filed in Senate by 3 p.m.	Filed in House by 3 p.m.
Study Commission Bills	--	<del>Wednesday, February 27</del> Closed
State Agency Bills	--	<del>Wednesday, March 20</del> Closed
Local Bills	<del>Wednesday, March 13</del> Closed	<del>Wednesday, April 3</del> Closed
Public Bills (All Public Bills)	<del>Thursday, March 28</del> Closed	--
Public Bills & Resolutions (Not Appropriations or Finance)	--	<del>Wednesday, April 10</del> by 1:00 pm Closed
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)
<b>City's Legislative Agenda</b>			
<a href="#">SB 104</a> Eliminate Critical Infrastructure Sunset (Hartsell, Meredith)	<b>Infrastructure Improvements:</b> 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
<a href="#">SB 276</a> Charlotte Charter/Investments (Clodfelter)	<b>Long Term Investment Program:</b> Allows the City to make investments which meet the "prudent person" standard	Referred to Senate State and Local Government	Finance

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<a href="#">SB 299</a> Charlotte Charter/Civil Service Board (Graham, Clodfelter)	<b>Civil Service Board:</b> Increases the membership of the City of Charlotte Civil Service Board from seven to nine	Referred to Senate State and Local Government	City Clerk
<a href="#">SB 301</a> Increase Allowed Size of Passenger Buses (Graham)  <a href="#">HB 375</a> Increase Allowed Size of Passenger Buses (Jeter, Bryan, Schaffer, Cotham)	<b>Public Transportation Buses:</b> Allows passenger buses that have an overall length of 60 feet or less to operate on public streets and highways  Local bill—applies to Charlotte only; Buses must be operated primarily on routes with speed limits of 45 miles or greater	Referred to Senate Transportation  Passed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading in House	CATS
<a href="#">SB 322</a> Amend Authority for Local Special Obligation Bonds (Clodfelter)	<b>Transportation Project Financing:</b> 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
<b>Tax Reform</b>			
<a href="#">SB 363</a> Business Tax Reduction and Reforms (Brock)	Simplifies varies business taxes including repeal of local privilege license taxes	Referred to Finance Committee	Finance
<a href="#">SB 394</a> 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
<a href="#">SB 669</a> 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
<a href="#">SB 677</a> Corporate Income Tax Reduction and Reform (Rucho, Rabon)  <a href="#">HB 642</a> Lower Corporate Income Tax Rate (Conrad, Jeter, Moffit, Murry)	Gradually lowers corporate income tax rate to 6% by 2015  Lowers the corporate income tax rate to 4.9%	Referred to Senate Finance  Referred to House Finance	Finance

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<b>General</b>			
<p><a href="#">HB 6</a> Public Sector Collective Bargaining / Right to Work / Secret Ballot Constitutional Amendments (Tillis, Moffitt, Murry)</p> <p>Similar but not identical to <a href="#">HB 53</a> (Tillis, Moffitt, Murry)</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Referred to House Rules</p> <p>Referred to House Rules</p>	<p>HR</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 8</a> Eminent Domain (McGrady, Stam, Lewis, Goodman)</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Passed House; Referred to Senate Rules</p>	<p>E&amp;PM</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 30</a> Repeal Combined Motor Vehicle &amp; Registration System (Stevens, Starnes)</p> <p><a href="#">SB 260</a> Repeal Combined Motor Vehicle Registration/Tax System (Bingham)</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Repeals the combined motor vehicles registration renewal and property tax collection system</p>	<p>Referred to House Transportation</p> <p>Referred to Senate Rules</p>	<p>Finance</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 74</a> Periodic Review and Expiration of Rules (Murry, Moffitt, Samuelson and Bryan)</p>	<p>Allows for the expiration of a permanent rule unless there is a readoption of the rule by the Rules Review Commission</p>	<p>Referred to House Regulatory Reform</p>	<p>E&amp;PM</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 79</a> Annexation amendment (Pittman, Hardister)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Referred to House Government</p>	<p>Planning</p>

