



2013 Legislative Scorecard &

YEAR IN
REVIEW



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While some may call the 2013 legislative year lackluster, the business community can claim a successful year as businesses came together to secure numerous victories for infrastructure funding, workforce development and economic development.

NO. 1 BUSINESS COMMUNITY PRIORITY RECEIVES SIGNIFICANT FUNDING

Infrastructure funding took a front seat throughout the legislative session, with a united business community driving the debate. In January, the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and 14 allied organizations released the *Road Map to the Future*, a detailed plan for the General Assembly to begin addressing the state's infrastructure funding needs through three major improvement areas: interstate expansion (\$2.8 billion), bridges (\$2 billion) and resurfacing (\$1.2 billion). The plan included a statewide approach and did not raise a single tax or fee. In April, more than 100 businesses reiterated the importance in a letter to the General Assembly urging significant highway funding investment this year.

The House and Senate each passed infrastructure funding in their respective budgets. Once the conference committee met to work out the differences, the final proposal invested nearly \$600 million in roads and bridges. This includes \$50 million in recurring funds allocated to the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) to be bonded for \$500 million. The package also includes moving half of the sales tax on automobiles to the Highway Fund on a recurring basis, generating about \$41 million annually. Additionally, \$50 million in one time funds will be used for bridge repairs. Based on a study by the Associated General Contractors of America, over 16,000 jobs will be created and major economic thoroughfares will be fixed.

Of the final package, South Carolina Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler, said, "We had two goals with infrastructure reform this year – provide dedicated streams of revenue for our roads, and make sure our state was spending on 'first things first,' fixing the infrastructure we already have. This plan makes clear to South Carolinians that we're serious about getting our roads in better shape."

"I'm extremely pleased. I think it's a major step in the right direction," said

South Carolina Senate Minority Leader Nikki Setzler. "Our roads are in such terrible shape, and we are so far behind. This won't come anywhere close to solving the problem, but it will certainly make a dent in the problem."

Governor Nikki Haley signed H.3360, the highway funding vehicle, at the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. Governor Haley was joined by Transportation Secretary Robert St. Onge and business community leaders.

"We thank Governor Haley and the General Assembly for their leadership on investing in our roads. This is a great first step, and the South Carolina Chamber will continue to advocate for a comprehensive road funding plan that will spur job creation and put South Carolina at the forefront of economic development," said Otis Rawl, president and CEO of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

This is the first significant funding increase for roads and bridges since 1987, when there were one million fewer residents living in the state.

BUSINESSES WILL SAVE \$650 MILLION

The Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) Integrity bill, which was signed into law this year, will save South Carolina employers nearly \$650 million annually. The bill enforces several federal mandates including penalties for employers who fail to adequately respond to DEW's request for information on unemployment insurance claims where there is a dispute on benefit payments. Had the legislation not passed before October 2013, every South Carolina employer would have lost the entire FUTA credit, resulting in a \$420 per employee tax increase.

In related news, the Senate confirmed Governor Nikki Haley's nomination of Cheryl Stanton to lead DEW. Stanton is a former partner with the Ogletree Deakins law firm and helped lead the South Carolina Chamber's lawsuit against the overreach of the National Labor Relations Board in federal district court. The Chamber supported her nomination to lead DEW and believes she will bring leadership and balance to rebuild the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and, more importantly, begin matching unemployed workers with available jobs.

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SENATE SCORECARD

VOTE KEY:

- ✓ Business Positive Vote
- ✗ Business Negative Vote
- NV Not Voting
- A Abstain
- ★ Denotes Recipient of Business Advocate Award

Taxpayer Fairness Act (S.15) –

By a vote of 40-1, the Senate passed S.15, legislation that directs the S.C. Department of Revenue to resolve ambiguities in the tax code on behalf of the taxpayer. (Roll Call vote # 37, February 19, 2013)

Restructuring Act of 2013 (S.22) – The Senate passed S.22, legislation moving executive powers to a newly created Department of Administration and increasing legislative oversight and accountability, by a vote of 35-10. (Roll Call vote # 43, February 20, 2013)

Appointment of Superintendent of Education (S.53) – S.53 is legislation proposing a constitutional amendment to make the state Superintendent of Education an appointed position by the governor. By a vote of 27-16, the Senate failed to obtain the necessary 2/3 majority vote for a constitutional amendment, meaning the legislation did not pass. (Roll Call vote # 96, March 13, 2013)

