



## Tennessee REALTORS Weekly Calendar

2025 Legislative Session

Mon 3/24/25 11:00am - House Hearing Rm I, House Government Operations Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR J. Lafferty (R); VICE CHAIR J. Reedy (R); K. Camper (D); J. Clemmons (D); J. Crawford (R); J. Faison (R); M. Fritts (R); R. Glynn (D); W. Lamberth (R); A. Maberry (R); P. Marsh (R); S. McKenzie (D); A. Parkinson (D); M. Reneau (R); P. Sherrell (R); J. Towns Jr. (D)

2. **HB972**  
McCalmon  
J.
- TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Modernization of Towing, Immobilization, and Oversight Normalization (MOTION) Act of 2025.** Revises various provisions of the Modernization of Towing, Immobilization, and Oversight Normalization Act including adding penalties for violating the act. Adds a motor vehicle inspection portal to input abandoned or immobile vehicle information for public notice. Requires the removal of firearms from a stored motor vehicle. Prohibits booting a vehicle. Requires signage for the use of automatic license plate readers and parking fees collected. Details specific instances when towing a vehicle is allowed. Specifies the responsibilities of garage keepers who store towed vehicles. Allows a law enforcement agency to take into custody a motor vehicle found abandoned, immobile, or used in curbstoning. Allows public auction on unclaimed vehicles if certain aspects are met. (26pp.). Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** Senate Commerce & Labor Committee amendment 1, House Commerce Committee amendment 1 (003869) revises the requirements of the electronic portal the Department of Revenue (DOR) is required to create and implement that allows a law enforcement agency or garage keeper to input abandoned vehicle information for public notice. Details nine capabilities that the portal must have. Authorizes DOR to contract with a third-party service provider to create and implement the portal. Requires the procurement process for the portal to begin no later than July 1, 2025, and the implementation of the portal to begin no later than, July 1, 2026. Requires the portal user fee the DOR can charge a police department or other user must be charged in an amount to cover the cost of creating, administering and maintaining the portal. Prohibits DOR from charging a fee for conducting a public search on the portal. Requires the Commissioner of DOR to notify the public and the Tennessee Code Commission when the motor vehicle portal is operational. Removes the authorization for a local government to pass an ordinance specifically opting to be governed by the Modernization of Towing, Immobilization, and Oversight Normalization (MOTION) Act. Prohibits any person from booting a motor vehicle. Expands the conditions for which a person is authorized to tow a motor vehicle without the written authorization of the owner. Requires a person towing a motor vehicle to report specific information to the motor vehicle portal once it is operational. Establishes that a violation of this section is a violation of the Consumer Protection Act of 1977. Makes technical changes to the signage requirements in commercial parking lots. Prohibits a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state from enacting or enforcing an ordinance, resolution, rule, or other requirement that regulates parking in a manner that conflicts with the established requirements related to the nonpayment of parking fees. Establishes protocol for law enforcement agencies to verify the owner of a motor vehicle, provide the ownership information to specified parties, and notify the owners of a motor vehicle that has been taken into custody, before and after the motor vehicle portal is operational. Requires any person who takes possession of a motor vehicle, other than a law enforcement agency or other public agency, to immediately report the information to DOR until the motor vehicle portal is operational. Eliminates the requirement to advertise a motor vehicle for auction in the newspaper, and requires the public sale notice to be posted on the online motor vehicle portal. Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee amendment 2, House Commerce Committee amendment 2 (004157) prohibits a commercial parking lot owner in this state from enforcing the lot owner's parking requirements unless it first posts signage containing the following information: the name of the garagekeeper authorized to tow the vehicle and the phone number of the garagekeeper authorized to tow the vehicle. Further requires the commercial parking lot owner to post signage containing language indicating that the owner or authorized agent of the owner of a commercial parking lot or other private property open to the public has authorized the towing of a motor vehicle that has been unattended for more than 12 hours or is creating a hazard, blocking access to public or private property or is parked illegally. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 22, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENTREVENUE General FundFY25-26 \$400,000EXPENDITURES General FundFY25-26 \$400,000 LOCAL GOVERNMENTEXPENDITURES MandatoryFY25-26 \$400,000Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost. **Position:** Monitor SB1068 - J. Johnson - 03/21/25 - Set for Senate Floor 03/24/25.

## Mon 3/24/25 12:00pm - House Hearing Rm II, House Private Acts Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR D. Powers (R); VICE CHAIR M. Sparks (R); S. Brooks (D); K. Capley (R); E. Davis (R); C. Doggett (R); D. Hawk (R); C. Hemmer (D); B. Hulsey (R); J. Pearson (D); P. Sherrell (R); R. Stevens (R)

4. **HB1426** **LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Loudon - regulation of construction, maintenance, and operation of public utilities.** Local bill for Loudon that authorizes the city to regulate construction, maintenance, and operation of public utilities, and assess fees for the use and impact of such services. Authorizes the city to establish, maintain, and regulate certain infrastructure, public grounds, and public facilities. Assess fees for the use of or impact upon such property and facilities and condemn property for such purposes. Amends Chapter 74 of the Private Acts of 1975, as amended.  
Russell L.  
SB1452 - R. McNally - 03/13/25 - Introduced in the Senate
8. **HB1413** **LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Gallatin - authorizes city council to impose impact fees on new development.** Local bill for Gallatin that authorizes the city council to impose impact fees on new development. Amends Chapter 67 of the Private Acts of 1953, as amended and rewritten. **Position:** Oppose  
Slater W.  
SB1435 - F. Haile - 02/24/25 - Introduced in the Senate

## Mon 3/24/25 12:00pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Judiciary Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR T. Gardenhire (R); VICE CHAIR K. Roberts (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR P. Rose (R); B. Harshbarger (R); S. Kyle (D); L. Lamar (D); J. Stevens (R); B. Taylor (R); D. White (R)

24. **SB1032** **CRIMINAL LAW: Search warrant requirements to enter private property.** Requires officials who are employed or contracted by the federal government, the state government, or a local government within this state, or an agency or department thereof, to obtain a search warrant that identifies the person or property that is the subject of the search before entering private property, unless a judicially recognized exception to the warrant requirement exists. Broadly captioned. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 12, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
Bowling J.  
HB850 - M. Reneau - 03/20/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/25/25.
26. **SB30** **CRIMINAL LAW: Creation of a misdemeanor offense for providing a false name to law enforcement.** Creates a class C misdemeanor to an individual who refuses to properly identify themselves to a law enforcement officer if the officer has reasonable suspicion or has lawfully detained the individual. Adds littering or trespassing upon any real or personal property with the intent to unlawfully intimidate as an offense of intimidating others from exercising civil rights. **Amendment Summary:** House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (003418) creates a Class B misdemeanor offense to place a sign, signal, or marking over a highway or to affix or attach a sign, signal, or marking to a bridge, overpass, or tunnel without written authorization from the entity that maintains the highway, bridge, overpass, or tunnel. Expands the offense of civil rights intimidation to include littering or trespassing upon the real or personal property of another person with the intent to unlawfully intimidate another from exercising any right or privilege secured by the constitution or state law, or because that other exercised any right or privilege secured by the constitution or state law. Establishes that a violation of these offenses is a Class A misdemeanor. Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense if a person intentionally gives a false or fictitious name, to a law enforcement officer who has lawfully detained or arrested the person. Creates a Class B misdemeanor offense if a person intentionally approaches, within 25 feet, a law enforcement officer after the officer has ordered the person to stop approaching or to retreat and the officer is lawfully engaged in the execution of official duties. Creates a Class B misdemeanor offense if a person transports another in the cargo area of a box truck. Authorizes a law enforcement officer to make an arrest without a warrant when the officer has probable cause to believe a person has committed a misdemeanor, regardless of whether the offense was committed in the officer's presence. Authorizes a peace officer to make an arrest if the peace officer has probable cause to believe the person committed an offense, regardless of whether or not the offense was committed in the officer's presence. Requires an officer to provide the reasoning why a citation was not issued, relative to specific statutes regarding such, whenever an officer makes a physical arrest for a misdemeanor. Provides an officer who, on the basis of facts reasonably known or reasonably believed to exist, arrests a person for a misdemeanor in lieu of issuing a citation, with civil and criminal immunity from false arrest, false imprisonment or unlawful detention. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 10, 2025) LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years >\$3,900 Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost. HB 55 - SB 30 **Position:** Monitor  
Pody M.  
HB55 - W. Lamberth - 03/19/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 03/26/25.
40. **SB227** **TORT LIABILITY: Charitable organizations providing housing to persons unlawfully present in the US.** Allows a charitable organization that provides housing to a person who the charitable organization knows is unlawfully present in the United States to be held liable for a loss, damages, injury, or death resulting from a criminal offense committed by the person who is unlawfully present in the United States while the person is receiving housing services from the charitable organization if the charitable organization's conduct in providing housing constitutes negligence, gross negligence, or willful and wanton misconduct. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 23, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Monitor  
Taylor B.  
HB811 - R. Grills - 02/10/25 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.
44. **SB857** **PROPERTY & HOUSING: Homebuyers revolving loan program.** Authorizes any county having made loans in excess of the amount of funds in the initial capitalization of the loan fund pool for the county to terminate its participations with notice to the Tennessee housing development agency (THDA). Allows the county to retain all funds used for initial capitalization or interesting earnings on repayments. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 14, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Any impact upon the Homebuyers Revolving Loan Fund Pool or local governments cannot  
Taylor B.

be reasonably determined.

HB930 - M. White - 03/21/25 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee 03/26/25.

## Mon 3/24/25 2:00pm - House Chamber, House Consent

HEADER: The House will take up the following items on consent: hr64, hr66, hjr390:492, sjr216

1. **HB1142** **PROPERTY & HOUSING: Updated definition of manufactured home.** Requires this state's definition of manufactured home to automatically update with the definition of manufactured home under title 42 of the United States Code, which currently excludes a self-propelled recreational vehicle. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Monitor  
Boyd C. SB119 - T. Hatcher - 02/20/25 - Senate passed.
2. **HB1138** **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Blasting surveys provided to owner or occupant.** Requires a blasting firm that conducts a pre-blast survey for an owner or occupant of certain buildings within 300 feet of the blast hole to provide the survey upon request by the owner or occupant at no cost. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 12, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Monitor  
Boyd C. SB566 - M. Pody - 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
12. **HB125** **TAXES GENERAL: Grant matching for from the local parks land acquisition fund.** Requires a county or municipal government that receives a grant from the local parks land acquisition fund for a project located within a county designated as distressed or at-risk by the Appalachian Regional Commission at the time of the grant application to match the grant with an amount of money equal to 25 percent of the project, instead of requiring a match with an amount of money equal to the grant. Part of Administration Package. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 8, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Local Parks Land Acquisition Fund FY25-26 \$181,600 FY26-27 \$363,200 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years \$544,800 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Permissive FY25-26 \$181,600 FY26-27 \$363,200 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years \$544,800 EXPENDITURES Permissive FY25-26 NET (\$53,400) FY26-27 NET (\$106,800) FY27-28 & Subsequent Years NET (\$160,200)  
Lamberth W. SB1276 - J. Johnson - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/26/25.
14. **HB1337** **LOTTERY: Period to apply for charitable gaming events.** Establishes a five-day period after the effective date that allows a nonprofit organization to apply to operate a charitable gaming event during the annual period of July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2026. **Amendment Summary:** Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (004351) authorizes nonprofit organizations to submit an annual charitable gaming event application to the Secretary of State (SOS) within five calendar days after this legislation becomes law for events being held from the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. Requires the omnibus listing of any approved organizations for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, and for the period beginning July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to be transferred to the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives within 10 calendar days after this proposed legislation becomes law. Deletes obsolete language from statutes. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Division of Charitable Solicitations and Gaming FY24-25 \$300  
Lamberth W. SB941 - R. Briggs - 03/21/25 - Set for Senate Floor 03/24/25.
17. **HB1340** **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Requirements to be commissioned as an online notary public.** Adds that a person must complete a course of instruction and pass an examination to qualify to be commissioned as an online notary public. Clarifies that an application to be commissioned requires a certification that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and will comply with the applicable rules and requirements promulgated by the secretary of state. Adds that a course of instruction for online notarization must include, at a minimum, notarial laws, technology procedures of online notarizations, and ethical requirements for online notaries. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 27, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
Lamberth W. SB1051 - J. Stevens - 03/10/25 - Senate passed.

