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<p>HB 1966 (James) SB 1295 (Blevins)</p>	<p>Enterprise zones; criteria permits a locality to apply for enterprise zone status based on distress factors in the area of the proposed enterprise zone, rather than in the entire locality.</p>	<p>At the request of Delegate James, HB1966 was stricken from the docket of the House subcommittee it was assigned on 1/22 with the recommendation that a work group is formed over the summer to address the issue, and that the legislation is presented next session with a budget amendment attached to increase funding for the program. We have asked Senator Blevins to take the same action on SB1295.</p>
<b>Transportation Funding</b>		
<p><a href="#">HB 2313</a> Howell, W.J. (Governor's Bill)</p>	<p><b>Revenues and appropriations of the Commonwealth. Makes several changes to the revenues collected by the Commonwealth, and the distribution of such revenues, as follows:</b></p> <p>The bill raises the registration fees for vehicles and trailers and designates these increased revenues for the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund and the Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund.</p> <p>The bill raises the state sales and use tax from 4% to 4.8% and designates the increased revenues for the Commonwealth Transportation Fund.</p> <p>The bill establishes procedures for the collection of the state sales and use tax from remote sellers for sales made in the Commonwealth, contingent upon the federal government passing legislation authorizing such collection. In the event that such revenues are collected, a portion of the revenues will be allocated to the localities with a stipulation that some of the funds be used by the locality for transportation needs and a portion of the revenues will be deposited in the Transportation Trust Fund.</p> <p>The bill eliminates the statewide taxation of gasoline and blended fuel containing gasoline under the Virginia Fuels Act but leaves the current tax in place for other</p>	<p>02/05/13 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (53-Y 46-N) 02/05/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance <b>02/12/13 Senate: Reported from Finance with substitute (9-Y 6-N)</b></p>

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	<p>types of motor fuels.</p> <p>The bill raises the annual license fee for electric vehicles from \$50 to \$100 and imposes the fee on hybrid electric vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles.</p> <p>The bill repeals the application of the local sales and use tax to the sale of certain fuels used for domestic consumption, and replaces the revenue for the localities that imposed the sales and use tax with a portion of the new revenues generated by the bill.</p> <p>The bill also makes several technical changes related to the administration of these provisions.</p> <p>The provisions of the bill are effective July 1, 2013, except that the changes in the distribution of Fuels Act revenues related to the repeal of the tax on gasoline is effective July 1, 2014.</p>	
<b>SB 1313</b> <b>Stosch</b>	<b>Local income tax.</b> Adds the City of Portsmouth to the list of localities authorized to impose a local income tax to generate revenue to be used for transportation purposes. The bill also removes the requirement that the local income tax be approved by a referendum and repeals the five-year sunset on the local income tax.	02/05/13 Senate: Passed Senate (27-Y 11-N) 02/11/13 House: Referred to Committee on Finance 02/11/13 House: Assigned Finance sub: #2
<b>SB 1140</b> <b>Petersen</b>	<b>Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund.</b> Implements performance-based funding for mass transit for revenues generated above \$160 million in 2014 and after. Creates the Transit Service Delivery Advisory Committee to advise the Department of Rail and Public Transportation on the distribution of such funds and how transit systems can incorporate the metrics into their transit development plans.	02/05/13 Senate: Passed Senate (39-Y 1-N) 02/11/13 House: Placed on Calendar 02/11/13 House: Read first time 02/11/13 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations 02/11/13 House: Assigned App. sub: Transportation
<b>Procurement</b>		
<b>HB 1823</b> <b>Villanueva</b>	<b>Public procurement; posting by local public bodies of procurement opportunities.</b> Requires local public bodies to post certain procurement notices on	02/01/13 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (73-Y 25-N)

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	<p>the Department of General Services' central electronic procurement website and makes newspaper publication or posting on other appropriate websites optional. Currently, only state public bodies are required to post procurement notices on the Department of General Services' central electronic procurement website. The bill provides, however, that no local public body shall be required to post on the Department of General Services' central electronic procurement website for reverse auctioning for goods and nonprofessional services if (i) the amount of such contract is expected to exceed \$100,000 and (ii) the local public body has a website for the posting of such notices and provides the website address to the Department of General Services for posting on its central electronic procurement website. The bill also requires the Department of General Services to (a) provide an electronic data file of the using agency's business opportunities at no charge to any requesting newspaper or other print publication with circulation in Virginia using the comma-separated values (CSV) format and (b) send the data file automatically via electronic mail on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis as agreed to by the parties. The bill specifies the information to be included in the data file.</p>	<p>02/04/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology <b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p><b>HB 2079</b> <b>Jones</b></p>	<p><b>Virginia Public Procurement Act; methods of procurement.</b> Reorganizes the definitions of competitive sealed bidding and competitive negotiation. The bill also adds a definition of job order contracting.</p>	<p>02/05/13 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (100-Y 0-N) 02/06/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology <b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<b>Planning</b>		
<p><b>HB 1430</b> <b>Lingamfelter</b></p>	<p><b>Right to Farm Act.</b> Expands the definition of agricultural operations to include the commerce of farm-to-business and farm-to-consumer sales as well as commerce in other related items. The bill creates a rebuttable presumption that an agricultural operation is in compliance with local zoning ordinances when it operates on property that is zoned agricultural. The bill contains a clause providing that the provisions of the bill shall not become effective unless reenacted by the 2014 Session of the General Assembly.</p>	<p>02/04/13 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (77-Y 22-N 1-A) 02/05/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources <b>OPPOSE (or keep in the reenactment clause)</b></p>