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<a href="#">HB 110</a> Public Contracts/ Project Labor (Goodman, Bell, Moffitt, and Murry)  <a href="#">SB 611</a> 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	Favorable report from House Government; re-referred to Finance  Referred to Senate Commerce	E&PM
<a href="#">HB 160</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 193</a> 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 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading in Senate	Finance
<a href="#">HB 208</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 227</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 248</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 364</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 378</a> 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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<a href="#">HB 425</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 504</a> 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
<a href="#">SB 81</a> Charlotte Regional Airport Authority (Rucho)  <a href="#">HB 104</a> 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
<a href="#">SB 125</a> 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 I	Communications City Clerk
<a href="#">SB 145</a> Reform Oversight of State Owned Vehicles (Hartsell)  <a href="#">HB 61</a> 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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<p><a href="#">SB 159</a> Require Certain General Appraisals (Tarte, Rucho)</p> <p><a href="#">HB 200</a> Require Certain General Appraisals (W. Brawley, Cotham)</p>	<p>Adjusts reappraisals that resulted in property values that do not comply with State requirements</p>	<p>Passed Senate; referred to House Government</p> <p>Favorable report from House Government; re-referred to Regulatory Reform</p>	<p>Finance</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 186</a> Notice Publication by counties and cities (Wade, Brock)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Referred to Senate Rules</p>	<p>Communications City Clerk</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 303</a> MPO Changes (Graham)</p> <p><a href="#">SB 411</a> Ethic requirements for MPOs/RPOs (Rabon, Harrington)</p>	<p>Exempts the Mecklenburg Union Metropolitan Planning Organization from the 2012 ethics requirements for MPOs</p> <p>Requires that representatives with voting authority on MPOs and RPOs are subject to the same ethic provisions as state government employees</p>	<p>Referred to Senate Rules</p> <p>Passed 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in Senate</p>	<p>Planning</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 331</a> Sunshine Amendment (Goolsby)</p>	<p>Calls for a voter referendum on whether to add an “access to public records and meetings” section to the NC constitution.</p>	<p>Referred to Judiciary I Committee</p>	<p>CMO</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 332</a> Government Transparency Act (Goolsby)</p> <p><a href="#">HB 837</a> Government Transparency Act (Collins)</p>	<p>Increases access to personnel records including performance records and reasons for promotion, demotions, transfers, separations or any changes in position classification.</p> <p>Increases accessibility to public personnel hiring, firing, performance records and other governmental records and meetings</p>	<p>Referred to Judiciary I Committee</p> <p>Referred to State Personnel</p>	<p>HR</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 402</a> <a href="#">SB 419</a> <a href="#">SB 487</a> Appropriations Act of 2013 (Brown, Hunt, Brunstetter)</p>	<p>Makes base budget appropriations for operations of state departments, institutions, agencies and other purposes</p>	<p>Referred to Senate Appropriations/ Base Budget</p>	<p>Budget Finance</p>

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<a href="#">SB 469</a> Budget Technical Corrections (Brunstetter)	Annual bill filed to make corrections to budget legislation	Referred to Senate Appropriations/ Base Budget	Budget Finance
<a href="#">SB 558</a> State Treasurer's Investments (Hise)	Makes changes to authority of State Treasurer to invest retirement system funds	Referred to Pensions Committee	Finance
<a href="#">SB 703</a> 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
<a href="#">SB 723</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 632</a> Property Owners Protection Act (Moffitt)	Awards attorney fees to successful plaintiffs in land use cases against City, County and State government	Referred to Judiciary Subcommittee B	Planning
<a href="#">HB 659</a> County and City Ethics (Moffitt)	Outlines additional ethics standards members of governing boards for cities, counties, education, unified governments, sanitary and consolidated city-county governments	Referred to House Government	CMO
<a href="#">HB 677</a> Local Government Regulatory Reform (W. Brawley, Moffitt, Stone)	Regulatory reform legislation that prohibits municipalities from authorizing employers to withhold labor union dues from an employee's pay, expenses allowances or other compensation and from requiring an employer to assume responsibility for an employee's carbon footprint, which may result in a fine, fee, or other negative consequences	Referred to House Regulatory Reform	HR
<a href="#">HB 708</a> Public Enterprise/Use of Funds (Moffitt)	Prohibits a municipality or county from using revenue from a public enterprise for any other use other than for paying the operating costs and debt payments for that public enterprise or lowering its rates	Referred to House Finance	Finance
<a href="#">HB 870</a> Record Closed Sessions of Public Bodies (Dixon)	Requires all public bodies to record meetings held in closed session with the exception of those related to employment	Filed	City Clerk Communications
<a href="#">HB 723</a> Legal Notices/Require Internet Publication (Malone, Avila, Fulghum)	Requires internet publication of legal notices on a newspaper's website at no extra cost when notices are published in the newspaper's printed edition	Referred to House Judiciary Subcommittee B	Communications

