



Legislative Perspective: Looking Ahead to 2023

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2022 Priority Legislation Re-cap

- The State Budget – \$31 million in funding for Ocean Outfalls
- County Roads Fee
- Funding allocated from ARPA
- Support from Horry Delegation & State Leadership

Priority Issues

The State Budget

Horry County Legislators had a hand in securing funding for items for Myrtle Beach and the tourism industry.

- \$30 million to the City of Myrtle Beach for Ocean Outfalls, \$10 million to N. Myrtle
- \$10 million to Horry-Georgetown Tech for Grand Strand campus renovations
- \$5 million to Socastee Park
- \$15 million to Destination Specific Marketing
- \$4 million to tourism advertising
- \$12.5 million to the Local Government Fund base amount
- \$750,000 for PTSD treatment services for law enforcement and first responders
- \$3.5 million Firefighter Cancer Fund
- Proviso to increase employer State Health Plan premiums to 18.1% in January 2023
- Proviso to remove compensation cap for police officers and SC state employees after a 12-month service break

ARPA Funding

American Rescue Plan Act Funding

- \$454 million to SC Department Of Transportation
- \$400 million to the Office of Regulatory Staff:
 - 188 applications received in most recent grant application cycle, over \$5million in grant requests
- \$100 million to the SC Office of Resilience
 - Still accepting applications through October 31st
- \$8 million to the SC Department of Administration
- \$104 million to the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
- \$900 million to the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority for local infrastructure improvement grants:
 - Deadline for applications has closed
 - 309 applications, \$2billion in grant requests,

Upcoming Legislative Calendar

October – January – BEA will announce revenue estimates

December – Pre-Filing of House and Senate bills

December – House Reorganization

January 10th – Session Begins

April 10th – Crossover

May 12th – Sine Die

Changes in the House of Representatives



Speaker of the House
Murrell Smith
R, Sumter



Majority Leader
David "Davey" Hiott
R, Pickens



Speaker Pro Tempore
Tommy Pope
R, York



Assistant Majority Leader
Jay West
R, Anderson & Abbeville

- 5 open seats on Ways and Means Committee including a new Chairman
- New Education & Public Works Committee Chair

Other Issues of Interest

Squat Truck Legislation (S908) – passed the Senate but died in conference committee due to legislation that was added during the floor debate that took place at the end of session

SC Hands Free (S248) – passed the Senate and is currently assigned to the House Judiciary Committee where it joins companion bills H.3360 and H3677

Water Services Fee (H3195) – Referred to LCI, no hearing in committee

Short-term Rentals (H4547) – Judiciary Committee (no hearing)

Local Vaping Pre-emption (H3681/S498) - passed the House and received a favorable report from Senate Medical Affairs but was held on the Senate calendar

Golf Cart Operation (S296/H3098) – Senate bill passed the Senate (43-1), referred to the Education and Public Works Committee in the House

Accommodations Tax Flexibility

School Start Date

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