## Mon 3/24/25 2:00pm - House Chamber, House Floor

5. **HB700** **PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Real estate broker licenses - exemption from completion of classroom hours in real estate courses** Exempts a real estate broker licensee who was originally licensed prior to January 1, 2005, and does not supervise any affiliate brokers from the requirement to furnish certification of satisfactory completion of 16 classroom hours in real estate courses for reissuance of a license for a licensure period after the period in which the licensee completed the required 120 classroom hours in real estate. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** Senate amendment 1, House Commerce Committee amendment 1 (003873) changes effective date to January 1, 2026. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 22, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Support  
Burkhart J. SB886 - S. Reeves - 03/13/25 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (003873).
12. **HB801** **SAFETY: Standards for roofs.** Specifies that the roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance requirements of the International Energy Conservation Code for low-shaped roofs do not apply in Tennessee. **Amendment Summary:** House State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, Senate Commerce and Labor Committee amendment 1 (004191) provides that the roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance requirements of the International Energy Conservation Code for low-sloped roofs do not apply to the 2021 International Code Council adoption. Authorizes the state fire marshal to promulgate rules in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
Grills R. SB1194 - E. Jackson - 03/21/25 - Set for Senate Floor 03/24/25.

## Mon 3/24/25 4:00pm - Senate Chamber, Senate Floor

1. **SJR1**  
Haile F. **TAXES PROPERTY: Constitutional amendment - prohibits a state property tax.** Proposes additional language in Article II, Section 28 to prohibit the general assembly from levying, authorizing, or otherwise permitting a state tax on property. **Position:** Support  
- - 03/21/25 - S: Set for Senate Floor 03/24/25.
  
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Briggs R. **LOTTERY: Period to apply for charitable gaming events.** Establishes a five-day period after the effective date that allows a nonprofit organization to apply to operate a charitable gaming event during the annual period of July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2026. **Amendment Summary:** Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (004351) authorizes nonprofit organizations to submit an annual charitable gaming event application to the Secretary of State (SOS) within five calendar days after this legislation becomes law for events being held from the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. Requires the omnibus listing of any approved organizations for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, and for the period beginning July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to be transferred to the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives within 10 calendar days after this proposed legislation becomes law. Deletes obsolete language from statutes. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Division of Charitable Solicitations and Gaming FY24-25 \$300 HB1337 - W. Lamberth - 03/21/25 - Set for House Consent 03/24/25.
  
14. **SB1068**  
Johnson J. **TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Modernization of Towing, Immobilization, and Oversight Normalization (MOTION) Act of 2025.** Revises various provisions of the Modernization of Towing, Immobilization, and Oversight Normalization Act including adding penalties for violating the act. Adds a motor vehicle inspection portal to input abandoned or immobile vehicle information for public notice. Requires the removal of firearms from a stored motor vehicle. Prohibits booting a vehicle. Requires signage for the use of automatic license plate readers and parking fees collected. Details specific instances when towing a vehicle is allowed. Specifies the responsibilities of garage keepers who store towed vehicles. Allows a law enforcement agency to take into custody a motor vehicle found abandoned, immobile, or used in curbstoning. Allows public auction on unclaimed vehicles if certain aspects are met. (26pp.). Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** Senate Commerce & Labor Committee amendment 1, House Commerce Committee amendment 1 (003869) revises the requirements of the electronic portal the Department of Revenue (DOR) is required to create and implement that allows a law enforcement agency or garage keeper to input abandoned vehicle information for public notice. Details nine capabilities that the portal must have. Authorizes DOR to contract with a third-party service provider to create and implement the portal. Requires the procurement process for the portal to begin no later than July 1, 2025, and the implementation of the portal to begin no later than, July 1, 2026. Requires the portal user fee the DOR can charge a police department or other user must be charged in an amount to cover the cost of creating, administering and maintaining the portal. Prohibits DOR from charging a fee for conducting a public search on the portal. Requires the Commissioner of DOR to notify the public and the Tennessee Code Commission when the motor vehicle portal is operational. Removes the authorization for a local government to pass an ordinance specifically opting to be governed by the Modernization of Towing, Immobilization, and Oversight Normalization (MOTION) Act. Prohibits any person from booting a motor vehicle. Expands the conditions for which a person is authorized to tow a motor vehicle without the written authorization of the owner. Requires a person towing a motor vehicle to report specific information to the motor vehicle portal once it is operational. Establishes that a violation of this section is a violation of the Consumer Protection Act of 1977. Makes technical changes to the signage requirements in commercial parking lots. Prohibits a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state from enacting or enforcing an ordinance, resolution, rule, or other requirement that regulates parking in a manner that conflicts with the established requirements related to the nonpayment of parking fees. Establishes protocol for law enforcement agencies to verify the owner of a motor vehicle, provide the ownership information to specified parties, and notify the owners of a motor vehicle that has been taken into custody, before and after the motor vehicle portal is operational. Requires any person who takes possession of a motor vehicle, other than a law enforcement agency or other public agency, to immediately report the information to DOR until the motor vehicle portal is operational. Eliminates the requirement to advertise a motor vehicle for auction in the newspaper, and requires the public sale notice to be posted on the online motor vehicle portal. Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee amendment 2, House Commerce Committee amendment 2 (004157) prohibits a commercial parking lot owner in this state from enforcing the lot owner's parking requirements unless it first posts signage containing the following information: the name of the garagekeeper authorized to tow the vehicle and the phone number of the garagekeeper authorized to tow the vehicle. Further requires the commercial parking lot owner to post signage containing language indicating that the owner or authorized agent of the owner of a commercial parking lot or other private property open to the public has authorized the towing of a motor vehicle that has been unattended for more than 12 hours or is creating a hazard, blocking access to public or private property or is parked illegally. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 22, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENTREVENUE General FundFY25-26 \$400,000EXPENDITURES General FundFY25-26 \$400,000 LOCAL GOVERNMENTEXPENDITURES MandatoryFY25-26 \$400,000Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost. **Position:** Monitor  
HB972 - J. McCalmon - 03/19/25 - Set for House Government Operations Committee 03/24/25.
  
17. **SB1194**  
Jackson E. **SAFETY: Standards for roofs.** Specifies that the roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance requirements of the International Energy Conservation Code for low-shaped roofs do not apply in Tennessee. **Amendment Summary:** House State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, Senate Commerce and Labor Committee amendment 1 (004191) provides that the roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance requirements of the International Energy Conservation Code for low-sloped roofs do not apply to the 2021 International Code Council adoption. Authorizes the state fire marshal to promulgate rules in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
HB801 - R. Grills - 03/21/25 - Set for House Floor 03/24/25.

Tue 3/25/25 9:00am - House Hearing Rm I, House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR C. Todd (R); VICE CHAIR G. Martin (R); A. Behn (D); T. Darby (R); C. Doggett (R); M. Fritts (R); R. Grills (R); G.

2. **HB124** **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Fees set by the department for environmental regulatory programs.** Makes various changes related to fees set by the department for environmental regulatory programs. Makes changes to the regulation of coal combustion residuals disposal units. Part of Administration Package. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 8, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Environmental Protection Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$1,613,300  
Lamberth W.  
SB1274 - J. Johnson - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/26/25.
3. **HB164** **PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Timeframe for decision rendered by board of veterinary medical examiners on licensure application.** Decreases, from 60 days to 50 days, the amount of time from the date the board of veterinary medical examiners receives a completed application for initial licensure to practice veterinary medicine from an applicant that the board must either render a decision on the application or inform the applicant of the need to appear before the board. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee amendment 2 (004580) Requires an animal chiropractic physician to meet educational standards in order to perform animal chiropractic care and makes it illegal for a veterinarian to advertise chiropractic care if they do not have a licensed chiropractic physician to perform those services. Requires a chiropractic physician to complete six hours of continued education annually that has been approved by the board. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 14, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Monitor  
Marsh P.  
SB128 - P. Bailey - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/26/25.
8. **HB199** **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Variances for subsurface sewage disposal systems.** Requires an agreement or contract entered into between the commissioner of environment and conservation and a county health department for the department to implement subsurface sewage disposal requirements to include authority for the commissioner to issue a variance in certain circumstances. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 15, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Monitor  
Reeves L.  
SB113 - J. Johnson - 02/24/25 - Senate passed.
9. **HB660** **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Providing services for water or wastewater.** Permits authorities formed and certified by municipalities under the Municipal Energy Authority Act to have certain water and wastewater treatment powers to the extent that the authority's exercise of such powers does not conflict with any ordinances or rules adopted by another local government having jurisdiction over such matters. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee amendment 1 (004569) Allows the board of directors of the authority to assume all or some regulatory powers, authority, duties, obligations, and oversight over water and wastewater operations as part of the transfer of a water or wastewater system or any time thereafter. Allows for the board of directors to amend the rules, regulations, and requirements as long as the amendments are just and reasonable. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
Jones R.  
SB970 - S. Southerland - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/26/25.
11. **HB882** **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Prohibits regulation of certain farming activities by TDEC.** Prohibits the department of environment and conservation from overseeing farming activities involving topsoil, rock removal, or the building of a pond when such activities are conducted in an area that is less than three acres in size, and the property on which the activities occur has a greenbelt classification. Broadly captioned. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 8, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Environmental Protection Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$8,900) **Position:** Monitor  
Travis R.  
SB281 - B. Watson - 03/17/25 - Re-referred to Senate Calendar Committee.
12. **HB175** **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Use of drones to locate and retrieve deer that have been wounded by hunters.** Authorizes the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission to promulgate rules or pass proclamations to authorize the use of unmanned aircraft, including drones, to locate and retrieve deer that have been wounded by hunters. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 18, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Monitor  
Darby T.  
SB130 - P. Walley - 02/26/25 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

Tue 3/25/25 10:30am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate State & Local Government Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR R. Briggs (R); VICE CHAIR P. Walley (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR T. Hatcher (R); T. Gardenhire (R); E. Jackson (R); S. Kyle (D); A. Lowe (R); K. Roberts (R); J. Yarbro (D)

