



**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
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SUBJECT: Week 16 State Legislative Report

HOT TOPICS

Charlotte Regional Airport Authority Act (SB 81 – Rucho) transfers control of the Charlotte Douglas International Airport from the City of Charlotte to an independent Authority; SB 81 passed Senate and has been referred to House Transportation; SB 81 discussed among committee members in House Transportation on Tuesday 4/2; Delegation heard report of Airport Governance Study from project consultant on 5/8; City opposes SB 81

Strategic Transportation Investments (HB 817 – W. Brawley) is Governor's transportation reform package that reallocates existing transportation resources among the various regions of the State; faced with a \$1.7 billion decrease in transportation funding over the next ten years and an expected 1.3 million increase in population, the intent of the "Strategic Mobility Formula" is to refocus spending on projects that pass a prioritization process producing the most economic benefits and greatest improvements in travel times; Powell Bill funding to local governments for local street maintenance will be "held harmless" and staff understands the State commitment to the Blue Line Extension of \$25 million per year will remain intact; while HB 817 retains the statutory authorizations for turnpike authority projects that are either under construction (Triangle Expressway) or have had debt issued (Monroe Bypass), several projects in the planning process that have been removed, including the Garden Parkway, will still be able to compete for funding through the proposed prioritization process; passed House 5/9

Tax Reform: North Carolina Tax Fairness Act of 2013 is the Senate's tax reform package, where the details will be provided in the legislation when introduced; reportedly includes cuts in personal and corporate income taxes, broadening of sales tax base, and closure of tax preferences; the House released its draft Tax Simplification and Reduction Act on 5/16

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Film Production Tax Credit: While action to achieve City's objective by repealing sunset date of film production tax credit has not been introduced, legislation to negatively alter the film production tax credit program was introduced that does not further economic development in our region; [HB 994 \(Luebke\)](#) would make the credit "nonrefundable"; out-of-state production companies would not benefit; referred to House Rules; City opposes HB 994

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

Public Transportation Buses (HB 375 – Jeter) is 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; passed House and referred to Senate Rules

Infrastructure Improvements (SB 103 – Hartsell) extends sunset date of the Special Assessments for Critical Infrastructure Needs Act of 2008 by two years to July 1, 2015, which is needed for continued examination of Red Line Regional Rail project; passed Senate and referred to House Government

Transportation Project Financing (SB 322 – Clodfelter) allows local governments 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; referred to Senate Finance

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

DEVELOPING ISSUES

State Budget (HB 974 – Dollar / SB 725 – Brunstetter) contains Governor's budget proposals, which includes funding \$25 million each year for the Blue Line Extension, which is consistent with the budget agreement made in 2012 between the NC House and Senate; Senate will not be releasing its version of the budget week of May 18

Mecklenburg Revaluation (HB 200 – W. Brawley / SB 159 – Tarte) corrects issues related to the recent Mecklenburg County revaluation; SB 159 passed Senate and referred to House Government; HB 200 passed House

Local Government Authority:

Zoning/Design & Aesthetic Controls (HB 150 – Dollar) 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; passed House and reported out of Senate Rules but was re-referred back to Committee from the floor; City opposes HB 150

Rental Property Ordinances (HB 773 – W. Brawley) repeals several portions of legislation passed in 2011 that became basis for 2012 changes to Charlotte rental property ordinance; bill prohibits mandatory registration of all rental properties which makes it nearly impossible to notify property owners and landlords of crimes committed on their properties, which the bill also requires; there are at least ten other NC towns and cities that have rental program impacted by HB 773; passed House; City opposes HB 773

Amends Environmental Laws 2013 (SB 112 – Jackson) is omnibus environmental laws bill considered every session; section 14 provision requiring local governments to obtain approval of Governor and Council of State prior to securing an interest in contaminated real property presents issues of costs and timeliness in securing right-of-way for major projects such as the BLE, utility lines, airport land expansion, etc.; staff is working with co-sponsor on alternative section 14 language to address City concerns; passed Senate

Regulatory Reform Act of 2013 (SB 612 – Brown) states that local government environmental ordinances or regulations that regulate fields also regulated by the State or federal government and are more stringent than State or federal government standards are inconsistent with State or federal law, which would invalidate many of the City's environmental regulations exceeding state and federal mandates covering erosion control, post construction controls, stream buffer protections, nutrient controls, and stormwater detention; passed Senate; City opposes SB 612