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<b>Public Safety</b>			
<a href="#">HB 17</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 48</a> Operation of Mopeds (Shepard)	Requires mopeds to be licensed and insured.	Referred to House Transportation	CMPD
<a href="#">HB 49</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 59</a> Eliminate Safety Inspections (Howard)  <a href="#">SB 194</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 63</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 299</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 345</a> 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

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<a href="#">HB 348</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 547</a> Tax and Regulate Video Sweepstakes (Wray, Collins)	Regulates and imposes an excise tax on electronic sweepstakes	Referred to House Commerce	CMPD Finance
<a href="#">SB 8</a> 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
<a href="#">SB 17</a> Concealed Carry Permits (Bingham)	Invalidates in North Carolina concealed handgun permits issued by other states to nonresidents	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee II	CMPD
<a href="#">SB 27</a> 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
<a href="#">SB 28</a> 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
<a href="#">SB 124</a> 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	Passed 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading in Senate	CMPD
<a href="#">SB 142</a> Towns Enforce Ordinances on Lake Norman (Tarte)  <a href="#">HB 186</a> Towns Enforce Ordinances on Lake Norman (Jeter)	Allows the towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Mooresville and Troutman to enforce their town ordinances on the waters of Lake Norman	Referred to Senate State and Local Government  Received favorable report from House Government; Re-referred to Judiciary Subcommittee B	CMPD

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<a href="#">SB 146</a> Private Schools/Firearms Amendments (Bingham, Brock, Hise)	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	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee I	CMPD
<a href="#">SB 190</a> Gun on Ed. Property/Stored in Locked Car (Cook, Brock)	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	Referred to Senate Rules	CMPD
<a href="#">SB 342</a> Amend Gun Laws (Newton, Soucek, Tarte)	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.	Referred to Senate Rules	CMPD
<a href="#">SB 408</a> Lawful Citizens Self Protection Act (Tarte, Randlemann, Brock)	Expands areas in which concealed handgun permit owners may carry or keep firearms for self-protection	Referred to Senate Rules	CMPD
<a href="#">SB 549</a> Gun Privacy (Tucker, Meredith)	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	Referred to Senate Judiciary I	CMPD
<a href="#">SB 659</a> MAP 21 Conforming Revisions (Harrington, Rabon)  <a href="#">HB 539</a> MAP 21 Conforming Revisions (Shepard, Stevens, Ramsey)	Conforms state motor vehicle law to the recently passed federal MAP-21  Identical to SB 659	Passed 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading in Senate  Referred to House Judiciary	CMPD  CMPD
<a href="#">SB 685</a> 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