4. **SB1139** **LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Utility to review plans of development for compliance with infrastructure codes.** Requires a utility to review plans of development for compliance with water, electric, and natural gas infrastructure codes within 30 days of the plan's submission. Authorizes the person who submitted the plan to hire a third-party examiner to examine the plan if the utility does not complete the examination within 30 days. Defines relevant terms. **Amendment Summary:** House Business & Utilities Subcommittee amendment 1 (005790) in instances in which: (1) a county, metropolitan government, or municipality-owned utility that provides water, wastewater, electric, natural gas, or stormwater management and drainage; or (2) an entity subject to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Board of Utility Regulation (TBOUR); or (3) a nonprofit cooperative membership corporation (henceforth, collectively utilities ) does not customarily prepare plans and designs for utility infrastructure within a plan of development and requires a customer or customer representative to prepare and submit such plans and designs, the utility must not: (1) charge a fee more than the fee established in a schedule of fees and charges adopted by the utility for review of the plans and designs; and (2) complete the review of the plans and designs within 30 business days of the date the plans and designs are submitted to the utility and are determined by the utility to be complete. Specifies that the 30-business-day timeline does not include the time spent by a state or federal regulatory body to provide any approvals that are required under applicable state or federal regulatory requirements. If any of the aforementioned utilities do not complete any such reviews within 30 business days, the person who submitted the plan is authorized to hire a third-party plans examiner to perform the review and must  
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submit the appropriate fee, if such fee has not been submitted, and a stamped-and sealed copy of all plans that were examined to the utility, in addition to certain information pertaining to the development. Requires the respective utility to, within 10 days of receipt of the fee and plans, to: (1) approve the plans; (2) provide to the person, or the person's designee, a report of deficiencies; or (3) request additional information necessary to ensure compliance with applicable codes. If the utility fails to take any of the aforementioned actions within the 10-day timeframe, the utility must refund any associated plan review fees that were collected and the plans are deemed approved. If the plan of development is approved after review by a third-party plans examiner and the customer engages an approved contractor to install or construct utility infrastructure, the utility is required to inspect the installation and construction of the utility infrastructure in the development, and the customer or its approved contractor is responsible for the costs of correcting any deficiencies in the installation and construction. Authorizes a utility to charge a fee for such inspections in accordance with a schedule of fees or charges adopted by the utility. Specifies that this act does not apply to types of plans and designs of utility infrastructure that are customarily prepared by the utility for the customer in accordance with standard practice that is in effect at the utility as of July 1, 2025, or a policy that is subsequently adopted by the utility. Requires utilities to allow a customer of the utility or person submitting a plan of development to the utility the option to use an approved contractor or contractors of the customer's choosing for installation of the utility infrastructure. If the customer engages an approved contractor, the customer must provide certain information pertaining to the development and approved contractor. Within 10 business days of receipt of such information, the utility must: (1) confirm the contractor's status as an approved contractor and allow the contractor to commence work; (2) provide to the customer a report of deficiencies; or (3) request additional information necessary to determine the eligibility of the contractor's status as an approved contractor. If the utility fails to take any of the aforementioned actions within 10 business days, the contractor may proceed as an approved contractor. Requires such utilities to provide a publicly-available list of approved contractors and the process for becoming an approved contractor. Requires the utility to perform inspections of the installation and construction of the utility infrastructure installed by the approved contractor in the development, and the utility may also test the utility infrastructure as part of such inspections. The approved contractor is responsible for correcting any deficiencies associated with its installation or construction. Authorizes a utility to charge a reasonable fee for such inspection and testing in accordance with a schedule of fees or charges adopted by the utility and made publicly available. Authorizes a utility to require the direct installation or construction of specific utility infrastructure by the utility or by an approved contractor under the direct supervision of the utility where the requirement is necessary to ensure public safety or service reliability of the utility. Authorizes such utilities to provide reasonable construction and manufacturer's specifications for utility infrastructure to any persons, with which a customer has contracted, and if provided, also provide such persons with a schedule of all approved materials for utility infrastructure with specifications for such materials. Prohibits such utilities from requiring that materials or services for the construction of the utility infrastructure be provided by a specific vendor or manufacturer. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 8, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The proposed legislation will result in a significant impact to revenue and an increase in expenditures for utilities, the extent of which cannot be estimated with reasonable certainty. Utilities may increase rates, if needed, to offset such increase in expenditures to remain self-supporting. Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost. HB542 - K. Vaughan - 03/19/25 - Set for House Commerce Committee 03/26/25.

13. **SB731**  
Pody M. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Changes on a contractor or developer's application for development site plans or inspections.** Requires a local government to send back any requested changes on a contractor or developer's application for development site plans or inspections in a single deliverable document or set of documents, or to remit related fees back to the developer for subsequent change requests. Prohibits a local government from requiring a developer or contractor to fund, develop, or contribute to the development of nonessential infrastructure, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 15, 2025) LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years >\$10,000,000 Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost. OTHER FISCAL IMPACT There will be additional, mandatory increases in local expenditures and mandatory decreases in local revenue; however, such impacts cannot be estimated with reasonable certainty. HB795 - K. Vaughan - 03/21/25 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee 03/26/25.
19. **SB1326**  
Kyle S. **TAXES PROPERTY: Property tax relief for elderly persons.** Exempts taxpayers who are 85 or older and who have received property tax relief for at least five consecutive years from annual income reporting requirements for continued participation. **Amendment Summary:** House Cities & Counties Subcommittee amendment 1 (005548) establishes that any taxpayer, being 85 years of age or older and having received property tax relief for at least five consecutive years is not required to submit a complete application or report income for continued participation in a property tax relief program; provided, such taxpayer's income may not exceed the annually adjusted income threshold, and the taxpayer must meet all other non-income-related criteria for eligibility. Requires the State Board of Equalization, Division of Property Assessments, in consultation with the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT) and county property assessors, to develop a simplified reapplication process for such taxpayers that may be completed online or via mail. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 22, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Support HB1380 - T. Harris - 03/21/25 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee 03/26/25.
25. **SB7**  
Lowe A. **STATE GOVERNMENT: Tennessee Historical Commission - authority to approve or recommend renovations to property.** Specifies the authority of the Tennessee Historical Commission to approve or recommend certain renovations or alterations of improved public or private real property that is or may be of historical, architectural, or cultural significance in this state or that is listed on the Tennessee register of historic places. Prohibits the Tennessee Historical Commission and certain other state entities from taking adverse action against certain real property owners, including the assessment of a penalty or fine. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** House Public Service Subcommittee amendment 1 (005976) prohibits the historical commission and any other state entity other than the state building commission engaged in the historic preservation of real property from regulate the renovation, alteration, or demolition of improved public or private real property that is not listed on the register of historic places, or take any adverse action against the owner of such real property. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 15, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT This legislation could jeopardize federal funds currently provided to the Tennessee Historical Commission under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. This may further impact grants awarded

to local governments and non-profits for historic preservation projects. The timing and extent cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty. **Position:** Monitor

HB73 - D. Howell - 03/21/25 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee 03/26/25.

35. **SB771**  
Briggs  
R. **TAXES PROPERTY: Property tax appeals - valuation of industrial and commercial real and tangible personal property.** Removes the condition that a taxpayer or owner must obtain consent of the assessor of property before appealing the valuation of industrial and commercial real and tangible personal property directly to the state board of equalization. Makes other related changes. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE State Board of Equalization FY25-26 & Subsequent Years >\$3,000 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT A precise impact to local government revenue and expenditures cannot be reasonably determined.  
HB733 - J. Crawford - 03/21/25 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee 03/26/25.
36. **SB773**  
Briggs  
R. **PROPERTY & HOUSING: Vesting period for property development standards.** Specifies that the vesting period established for a construction project or development plan does not expire because of pending litigation challenging a permit. Specifies that the vesting period is tolled while such litigation is pending. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
HB735 - D. Wright - 03/21/25 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee 03/26/25.
37. **SB365**  
Briggs  
R. **PROPERTY & HOUSING: Makes changes to the powers and duties of county and municipal boards of zoning appeals.** makes certain changes to the powers and duties of county and municipal boards of zoning appeals, including adding training and continuing education requirements regarding property rights and constitutional law. Requires building commissioners and other administrative officials who grant or deny building permits to inform, in writing, the person receiving the grant or denial of the person's right to appeal to the board of zoning appeals. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 21, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Monitor  
HB317 - T. Rudd - 03/21/25 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee 03/26/25.
38. **SB368**  
Briggs  
R. **TAXES PROPERTY: Property tax relief for disabled veterans.** Removes the market value cap used for calculating property tax relief on the primary residence for disabled veterans who are eligible for property tax relief and requires the state to fully reimburse such veterans for local property taxes paid for a given tax year on that property. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 15, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY26-27 & Subsequent Years >\$32,798,500 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The extent of any decrease to local government expenditures cannot be reasonably determined. **Position:** Support  
HB48 - M. Hale - 03/21/25 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee 03/26/25.

## Tue 3/25/25 12:00pm - House Hearing Rm III, House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR C. Doggett (R); F. Atchley (R); A. Farmer (R); W. Lamberth (R); M. Littleton (R); J. Powell (D); L. Russell (R); G. Salinas (D); R. Scarbrough (R)

1. **HB850**  
Reneau  
M. **CRIMINAL LAW: Search warrant requirements to enter private property.** Requires officials who are employed or contracted by the federal government, the state government, or a local government within this state, or an agency or department thereof, to obtain a search warrant that identifies the person or property that is the subject of the search before entering private property, unless a judicially recognized exception to the warrant requirement exists. Broadly captioned. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 12, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
SB1032 - J. Bowling - 03/20/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/24/25.
2. **HB785**  
Howell  
D. **CRIMINAL LAW: Number of sureties required to sign a deed of trust - securing a bail bond by real estate.** Lowers from two to one, the number of sureties required to sign a deed of trust, along with the defendant, when the defendant is seeking to secure a bail bond by real estate. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (004914) requires, beginning October 25, 2025, every professional bondsman licensed to do business in this state to submit a quarterly report to the Department of Revenue (DOR) no later than the 25th of January, April, July, and October each year, detailing the total number of bonds issued by the bondsman in the preceding quarter in each county where the bondsman operated, and the total amount of the bondsman's liability in each county. Requires each clerk of a court that admits defendants to bail to file such quarterly reports detailing the total number and amount of bonds accepted by the clerk from bondsmen in the preceding quarter. Authorizes the DOR to use the reports to complete audits on the bail bonding tax. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 11, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
SB1237 - F. Haile - 03/18/25 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (004914). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
6. **HB305**  
Gillespie  
J. **CRIMINAL LAW: Detection of criminal patterns at rental homes and apartment complexes.** Requires a law enforcement agency to release calls for emergency assistance services at rental homes and apartment complexes to qualified nonprofit organizations for the purpose of distributing the calls to rental property managers and owners to detect and act on escalating crime patterns. Defines "qualified nonprofit organization" to mean a legally constituted, non-governmental entity incorporated under state law as a charitable or nonprofit organization that is tax-exempt according to 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3). Broadly captioned. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 7, 2025) LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 \$3,110,000 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$1,555,000 Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost. **Position:** Monitor  
SB236 - B. Taylor - 02/10/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
62. **HB1299**  
Powell J. **CRIMINAL LAW: Preventing Deepfake Images Act.** Creates a civil and criminal action for individuals who are the subject of an intimate digital depiction that is disclosed without the individual's consent under certain circumstances. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 4, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$23,600  
SB1346 - J. Yarbro - 02/10/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.



## Tue 3/25/25 3:00pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Commerce & Labor Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR P. Bailey (R); VICE CHAIR B. Taylor (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR S. Southerland (R); R. Akbari (D); J. Johnson (R); S. Reeves (R); J. Stevens (R); B. Watson (R); K. Yager (R)