Environmental Permitting Reform (HB 480 – Millis) implements "fast track" permitting of stormwater management systems by 2016; bill addresses the liability of professional engineers whose designs fail to meet minimum guidelines; passed House

Local Government Ethics:

MPO Ethics (SB 411 – Rabon) amends 2012 legislation requiring greater disclosure of individuals appointed by local governments to serve on MPO boards by requiring any individual with voting authority on a MPO board to follow State Government ethics guidelines; SB 411 passed Senate and referred to House Ethics

County and City Ethics (HB 659 – Moffitt) 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 Appropriations

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) |
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| City's Legislative Agenda | | | |
| Film Production Tax Credit | Film Production Tax Credit: HB 994 introduced that negatively alters the film production tax credit to where only in state companies can apply for it – City opposes HB 994 | HB 994 referred to House Rules | N&BS |
| SB 103 Critical Infrastructure (Hartsell) | Infrastructure Improvements: Bill extends the sunset date of the Special Assessments for Critical Infrastructure Needs Act to July 1, 2015 | Passed Senate; Referred to House Gov't | 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/LG | Finance |
| SB 299 Charlotte Charter/Civil Service Board (Graham) | Civil Service Board: Increases the membership of the City of Charlotte Civil Service Board from seven to nine | Referred to Senate State/LG | City Clerk |
| HB 375 Increase Allowed Size of Passenger Buses (Jeter) | Public Transportation Buses: Local bill; Buses must be operated primarily on routes with speed limits of 45 miles or greater | Passed House; Re-referred to Senate Rules | CATS |
| 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 | | | |
| HB 998 Tax Simplification and Reduction Act (Lewis) | House Tax Reform Details being studied at this time | Referred to House Finance | Finance |
| North Carolina Tax Fairness Act of 2013 | Senate Tax Reform Details have not been released | Not filed | Finance |
| General | | | |
| HB 6 Public Sector Collective Bargaining / Right to Work / Secret Ballot Constitutional Amendments (Tillis) | 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; Similar to HB 53 which amends NC Constitution to guarantee an individual's right to work and prohibits contracts between state/local governments and labor organizations | HB 6 referred to House Rules; HB 53 referred to House Rules | HR |

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| HB 8 Eminent Domain (McGrady) | 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 | Passed House; Referred to Senate Judiciary I | E&PM |
| HB 30 Repeal Combined Motor Vehicle & Registration System (Stevens) | Repeals 2005 law to provide for payment of local motor vehicle taxes at same time state vehicle registration is due to ensure owners pay their taxes; SB 260 identical | Referred to House Transportation | Finance |
| HB 74 Periodic Review and Expiration of Rules (Murry) | Allows for the expiration of a permanent rule unless there is a readoption of the rule by the Rules Review Commission | Passed House; Referred to Senate Rules | E&PM |
| HB 79 Annexation amendment (Pittman) | Amends NC constitution to restrict annexation and ETJ by municipalities. Requires any municipal initiated annexation to be approved by 2/3 of the voters residing in the affected area. HB 264 prohibits municipalities from enacting extraterritorial jurisdiction beyond their corporate limits HB 608 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 Gov't | Planning |
| HB 110 Public Contracts/ Project Labor (Goodman) | Prohibits contracts that requires a bidder or contractor to enter into an agreement with a labor organization as a term of a contract; SB 611 identical | HB 110 passed House; Referred to Senate State/LG | E&PM |
| HB 160 Public Contracts/Illegal Immigrants (Conrad) | 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 208 Ban the Box (Brandon) | Prohibits an employer from inquiring whether an applicant for employment has been convicted of a criminal offense and assesses a civil penalty; HB 425 is similar and referred to House Rules | Referred to House Commerce | HR |
| HB 248 Taxpayer Debt Information Act (Conrad) | 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 | Passed House; Referred to Senate Finance | Finance |
| HB 632 Property Owners Protection Act (Moffitt) | Amended to study the advisability of a Property Owners Protection Act that would favor the free use of land | Passed House; Referred to Senate Rules | Planning |
| HB 659 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 Appropriations | CMO |