Tax Conformity (S.261) – By a vote of 36-0, the Senate unanimously passed S.261, legislation updating the state tax code to mirror the Internal Revenue Code but without the sections increasing taxes on higher incomes. (Roll Call vote # 101, March 19, 2013)

Fairness in Government Contracts (S.438) – The Senate passed legislation to strengthen open and fair competition for state and local government construction projects by a vote of 39-0. (Roll Call vote # 146, April 9, 2013)

Economic Development Incentives (S.578) – By a vote of 37-6, the Senate passed legislation that allows for the issuance of general obligation bonds for economic development projects meeting certain investment and job creation requirements. (Roll Call vote # 156, April 10, 2013)

Infrastructure Funding Budget Amendment (H.3710) – By a vote of 22-21, the Senate tabled an amendment that would have dedicated 10 percent of new recurring revenue each fiscal year to infrastructure, a component of the business community's *Road Map to the Future*. (Roll Call vote # 271, May 14, 2013)

Department of Employment and Workforce Integrity Bill (H.3751) – Legislation passed the Senate by a vote of 38-0 that enforces several federal mandates including penalties for employers who fail to adequately respond to DEW's request for information on unemployment insurance claims where there is a dispute on benefit payments. (Roll Call vote # 276, May 15, 2013)

Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act (H.3093) – H.3093, legislation that provides tax credits for the revitalization of abandoned buildings, passed the Senate by a vote of 43-0. (Roll Call vote # 500, June 4, 2013)

High Growth Small Business Access to Capital Act (H.3505) – By a vote of 38-4, the Senate passed legislation to provide tax credits for investment in high-growth, start-up companies. (Roll Call vote # 502, June 4, 2013)

Port Tax Credits (H.3557) – By a vote of 43-0, the Senate unanimously passed legislation expanding port tax credits to include third party logistics providers and removing the cap on the employee withholding tax. (Roll Call vote # 504, June 4, 2013)

SENATOR	S.15	S.22	S.53	S.261	S.438	S.578	H.3710 (Table Road Funding Amendment)	H.3751	H.3093	H.3505	H.3557	S.387	H.3360	H.3710 (Conference Report)	Veto 6 (H.3711)	Score
THOMAS ALEXANDER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93
KARL ALLEN	✓	✓	✗	NV	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86
SEAN BENNETT ★	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
LEE BRIGHT	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	53
KEVIN BRYANT	✓	✗	✓	✓	NV	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	64
PAUL CAMPBELL	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93
CHIP CAMPS ★	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
RAY CLEARY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93
CREIGHTON COLEMAN	✓	✓	✗	NV	✓	✗	NV	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	82
TOM CORBIN	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	73
JOHN COURSON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93
RONNIE CROMER	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92
TOM DAVIS	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	73
MIKE FAIR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	92
*ROBERT FORD	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	NV	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
GREG GREGORY ★	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
LARRY GROOMS	✓	✗	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	86
WES HAYES	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	92
GREG HEMBREE ★	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
BRAD HUTTO ★	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	100
DARRELL JACKSON	NV	✓	✗	NV	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	82
KEVIN JOHNSON	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	87
HUGH LEATHERMAN	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	87
JOEL LOURIE	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✗	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92
GERALD MALLOY	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	80
LARRY MARTIN	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	87
SHANE MARTIN	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	67
SHANE MASSEY ★	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	100
JOHN MATTHEWS	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92
THOMAS MCELVEEN ★	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
YANCEY MCGILL	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	87
FLOYD NICHOLSON	✓	✓	✗	✓	NV	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92
BILLY O'DELL	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92
HARVEY PEELER ★	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
CLEMENTA PINCKNEY	✓	✓	✗	✓	NV	✓	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	88
LUKE RANKIN	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	91
GLENN REESE	NV	✓	✗	NV	NV	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
JOHN SCOTT	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	NV	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86
NIKKI SETZLER	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	87
KATRINA SHEALY	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93
VINCENT SHEHEEN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	93
PAUL THURMOND	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	73
ROSS TURNER	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93
DANNY VERDIN	NV	✓	✓	✓	NV	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92
KENT WILLIAMS	✓	✓	✗	NV	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86
TOM YOUNG	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93