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<b>Finance</b>		
<b>HB1687 laquinto</b>	<b>Real property tax; increases in assessed value for prior years.</b> Reduces the period of time in which the assessed value of real property may be increased for prior years from the three preceding tax years to the preceding tax year.	01/24/13 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (75-Y 24-N) 01/25/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance <b>OPPOSE</b> <b>02/12/13 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance (15-Y 0-N)</b>
<b>Education</b>		
<b>HB 2096 Habeeb SB 1324 McDougle (Governor's Bills)</b>	<b>Opportunity Educational Institution established.</b> Creates the Opportunity Educational Institution to be administered and supervised by the Opportunity Educational Institution Board. The bill requires any school that has been denied accreditation and permits any school that has been accredited with warning for three consecutive years to be transferred to the Institution and remain in the Institution for five years or until the school achieves full accreditation. The bill also sets forth requirements for student attendance, staffing, and funding for the Institution.	02/05/13 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (66-Y 34-N) 02/06/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health  02/05/13 Senate: Passed Senate (20-Y 20-N) 02/05/13 Senate: Chair votes Yes 02/11/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education
<b>Veterans Tax Exemption</b>		
<b>HJ 551 Ramadan SJ 272 Black</b>	<b>Constitutional amendment (first resolution); real property tax exemption for spouses of soldiers killed in action.</b> Provides that the General Assembly may provide a real property tax exemption for the primary residence of surviving spouses of members of the military who are killed in action.	01/29/13 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (99-Y 0-N) <b>(changes 'shall' to 'may')</b> <b>SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT</b> 01/31/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections  01/31/13 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance with letter

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<b>Local Government</b>		
<b>HB2169 Cole</b>	<b>Local grievance procedure.</b> Removes the requirement that both parties must approve the locality's use of an administrative hearing officer in lieu of a three-person panel during the final step of the grievance procedure.	02/05/13 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (67-Y 27-N) 02/06/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>Stormwater Regulations / TMDL</b>		
<b>HB 2190 Cosgrove</b>	<b>Stringency of stormwater management ordinances.</b> Requires localities to report to the Department of Conservation and Recreation when a more stringent stormwater management ordinance or stormwater requirements are developed by the localities. Before adoption of such an ordinance, the Department is required to review the ordinance or requirement and all supporting material and determine where the requirements will prevent the degradation of water resources and address TMDL requirements. Localities are prohibited from limiting the use of best management practices approved by the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation or the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board, except under limited conditions.	02/04/13 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (73-Y 26-N) 02/05/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources <b>OPPOSE</b>
<b>Budget Amendments</b>		
<b>Commonwealth Rail Line Safety Relocation Initiative</b>		
<b>House Budget Amendment (Language) Transportation Subcommittee Item 456 #1h</b>	<b>"D. The Virginia Port Authority is directed to further analyze the necessary improvements identified in the study undertaken under contract by the Virginia Port Authority in 2010 regarding the Commonwealth Rail Line Safety Relocation Initiative in the City of Suffolk. Such study shall focus on the improvements needed to implement the aforementioned study and is intended to help address the impacts of port-related rail traffic in the City of Suffolk..."</b>	<b>"The Authority shall submit a report to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Transportation Committees and the Senate Finance and Transportation Committees by November 15, 2013 outlining the potential funding sources and a proposed schedule of completion for the detailed study."</b>

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<b>Stormwater Projects</b>		
<b>House &amp; Senate Budget Amendment</b>	<b>\$35 million for local stormwater management projects to meet federal permit requirements.</b>	<b>\$35 million</b>
<b>Western Tidewater Regional Jail Federal Recovery Request for Exemption</b>		
<b>House Budget Amendment (HB1500) – Item 69, 2h</b>	<b>Provides for a partial exemption for Western Tidewater Regional Jail from federal overhead recovery related to jail beds constructed for with federal/local dollars for which the Compensation Board has never provided staffing support.</b>	<b>\$431,080</b>
<b>House Budget Amendment (HB1500) – Item 69, 2h</b>	<b>Provides for a partial exemption for Western Tidewater and Piedmont Regional Jails from federal overhead recovery related to jail beds constructed for with federal/local dollars for which the Compensation Board has never provided staffing support.</b>	<b>\$766,460</b>