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| HB 677 Local Government Regulatory Reform (W. Brawley) | Regulatory reform legislation that prohibits municipalities from authorizing employers to withhold labor union dues from an employee's pay, and requiring employers assume responsibility for an employee's carbon footprint | Passed House; Referred to Senate State/LG | HR |
| HJ 708 Public Enterprise Funds (Moffitt) | Study Bill that will examine charges assessed against public sector enterprise funds for cost allocation, direct services, etc. | Passed House; Referred to Senate Rules | Finance Budget |
| HB 870 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 | Passed House; Referred to Senate Judiciary I | City Clerk Communications |
| SB 81 Charlotte Regional Airport Authority (Rucho) | Transfers City's control of the Charlotte Douglas International Airport to independent authority | Passed Senate; Referred to House Transportation | CMO |
| SB 125 Public Meeting/Records Law Violations (Goolsby) | 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 |
| SB 159 Require Certain General Appraisals (Tarte) | Adjusts reappraisals that resulted in property values that do not comply with State requirements; Identical to HB 200 | SB 159 referred to House Gov't; HB 200 referred to Senate Finance | Finance |
| SB 287 Notice Publication by some local governments (Wade) | Allows some counties and their localities within, including Mecklenburg County to provide electronic notice instead of publishing notice in newspapers | Re-referred to House Rules | Communications City Clerk |
| 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 | Communications City Clerk |
| 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; HB 837 similar to SB 332 | SB 332 referred to Judiciary I Committee; HB 837 referred to State Personnel | HR |
| SB 411 Ethic requirements for MPOs/RPOs (Rabon) | Requires that representatives with voting authority on MPOs and RPOs are subject to the same ethic provisions as state government employees | Passed Senate; Referred to Ethics | Planning |

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| SB 469 Budget Technical Corrections (Brunstetter) | Annual bill filed to make corrections to budget legislation | Referred to Senate Appropriations/ Base Budget | Budget Finance |
| SB 703 Limit Local Regulations of Outdoor Smoking (Newton) | Prohibits local governments and local community colleges from regulating outdoor smoking in a manner that is more restrictive than State law | Re-referred to Senate State/LG | CMO |
| SB 725 Governor's Proposed Budget (Brunstetter) | Makes base budget appropriations for current operations of state departments, institutions, agencies and other purposes; HB 974 is identical | Referred to Senate Appropriations | Finance Budget |
| Public Safety | | | |
| HB 17 Gun Permits / Restaurants & Confidentiality (Burr) | 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; Referred 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) | 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; Identical to SB 194 | HB 59 referred to House Transportation; SB 194 referred to Senate Rules | CMPD |
| 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 |

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| HB 299 Law Enforcement Officer Fairness Act (Jordan) | 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) | Increase the criminal penalty for misuse of 911 from a Class 3 misdemeanor to Class 1 misdemeanor. | Passed House; Referred to Senate Rules | 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 | Passed House; Referred to Senate Transportation | CMPD |
| HB 547 Tax and Regulate Video Sweepstakes (Wray) | Regulates and imposes an excise tax on electronic sweepstakes | Referred to House Commerce | CMPD Finance |
| HB 612 Confinement of Animals in Motor Vehicles (Harrison) | Makes confining animals in motor vehicles under circumstances that threaten the animal's health a Class 1 misdemeanor | Re-referred to House Rules | CMPD |
| HB 618 Amend Firearm Restoration Law (Speciale) | 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 B | CMPD |
| HB 624 Enabling Patriots Act (Pittman) | Expands areas in which concealed handgun permit holders may carry or keep firearms | Referred to House Judiciary | CMPD |
| HB 626 Promptly Notify 911 of Towed Vehicle (Moffitt) | Requires towers to notify local 911 call centers of the towing prior to moving vehicle. Tower must provide description of the vehicles, place from which the vehicle is towed, location of vehicle storage, and contact information for vehicle retrieval | Passed House; Referred to Senate Transportation | CMPD |
| HB 768 Pretrial Release/No Unsecured Bond (Schaffer) | Eliminates unsecured appearance bond as a pretrial release condition | Referred to House Judiciary | CMPD |
| HB 773 Local Governments/ Buildings/Structures /Inspections (W. Brawley) | Revises conditions in which cities and counties may inspect buildings or structures, and administration of rental property registration programs; Prohibits requiring all residential rental property owners to register their properties with CMPD | Passed House; Referred to Senate Commerce | CMPD |

