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AVIATION

Support

S1110

Sponsors Polistina (R2); Singleton (D7)

Summary Authorizes the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority to finance transportation projects between Atlantic City Airport and Atlantic City Tourism District.

Status Reported out of Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

COMMERCE

Support

S916

Sponsors Beach (D6)

Summary Establishes trail signage program for alcohol manufacturers in New Jersey.

Status Reported out of Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Neutral

A1556 / S901

Sponsors Moriarty (D4); Stanley (D18); Mukherji (D33) / Pou (D35)

Summary Updates notice requirements for actions alleging consumer fraud violations and adds indirect purchasers as parties who can receive damages for antitrust violations.

Status **A1556** – Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee had two hearings on the bill – one for discussion only, and one to amend the bill only.
S901 – Reported out of Senate Commerce Committee with committee amendments.

Neutral

A1559 / S902

Sponsors Moriarty (D4); Stanley (D18); Benson (D14) / Pou (D35)

Summary Imposes certain consumer protection requirements on service contract providers.

Status **A1559** – Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee had two hearings on the bill – one for discussion only, and one to amend the bill only.
S902 – Reported out of Senate Commerce Committee with committee amendments. Passed in Senate 39-0.

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DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Support

A2146

Sponsors Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Wimberly (D35); Sumter (D35)

Summary Creates state business assistance program to establish contracting agency procurement goals for socially and economically disadvantaged business enterprises.

Status Reported out of Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee with committee amendments.

Support

SCR18

Sponsors Ruiz (D29)

Summary Urges the Governor, the Board of Public Utilities and certain commissioners to increase female, minority, and veteran-owned small business participation in contracts awarded with certain federal funds.

Status Reported out of Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee. Passed in Senate 37-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Support

A1563

Sponsors Moen (D5); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Wimberly (D35)

Summary Establishes the "Neighborhood Scholar Revitalization Pilot Program," which reimburses a certain portion of student loans for recent college graduates if they enter into a two-year commitment to settle within declining neighborhoods in four “older cities”.

Status Reported out of Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee with committee amendments.

Support

A1591

Sponsors Moen (D5); Benson (D14); Danielsen (D17)

Summary Makes $2.5 million in federal funds available to the Economic Development Authority to support veteran-owned businesses in need.

Status Reported out of Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee. Passed in Assembly 76-0-0.

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Support

S1754

Sponsors	Beach (D6); Testa (R1)
Summary	Directs Secretary of State to contract with qualified vendor to develop national marketing campaign promoting the state's innovation economy; appropriates $1 million.
Status	Reported out of Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee with committee amendments.

Support

S616

Sponsors	Schepisi (R39); Singleton (D7)
Summary	Authorizes establishment of regional economic development partnerships.
Status	Reported out of Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee. Amended on Senate floor.

EDUCATION

Support

A2067

Sponsors	Lampitt (D6); Jasey (D27); Caputo (D28)
Summary	Requires Department of Education to annually report use of federal COVID-19 relief funds.
Status	Reported out of Assembly Education Committee. Reported out of Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee. Passed in Assembly 77-0-0.

Support

S904

Sponsors	Ruiz (D29); Oroho (R24)
Summary	Eliminates requirement for state residency of public school employees for a period of three years.
Status	Reported out of Senate Education Committee.

ENERGY

Support

S336

Sponsors	Singleton (D7); Rice (D28)
Summary	Establishes Office of Clean Energy Equity in BPU; directs establishment of certain clean energy, energy efficiency, and energy storage programs for overburdened communities; makes change to community solar program.
Status	Reported out of Senate Environment and Energy Committee with committee amendments.

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Support

S759

Sponsors Diegnan (D18); Greenstein (D14)

Summary Requires the Department of Environmental Protection to develop and implement an electric school bus program; provides $15 million in the first year and $15 million annually in the subsequent two years for the Department to provide grants, subject to availability.

Status Reported out of Senate Transportation Committee with committee amendments.

ENVIRONMENT

Support

A642 / S1369

Sponsors Coughlin (D19); Dancer (R12) / Vitale (D19)

Summary Authorizes the use of steel slag as an aggregate for certain uses in industrial and commercial development and the remediation of contaminated sites.