3. **SB350**  
Harshbarger B. **PROPERTY & HOUSING: Tenant allowed to possess or store firearm in home or apartment.** Prohibits a landlord from prohibiting a tenant from lawfully possessing, carrying, transporting, or storing a firearm, firearm components, or ammunition in the tenant's home, apartment, or business or in a vehicle located on leased premises. Creates a cause of action for a tenant who is adversely affected by a landlord's violation of such prohibition. Broadly captioned. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Amend HB469 - L. Reeves - 03/19/25 - House Business & Utilities Subcommittee deferred to the second calendar of 2026.
5. **SB1339**  
Yarbro J. **COMMERCIAL LAW: Action regarding the consumer's authenticated request under the Tennessee Information Protection Act.** Changes, from 45 to 50 days from receipt of a request, the time that a controller has to inform a consumer of the controller's decision to decline to take action regarding the consumer's authenticated request under the Tennessee Information Protection Act. Broadly captioned. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
HB1132 - A. Parkinson - 03/19/25 - Set for House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee 03/26/25.
18. **SB226**  
Taylor B. **STATE GOVERNMENT: Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act.** Enacts the "Tennessee Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act." Specifies that it is unlawful for a governmental entity to deny, revoke, suspend, or take other adverse action against an individual's license for the following: (1) Refusing to affirm a statement or oath that is contrary to the individual's sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions; (2) Expressing sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions in any context, including a professional context, as long as the services provided otherwise meet the standard of care or practice for that profession; or (3) Providing faith-based services that otherwise meet the standard of care or practice for that profession. Makes it unlawful for a governmental entity to take any adverse action against a licensee or applicant for licensure based on such person's beliefs or the lawful expression of those beliefs, to the extent protected under the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Tennessee. **Amendment Summary:** House Business & Utilities Subcommittee amendment 1 (004890) enacts the Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act (Act). Prohibits a governmental entity, official of such entity, or accrediting, certifying, or licensing body from denying, revoking, or suspending a person's professional or business license, or taking adverse action against a person, based on the person's beliefs or the lawful expressions of such beliefs in a nonprofessional setting, including the licensee's religious beliefs concerning marriage, family, or sexuality. Declares that the Act does not apply to a license to practice law unless the Supreme Court establishes guidelines. Prohibits a person from denying or disfavoring an individual's access to or membership or participation in a multiple-listing service (MLS) or real estate brokers' organization based on an individual's religious or moral beliefs, or an individual's lawful expression of those beliefs in a nonprofessional setting that does not involve real estate-related activities or transactions, and where such expression does not otherwise violate the Tennessee Real Estate Broker License Act of 1973. Prohibits organizations that control or operate a real estate MLS from requiring a person to have a membership in the organization as a condition for a licensed broker or affiliate broker to have full use of such MLS. Prohibits a non-member from being charged an MLS participation fee higher than those paid by association members. Creates a cause of action for an individual harmed by a governmental entity or person resulting from actions prohibited in the Act. Declares that a governmental entity or person found to violate the Act is subject to payment to the complainant for damages for injury and other remedies as necessary to eliminate the unlawful actions. House Business & Utilities Subcommittee amendment 2 (005150) enacts the Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act (Act). Prohibits a governmental entity from denying, revoking, suspending, or taking adverse action against an individual's professional license for acts relevant to the individual's religious beliefs or moral convictions as long as the services provided otherwise meet the standard of care or practice for that profession. Declares that the Act does not apply to a license to practice law unless the Supreme Court establishes guidelines. Prohibits a person from denying or disfavoring an individual's access to or membership or participation in a multiple-listing service (MLS) or real estate brokers' organization based on an individual's religious or moral beliefs, or an individual's lawful expression of those beliefs in a nonprofessional setting that does not involve real estate-related activities or transactions, and where such expression does not otherwise violate the Tennessee Real Estate Broker License Act of 1973. Creates a cause of action for an individual harmed by a governmental entity or person resulting from actions prohibited in the Act. Declares that a governmental entity or person found to violate the Act is subject to payment to the complainant for damages for injury and other remedies as necessary to eliminate the unlawful actions. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Oppose  
HB470 - T. Rudd - 03/19/25 - Set for House Commerce Committee 03/26/25.
32. **SB1316**  
Johnson J. **STATE GOVERNMENT: Less is More Act of 2025.** Reorganizes various boards and agencies in Tennessee. Removes the board of court reporting from the list of entities that are set to terminate on June 30, 2025. Specifies participation by electronic or other means. Moves the regulatory power of the board of court reporting to the commissioner of commerce and insurance. Details responsibilities of the delegated powers. Allows an individual whose principal place of business is not in this state but who has a valid license in good standing as a certified public accountant from another state to be granted practice privileges in this state, if at the time the individual was licensed, the individual showed evidence of having successfully completed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination. (20 pp.). Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package. **Amendment Summary:** House Government Operations Committee amendment 1, Senate Government Operations Committee amendment 1 (004421) enacts the Less is More Act of 2025. Terminates the Board of Court Reporting and moves all rules and regulations of licensing provided to the board under the Tennessee Court Report Act of 2009 to the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI). Deletes the provision in statute that grandfathered in the license of a court reporter who was licensed before January 1, 2010. Changes the name of the Tennessee Board of Court Reporting Fund to the Tennessee Court Reporting Fund. Exempts facilities that are operated for the provision of the Employment and Community First CHOICES program and services for



comprehensive behavioral support for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities, or severe behavioral or psychiatric conditions, or any successor program or service, or a home and community-based services waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, from licensing under the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and moves such licensing requirements under the Department of Disability and Aging. Effective January 1, 2026, authorizes an additional option as one of the requirements for a certificate as a public accountant to include 120 hours of college education with the total educational program including an accounting concentration or equivalent as determined by the State Board of Accountancy. Requires applicants to obtain one to two years of experience depending on the type of completed education before being granted a certificate. Reduces regulations related to certificate issuance and renewals for accountants certified in other states. Removes annual inspection requirements of barber shops, barber schools, or colleges under the Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners and requires the Board to establish rules regarding the frequency of inspections. Extends, from six months to two years, the period that an applicant has to apply for a real estate broker's license after passing the examination before being required to retake the examination in order to be eligible for a license. Authorizes a broker who has temporarily retired to submit proof of completion of a commission-approved course consisting of 30 hours of continuing education to reactivate their license. Prohibits a licensed brokers penalty fee of \$100 per month from exceeding 12 months. Authorizes a licensee in good standing with the Commission, whose license has been expired for more than two years, but has not been temporarily retired, to reactivate the license upon payment of the penalty fee accessed for all 12 months and completion of a commission-approved course consisting of 30 hours of continuing education. Deletes the Soil Scientist Licensure Act of 2009, removing all licensing regulation. Renames the Geologist and Soil Scientist Regulatory Fund to the Geologist Regulatory Fund. Authorize any board-run, commission-run, or commissioner-run program in the Division of Regulatory Boards of the DCI that issues a license, to enter into reciprocal agreements with appropriate officials in other jurisdictions to grant licenses to persons or entities licensed in the other jurisdictions who possess sufficient qualifications as established by the regulatory authority of this state to operate across state lines under mutually acceptable terms. Revises provisions governing participation in meetings by electronic means of communication. Deletes the provisions that authorizes a meeting of a governing body over electronic means only as necessary for purposes of a quorum, and authorizes a governing body to meet over electronic means at any point, so long as certain conditions are met and the governing body meets with a quorum physically present no less than once per calendar year. Makes various changes to the composition, appointment rules, and term lengths relative to members of a commission or board. Specifically makes variations of these changes to the following boards or commissions: the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Board of the Tennessee Education Lottery, Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST), Tennessee Motor Vehicle Commission, Board of Accountancy, Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners, Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Tennessee Real Estate Commission, Board of Dentistry, Board of Medical Examiners, Board of Optometry, Board of Dispensing Opticians, Board of Respiratory Care, Tennessee Athletic Commission, and the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 2, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Geologist and Soil Scientist Regulatory Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$6,500) EXPENDITURES Board of Court Reporting Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$4,000) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Passage of this legislation may result in both increases and decreases in state revenue to various boards, and a decrease in state expenditures for travel reimbursement across various governing bodies. However, due to multiple unknown variables, the extent and timing of any such impacts cannot be determined with reasonably certainty. SB 1316 - HB 1330

2 **Position:** WWS to Amend

HB1330 - W. Lamberth - 03/19/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 03/26/25.

## Wed 3/26/25 8:30am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Transportation & Safety Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR B. Massey (R); VICE CHAIR M. Pody (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR B. Taylor (R); P. Bailey (R); R. Briggs (R); H. Campbell (D); T. Hatcher (R); B. Powers (R); J. Seal (R)

1. **SB373** **TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Plans for acquisition of rights-of-way by state.** Clarifies that the plans for an acquisition of a right-of-way by the state must be filed and recorded with the office of the register in each county where the project is located if the project is located in multiple counties. Broadly captioned. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Monitor  
Rose P. HB352 - C. Hurt - 02/03/25 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.
3. **SB1307** **TAXES BUSINESS: Authority for local governments to levy a surcharge on local privilege taxes to fund a transportation improvement program.** Extends the authority for local governments to levy a surcharge on local privilege taxes to fund a transportation improvement program to all cities instead of only Chattanooga, Clarksville, Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis, and to all counties instead of only Wilson, Washington, Blount, Sullivan, Sumner, Montgomery, Williamson, Rutherford, Hamilton, Knox, Davidson, and Shelby counties. Expands the use of such local surcharge revenue for highway and bridge projects, in addition to mass transit projects. Part of Administration Package. **Amendment Summary:** House Transportation Committee amendment 2 (005105) prevents local governments from levying surcharges on a business tax or a residential development tax that separately exceeds the rate of 20% of the current applicable rate of the business tax or residential development tax. Adds definition of a public transit system. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 22, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Due to multiple unknown variables, any impact on local government revenue or expenditures cannot be reasonably quantified. **Position:** Support  
Johnson J. HB127 - W. Lamberth - 03/19/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 03/26/25.

## Wed 3/26/25 9:00am - House Hearing Rm I, House Commerce Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR K. Vaughan (R); VICE CHAIR R. Bricken (R); J. Barrett (R); C. Boyd (R); S. Brooks (D); J. Burkhart (R); K. Camper (D); J. Clemmons (D); M. Cochran (R); T. Darby (R); J. Faison (R); M. Hale (R); G. Hardaway (D); K. Haston (R); C. Hemmer (D); K. Keisling (R); J. Lafferty (R); S. Lynn (R); P. Marsh (R); B. Martin (R); J. Moon (R); G. Vital (R); J. Zachary (R)

4. **HB470** **STATE GOVERNMENT: Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act.** Enacts the "Tennessee Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act." Specifies that it is unlawful for a governmental entity to deny, revoke, suspend, or take other adverse action against an individual's license for the following: (1) Refusing to affirm a statement or oath that is contrary to the individual's sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions; (2) Expressing sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions in any context, including a professional context, as long as the services provided otherwise meet the standard of care or practice for that profession; or (3) Providing faith-based services that otherwise meet the standard of care or practice for that profession. Makes it unlawful for a governmental entity to take any adverse action against a licensee or applicant for licensure based on such person's beliefs or the lawful expression of those beliefs, to the extent protected under the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Tennessee. **Amendment Summary:** House Business & Utilities Subcommittee amendment 1 (004890) enacts the Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act (Act). Prohibits a governmental entity, official of such entity, or accrediting, certifying, or licensing body from denying, revoking, or suspending a person's professional or business license, or taking adverse action against a person, based on the person's beliefs or the lawful expressions of such beliefs in a nonprofessional setting, including the licensee's religious beliefs concerning marriage, family, or sexuality. Declares that the Act does not apply to a license to practice law unless the Supreme Court establishes guidelines. Prohibits a person from denying or disfavoring an individual's access to or membership or participation in a multiple-listing service (MLS) or real estate brokers' organization based on an individual's religious or moral beliefs, or an individual's lawful expression of those beliefs in a nonprofessional setting that does not involve real estate-related activities or transactions, and where such expression does not otherwise violate the Tennessee Real Estate Broker License Act of 1973. Prohibits organizations that control or operate a real estate MLS from requiring a person to have a membership in the organization as a condition for a licensed broker or affiliate broker to have full use of such MLS. Prohibits a non-member from being charged an MLS participation fee higher than those paid by association members. Creates a cause of action for an individual harmed by a governmental entity or person resulting from actions prohibited in the Act. Declares that a governmental entity or person found to violate the Act is subject to payment to the complainant for damages for injury and other remedies as necessary to eliminate the unlawful actions. House Business & Utilities Subcommittee amendment 2 (005150) enacts the Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act (Act). Prohibits a governmental entity from denying, revoking, suspending, or taking adverse action against an individual's professional license for acts relevant to the individual's religious beliefs or moral convictions as long as the services provided otherwise meet the standard of care or practice for that profession. Declares that the Act does not apply to a license to practice law unless the Supreme Court establishes guidelines. Prohibits a person from denying or disfavoring an individual's access to or membership or participation in a multiple-listing service (MLS) or real estate brokers' organization based on an individual's religious or moral beliefs, or an individual's lawful expression of those beliefs in a nonprofessional setting that does not involve real estate-related activities or transactions, and where such expression does not otherwise violate the Tennessee Real Estate Broker License Act of 1973. Creates a cause of action for an individual harmed by a governmental entity or person resulting from actions prohibited in the Act. Declares that a governmental entity or person found to violate the Act is subject to payment to the complainant for damages for injury and other remedies as necessary to eliminate the unlawful actions. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Oppose  
SB226 - B. Taylor - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/25/25.
9. **HB542** **LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Utility to review plans of development for compliance with infrastructure codes.** Requires a utility to review plans of development for compliance with water, electric, and natural gas infrastructure codes within 30 days of the plan's submission. Authorizes the person who submitted the plan to hire a third-party examiner to examine the plan if the utility does not complete the examination within 30 days. Defines relevant terms. **Amendment Summary:** House Business & Utilities Subcommittee amendment 1 (005790) in instances in which: (1) a county, metropolitan government, or municipality-owned utility that provides water, wastewater, electric, natural gas, or stormwater management and drainage; or (2) an entity subject to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Board of Utility Regulation (TBOUR); or (3) a nonprofit cooperative membership corporation (henceforth, collectively utilities ) does not customarily prepare plans and designs for utility infrastructure within a plan of development and requires a customer or customer representative to prepare and submit such plans and designs, the utility must not: (1) charge a fee more than the fee established in a schedule of fees and charges adopted by the utility for review of the plans and designs; and (2) complete the review of the plans and designs within 30 business days of the date the plans and designs are submitted to the utility and are determined by the utility to be complete. Specifies that the 30-business-day timeline does not include the time spent by a state or federal regulatory body to provide any approvals that are required under applicable state or federal regulatory requirements. If any of the aforementioned utilities do not complete any such reviews within 30 business days, the person who submitted the plan is authorized to hire a third-party plans examiner to perform the review and must submit the appropriate fee, if such fee has not been submitted, and a stamped-and sealed copy of all plans that were examined to the utility, in addition to certain information pertaining to the development. Requires the respective utility to, within 10 days of receipt of the fee and plans, to: (1) approve the plans; (2) provide to the person, or the person's designee, a report of deficiencies; or (3) request additional information necessary to ensure compliance with applicable codes. If the utility fails to take any of the aforementioned actions within the 10-day timeframe, the utility must refund any associated plan review fees that were collected and the plans are deemed approved. If the plan of development is approved after review by a third-party plans examiner and the customer engages an approved contractor to install or construct utility infrastructure, the utility is required to inspect the installation and construction of the utility infrastructure in the development, and the customer or its approved contractor is responsible for the costs of correcting any deficiencies in the installation and construction. Authorizes a utility to charge a fee for such inspections in accordance with a schedule of fees or charges adopted by the utility. Specifies that this act does not apply to types of plans and designs of utility infrastructure that are customarily prepared by the utility for the customer in accordance with standard practice that is in effect at the utility as of July 1, 2025, or a policy that is subsequently adopted by the utility. Requires utilities to allow a customer of the utility or person submitting a plan of