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| HB 930 Dog Breeding Standards/Law Enforcement Tools (Saine) | Establishes standards of care for large commercial dog breeding facilities and provides law enforcement tools to enforce standards | Passed House; Referred to Senate Agriculture | CMPD |
| HB 956 Regulate Ownership of Aggressive Dog Breeds (R. Moore) | Regulates the ownership of aggressive dog breeds such as pit bulls, rottweilers, mastiffs and chows. Owners of these breeds have to submit to a background check, take course instruction, notify their homeowner's insurance of their ownership of the aggressive breed and apply for a special permit | Referred to House Rules | CMPD |
| HB 987 Emergency Stun Gun Use by School Personnel (Riddell) | Allows school personnel to carry stun guns on educational property in accordance with policies adopted by their respective schools boards | Referred to House Rules | CMPD |
| SB 8 Towing Fines (Meredith) | Raises the minimum fine for violating provisions of local tow ordinances authorized by 20-219.2 from \$100 to \$150 | Passed Senate; Referred to House Gov't | CMPD |
| SB 17 Concealed Carry Permits (Bingham) | Invalidates in North Carolina concealed handgun permits issued by other states to nonresidents | Referred to Senate Judiciary 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 | Passed Senate; Referred to House Judiciary B | CMPD |
| HB 186 Towns Enforce Ordinances on Lake Norman (Jeter) | Allows the towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Mooresville and Troutman to enforce town ordinances on the waters of Lake Norman | Passed House; Referred to Senate State/LG | CMPD |

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| SB 146 Private Schools/Firearms Amendments (Bingham) | 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 |
| SB 190 Gun on Ed. Property/Stored in Locked Car (Cook) | 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 |
| SB 342 Amend Gun Laws (Newton) | 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 |
| SB 408 Lawful Citizens Self Protection Act (Tarte) | Expands areas in which concealed handgun permit owners may carry or keep firearms for self-protection | Referred to Senate Rules | CMPD |
| SB 549 Gun Privacy (Tucker) | 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 |
| HB 539 MAP 21 Conforming Revisions (Shepard) | Conforms state motor vehicle law to the recently passed federal MAP-21 | Passed Senate; Referred to House Judiciary B | 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 | | | |

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| HB 94 Amend Environmental Laws (McElraft) | These are the omnibus environmental amendments bill considered every year; Similar to SB 112 (Jackson) which presents issues for the City in section 14 | HB 94 passed House, and referred to Senate Agriculture; SB 112 passed Senate | E&PM CMUD |
| HB 276 Zoning / Board of Adjustment Changes (G. Graham) | Makes substantive changes to the Board of Adjustment statute | Passed House; referred to Senate Commerce | Planning |
| HB 480 Environmental Permitting Reform (Millis) | Provides for “fast track” permitting of stormwater management projects starting in 2016 | Passed House; Referred to Senate Agriculture | CMUD E&PM |
| HB 573 Stormwater Management Fees (Jeter) | 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; Does not apply to City | Passed House; Referred to Senate Finance | E&PM |
| HB 625 Zoning/Health Care Structure (Moffitt) | 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 | Passed House; Referred to Senate State/LG | Planning |
| HB 646 Airports Exempt from Local Tree Ordinances (Catlin) | 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 | Passed House; Referred to Senate State/LG | Planning E&PM |
| HB 664 Cell Tower Deployment Act (Hager) | Amends authority of local governments to regulate wireless telecommunications facilities | Passed House; sent to Senate Commerce | Planning Shared Services |
| HB 769 Zoning/Limit Manufactured Home Restrictions (Ramsey) | Amends zoning laws to limit when counties can restrict placement of manufactured homes in areas zoned for single-family residential use | Passed House; Referred to Senate State/LG | Planning |
| HB 841 Urban Farms/Zoning Laws Exclusion (Ramsey) | Limits city and county zoning authority over certain large scale poultry farms unless due to public safety, health or environmental protection issues | Referred to House Agriculture | Planning |
| HB 894 Allocation of Excess Stormwater (Catlin) | Authorizes cities to waive stormwater detention requirements for urban redevelopment projects if there exists excess capacity in its existing receiving stormwater system | Passed House; Referred to Senate Commerce | E&PM |