Status Reported out of Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee with committee amendments. Passed in Assembly 75-0-0. Reported out of Senate Environment and Energy Committee. Passed Senate and sent to Governor 35-1.

Oppose

S1005

Sponsors Ruiz (D29)

Summary Authorizes common law public nuisance suits regarding lead paint under state law; exempts Attorney General from certain aspects of public nuisance claims when pursuing lead paint actions.

Status Reported out of Senate Environment and Energy Committee.

Support

S289 / A179

Sponsors Greenstein (D14); Testa (R1) / DeAngelo (D14); Benson (D14); Tully (D38)

Summary Establishes "New Jersey Small Business Indoor Air Quality Management Support Program."

Status **S289** – Reported out of Senate Labor Committee.
A179 – Reported out of Assembly Labor Committee with committee amendments.

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FOOD

Support

S2364

Sponsors Sarlo (D36); Johnson (D37)

Summary Expands the time period during which certain restaurants, bars, distilleries, and breweries would be allowed to utilize tents, canopies, umbrellas, tables, chairs, and other fixtures on the properties on which their establishments are located.

Status Reported out of Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee with committee amendments.

HEALTH

Oppose

A1747 / S329

Sponsors McKeon (D27); Moen (D5); McKnight (D31) / Singleton (D7); Beach (D6)

Summary Establishes Prescription Drug Affordability Board; appropriates $1 million.

Status **A1747** – Reported out of Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee with committee amendments.
S329 – Reported out of Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee with committee amendments.

Seeking Amendments

A2840 / S1615

Sponsors McKeon (D27); McKnight (D31); Moen (D5); Moriarty (D4) / Singleton (D7); Vitale (D19); Pou (D35)

Summary Establishes certain data reporting requirements for prescription drug supply chain; requires Division of Consumer Affairs to issue annual report on emerging trends in prescription drug pricing; appropriates $900,000.

Status **A2840** – Reported out of Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
S1615 – Reported out of Senate Commerce Committee.

Support

S1139

Sponsors Gopal (D11)

Summary Provides tax credit to long-term care facilities that pay for training and certification of certified nurse aide.

Status Reported out of Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee with committee amendments.

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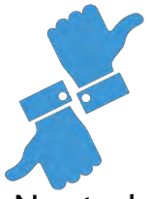

Neutral

S334

Sponsors	Singleton (D7); Pou (D35)
Summary	Requires carriers to pass prescription drug savings to consumers.
Status	Reported out of Senate Commerce Committee with committee amendments.

HOUSING

Oppose

S523

Sponsors	Ruiz (D29); Turner (D15)
Summary	Expands liability of certain individuals associated with limited liability companies and other commercial entities, when acting as residential landlord.
Status	Reported out of Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.

HUMAN SERVICES

Support

A1693

Sponsors	Quijano (D20); Giblin (D34); Chaparro (D33)
Summary	Creates resume bank for certain persons with disabilities.
Status	Reported out of Assembly Human Services Committee with committee amendments. Passed in Assembly 74-0-0.

Support

A681

Sponsors	Verrelli (D15); Benson (D14); Mukherji (D33)
Summary	Allows credit against corporation business tax and gross income tax liability for employing persons with a developmental disability.
Status	Reported out of Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee.

INSURANCE

Neutral

S1368

Sponsors	Scutari (D22)
Summary	Requires business owners and rental unit owners to maintain certain liability insurance policies.
Status	Reported out of Senate Commerce Committee.

For information or questions on these bills, please contact Michael Egenton, Executive Vice President or Laura Gunn, Vice President of Government Relations.

LABOR

Support

A281

Sponsors Umba (R8); Torrissi (R8)

Summary Expands wage and hour law good-faith violation defense to apply to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development employee interpretations; establishes a procedure for an employer to obtain an opinion from the Department on overtime obligations.

Status Reported out of Assembly Labor Committee with committee amendments

Support

A672

Sponsors Verrelli (D15); McKnight (D31); Egan (D17)

Summary Establishes Water Apprenticeship, Training, and Educational Resources (WATER) Pilot Program in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Status Reported out of Assembly Special Committee on Infrastructure & Natural Resources with committee amendments.