*Resigned May 31, 2013

Job Retraining Tax Credits (S.387) – By a vote of 41-2, the Senate passed legislation streamlining the process for businesses to obtain job retraining tax credits and utility tax credits. (Roll Call vote # 506, June 4, 2013)

Infrastructure Funding Package (H.3360) – By a vote of 35-5, the Senate adopted the conference report on legislation that provides funding for infrastructure, the first significant increase in funding for roads and bridges since 1987. (Roll Call vote # 572, June 18, 2013)

FY 2013-14 Budget (H.3710) – The Senate adopted the conference report for the 2013-2014 state budget by a vote of 39-5. (Roll Call vote # 579, June 19, 2013)

MSSC Override (Veto 6 in H.3711) – The Senate overrode the governor's veto of funding for the statewide implementation of the Manufacturing Skills Standard Council (MSSC) certification by at vote of 38-5. (Roll Call vote # 657, June 27, 2013)

HOUSE SCORECARD

VOTE KEY:

- ✓ Business Positive Vote
- X Business Negative Vote
- NV Not Voting
- ★ Denotes Recipient of Business Advocate Award

REPRESENTATIVE	H.3290	H.3412	H.3710 (Table DEW Amendment)	S.261	S.578	H.3093	H.3410	H.3557	H.3941	S.22	S.438	H.3165	H.3592	H.3751	H.3827	H.3505	H.3360	H.3710 (Conference Report)	Veto 32 (H.3710)	Veto 6 (H.3711)	Score
TERRY ALEXANDER	NV	✓	NV	NV	✓	NV	NV	NV	✓	NV	✓	NV	X	NV	NV	NV	NV	X	X	✓	63
RITA ALLISON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	NV	95
CARL ANDERSON	NV	NV	X	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	65
MIKE ANTHONY	✓	✓	X	✓	NV	NV	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	X	✓	80
TODD ATWATER	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	NV	NV	✓	✓	94
JIMMY BALES	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	NV	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	71
NATHAN BALLENTINE ★	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
BRUCE BANNISTER ★	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
LISTON BARFIELD	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	90
ERIC BEDINGFIELD	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	NV	NV	88
BETH BERNSTEIN	✓	NV	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	74
KENNY BINGHAM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	95
DON BOWEN	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	NV	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	NV	✓	NV	✓	X	✓	85
BILL BOWERS	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	X	NV	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	65
LESTER BRANHAM	✓	NV	X	NV	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	NV	X	X	✓	63
DOUG BRANNON	✓	NV	X	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV	✓	X	X	NV	✓	80
GRADY BROWN	X	NV	X	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	X	NV	X	NV	NV	X	X	NV	50
ROBERT BROWN	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	67
*MIKE BURNS ★	*	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
BILL CHUMLEY	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	NV	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	X	✓	87
ALAN CLEMMONS	✓	✓	X	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	94
BILL CLYBURN	✓	✓	X	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV	X	✓	NV	✓	✓	X	X	✓	75
GILDA COBB-HUNTER	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	NV	X	NV	X	NV	✓	NV	X	✓	56
DERHAM COLE ★	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
HEATHER CRAWFORD	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	90
KRIS CRAWFORD	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	X	✓	92
BILL CROSBY ★	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	100
JOSEPH DANING	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	NV	94
GREG DELLENEY	✓	NV	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	89
CHANDRA DILLARD	X	✓	X	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	NV	X	X	X	X	NV	✓	X	X	✓	47
MARYGAIL DOUGLAS	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	NV	X	NV	61
TRACY EDGE	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	88
SHANNON ERICKSON	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	94
RAYE FELDER	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	X	NV	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	82
KIRKMAN FINLAY ★	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
MIKE FORRESTER ★	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
LAURIE FUNDERBURK	✓	NV	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	72
CRAIG GAGNON	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	80
MIKE GAMBRELL	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	94
WAYNE GEORGE	X	NV	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	76
WENDELL GILLIARD	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	X	NV	X	NV	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	44
STEPHEN GOLDFINCH	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	95
JERRY GOVAN	X	NV	X	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	NV	NV	✓	X	X	✓	63
DAN HAMILTON	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	X	✓	✓	✓	92
KEVIN HARDEE ★	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
NELSON HARDWICK	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	90
ROBERT HARRELL ★	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
CHRIS HART	NV	X	NV	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	NV	NV	NV	X	X	✓	54
JACKIE HAYES	✓	NV	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	84
PHYLLIS HENDERSON ★	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
BILL HERBKERSMAN	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV	✓	NV	NV	NV	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	92
DAVID HIOTT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	X	✓	✓	94
BILL HIXON	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	95
KENNETH HODGES	✓	NV	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	71
JENNY HORNE	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	X	✓	94
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LEON HOWARD	X	NV	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	NV	✓	✓	X	✓	56
CHIP HUGGINS	✓	✓	X	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	95
JOSEPH JEFFERSON	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	53
RALPH KENNEDY	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	NV	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	94
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DAVID MACK	X	NV	X	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	X	✓	X	X	NV	X	NV	✓	X	X	✓	47
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JOE MCEACHERN	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	55
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VOTE KEY:

