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<p><u>HB 1813: Highway construction by state or local employees; limit. (Krizek, P.)</u> Increases from \$600,000 to \$700,000 the value of highway maintenance and construction projects eligible to be performed by state or local employees. (Agency Bill)</p>	<p>Amended, Passed House; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in Senate Transportation Committee; Reported from Committee; Passed Senate</p>
<p><u>HB 1832 / SB 1259: Virginia Highway Corporation Act; powers and duties of the State Corporation Commission. (Subramanyam, S. / Bell, J.)</u> Requires any application for a transfer, extension, or amendment of a certificate of authority issued under the Virginia Highway Corporation Act to include information demonstrating the financial fitness of the entity applying to operate the roadway. The bill requires an applicant for a toll increase to provide a forward-looking analysis return that will be reviewed by VDOT that demonstrates that the proposed rates will be reasonable to the user in relation to the benefit obtained, not likely to materially discourage use of the roadway, and provide the operator no more than a reasonable return. The bill also prohibits the SCC from authorizing a toll increase if these criteria are not met or if the proposed increase is for more than one year. The bill requires an operator to receive approval from the Commission prior to refinancing any existing debt.</p>	<p>HB 1832: Substitute Passed House; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in Senate Commerce and Labor Committee; Referred to Senate Transportation Committee</p> <p>SB 1259: Substitute Passed Senate; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in House Transportation Committee; Reported from Committee</p>
<p><u>HB1854: Naming U.S. Route 29; county manager plan of government. (Sullivan, R.)</u> Authorizes the board of any locality that has adopted the county manager plan of government (Arlington County) to name any section of U.S. Route 29 located within the boundaries of the locality. The bill provides that the Department of Transportation will place and maintain appropriate signs that will be paid for by the locality.</p>	<p>Passed House; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in Senate Transportation Committee</p>

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<p><u>HB 1893 / SB 1212: New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority; creation. (Hurst, C. / Edwards, J.)</u> Authorizes the creation of a regional passenger rail station authority in Planning District 4 to assist in the creation and maintenance of passenger rail in the region. The authority would be authorized to enter into revenue sharing agreements and to issue revenue bonds. The authority would be governed by a board consisting of members of each participating locality and institution of higher education.</p>	<p>HB 1893: Amended, Passed House; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in Senate Transportation Committee; Amended, Reported from Committee and Referred to Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee</p> <p>SB 1212: Amended, Passed Senate; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in House Transportation Committee; Amended, Reported from Committee; Amended, Passed House</p>
<p><u>HB 1931: Virginia Freedom of Information Act; electronic meetings. (Levine, M.)</u> Authorizes a public body to conduct through electronic communication means a meeting for which, on or before the day of the meeting, a member of the public body holding the meeting notifies the chair that such member is unable to attend the meeting due to a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family member, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance. The bill also clarifies that participation in an electronic meeting by a member of a public body due to the inability to attend because of a personal matter is limited each calendar year to two such meetings, which is current law, or 25 percent of the meetings held that calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.</p>	<p>Passed House; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in Senate General Laws and Technology Committee; Reported from Committee; Passed Senate</p>
<p><u>HB 2071 / SB 1350: Resiliency. (Convirs-Fowler, K. / Lewis, L.)</u> Requires the Office of Intermodal Planning to include in the results of screening candidate projects in the SYIP whether such projects are designed to be resilient. Also adds that the Statewide Transportation Plan that is updated every four years promote resiliency.</p>	<p>HB 2071: Substitute Passed House; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in Senate Transportation Committee; Amended, Reported from Committee; Amended, Passed Senate</p> <p>SB 1350: Substitute Passed Senate; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in House Transportation Committee; Amended, Reported from Committee</p>

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<p><u>HB 2074: Environmental justice; interagency working group. (Simonds, S.)</u> Establishes the Interagency Environmental Justice Working Group as an advisory council in the executive branch of state government to further environmental justice in the Commonwealth. Provides that the Working Group shall expire on July 1, 2031. Directs Secretaries of Agriculture and Forestry, Commerce and Trade, Health and Human Resources, Natural Resources and Transportation to adopt a Secretariat- specific environmental justice policy that requires agencies under each Secretary to evaluate the environmental justice consequences of any covered agency action that involves any portion of the environment. Each Secretary listed shall review and update the environmental justice policy at least once every 4 years. Each Secretary listed shall comply with the provisions by October 1, 2022. Each Secretary shall designate at least one and no more than 3 environmental justice coordinators to represent the Secretariat as a member of the Working Group. (Similar to SB 1318)</p>	<p>Substitute Passed House; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in Senate General Laws and Technology Committee</p>
<p><u>HB 2075: U.S. Route 1; "Emancipation" Highway. (Cole, J.)</u> Renames any section of U.S. Route 1 in Virginia that is designated as "Jefferson Davis Highway" to "Emancipation Highway." The bill includes a delayed enactment of January 1, 2022.</p>	<p>Amended, Passed House; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in Senate Transportation Committee</p>
<p><u>HB 2118: Electric Vehicle Grant Fund and Program; creation; workgroup report. (Keam, M.)</u> Establishes the Electric Vehicle Grant Fund and Program for the purpose of and in order of priority to the extent practicable (i) awarding grants on a competitive basis to public school divisions for (a) assisting with costs of replacing diesel school buses with electric school buses; (b) the implementation of recharging infrastructure or other infrastructure needed to charge or maintain such electric school buses; and (c) workforce development and training to support the maintenance, charging, and operation of such electric school buses and (ii) projects by public, private, and non-profit Virginia entities to assist with replacing diesel-fueled vehicles and machinery with electric vehicles. No allocation of funds shall be made to the Fund or the Program unless federal or nonstate funds are available to cover the entire cost of such allocation. The bill contains provisions relating to grant applications, priority, awards, and uses. The Department of Environmental Quality is required to convene a stakeholder workgroup to develop recommendations for establishing and administering the Fund and Program and shall report the workgroup findings to the General Assembly.</p>	<p>Amended, Passed House; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in Senate Finance and Appropriations</p>