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<a href="#">SB 713</a> Close ATM Loophole/Copper Purchasing Sites (Bryant)	Prohibits ATMS at fixed sites occupied by secondary metals recyclers	Referred to Senate Commerce	CMPD
<a href="#">HB 612</a> Confinement of Animals in Motor Vehicles (Harrison, Saine, R. Brown, Horn)	Makes confining animals in motor vehicles under circumstances that threaten the animal's health a Class 1 misdemeanor	Referred to House Judiciary Subcommittee B	CMPD
<a href="#">HB 618</a> Amend Firearm Restoration Law (Speciale, Pittman)	Reduces the amount time a person must wait to petition restoration of firearm rights and allows petitioners who have a nonviolent felony to receive restoration of rights after waiting an additional year	Referred to House Judiciary	CMPD
<a href="#">HB 624</a> Enabling Patriots Act (Pittman)	Expands areas in which concealed handgun permit holders may carry or keep firearms	Referred to House Judiciary	CMPD
<a href="#">HB 626</a> (Moffitt)	Requires towers to notify local 911 call centers of the towing prior to moving vehicle. Tower must provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Description of the vehicles</li> <li>• Placed from which the vehicle is towed</li> <li>• Location of vehicle storage</li> <li>• Contact information for vehicle retrieval</li> </ul>	Referred to House Transportation	CMPD
<a href="#">HB 773</a> Local Governments/ Buildings/Structures /Inspections (W. Brawley, Moffitt, Hardister, Brisson)	Revises conditions in which cities and counties may inspect buildings or structures. Prohibits a levying of fees for rental property registration for owners of property with chronic violations	Referred to House Government	CMPD
<a href="#">HB 768</a> Pretrial Release/No Unsecured Bond (Schaffer, Hager, Jordan, Brandon)	Eliminates unsecured appearance bond as a pretrial release condition	Referred to House Judiciary Subcommittee A	CMPD
<b>Environment &amp; Planning</b>			

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<a href="#">HB 94</a> Amend Environmental Laws (McElraft, Samuelson and McGrady)  <a href="#">SB 112</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 264</a> Justice for Rural Citizens Act (Pittman, Ford, Moffit, Hardister)	Prohibits municipalities from enacting extraterritorial jurisdiction beyond their corporate limits	Referred to House Government	Planning
<a href="#">HB 276</a> Zoning / Board of Adjustment Changes (G. Graham, Stam)	Makes substantive changes to the Board of Adjustment statute	Passed House; referred to Senate Commerce	Planning
<a href="#">HB 480</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 488</a> 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	Favorable report from Finance; passed 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading	CMUD
<a href="#">HB 573</a> Stormwater Management Fees (Jeter, Samuelson)  <a href="#">SB 275</a> 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
<a href="#">SB 105</a> 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

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<p><a href="#">SB108</a>            Building Inspections/Local Consistency (Apodaca, Hunt, Ford)</p> <p><a href="#">H120</a>            Building Codes: Local Consistency/Exempt Cable (Brawley, Cotham, Arp)</p>	<p>Local governments must seek approval from the NC Building Code Council before requiring routine and regular inspections with requirements above the NC Building Code</p>	<p>Referred to Senate Commerce</p> <p>Passed House; Referred to Senate Commerce</p>	<p>E&amp;PM            CMU</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 139</a>            Zoning/Design and Aesthetic Controls (Clodfelter, Gunn and Tarte)</p> <p><a href="#">HB 150</a>            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"> <li>• structures located in local historic districts</li> <li>• structures located in areas listed on the National Registry of Historic Places</li> <li>• structures located in local, state or national historic landmarks</li> <li>• when the standards are related to safety code requirements</li> <li>• for applications for manufactured or modular housing</li> <li>• as a condition of participation in the National Flood Insurance Program</li> </ul>	<p>Referred to Senate Commerce</p> <p>Passed House; referred to Senate Rules</p>	<p>Planning            E&amp;PM</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 192</a>            Allow ROW Usage in Central Business Districts (Hunt, Daniel, Harrington)</p> <p><a href="#">HB 192</a>            (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>Passed 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in House</p>	<p>CDOT</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 328</a>            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><a href="#">SB 330</a>            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 Rules</p>	<p>CMUD</p>