development to the utility the option to use an approved contractor or contractors of the customer's choosing for installation of the utility infrastructure. If the customer engages an approved contractor, the customer must provide certain information pertaining to the development and approved contractor. Within 10 business days of receipt of such information, the utility must: (1) confirm the contractor's status as an approved contractor and allow the contractor to commence work; (2) provide to the customer a report of deficiencies; or (3) request additional information necessary to determine the eligibility of the contractor's status as an approved contractor. If the utility fails to take any of the aforementioned actions within 10 business days, the contractor may proceed as an approved contractor. Requires such utilities to provide a publicly-available list of approved contractors and the process for becoming an approved contractor. Requires the utility to perform inspections of the installation and construction of the utility infrastructure installed by the approved contractor in the development, and the utility may also test the utility infrastructure as part of such inspections. The approved contractor is responsible for correcting any deficiencies associated with its installation or construction. Authorizes a utility to charge a reasonable fee for such inspection and testing in accordance with a schedule of fees or charges adopted by the utility and made publicly available. Authorizes a utility to require the direct installation or construction of specific utility infrastructure by the utility or by an approved contractor under the direct supervision of the utility where the requirement is necessary to ensure public safety or service reliability of the utility. Authorizes such utilities to provide reasonable construction and manufacturer's specifications for utility infrastructure to any persons, with which a customer has contracted, and if provided, also provide such persons with a schedule of all approved materials for utility infrastructure with specifications for such materials. Prohibits such utilities from requiring that materials or services for the construction of the utility infrastructure be provided by a specific vendor or manufacturer. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 8, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The proposed legislation will result in a significant impact to revenue and an increase in expenditures for utilities, the extent of which cannot be estimated with reasonable certainty. Utilities may increase rates, if needed, to offset such increase in expenditures to remain self-supporting. Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost. SB1139 - B. Taylor - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/25/25.

### Wed 3/26/25 9:30am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR S. Reeves (R); VICE CHAIR A. Lowe (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR J. Seal (R); J. Bowling (R); H. Campbell (D); B. Harshbarger (R); C. Oliver (D); M. Pody (R); P. Walley (R)

3. **SB1274**  
Johnson J. **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Fees set by the department for environmental regulatory programs.** Makes various changes related to fees set by the department for environmental regulatory programs. Makes changes to the regulation of coal combustion residuals disposal units. Part of Administration Package. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 8, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Environmental Protection Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$1,613,300  
HB124 - W. Lamberth - 03/19/25 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/25/25.
4. **SB1275**  
Johnson J. **ENERGY & MINING: Revises certain requirements to file liens for the reclamation of abandoned coal mining lands.** Replaces the prohibition against filing a lien against the property of a person who owned the surface prior to May 2, 1977, and who neither consented to nor participated in, nor exercised control over, the mining operation which necessitated the reclamation. Requires the commissioner of environment and conservation, prior to filing a statement, to notify a property owner of the proposed creation of a lien, the amount of the proposed lien, and the ability of the property owner to avoid the lien by either: (1) Not having consented to, participated in, or exercised control over the mining operation which necessitated the reclamation; or (2) Paying the department of environment and conservation the amount of the proposed lien specified in the notice prior to the commissioner filing a statement. This bill also removes a provision of present law that limits application of the notice and lien filing process reclamation of past coal mining practices to reclamation that occurs when the commissioner enters onto private lands without the landowner's permission as an exercise of the police power for the protection of public health and safety. Part of Administration Package. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 13, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT: If the proposed legislation is not enacted, the state may lose \$8,500,000 in federal funding for the Department of Environment and Conservation's Abandoned Mine Land Program due to noncompliance with recent amendments to the federal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.  
HB123 - W. Lamberth - 03/17/25 - House passed.
5. **SB1276**  
Johnson J. **TAXES GENERAL: Grant matching for from the local parks land acquisition fund.** Requires a county or municipal government that receives a grant from the local parks land acquisition fund for a project located within a county designated as distressed or at-risk by the Appalachian Regional Commission at the time of the grant application to match the grant with an amount of money equal to 25 percent of the project, instead of requiring a match with an amount of money equal to the grant. Part of Administration Package. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 8, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Local Parks Land Acquisition Fund FY25-26 \$181,600 FY26-27 \$363,200 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years \$544,800 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Permissive FY25-26 \$181,600 FY26-27 \$363,200 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years \$544,800 EXPENDITURES Permissive FY25-26 NET (\$53,400) FY26-27 NET (\$106,800) FY27-28 & Subsequent Years NET (\$160,200)  
HB125 - W. Lamberth - 03/21/25 - Set for House Consent 03/24/25.
8. **SB519**  
Roberts K. **PROPERTY & HOUSING: Reporting requirements for foreign persons who purchase land in this state.** Requires foreign persons who purchase land in this state and who file a report of such purchase to the United States Department of Agriculture under the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act to also file the report with the state commissioner of agriculture. Requires the commissioner to notify the attorney general of a foreign person's failure to file a copy of the required report. Requires the attorney general to impose a civil penalty not to exceed 25% of the fair market value, on the date of the assessment of the penalty, of the interest in the agricultural land for such failure to file the report with the commissioner of agriculture. **Amendment**

**Summary:** House Government Operations Committee amendment 1 (003805) requires foreign persons, businesses, and governments who report agricultural land investments to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (Act) to also file a copy with the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture (DOA). Directs the Commissioner to notify the Attorney General (AG) of noncompliance. Authorizes the AG to seek and collect a civil penalty of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of land owned by a foreign entity for failure to file. The provisions of the proposed legislation expire upon the repeal of the Act. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 16, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Monitor  
HB219 - J. Reedy - 03/20/25 - Set for House Floor on 03/27/25.

11. **SB970**  
Southerland S.  
**ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Providing services for water or wastewater.** Permits authorities formed and certified by municipalities under the Municipal Energy Authority Act to have certain water and wastewater treatment powers to the extent that the authority's exercise of such powers does not conflict with any ordinances or rules adopted by another local government having jurisdiction over such matters. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee amendment 1 (004569) Allows the board of directors of the authority to assume all or some regulatory powers, authority, duties, obligations, and oversight over water and wastewater operations as part of the transfer of a water or wastewater system or any time thereafter. Allows for the board of directors to amend the rules, regulations, and requirements as long as the amendments are just and reasonable. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
HB660 - R. Jones - 03/19/25 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/25/25.
13. **SB1138**  
Taylor B.  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Operation of a sewerage system outside the boundaries of a city or town.** Prohibits a municipal sewer system or utility district that has operated a sewerage system outside of the corporate boundaries of the city or town for 25 years or more from ceasing operation of the sewerage system outside the corporate boundaries so long as the sewerage system maintains sufficient capacity, as determined by a study conducted by TACIR. Broadly captioned. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 6, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 >\$1,000,000 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Due to multiple unknown variables, any mandatory increases in local revenue or expenditures cannot be determined with reasonable certainty, but are considered significant. Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.  
HB543 - K. Vaughan - 03/19/25 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee 03/26/25.
14. **SB664**  
Taylor B.  
**ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Disqualifying an applicant for an aquatic resource alteration permit (ARAP).** Expands from wetlands to all areas that an aquatic resource alteration permit may apply to the areas for which the department of environment and conservation is required to exempt from compensatory mitigation an amount of area equal in size to the area for which mitigation would not be required if the permit applicant qualified for coverage under a general permit, if the only factor that disqualifies an applicant for an aquatic resource alteration permit from having the activities for which a permit is sought covered under a general permit is the size of the area that the permit will apply to. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 13, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Support  
HB612 - K. Vaughan - 03/19/25 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee 03/26/25.
16. **SB128**  
Bailey P.  
**PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Timeframe for decision rendered by board of veterinary medical examiners on licensure application.** Decreases, from 60 days to 50 days, the amount of time from the date the board of veterinary medical examiners receives a completed application for initial licensure to practice veterinary medicine from an applicant that the board must either render a decision on the application or inform the applicant of the need to appear before the board. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee amendment 2 (004580) Requires an animal chiropractic physician to meet educational standards in order to perform animal chiropractic care and makes it illegal for a veterinarian to advertise chiropractic care if they do not have a licensed chiropractic physician to perform those services. Requires a chiropractic physician to complete six hours of continued education annually that has been approved by the board. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 14, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Monitor  
HB164 - P. Marsh - 03/19/25 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/25/25.
21. **SB843**  
Walley P.  
**TAXES PROPERTY: Revenues collected from recordation taxes.** Requires half the revenue collected from recordation taxes be returned to the county in which the real property is located on a recurring basis. Applies to transfers of real property on or after July 1, 2025. **Amendment Summary:** Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, House Cities & Counties Subcommittee amendment 1 (004869) allows the wetland acquisition fund to be expended for law enforcement personnel salaries, benefits, and other expenses necessary to carry out their duties as prescribed. Authorizes the commissioner of finance and administration, with the written approval of the executive director of the wildlife resources agency to transfer funds from the 1986 wetland acquisition fund to the heritage conservation trust fund. Prohibits "other available sources" from including any funds transferred to the heritage conservation trust fund from the 1986 wetland acquisition fund. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 26, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$110,373,200) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$110,373,200 **Position:** Monitor  
HB842 - J. Crawford - 03/21/25 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee 03/26/25.
32. **SB883**  
Reeves S.  
**ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Inspection of subsurface sewage disposal system by TDEC.** Increases, from four to five business days, the time after receipt of notice that a subsurface sewage disposal system requires repair that TDEC has to inspect the system before the person who notified the department may proceed with the repairs as though the department made its inspection and approved the repair. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
HB1137 - C. Boyd - 03/19/25 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee 03/26/25.