- ✓ Business Positive Vote
- ✗ Business Negative Vote
- NV Not Voting
- ★ Denotes Recipient of Business Advocate Award

REPRESENTATIVE	H.3290	H.3412	H.3710 (Table DEW Amendment)	S.261	S.578	H.3093	H.3410	H.3557	H.3941	S.22	S.438	H.3165	H.3592	H.3751	H.3827	H.3505	H.3360	H.3710 (Conference Report)	Veto 32 (H.3710)	Veto 6 (H.3711)	Score
WALT MCLEOD	✗	NV	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	68
JAMES MERRILL	✓	NV	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	88
HAROLD MITCHELL	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	NV	✗	✗	✗	✗	NV	✓	✗	✗	✓	50
DENNIS MOSS ★	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
STEVE MOSS	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	90
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MICHAEL PITTS	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	95
TOMMY POPE	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	85
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MARK WILLIS ★	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
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* Mike Burns was sworn into office on March 19, 2013.

** Harry Ott resigned June 30, 2013 to accept a presidential appointment.

Business Freedom to Choose Act (H.3290) – By a vote of 89-28, the House passed H.3290, legislation prohibiting local governments from enacting flow control ordinances on solid waste disposal. (Roll Call vote # 52, January 30, 2013)

Transfer of Car Sales Tax Revenues to Department of Transportation (H.3412) – H.3412 moves half of the sales tax on automobiles to the Highway Fund on a recurring basis, generating about \$41 million annually. The bill was given a second reading in the House by a vote of 92-5. (Roll Call vote # 110, February 28, 2013)

Table Department of Employment and Workforce Budget Amendment (H.3710) – Budget amendment 76 would have decreased DEW's efficiency with its limited budget. The House refused to table this amendment by a vote of 42-66, thus limiting DEW's control over its budget. (Roll Call vote # 320, March 12, 2013)

Tax Conformity (S.261) – By a vote of 100-0, the House unanimously passed S.261, legislation updating the state tax code to mirror the Internal Revenue Code but without the sections increasing taxes on higher incomes. (Roll Call vote # 396, March 21, 2013)

Economic Development Incentives (S.578) – By a vote of 115-2, the House passed legislation that allows for the issuance of general obligation bonds for economic development projects meeting certain investment and job creation requirements. (Roll Call vote # 427, April 17, 2013)

Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act (H.3093) – H.3093, legislation that provides tax credits for the revitalization of abandoned buildings, passed the House by a vote of 111-2. (Roll Call vote # 472, April 24, 2013)

PREPARING OUR WORKFORCE

The General Assembly allocated an additional \$26 million for the expansion of 4 year-old kindergarten into an additional 17 high-poverty school districts, on top of the 37 school districts currently operating programs. Public schools will be allocated 65 percent of the funds, and private providers will receive 35 percent. The South Carolina Chamber has been a lead advocate for many years to expand 4-K education.