Oppose

S315

Sponsors Vitale (D19); Codey (D27)

Summary Requires that any change in control of a health care entity be made by a contract or agreement which provides certain protections for employees regarding their wages, benefits, and employment in connection with the change in control.

Status Reported out of Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee with committee amendments.

Support

S525

Sponsors Ruiz (D29); Singleton (D7)

Summary Enhances and allocates funds for pre-apprenticeship programs.

Status Reported out of Senate Labor Committee with committee amendments. Passed in Senate 37-0.

Support

S733

Sponsors Madden (D4); Singleton (D7)

Summary Allocates sufficient funds to the unemployment compensation fund from federal government assistance and halts increases in employer unemployment taxes related to benefits paid during the pandemic.

Status Reported out of Senate Labor Committee.

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Support

S789

Sponsors	Singleton (D7); Madden (D4)
Summary	Establishes Helmets to Hardhats program in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; appropriates $400,000.
Status	Reported out of Senate Labor Committee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Support

S330

Sponsors	Singleton (D7); Scutari (D22)
Summary	Increases distribution to municipalities from Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief Fund over two years; prohibits anticipation of certain revenue in municipal budget; and requires additional aid be subtracted from municipal property tax levy.
Status	Reported out of Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee with committee amendments. Reported out of Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee with committee amendments. Passed in Senate 39-0.

MILITARY

Support

AJR57

Sponsors	Moen (D5); Mukherji (D33); Dancer (R12)
Summary	Expresses support for commissioning of SSN-796, U.S.S. New Jersey, in New Jersey.
Status	Reported out of Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee. Passed in Assembly 74-0-0.

Support

S509

Sponsors	Zwicker (D16); Cryan (D20)
Summary	Provides tax credits for hiring certain military spouses.
Status	Reported out of Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Support

S1104

Sponsors	Stanfield (R8); Pou (D35)
Summary	Revises requirements and process for temporary courtesy licenses and certificates issued by State Board of Examiners, NJ Board of Nursing, and other professional and occupational licensing boards to nonresident military spouses.
Status	Reported out of Senate Commerce Committee. Passed in Senate 39-0.

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Support

SR63

Sponsors	Scutari (D22); Cryan (D20); Oroho (R24)
Summary	Recognizes May 2 to May 8, 2022 as Trenton Navy Week in New Jersey.
Status	Reported out of Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee. Passed in Senate by voice vote. Filed with Secretary of State.

NONPROFITS

Support

A583

Sponsors	Spearman (D5); Quijano (D20)
Summary	Creates the "New Jersey Works Act," which permits businesses to create pre-employment training programs in partnership with nonprofit organizations or educational institutions; provides tax credit to businesses that provide financial assistance to pre-employment training programs.
Status	Reported out of Assembly Labor Committee with committee amendments.

Support

A1294

Sponsors	Greenwald (D6); Calabrese (D36)
Summary	Authorizes conversion of certain office parks and retail centers to mixed-use developments.
Status	Reported out of Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee with committee amendments.

PUBLIC CONTRACTS

Support

A992

Sponsors	Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Stanley (D18); Sumter (D35)
Summary	Authorizes State Chief Diversity Officer to conduct disparity study concerning the utilization of minority-owned and women-owned businesses in the state procurement process.
Status	Reported out of Assembly State and Local Government Committee. Reported out of Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee with committee amendments.

Oppose

A1100

Sponsors	Calabrese (D36); Mukherji (D33)
Summary	Requires certain entities to remove abandoned lines from poles and other structures to which abandoned or out-of-service lines are attached.
Status	Reported out of Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES

Oppose

A3329

Sponsors McKnight (D31)

Summary Requires the Board of Public Utilities to conduct a study of the effect of the pandemic on local and public utility service and to quarterly collect and publish certain local and public utility service and customer information.

Status Reported out of Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee with committee amendments. Passed in Assembly 45-29-2.

Oppose

S339

Sponsors Singleton (D7)

Summary Requires electric public utility to install and operate smart meter infrastructure and technology at certain customers' premises; and provides employment protections for certain electric public utility employees.