Wed 3/26/25 10:30am - House Hearing Rm III, House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR R. Williams (R); K. Capley (R); J. Chism (D); M. Cochran (R); J. Crawford (R); R. Gant (R); J. Gillespie (R); T. Hicks (R); G. Hicks (R); A. Parkinson (D); L. Reeves (R); J. Shaw (D); J. Zachary (R)

11. **HB127**  
Lamberth  
W. **TAXES BUSINESS: Authority for local governments to levy a surcharge on local privilege taxes to fund a transportation improvement program.** Extends the authority for local governments to levy a surcharge on local privilege taxes to fund a transportation improvement program to all cities instead of only Chattanooga, Clarksville, Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis, and to all counties instead of only Wilson, Washington, Blount, Sullivan, Sumner, Montgomery, Williamson, Rutherford, Hamilton, Knox, Davidson, and Shelby counties. Expands the use of such local surcharge revenue for highway and bridge projects, in addition to mass transit projects. Part of Administration Package. **Amendment Summary:** House Transportation Committee amendment 2 (005105) prevents local governments from levying surcharges on a business tax or a residential development tax that separately exceeds the rate of 20% of the current applicable rate of the business tax or residential development tax. Adds definition of a public transit system. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 22, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Due to multiple unknown variables, any impact on local government revenue or expenditures cannot be reasonably quantified. **Position:** Support  
SB1307 - J. Johnson - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate Transportation & Safety Committee 03/26/25.
13. **HB1330**  
Lamberth  
W. **STATE GOVERNMENT: Less is More Act of 2025.** Reorganizes various boards and agencies in Tennessee. Removes the board of court reporting from the list of entities that are set to terminate on June 30, 2025. Specifies participation by electronic or other means. Moves the regulatory power of the board of court reporting to the commissioner of commerce and insurance. Details responsibilities of the delegated powers. Allows an individual whose principal place of business is not in this state but who has a valid license in good standing as a certified public accountant from another state to be granted practice privileges in this state, if at the time the individual was licensed, the individual showed evidence of having successfully completed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination. (20 pp.). Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package. **Amendment Summary:** House Government Operations Committee amendment 1, Senate Government Operations Committee amendment 1 (004421) enacts the Less is More Act of 2025. Terminates the Board of Court Reporting and moves all rules and regulations of licensing provided to the board under the Tennessee Court Report Act of 2009 to the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI). Deletes the provision in statute that grandfathered in the license of a court reporter who was licensed before January 1, 2010. Changes the name of the Tennessee Board of Court Reporting Fund to the Tennessee Court Reporting Fund. Exempts facilities that are operated for the provision of the Employment and Community First CHOICES program and services for comprehensive behavioral support for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities, or severe behavioral or psychiatric conditions, or any successor program or service, or a home and community-based services waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, from licensing under the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and moves such licensing requirements under the Department of Disability and Aging. Effective January 1, 2026, authorizes an additional option as one of the requirements for a certificate as a public accountant to include 120 hours of college education with the total educational program including an accounting concentration or equivalent as determined by the State Board of Accountancy. Requires applicants to obtain one to two years of experience depending on the type of completed education before being granted a certificate. Reduces regulations related to certificate issuance and renewals for accountants certified in other states. Removes annual inspection requirements of barber shops, barber schools, or colleges under the Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners and requires the Board to establish rules regarding the frequency of inspections. Extends, from six months to two years, the period that an applicant has to apply for a real estate broker's license after passing the examination before being required to retake the examination in order to be eligible for a license. Authorizes a broker who has temporarily retired to submit proof of completion of a commission-approved course consisting of 30 hours of continuing education to reactivate their license. Prohibits a licensed brokers penalty fee of \$100 per month from exceeding 12 months. Authorizes a licensee in good standing with the Commission, whose license has been expired for more than two years, but has not been temporarily retired, to reactivate the license upon payment of the penalty fee accessed for all 12 months and completion of a commission-approved course consisting of 30 hours of continuing education. Deletes the Soil Scientist Licensure Act of 2009, removing all licensing regulation. Renames the Geologist and Soil Scientist Regulatory Fund to the Geologist Regulatory Fund. Authorize any board-run, commission-run, or commissioner-run program in the Division of Regulatory Boards of the DCI that issues a license, to enter into reciprocal agreements with appropriate officials in other jurisdictions to grant licenses to persons or entities licensed in the other jurisdictions who possess sufficient qualifications as established by the regulatory authority of this state to operate across state lines under mutually acceptable terms. Revises provisions governing participation in meetings by electronic means of communication. Deletes the provisions that authorizes a meeting of a governing body over electronic means only as necessary for purposes of a quorum, and authorizes a governing body to meet over electronic means at any point, so long as certain conditions are met and the governing body meets with a quorum physically present no less than once per calendar year. Makes various changes to the composition, appointment rules, and term lengths relative to members of a commission or board. Specifically makes variations of these changes to the following boards or commissions: the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Board of the Tennessee Education Lottery, Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST), Tennessee Motor Vehicle Commission, Board of Accountancy, Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners, Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Tennessee Real Estate Commission, Board of Dentistry, Board of Medical Examiners, Board of Optometry, Board of Dispensing Opticians, Board of Respiratory Care, Tennessee Athletic Commission, and the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 2, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Geologist and Soil Scientist Regulatory Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$6,500) EXPENDITURES Board of Court Reporting Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$4,000) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Passage of this legislation may result in both increases and decreases in state revenue to various boards, and a decrease in state expenditures for travel reimbursement across various governing bodies. However, due to multiple unknown variables, the extent and timing of any such impacts cannot be determined with reasonable certainty. SB 1316 - HB 1330 2 **Position:** WWS to Amend  
SB1316 - J. Johnson - 03/20/25 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/25/25.
16. **HB1009**  
Moody D. **TAXES PROPERTY: Property tax relief for veterans with disabilities.** Increases the amount of the reimbursement that is paid under the provisions for property tax relief for disabled veteran homeowners from the first \$175,000 of the full market value of the home to the first \$250,000 of the full market value. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated

February 21, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY26-27 & Subsequent Years >\$12,037,700 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The extent of any permissive impact on local government expenditures cannot be reasonably determined. **Position:** Support  
SB681 - D. White - 02/25/25 - Senate State & Local Government recommended. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

19. **HB1326**  
Lamberth  
W. **PROPERTY & HOUSING: Vested property rights upon development plan or permit submission.** Creates a vested property right upon the submission, rather than the approval, of a development plan or building permit. Specifies that the vesting period applicable when it is based on the submission of a building permit is three years. Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 1, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The timing and extent of any mandatory increase in local expenditures cannot be estimated with certainty. Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.  
SB1313 - J. Johnson - 03/18/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
29. **HB736**  
Vital G. **TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: TACIR study on sustainable funding sources that meet the state's transportation infrastructure needs.** Requires TACIR to study sustainable funding sources that meet this state's future transportation infrastructure needs and submit its recommendations to the chair of the committee in the house of representatives with jurisdiction over transportation matters, the chair of the transportation and safety committee of the senate, and the legislative librarian on or before January 15, 2026. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** House Transportation Committee amendment 1, Senate amendment 1 (004143) requires TACIR to look at ways to generate more revenue for infrastructure needs of the state. Requires report by Sept 30, 2026. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
SB703 - B. Massey - 03/17/25 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (004143).
36. **HB1306**  
Lamberth  
W. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Affordable and workforce housing facilities and development.** Clarifies definitions concerning housing facilities and developments with regard to industrial development corporations including affordable and workforce housing. Allows a municipality or county to make amendments to an economic impact plan while approving the plan. Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package. **Amendment Summary:** House State & Labor Government Committee 1 (005249) establishes that this act is repealed July 1, 2030. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 1, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Due to multiple unknown factors, any permissive impact to local government cannot be determined with reasonable certainty. **Position:** Support  
SB1271 - J. Johnson - 03/18/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee deferred to 04/01/2025.

Wed 3/26/25 12:00pm - House Hearing Rm I, House Judiciary Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR A. Farmer (R); VICE CHAIR E. Davis (R); R. Alexander (R); F. Atchley (R); G. Bulso (R); C. Doggett (R); R. Eldridge (R); J. Garrett (R); T. Harris (D); G. Johnson (D); K. Keisling (R); W. Lamberth (R); M. Littleton (R); J. Powell (D); D. Powers (R); L. Russell (R); G. Salinas (D); R. Scarbrough (R); T. Stinnett (R); C. Todd (R); J. Towns Jr. (D); R. Travis (R)

1. **HB1342**  
Lamberth  
W. **COMMERCIAL LAW: UCC financing statement filings.** Specifies that a filing office in receipt of a petition for review filed by a secured party contesting a public official's affidavit that a financing statement was filed without legal cause submit the UCC financing statement that is the subject of the petition and the notarized affidavit of the public official to the administrative procedures division of the office of the secretary of state, in addition to the existing requirement that the petition itself be submitted. Requires the prevailing party in the contested case hearing to provide the filing office with a copy of the administrative law judge's determination. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 18, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Monitor  
SB544 - J. Stevens - 03/10/25 - Senate passed.
22. **HB55**  
Lamberth  
W. **CRIMINAL LAW: Creation of a misdemeanor offense for providing a false name to law enforcement.** Creates a class C misdemeanor to an individual who refuses to properly identify themselves to a law enforcement officer if the officer has reasonable suspicion or has lawfully detained the individual. Adds littering or trespassing upon any real or personal property with the intent to unlawfully intimidate as an offense of intimidating others from exercising civil rights. **Amendment Summary:** House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (003418) creates a Class B misdemeanor offense to place a sign, signal, or marking over a highway or to affix or attach a sign, signal, or marking to a bridge, overpass, or tunnel without written authorization from the entity that maintains the highway, bridge, overpass, or tunnel. Expands the offense of civil rights intimidation to include littering or trespassing upon the real or personal property of another person with the intent to unlawfully intimidate another from exercising any right or privilege secured by the constitution or state law, or because that other exercised any right or privilege secured by the constitution or state law. Establishes that a violation of these offenses is a Class A misdemeanor. Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense if a person intentionally gives a false or fictitious name, to a law enforcement officer who has lawfully detained or arrested the person. Creates a Class B misdemeanor offense if a person intentionally approaches, within 25 feet, a law enforcement officer after the officer has ordered the person to stop approaching or to retreat and the officer is lawfully engaged in the execution of official duties. Creates a Class B misdemeanor offense if a person transports another in the cargo area of a box truck. Authorizes a law enforcement officer to make an arrest without a warrant when the officer has probable cause to believe a person has committed a misdemeanor, regardless of whether the offense was committed in the officer's presence. Authorizes a peace officer to make an arrest if the peace officer has probable cause to believe the person committed an offense, regardless of whether or not the offense was committed in the officer's presence. Requires an officer to provide the reasoning why a citation was not issued, relative to specific statutes regarding such, whenever an officer makes a physical arrest for a misdemeanor. Provides an officer who, on the basis of facts reasonably known or reasonably believed to exist, arrests a person for a misdemeanor in lieu of issuing a citation, with civil and criminal immunity from false arrest, false imprisonment or unlawful detention. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 10, 2025) LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years >\$3,900

Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost. HB 55 - SB 30 **Position:** Monitor  
SB30 - M. Pody - 03/20/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/24/25.