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<p><u>HB 2282: State Corporation Commission; transportation electrification; utility recovery of certain costs; report. (Sullivan, R.)</u> Directs the State Corporation Commission (Commission) to report on policy proposals to accelerate transportation electrification in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Commission to submit, no later than May 1, 2022, a report to the General Assembly recommending policy proposals that could govern public electric utility programs to accelerate widespread transportation electrification in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Commission to utilize a public process, facilitated by a third party with expertise in transportation electrification, in which the Commission, DEQ, DMME, VDOT, and appropriate stakeholders participate. The bill requires that the Commission, in developing its policy recommendations, evaluate (i) areas where utility or other public investment may best complement private efforts to effectively deploy charging infrastructure, with particular focus on low-income, minority, and rural communities; (ii) how smart growth policies can complement and enhance the Commonwealth's transportation electrification goals; (iii) how utility programs, investments, or incentives to customers or third parties to facilitate the deployment of charging infrastructure and related upgrades.</p>	<p>Passed House; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in Senate Commerce and Labor Committee; Reported from Committee</p>
<p><u>HJR 542: DRPT transit equity and modernization Study. (McQuinn, D.)</u> Requests DRPT to conduct a two-year study of transit equity and modernization in the Commonwealth, with emphasis on transit services and engagement opportunities for underserved and underrepresented communities.</p>	<p>Substitute Agreed to by House; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in Senate Rules Committee; Reported from Committee; Referred to Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee</p>

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<p><u>SB 1126: Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads; membership. (Spruill, L.)</u> Adds a member of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and a member of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, to the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads. Such legislative members must represent districts that include certain cities in the Hampton Roads region. The bill also requires that nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission appointed by the Governor have experience in one of the following fields: transit, transportation, or land use planning; management of transit, transportation, or other public sector operations; public budgeting or finance; corporate communications; government oversight; or state or local government. The new qualifications do not affect the appointment of any current members of the Commission until the expiration of their terms.</p>	<p>Passed Senate; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in House Transportation Committee; Reported from Committee</p>
<p><u>SB 1253: Funds for access roads to economic development sites; criteria for use of funds. (McPike, J.)</u> Directs the Commonwealth Transportation Board, in consultation with the Secretaries of Transportation and Commerce and Trade, to develop criteria to be used in the award of funds for access roads to economic development sites. The criteria shall take into account job creation, capital investment, and other relevant economic development considerations.</p>	<p>Passed Senate; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in House Transportation Committee; Reported from Committee</p>
<p><u>SB 1271: FOIA; meetings held through electronic communication means during a state of emergency. (McPike, J.)</u> Allows a public body, or a joint meeting thereof, to meet by electronic communication means without a quorum of the public body physically assembled at one location when a locality in which the public body is located has declared a local state of emergency, provided that (i) the catastrophic nature of the declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location and (ii) the purpose of the meeting is to provide for the continuity of operations of the public body or the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities. Under current law, public bodies may only meet in such manner when the Governor has declared a state of emergency, and only for the purpose of addressing the emergency. Finally, the bill requires public bodies meeting through electronic communication means during a local or state declaration of a state of emergency to (a) make arrangements for public access to such meeting through electronic communication means, including videoconferencing if already used by the public body, and (b) provide the public with the opportunity to comment at such meetings when public comment is customarily received.</p>	<p>Passed Senate; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in House General Laws Sub: Open Government / Procurement; recommends reporting</p>

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<p><u>SB 1274:</u> Government planning; wildlife corridors. (Marsden, D.) Directs various agencies to consider and incorporate, where applicable, wildlife corridors and any recommendation of the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan. The bill directs the Department of Wildlife Resources to assist state agencies and political subdivisions, and by request any federal agency, in considering and incorporating, where applicable, wildlife corridors and the recommendations of the Plan when developing any governmental strategic plan, map, or action.</p>	<p>Amended, Passed Senate; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in House Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources Sub: Natural Resources</p>
<p><u>SB 1385:</u> Underground utility lines; Fairfax County. (Surovell, S.) Removes the sunset on a pilot program allowing a locality that has adopted the urban county executive form of government (Fairfax County) to request an electric utility to place underground electric distribution lines as part of a transportation infrastructure improvement project and changes a number of provisions in the program including (i) expanding the scope to include electric cooperatives, telecommunications providers, cable providers, and other utilities; (ii) making discretionary the requirement that the utility and locality enter into an agreement for certain terms; (iii) placing additional limits on the levy to fund the project and the types of projects for which it may be imposed; and (iv) authorizing the locality to secure necessary permits on behalf of the utility or provider.</p>	<p>Substitute Passed Senate; Continued to 2021 Special Session 1 in House Counties, Cities and Towns Committee</p>