Status Reported out of Senate Economic Growth Committee with committee amendments.

Support

S419

Sponsors Smith (D17); Greenstein (D14)

Summary Establishes Renewable and Efficient Energy Financing Program; authorizes the Board of Public Utilities to transfer up to $20 million annually in societal benefits charge revenues to New Jersey Infrastructure Bank for purposes of the program.

Status Reported out of Senate Environment and Energy Committee with committee amendments.

REGULATED PROFESSIONS

Support

A2285

Sponsors Freiman (D16); Timberlake (D34); Stanley (D18)

Summary Establishes process for formation of professional limited liability companies.

Status Reported out of Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee. Passed in Assembly 75-0-0.

SOLID WASTE

Support

A1439

Sponsors Kennedy (D22); Stanley (D18); Verrelli (D15)

Summary Requires each solid waste management district to develop strategy in solid waste management plan to reduce food waste.

Status Reported out of Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee.

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STATE GOVERNMENT

Support

S417

Sponsors Smith (D17); Codey (D27)

Summary Requires environmental sustainability plan for State House Complex.

Status Reported out of Senate Environment and Energy Committee. Amended on Senate floor.

TAXATION

Support

A1899

Sponsors Tully (D38); Timberlake (D34)

Summary Provides temporary exemption under sales and use tax for winterizing certain small business operations.

Status Reported out of Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee.

Support

A2233

Sponsors Greenwald (D6); Calabrese (D36)

Summary Eliminates 1% tax on purchasers of Class 4A commercial property transferred for consideration in excess of $1 million.

Status Reported out of Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee.

Support

S282

Sponsors Greenstein (D14); Singleton (D7)

Summary Establishes the New Jersey Battlefield to Boardroom Act, which provides corporation business tax credits and gross income tax credits for qualified wages of certain veterans.

Status Reported out of Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Support

S429

Sponsors Smith (D17); Stanfield (R8)

Summary Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for purchase and installation of electric vehicle charging stations and for commercial zero emission vehicle fleet conversions.

Status Reported out of Senate Environment and Energy Committee with committee amendments.

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Support

S676

Sponsors Bucco (R25); Oroho (R24)

Summary Indexes taxable income brackets for inflation under New Jersey gross income tax.

Status Reported out of Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Support

S737 / S951

Sponsors Lagana (D38); Gopal (D11) / Turner (D15)

Summary Excludes contributions made to certain retirement savings plans under gross income tax.

Status Reported out of Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee with committee substitute, combining two bills. Passed in Senate 38-0.

VETERANS

Support

A315

Sponsors Dancer (R12); Mukherji (D33); Tucker (D28)

Summary Requires professional boards to issue licenses for veterans with a good standing license or certification in another jurisdiction under certain circumstances.

Status Reported out of Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Support

S1807

Sponsors Singleton (D7)

Summary Waives business formation and registration fees for establishment of businesses owned by veterans.

Status Reported out of Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Support

S2249

Sponsors Singleton (D7); Oroho (R24)

Summary Revises number of qualified disabled veterans' businesses required to designate set-aside contract from three to two.

Status Reported out of Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

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WOMEN

Support

A795	
Sponsors	Timberlake (D34); Jasey (D27); McKnight (D31)
Summary	Requires employer to provide certain accommodations to employees who need to express breast milk.
Status	Reported out of Assembly Women and Children Committee with committee amendments.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Support

A1311	
Sponsors	Greenwald (D6); Chaparro (D33); Moen (D5)
Summary	Establishes healthcare careers pilot program for certain institutions of higher education and proprietary schools to partner with the NJ Chamber Foundation's Jobs for America's Graduates-NJ program.
Status	Reported out of Assembly Higher Education Committee.

Support

S532	
Sponsors	Ruiz (D29); Pou (D35)
Summary	Provides tuition fee waiver for apprenticeship courses.
Status	Reported out of Senate Labor Committee.

Support

S533	
Sponsors	Ruiz (D29); Greenstein (D14)
Summary	Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for businesses that employ apprentices in the Department of Labor registered apprenticeships.
Status	Reported out of Senate Labor Committee.

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