### Wed 3/26/25 12:00pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Health & Welfare Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR R. Crowe (R); VICE CHAIR F. Haile (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR B. Harshbarger (R); J. Hensley (R); E. Jackson (R); B. Massey (R); S. Reeves (R); B. Watson (R); J. Yarbrow (D)

37. **SB1381**  
Watson B. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Regulation of sober living homes for recovery from alcohol, drug, and substance abuse.** Authorizes a local government to adopt ordinances or resolutions to require a sober living home to be at least 1,000 feet from a K-12 school, preschool, or daycare facility; regulate the location or operation of sober living homes within its jurisdiction; require operators to obtain a clinical referral from a licensed healthcare provider before allowing an individual to reside in a sober living home, confirming that placement is a medical necessity based on the individual's recovery from alcohol, drug, or substance abuse. Defines "sober living home" as an alcohol-free and drug-free residence where unrelated adults who are recovering from alcohol, drug, or substance abuse choose to live together in a supportive environment during their recovery where no formal alcohol and drug services are provided. Defines "operator" as the lawful owner of a sober living home or a person or entity designated by such lawful owner to have primary responsibility for the daily operation of such sober living home. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** House Cities & Counties Subcommittee amendment 1 (005904) authorizes a local government, upon adoption of an ordinance or resolution, to: (1) require a sober living home to be located at a distance equal to or less than 1,000 feet from a kindergarten through grade twelve educational facility, preschool, or daycare be recognized and certified by any nationally recognized recovery residence standards organization, an affiliate of such an organization, or grantees of any state or federal department or agency, and which is included on a list of approved organizations maintained on the website of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS); (2) regulate the location or operation of a sober living home within the jurisdiction of the local government, including, but not limited to, ensuring compliance with applicable state and local zoning laws, and applicable health, safety, fire, and building codes; and (3) require that an operator, prior to authorizing an individual to reside in a sober living home, receive a recommendation or referral from a licensed healthcare provider or a recovery court that the individual reside in a sober living home. Requires that an ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to this act comply with the federal Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Specifies that any ordinance or resolution with respect to the aforementioned distance requirement does not apply to a sober living home in operation prior to the effective date of this act until such home ceases operation. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 15, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Based on multiple unknown factors, any permissive impact upon local government cannot be reasonably determined.  
HB783 - G. Martin - 03/21/25 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee 03/26/25.

### Wed 3/26/25 1:30pm - House Hearing Rm II, House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR T. Darby (R); M. Hale (R); C. Hemmer (D); K. Keisling (R); S. Lynn (R); P. Marsh (R); K. Vaughan (R); G. Vital (R)

4. **HB1132**  
Parkinson A. **COMMERCIAL LAW: Action regarding the consumer's authenticated request under the Tennessee Information Protection Act.** Changes, from 45 to 50 days from receipt of a request, the time that a controller has to inform a consumer of the controller's decision to decline to take action regarding the consumer's authenticated request under the Tennessee Information Protection Act. Broadly captioned. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
SB1339 - J. Yarbrow - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/25/25.

### Wed 3/26/25 1:30pm - House Hearing Rm III, House Civil Justice Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR L. Russell (R); E. Davis (R); A. Farmer (R); J. Garrett (R); G. Johnson (D); T. Stinnett (R); C. Todd (R); R. Travis (R)

8. **HB1127**  
Farmer A. **ESTATES & TRUSTS: Time prior to the date of sale of foreclosure notices - increase.** Increases, from 10 business days to 12 business days, the time prior to the date of sale of land to foreclose a deed of trust, mortgage, or other lien securing the payment of money or other thing of value that a substitute trustee has to send notice to the debtor, a co-debtor, and any other interested party, with the substitute trustee's name and address, if the name of the substitute trustee was not included in the first publication advertising the sale. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** Senate Commerce & Labor Committee amendment 1 (005265) requires, in any sale of land to foreclose a deed of trust, mortgage, or other lien securing the payment of money or other thing of value or under judicial orders or process, that advertisement of the sale be made at least one time, instead of at least three times, in a newspaper in the county where the sale is to be made, and through a third-party internet posting company for at least 20 continuous days. Specifies that if the sale is postponed or adjourned for less than five days after the original sale, announcement by internet posting is not required.



Removes the requirement that written notices of the public sale be posted in at least five of the most public places in the county, including one on the courthouse door and one in the neighborhood of the defendant, for cases in which the advertisement cannot be made in a newspaper. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 22, 2025) NOT SINGIFICANT  
 SB727 - A. Lowe - 03/18/25 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee recommended with amendment 1 (005265). Sent to Senate Judiciary Committee.

## Wed 3/26/25 1:30pm - House Hearing Rm I, House State & Local Government Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR J. Crawford (R); VICE CHAIR D. Wright (R); R. Bricken (R); J. Burkhart (R); E. Butler (R); M. Carringer (R); J. Chism (D); V. Dixie (D); R. Eldridge (R); D. Howell (R); T. Leatherwood (R); M. Littleton (R); G. Martin (R); J. McCalmon (R); L. Miller (D); B. Mitchell (D); J. Moon (R); J. Powell (D); D. Powers (R); T. Rudd (R); I. Rudder (R); G. Salinas (D); T. Warner (R)

14. **HB795**  
 Vaughan K. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Changes on a contractor or developer's application for development site plans or inspections.** Requires a local government to send back any requested changes on a contractor or developer's application for development site plans or inspections in a single deliverable document or set of documents, or to remit related fees back to the developer for subsequent change requests. Prohibits a local government from requiring a developer or contractor to fund, develop, or contribute to the development of nonessential infrastructure, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 15, 2025) LOCAL GOVERNMENTEXPENDITURES MandatoryFY25-26 & Subsequent Years >\$10,000,000Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost. OTHER FISCAL IMPACT There will be additional, mandatory increases in local expenditures and mandatory decreases in local revenue; however, such impacts cannot be estimated with reasonable certainty. SB731 - M. Pody - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/25/25.
16. **HB653**  
 Hicks T. **CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Makes various changes to campaign finance requirements.** Requires all political campaign committees registered with the registry of election finance to pay an annual registration fee of \$150 to the registry of election finance upon registration and by no later than January 31 of each successive year to partially offset the costs incurred by the registry of election finance in regulating political campaign committees. Clarifies that candidates for elective office are not required to pay a registration fee in order to encourage persons to run for elective office. Requires annual ethics training provided by the Tennessee Ethics Commission to be given to all department commissioners in the executive branch and all of the governor's cabinet level staff. Makes Tennessee Ethics Commission proceedings regarding a sworn complaint, including records relating to a preliminary investigation, public records and open to public inspection, with some exceptions. Distributes 80% of the privilege tax collected from lobbyists to the bureau of ethics and campaign finance. Makes other changes to the operation of the bureau of ethics and campaign finance and makes changes to campaign finance requirements. Broadly captioned. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 15, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT Bureau of Ethics and REVENUE General Fund Campaign Finance FY25-26 (\$209,300) \$261,800 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years (\$209,300) \$314,300 **Position:** Monitor SB229 - R. Briggs - 02/18/25 - Senate State & Local Government recommended. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.
19. **HB480**  
 Hicks G. **PROPERTY & HOUSING: Description of real property contained within a deed of conveyance of a property.** Requires a description of real property contained within a deed of conveyance of a property not previously described in a recorded instrument to be prepared by a registered land surveyor. Specifies that this requirement will not apply to any deed of conveyance prepared for or by a governmental department or agency. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT SB980 - S. Southerland - 03/17/25 - Senate passed.
20. **HB73**  
 Howell D. **STATE GOVERNMENT: Tennessee Historical Commission - authority to approve or recommend renovations to property.** Specifies the authority of the Tennessee Historical Commission to approve or recommend certain renovations or alterations of improved public or private real property that is or may be of historical, architectural, or cultural significance in this state or that is listed on the Tennessee register of historic places. Prohibits the Tennessee Historical Commission and certain other state entities from taking adverse action against certain real property owners, including the assessment of a penalty or fine. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** House Public Service Subcommittee amendment 1 (005976) prohibits the historical commission and any other state entity other than the state building commission engaged in the historic preservation of real property from regulate the renovation, alteration, or demolition of improved public or private real property that is not listed on the register of historic places, or take any adverse action against the owner of such real property. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 15, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT This legislation could jeopardize federal funds currently provided to the Tennessee Historical Commission under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. This may further impact grants awarded to local governments and non-profits for historic preservation projects. The timing and extent cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty. **Position:** Monitor SB7 - A. Lowe - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/25/25.
23. **HB930**  
 White M. **PROPERTY & HOUSING: Homebuyers revolving loan program.** Authorizes any county having made loans in excess of the amount of funds in the initial capitalization of the loan fund pool for the county to terminate its participations with notice to the Tennessee housing development agency (THDA). Allows the county to retain all funds used for initial capitalization or interesting earnings on repayments. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 14, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Any impact upon the Homebuyers Revolving Loan Fund Pool or local governments cannot be reasonably determined. SB857 - B. Taylor - 03/20/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/24/25.
31. **HJR2**  
 Darby T. **TAXES PROPERTY: Constitutional amendment - prohibits a state property tax.** Proposes additional language in Article II, Section 28 to prohibit the general assembly from levying, authorizing, or otherwise

permitting a state tax on property. **Position:** Support

- - 03/21/25 - H: Set for House State & Local Government Committee 03/26/25.

32. **HB52**  
Bulso G.

**TAXES PROPERTY: Veterans Assistance for Livelihood, Opportunity, and Relief (VALOR) Act.** Enacts the "Veterans Assistance for Livelihood, Opportunity, and Relief (VALOR) Act," which exempts disabled veterans who have 100 percent permanent and total disability from a service-connected cause from the payment of certain taxes and fees, including property taxes and the fees for a permanent sport combination hunting and fishing license. **Amendment Summary:** House Department & Agencies Subcommittee amendment 1 (004944) enacts the Veterans Assistance for Livelihood, Opportunity, and Relief (VALOR) Act. Requires the General Fund to pay or reimburse eligible disabled veterans and surviving spouses for up to \$250,000 of their property taxes on their primary residence. Becomes effective January 1, 2026. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 1, 2026) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Wildlife Resources Fund FY26-27 (\$57,400) FY27-28 & Subsequent Years (\$114,800) EXPENDITURES General Fund FY26-27 & Subsequent Years Exceeds \$32,798,500 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The extent of any permissive impact on local government expenditures due to the elimination of property taxes for eligible veterans cannot reasonably be estimated. **Position:** Support  
SB473 - J. Bowling - 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

38. **HB317**  
Rudd T.

**PROPERTY & HOUSING: Makes changes to the powers and duties of county and municipal boards of zoning appeals.** makes certain changes to the powers and duties of county and municipal boards of zoning appeals, including adding training and continuing education requirements regarding property rights and constitutional law. Requires building commissioners and other administrative officials who grant or deny building permits to inform, in writing, the person receiving the grant or denial of the person's right to appeal to the board of zoning appeals. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 21, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Monitor  
SB365 - R. Briggs - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/25/25.

54. **HB1278**  
Hill T.

**PUBLIC FINANCE: Establishes the Hurricane Helene disaster recovery fund.** Establishes the Hurricane Helene disaster recovery fund, from which the Tennessee emergency management agency shall provide county recovery grants and direct assistance recovery grants for certain counties and households impacted by flooding caused by Hurricane Helene. **Amendment Summary:** House Department & Agencies Subcommittee amendment 1 (005314) creates the Hurricane Helene County Relief Fund (CRF), administered by the Department of Finance and Administration (F&A), to provide grants to county governments for infrastructure repairs, remediation, and general recovery efforts. Allocates specific grant amounts to designated counties with application processes and auditing requirements to ensure accountability. Requires counties to maintain records of disbursements for oversight by the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT). Specifies the legislative intent includes a \$50,000,000 appropriation to the CRF in FY25-26. Creates the Hurricane Helene Rapid Response Fund, (RRF) administered by the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), to provide direct financial assistance to eligible individuals recovering from the hurricane. Authorizes TEMA to administer grants. Requires TEMA to develop a standardized online application portal and to establish rules for awarding grants, including eligibility criteria, allowable uses of funds, and procedures for expedited application review and approval. Mandates compliance with auditing and reporting requirements, including recordkeeping for COT to publish an aggregated fund distribution report. Specifies the legislative intent includes a \$50,000,000 appropriation to the RRF in FY25-26. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 12, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Hurricane Helene Disaster Recovery Fund FY25-26 \$200,000,000 EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 \$200,000,000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Permissive FY25-26 \$200,000,000 SB 646 HB 1278 **Position:** Monitor  
SB646 - R. Crowe - 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

56. **HB48**  
Hale M.