In response to deep concerns about the availability of skilled workers to fill manufacturing jobs, the South Carolina Chamber's Manufacturers Steering Committee, in conjunction with the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance and South Carolina Economic Developers' Association supported a Manufacturing Skills Standard Council (MSSC) certificate program as the best common certification for beginning-level employees. The MSSC program was funded at \$3.775 million and each of the 16 technical colleges will help administer the program.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Governor Nikki Haley signed a key priority of the business community, the High Growth Small Business Job Creation Act, known as "angel investments." The South Carolina Chamber has included the legislation in the *Competitiveness Agenda* for several years because it is a mechanism for private investors to help start-up companies flourish. The final legislation includes a \$5 million cap in tax credits and will sunset in six years. In addition to the South Carolina Chamber, the bill was also supported by the Upstate Chambers Coalition, the Charleston Metro Chamber, SCBIO and the Upstate Carolina Angel Network. The legislation has spurred economic opportunities in the more than 30 states that have already enacted angel investment credits.

Spurring further economic development, the port tax credit was amended in two meaningful ways. First, the credit recognizes a growing trend to enable third party logistics providers (3PLs) to gain access to the credit as an incentive to drive volumes through the South Carolina State Ports Authority (SCSPA). Many businesses are now using 3PLs in their business models. The credit also removes the \$4 million cap on the employee withholdings tax, making the port tax credit much more attractive and enabling the SCSPA to better compete with other ports along the East Coast.

BUSINESS ITEMS LEFT ON THE TABLE

While both the House and Senate passed versions of a Department of Administration bill, S.22 currently remains stuck in conference committee. The bill is designed to expand executive control over day-to-day operations of state government. The major difference between the House and Senate versions includes which branch of government will handle state procurement. The Senate version creates a quasi Budget and Control Board, while the House version places that function under the executive branch.

For the second consecutive year, the House passed the Business Freedom to Choose Act, also known as flow control. The legislation prohibits

local governments from enacting flow control ordinances and creating government-run monopolies for waste disposal. Currently, there are counties that are limiting private businesses' ability to shop for the best pricing options for their business. Despite intense negotiations between the business community and local governments, the Senate failed to adopt numerous compromises offered on behalf of the business community.

Additionally, the business community has tried to work with local governments on the dire need to reform the business license fee process, including standardization across municipalities, reduction in complexities and implementation of a more fair appeals process. Thus far, municipalities have been unwilling to offer any such reforms and opposed H.3604, legislation that would have exempted out of state and international manufacturing sales from the business license fee calculation. The Chamber will continue to work with business partners and individual municipalities to find common ground on this key economic development issue.

After the environmental community failed to follow the 2012 compromise on the Pollution Control Act, House Agricultural and Natural Resources Chairman Nelson Hardwick introduced legislation to clarify that no private right of action exists under the Pollution Control Act and that entities cannot sue businesses over permits that are unobtainable. This legislation was approved in committee but was never considered by the full House.

Furthermore, legislation to eliminate the Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) Board from the permit appeals process passed the House late in the session. The bill is intended to streamline the permitting process, eliminating up to 150 days that the Board could take to review and make a final determination on a permit. Over the last two years, the DHEC Board has only agreed to hear 10 contested permits. The Chamber is hopeful this legislation will advance in the Senate in 2014.

MEDICAID EXPANSION DEBATE LOOMS

There were numerous attempts in the House and Senate to expand Medicaid and accept matching federal dollars. The House and Senate both rejected these efforts, largely along partisan lines. The South Carolina Chamber did not take an official position this legislative session, but created a working group to continue to study other state proposals and reforms across the country. The Chamber is also committed to working with the South Carolina Hospital Association, the South Carolina Medical Association, the insurance industry and the S.C. Department of Health & Human Services to find a Medicaid reform package that will be a viable solution for South Carolina.

The mission of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, as the single, unified voice of business, is to enhance the quality of life for all South Carolinians. The infrastructure funding secured this year, improvement in workforce development opportunities and millions saved for businesses through government streamlining and tax credits will move us in the right direction. 🍷

2013 ADVOCACY RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Through the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce's direct advocacy efforts at the State House and through strong business alliances with other industry trade associations, South Carolina businesses will benefit from more than \$1.4 billion in legislative changes designed to make businesses more competitive and profitable.

Unemployment Insurance Tax Savings	\$647 million
Infrastructure	\$591 million
4K Expansion	\$26 million
Manufacturing Incentives	\$120 million
Closing Fund	\$16 million
CATT	\$7.5 million
Angel Investment	\$5 million
Port	\$4 million
Abandoned Buildings	\$3.75 million
MSSC	\$3.775 million
DHEC Air	\$1.7 million

Total Return on Investment
\$1.4+ billion



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