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| HB 938 Improve Wetlands Mitigation Program (Lewis) | Directs NCDENR and NCDOT to petition the US Army Corps of Engineers for greater flexibility and opportunity for wetland mitigation; review fees charged by the ecosystem enhancement program; and study whether the State should assume administration of the Section 404 permitting program under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act for NC from the US Army Corps of Engineers | Passed House | E&PM |
| SB 105 Clarify Political Sign Ordinance Authority (Tillman) | Amends legislation passed in 2011 by allowing municipalities to enforce State law regulating and prohibiting placement of political signs along state highways that fall within a municipality's corporate limits | Passed Senate; Referred to House Transportation | N&BS |
| HB 120 Building Inspections/Local Consistency (Hager) | Local governments must seek approval from the NC Building Code Council before requiring routine and regular inspections with requirements above the NC Building Code | Passed House' Referred to Senate Commerce | E&PM CMU |
| HB 150 Zoning/Design and Aesthetic Controls (W. Brawley) | Limits the application of design building standards at the county and municipal level to 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, and as a condition of participation in the National Flood Insurance Program | Passed House Re-referred to Senate Rules from floor of Senate | Planning E&PM |
| HB 192 Allow ROW Usage in Central Business Districts (Shepard) | Permits local governments to enact sidewalk dining ordinances for use of State owned right of way | Passed House; Referred to Senate State/LG | CDOT |
| SB 328 Solid Waste Management Reform Act of 2013 (Wade) | 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 | Passed Senate; Referred to House Agriculture | Solid Waste |
| SB 612 Regulatory Reform Act of 2013 (Brown) | States that when local government environmental ordinances or regulations that regulate fields also regulated by the State or federal government and are more stringent than State or federal government standards are inconsistent with State or federal law | Passed Senate; Referred to House Regulatory Reform | E&PM |
| Infrastructure | | | |
| HB 86 Restore Wallace to Wilmington Railroad (Hamilton) | Requires NCDOT to seek funding for economic development projects to restore the rail connection from Wallace to Castle Hayne and second to improve rail access to the State Port at Wilmington | Reported out of House Transportation; referred to House Appropriations | CATS |

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| HB 195 Cornelius/Extend Use of Design Build (Jeter) | Extends the Town of Cornelius' authority to use design build construction from 2013 to 2016 | Passed House; referred to Senate State/LG | CMO |
| HB 238 Fiscal Health of Water and Sewer Systems (Cleveland) | Grants authority to Local Government Commission to assume control of local water and sewer systems if certain benchmarks are not achieved; Identical to SB 207 ; City staff was able to secure amendment to SB 207 to ensure benchmarks for financial performance reflected intent of Act | HB 238 referred to Senate Agriculture; SB 207 referred to House Gov't | CMUD |
| HB 267 Limit Tolling on Existing Interstates (Collins) | Establishes standards for how existing interstates can be tolled | Passed 2 nd reading in House | CDOT Planning |
| HB 476 Underground Damage Prevention (Hager) | Makes comprehensive changes to Underground Damage Prevention Act | Referred to House Finance | CDOT CMUD |
| HB 814 Study Water & Sewer Service Districts (Hamilton) | Directs Environmental Review Commission to study reduction and consolidation of statutory models for establishing, operating and financing certain organizations that provide water and sewer services Similar to SB 330 | Passed House | CMUD |
| HB 817 Strategic Transportation Investments (W. Brawley) | Governor's Transportation plan; Reallocates funding to various regions of the State | Passed House | CDOT CATS Planning |
| HB 857 Public Contracts/ Construction Methods/DB/PD (Arp) | 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 | Passed House | E&PM |
| HB 887 Public Contracts/Public- Private Partnerships (Moffitt) | Allows government entities to enter public-private partnerships for the operation and development of facilities and infrastructure for public purposes | Referred to House Commerce | N&BS |
| HB 966 Cap Fuel Tax (Blust) | Caps the fuel tax rate at the current capped level for FY2014 and at 36.5¢ per gallon for FY2015 | Referred to House Transportation | CDOT |
| SB 29 NCR Reporting (Hartsell) | Strengthens oversight, annual reporting and strategic planning by the NC Railroad Company; Requires one-time cash dividend of the NC Railroad to the General Fund; Identical to HB 174 | Both bills in House of origin | CATS |

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| SB 341 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 | Passed Senate; Referred to House Environment | CMUD |
| SB 413 Interconnection of Public Water Systems (Hartsell) | Requires 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 | Referred to House Agriculture | CMUD |
| Economic Development | | | |
| HB 55 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; | Passed House; Referred to Senate Rules | N&BS |
| HB 69 Opportunity Advancement Zones (Torbett) | Provides tier one tax treatment of employers located within newly created opportunity advancement zones | Referred to House Commerce | N&BS |
| HB 284 Public Contracts/Local Business Preference (Jordan) | Allows 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 | Reported <u>not favorably</u> in House Gov't | N&BS |
| SB 19 Building Contracts / Local Business Participation (Bingham) | 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 |
| HB 957 Food Desert Zones (Holley) | Provides tax incentives (10% of total gross receipts) to encourage the delivery and availability of nutrient dense foods in food desert zones | Referred to House Commerce | N&BS |