**TAXES PROPERTY: Property tax relief for disabled veterans.** Removes the market value cap used for calculating property tax relief on the primary residence for disabled veterans who are eligible for property tax relief and requires the state to fully reimburse such veterans for local property taxes paid for a given tax year on that property. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 15, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY26-27 & Subsequent Years >\$32,798,500 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The extent of any decrease to local government expenditures cannot be reasonably determined. **Position:** Support  
SB368 - R. Briggs - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/25/25.

60. **HB980**  
Stinnett T.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Tourism development authority petition for deannexation of property.** Allows a tourism development authority owning a tract of real property to petition the municipality to deannex such property if the deannexation of the property does not create an area of unincorporated territory that is completely surrounded by municipal boundaries. Requires the petition to include a map of the plat seeking deannexation. Establishes that a municipality's jurisdiction over a territory ends on the effective date of its exclusion from the corporate limits through the petition process described in this section, except for any debt incurred after annexation and before jurisdiction is surrendered. **Amendment Summary:** Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee amendment 1, House Cities & Counties Subcommittee amendment 1 (004619) allows a tourism development authority, owning a tract of real property, of which all or any portion thereof is contained within the incorporated territory of a municipality, may petition the municipality to deannex such property if the deannexation of the property does not create an area of unincorporated territory that is completely surrounded by municipal boundaries. Requires the petition to have a map and debt owed. Requires the deannexation of the property becomes operative sixty days after receipt of the petition by the municipality or upon approval by the county legislative body by a majority vote, whichever is later. Specifies that all municipal jurisdiction ceases over the territory excluded from the municipality's corporate limits on the operative date of the contraction accomplished through the petition. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 8, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The extent and timing of any mandatory decrease in local revenue due to the condensed period for which a municipality may continue to levy and collect taxes after a territory is deannexed cannot be reasonably quantified. Additionally, there will be a shift in service responsibility and corresponding revenue, from municipalities to counties; however, the exact amount of any such shift cannot be determined.  
SB965 - T. Hatcher - 03/12/25 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended with amendment 1 (004619). Sent to Senate Finance.

71. **HB1380**  
Harris T.

**TAXES PROPERTY: Property tax relief for elderly persons.** Exempts taxpayers who are 85 or older and who have received property tax relief for at least five consecutive years from annual income reporting requirements for continued participation. **Amendment Summary:** House Cities & Counties Subcommittee amendment 1 (005548) establishes that any taxpayer, being 85 years of age or older and having received property tax relief

for at least five consecutive years is not required to submit a complete application or report income for continued participation in a property tax relief program; provided, such taxpayer's income may not exceed the annually adjusted income threshold, and the taxpayer must meet all other non-income-related criteria for eligibility. Requires the State Board of Equalization, Division of Property Assessments, in consultation with the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT) and county property assessors, to develop a simplified reapplication process for such taxpayers that may be completed online or via mail. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 22, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Support

SB1326 - S. Kyle - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/25/25.

74. **HB783**  
Martin G.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Regulation of sober living homes for recovery from alcohol, drug, and substance abuse.** Authorizes a local government to adopt ordinances or resolutions to require a sober living home to be at least 1,000 feet from a K-12 school, preschool, or daycare facility; regulate the location or operation of sober living homes within its jurisdiction; require operators to obtain a clinical referral from a licensed healthcare provider before allowing an individual to reside in a sober living home, confirming that placement is a medical necessity based on the individual's recovery from alcohol, drug, or substance abuse. Defines "sober living home" as an alcohol-free and drug-free residence where unrelated adults who are recovering from alcohol, drug, or substance abuse choose to live together in a supportive environment during their recovery where no formal alcohol and drug services are provided. Defines "operator" as the lawful owner of a sober living home or a person or entity designated by such lawful owner to have primary responsibility for the daily operation of such sober living home. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** House Cities & Counties Subcommittee amendment 1 (005904) authorizes a local government, upon adoption of an ordinance or resolution, to: (1) require a sober living home to be located at a distance equal to or less than 1,000 feet from a kindergarten through grade twelve educational facility, preschool, or daycare be recognized and certified by any nationally recognized recovery residence standards organization, an affiliate of such an organization, or grantees of any state or federal department or agency, and which is included on a list of approved organizations maintained on the website of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS); (2) regulate the location or operation of a sober living home within the jurisdiction of the local government, including, but not limited to, ensuring compliance with applicable state and local zoning laws, and applicable health, safety, fire, and building codes; and (3) require that an operator, prior to authorizing an individual to reside in a sober living home, receive a recommendation or referral from a licensed healthcare provider or a recovery court that the individual reside in a sober living home. Requires that an ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to this act comply with the federal Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Specifies that any ordinance or resolution with respect to the aforementioned distance requirement does not apply to a sober living home in operation prior to the effective date of this act until such home ceases operation. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 15, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Based on multiple unknown factors, any permissive impact upon local government cannot be reasonably determined.

SB1381 - B. Watson - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/26/25.

76. **HB405**  
Leatherwood  
T.

**TAXES BUSINESS: Remittance of hotel tax - transient occupancy.** Requires a hotel operator to remit the hotel tax to the municipality rather than issuing a credit or refund to a person who has maintained occupancy for 30 continuous days. Requires the hotel operator to cease collecting the tax from the person for the remainder of their stay in the operator's hotel. **Amendment Summary:** House Cities & Counties Subcommittee amendment 1, Senate amendment 1 (004762) changes the effective date to July 1, 2025. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Monitor

SB384 - B. Taylor - 03/17/25 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (004762).

91. **HB735**  
Wright D.

**PROPERTY & HOUSING: Vesting period for property development standards.** Specifies that the vesting period established for a construction project or development plan does not expire because of pending litigation challenging a permit. Specifies that the vesting period is tolled while such litigation is pending. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

SB773 - R. Briggs - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/25/25.

96. **HB436**  
Crawford J.

**TAXES PROPERTY: Property tax relief for eligible disabled veterans.** Revises the formula for calculating tax relief on real property owned by eligible disabled veterans so that in determining the amount of relief to such a taxpayer, the assessed value on the first \$175,000 of full market value is to be multiplied by the ad valorem tax rate of the jurisdiction instead of by a rate that has been adjusted to reflect the relationship between appraised value and market value in that jurisdiction. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 15, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY26-27 & Subsequent Years >\$5,999,500 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The extent of any permissive impact on local government expenditures cannot be reasonably determined. **Position:** Support

SB651 - R. Crowe - 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

97. **HB733**  
Crawford J.

**TAXES PROPERTY: Property tax appeals - valuation of industrial and commercial real and tangible personal property.** Removes the condition that a taxpayer or owner must obtain consent of the assessor of property before appealing the valuation of industrial and commercial real and tangible personal property directly to the state board of equalization. Makes other related changes. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE State Board of Equalization FY25-26 & Subsequent Years >\$3,000 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT A precise impact to local government revenue and expenditures cannot be reasonably determined.

SB771 - R. Briggs - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/25/25.

98. **HB842**  
Crawford J.

**TAXES PROPERTY: Revenues collected from recordation taxes.** Requires half the revenue collected from recordation taxes be returned to the county in which the real property is located on a recurring basis. Applies to transfers of real property on or after July 1, 2025. **Amendment Summary:** Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, House Cities & Counties Subcommittee amendment 1 (004869) allows the wetland acquisition fund to be expended for law enforcement personnel salaries, benefits, and other expenses necessary to carry out their duties as prescribed. Authorizes the commissioner of finance and administration, with the written approval of the executive director of the wildlife resources agency to transfer funds from the 1986 wetland acquisition fund to the heritage conservation trust fund. Prohibits "other available sources" from including any funds transferred to the heritage conservation trust fund from the 1986 wetland acquisition fund. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 26, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE General Fund FY25-26 &

Wed 3/26/25 3:00pm - House Hearing Rm III, House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR R. Grills (R); R. Alexander (R); M. Fritts (R); J. Jones (D); G. Martin (R); J. Shaw (D); T. Stinnett (R); C. Todd (R); G. Vital (R)

8. **HB543** **LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Operation of a sewerage system outside the boundaries of a city or town.** Prohibits Vaughan K. a municipal sewer system or utility district that has operated a sewerage system outside of the corporate boundaries of the city or town for 25 years or more from ceasing operation of the sewerage system outside the corporate boundaries so long as the sewerage system maintains sufficient capacity, as determined by a study conducted by TACIR. Broadly captioned. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 6, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 >\$1,000,000 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Due to multiple unknown variables, any mandatory increases in local revenue or expenditures cannot be determined with reasonable certainty, but are considered significant. Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.  
SB1138 - B. Taylor - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/26/25.
9. **HB541** **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Classification of property as a wetland.** Prohibits the department of environment Vaughan K. and conservation from applying criteria that will result in the classification of real property as a wetland, or otherwise regulating real property as a wetland, unless the property is classified as a wetland under federal law. **Amendment Summary:** Senate Energy Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee amendment 1 (006090) Requires anyone seeking to develop real property to request from the commissioner a determination on whether there are wetlands present, their extent, and their category by submitting a wetland resource inventory report that is prepared by a third party. Includes adjustments to the minimum acreage requirement. Allows for adjustments to an artificial isolated wetland of any size. Defines multiple terms as they are used in this bill. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 14, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Support  
SB670 - B. Taylor - 03/19/25 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended with amendment 1 (006090). Sent to Senate Finance.
10. **HB612** **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Disqualifying an applicant for an aquatic resource alteration permit** Vaughan K. **(ARAP).** Expands from wetlands to all areas that an aquatic resource alteration permit may apply to the areas for which the department of environment and conservation is required to exempt from compensatory mitigation an amount of area equal in size to the area for which mitigation would not be required if the permit applicant qualified for coverage under a general permit, if the only factor that disqualifies an applicant for an aquatic resource alteration permit from having the activities for which a permit is sought covered under a general permit is the size of the area that the permit will apply to. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 13, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Position:** Support  
SB664 - B. Taylor - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/26/25.
11. **HB1137** **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Inspection of subsurface sewage disposal system by TDEC.** Increases, from Boyd C. four to five business days, the time after receipt of notice that a subsurface sewage disposal system requires repair that TDEC has to inspect the system before the person who notified the department may proceed with the repairs as though the department made its inspection and approved the repair. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
SB883 - S. Reeves - 03/19/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/26/25.
15. **HB1072** **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Classification of property as a wetland.** Prohibits the department of environment Warner T. and conservation from applying criteria that will result in the classification of real property as a wetland if the property is prior converted cropland that is exempt from classification as a wetland under federal law. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 12, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
SB825 - J. Hensley - 03/19/25 - Taken off notice in Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.
20. **HB1325** **AGRICULTURE: Farmland and forestland preservation fund.** Requires the department of agriculture to develop Lamberth W. a grant program within the farmland preservation fund for farmland and forestland owners to enroll their land in a permanent conservation easement held by a qualified easement holder under certain conditions. Provides that governmental entities are not eligible to participate in a grant program. Part of Administration Package. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 16, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Farmland Preservation Fund FY25-26 \$25,000,000 EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 \$25,000,000 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The timing and amount of expenditures from the Farmland Preservation Fund for agricultural easements cannot reasonably be estimated. The Governor's proposed FY25-26 budget, on page B-354, recognizes a one-time appropriation of \$25,000,000 to fund the Farmland Preservation Fund within the Department of Agriculture. **Position:** Monitor  
SB207 - J. Johnson - 03/13/25 - Senate passed.

Wed 3/26/25 3:00pm - Special Calendar - House Hearing Rm III, House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR R. Grills (R); R. Alexander (R); M. Fritts (R); J. Jones (D); G. Martin (R); J. Shaw (D); T. Stinnett (R); C. Todd (R); G. Vital (R)

1. **HB24** **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Increases penalties for various wildlife violations.** Increases the penalty from Hemmer C. a Class C misdemeanor to a Class B misdemeanor for removing a wild animal, wild fowl, or fish while

trespassing on land. Increases various fines for other wildlife violations that are currently under \$500 to not more than \$500. Broadly captioned. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 8, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Wildlife Resources Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years NET \$312,900 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years NET \$382,400 EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$36,000 Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost. **Position:** Monitor  
SB14 - P. Walley - 02/26/25 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.