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<a href="#">SB 341</a> Amend Interbasin Transfer Law (Rabon)	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	Referred to House Agriculture/ Environmental/ Natural Resources	CMUD
<a href="#">SB 412</a> 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
<a href="#">SB 413</a> 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
<a href="#">SB 612</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 608</a> ETJ Powers Limited (Pittman, Ford, Moffitt, Hardister)	Allows cities who currently exercise ETJ powers on June 1, 2013 to continue to do so, but prohibits the exercise of ETJ powers by cities who are not exercising them on June 1, 2013	Referred to House Government	Planning
<a href="#">HB 625</a> Zoning/Health Care Structure (Moffitt, Howard, Setzer, Ramsey)	Allows for the zoning of temporary health care structures which would be occupied by a caregiver. The structure must be removed within 60 days in which the impaired person is no longer receive care or in need of assistance	Referred to House Government	Planning
<a href="#">HB 646</a> Airports Exempt from Local Tree Ordinances (Catlin, S. Ross)	Prohibits counties and cities from adopting or enforcing tree ordinances and regulations of trees on the property of airports owned by a municipality, county or authority	Referred to House Government	Planning E&PM
<a href="#">HB 664</a> Cell Tower Deployment Act (Hager, Moffitt, W. Brawley, Alexander)	Amends authority of local governments to regulate wireless telecommunications facilities	Referred to House Public Utilities	Planning Shared Services
<a href="#">HB 814</a> Study Water & Sewer Service Districts (Hamilton, Moffitt, R. Moore and Mills)	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	Referred to House Rules	CMUD

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<a href="#">HB 769</a> Zoning/Limit Manufactured Home Restrictions (Ramsey, Burr and Wray)	Amends zoning laws to limit when counties can restrict placement of manufactured homes in areas zoned for single-family residential use	Referred to House Government	Planning
<b>Infrastructure</b>			
<a href="#">HB 86</a> 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	Favorable report from House Transportation; referred to House Appropriations	CATS
<a href="#">HB 157</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 195</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 238</a> Fiscal Health of Water and Sewer Systems (Cleveland, Dockham)  <a href="#">SB 207</a> Fiscal Health of Water and Sewer Systems (Tucker)	Grants authority to Local Government Commission to assume control of local water and sewer systems if certain benchmarks are not achieved  City staff was able to secure amendment to SB 207 to ensure benchmarks for financial performance reflected intent of Act	Referred to House Government  Passed Senate; referred to House Government	CMUD
<a href="#">HB 267</a> NCGA Prior Approval of Tolling Interstates (Collins, Torbett, Floyd, Wray)	Requires General Assembly approval prior to tolling existing interstate highways	Referred to House Transportation	CDOT
<a href="#">HB 476</a> Underground Damage Prevention (Hager, Moffit, Murry)	Makes comprehensive changes to Underground Damage Prevention Act	Referred to House Public Utilities Committee	CDOT CMUD



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<a href="#">SB 609</a> 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
<a href="#">SB 716</a> 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
<a href="#">HB 857</a> Public Contracts/ Construction Methods/DB/PD (Arp, Bryan, Moffitt, Hager)	Allows government entities to use the design-build method to erect, construct, alter or repair public buildings as well as enter into public-private partnership construction contracts	Filed	E&PM
<b>Economic Development</b>			
<a href="#">HB 55</a> Reform Workforce Development (Howard)	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"> <li>• Reduce number of workforce development areas</li> <li>• Increase number of counties workforce development areas would cover</li> </ul>	Referred to House Commerce	N&BS
<a href="#">SB 147</a> Reform Workforce Development (Hartsell)		Referred to Senate Commerce	
<a href="#">HB 69</a> 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"> <li>• 40% of households with incomes below \$25K and exceeds the federal employment rate by 2%</li> <li>• 33% of households with incomes below \$25K and exceeds the federal employment rate by 4%</li> <li>• 25% of households with incomes below \$25K and exceeds the federal employment rate by 6%</li> </ul>	Referred to House Commerce	N&BS
<a href="#">SB 19</a> 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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<a href="#">SB 232</a> Public Contracts/Local Business Preference (Soucek)  <a href="#">HB 284</a> 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