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Bill	Summary	Patron	Status	Committee Information
Broadband/Telecommunications				
HB640	Comprehensive plan; broadband infrastructure. Provides that a locality's comprehensive plan shall include strategies to provide broadband infrastructure that is sufficient to meet the current and future needs of residents and businesses in the locality. In the preparation of a comprehensive plan, broadband infrastructure shall be included among the matters that the local planning commission shall survey and study.	Boysko	1/9/18: Referred to Counties, Cities, and Towns	
HB1258	Zoning for wireless communications infrastructure. Establishes parameters regarding applications for zoning approvals for certain wireless support structures. Applications for certain new wireless support structures that are 50 feet or less above ground level and for the co-location on an existing structure of a wireless facility that is not a small cell facility are exempt from requirements that they obtain a special exception, special use permit, or variance, though a locality may require administrative review for the issuance of any zoning permits or an acknowledgement that zoning approval is not required for such projects. Aspects of the zoning approval process addressed in this measure include periods for approval or disapproval of applications, a requirement that applications are deemed approved if not approved or disapproved within the applicable period; application fees; a prohibition against unreasonably discriminating between applicants and other wireless services providers, providers of telecommunications services, and nonpublic providers of cable television and electric services; and limits on the number of new wireless support structures that can be installed in a specific location. The measure also prohibits a locality, in its receiving, consideration, and processing of an application for zoning approval, from engaging in certain activities.	Kilgore	1/10/18: Prefiled; Committee referral pending	
HJ100	Broadband Internet access. Recognizes that broadband Internet is basic infrastructure, access to which is a critical necessity in the 21st century.	Toscano	1/9/18: Referred to Rules	
HJ106	Study; Broadband Advisory Council; broadband availability and the most cost-effective means to provide broadband coverage to the greatest number of people; report. Requests the Broadband Advisory Council to develop a system for rating communities that indicates where the most people can be served by increased broadband coverage for the least cost.	Gooditis	1/10/18: Referred to Rules	

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SB405	<p>Zoning for wireless communications infrastructure. Establishes parameters regarding applications for zoning approvals for certain wireless support structures. Applications for certain new wireless support structures that are 50 feet or less above ground level and for the co-location on an existing structure of a wireless facility that is not a small cell facility are exempt from requirements that they obtain a special exception, special use permit, or variance, though a locality may require administrative review for the issuance of any zoning permits or an acknowledgement that zoning approval is not required for such projects. Aspects of the zoning approval process addressed in this measure include periods for approval or disapproval of applications, a requirement that applications are deemed approved if not approved or disapproved within the applicable period; application fees; a prohibition against unreasonably discriminating between applicants and other wireless services providers, providers of telecommunications services, and nonpublic providers of cable television and electric services; and limits on the number of new wireless support structures that can be installed in a specific location. The measure also prohibits a locality, in its receiving, consideration, and processing of an application for zoning approval, from engaging in certain activities.</p>				
<i>Coastal Resiliency/Flooding/Sea Level Rise</i>					
HB130	<p>Chief Resiliency Officer. Directs the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to designate a Chief Resiliency Officer. The Chief Resiliency Officer, who shall hold no other position, shall serve as the primary coordinator of resilience and adaptation initiatives in Virginia and as the primary point of contact regarding issues related to resilience and recurrent flooding. The bill adds the Chief Resiliency Officer as a member of the Secure and Resilient Commonwealth Panel.</p>	McDougle		1/10/18: Referred to Commerce and Labor	

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	Hurricane and Flooding Risk Reduction and Bond Rating Protection Act of 2018; report. Establishes the Hurricane and Flooding Risk Reduction and Bond Rating Protection Act of 2018. Establishes the Commonwealth of Virginia as a nonfederal sponsor of hurricane and flooding risk reduction projects. There is also established the Virginia Hurricane and Flood Risk Reduction Authority (the Authority) and a board of directors (the Board) of the Authority. The Board shall exercise for the Governor executive authority over all phases of hurricane and flood risk reduction programs, including investigations, construction, operations, and maintenance. The Authority shall be established to fulfill the directives of the Board. The Authority shall be hosted by a department of the Commonwealth as designated by the Governor. That department shall provide support to the Authority, including budgeting, work facilities, administrative management, logistics, human resources, legal, contracts, and information resources. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) shall consult with Louisiana's Legislative Fiscal Office to assess the increased state and local tax flows in Louisiana that resulted from post-Katrina federal spending, including spending for civil works storm and flooding risk reduction project. The bill requires JLARC to report to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2018, on the results of its initial assessment.			
HB229		Miyares	12/29/17: Referred to Rules	
HB345	Secretary of Coastal Protection and Flooding Adaptation. Creates the executive branch position of Secretary of Coastal Protection and Flooding Adaptation (the Secretary). The Secretary shall be responsible for consolidating into a single office the resources for protection against coastal flooding threats and flooding adaptation. The Secretary also shall be the lead in developing and in providing direction and ensuring accountability for a statewide coastal flooding adaptation strategy. The bill requires the Secretary, in cooperation with the Secretary of Natural Resources, to identify sources of funding for implementation of strategies for coastal protection and flooding adaptation.	Stolle	1/4/18: Referred to Rules	
HI26	Study; continuing the Joint Subcommittee on Coastal Flooding; report. Continues the Joint Subcommittee on Coastal Flooding for two additional years, through the 2019 interim.	Stolle	12/29/17: Referred to Rules	

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	Study; JLARC; ongoing efforts throughout the Commonwealth with regard to coastal flooding adaptation and resiliency; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study ongoing efforts throughout the Commonwealth with regard to coastal flooding adaptation and resiliency. The resolution directs JLARC, in conducting its study, to (i) conduct an assessment of the economic exposure of the Commonwealth from a natural disaster; (ii) conduct a comprehensive review of state resources currently available to businesses following a natural disaster; (iii) assess the adequacy and effectiveness of the Commonwealth's coastal flooding and adaptation development programs, particularly in Hampton Roads, the Peninsula, and the Northern Neck; (iv) assess how effectively the state and local governments develop, manage, and oversee coastal flooding and adaptation practices and strategies; (v) examine best practices and strategies used by the public and private sectors in other states and other countries to manage and "live with" water through successful coastal flooding and adaptation strategies; and (vi) review any other issues and make recommendations as appropriate.			
HI27		Stolle	12/29/17: Referred to Rules	
SB265	Secretary of Coastal Protection and Flooding Adaptation. Creates the executive branch position of Secretary of Coastal Protection and Flooding Adaptation (the Secretary). The Secretary shall be responsible for consolidating into a single office the resources for protection against coastal flooding threats and flooding adaptation. The Secretary also shall be the lead in developing and in providing direction and ensuring accountability for a statewide coastal flooding adaptation strategy. The bill requires the Secretary, in cooperation with the Secretary of Natural Resources, to identify sources of funding for implementation of strategies for coastal protection and flooding adaptation.	Lewis	1/15/18: Rerferred to Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources	
SB397	Hampton Roads Coastal Resiliency Authority. Creates the Hampton Roads Coastal Resiliency Authority (Authority) as a body politic and corporate, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth. The Authority shall consist of all localities that make up the membership of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and is created for the purpose of serving as a regional leader, resource, and partner for all issues related to coastal flooding and resiliency.	Lewis	1/9/18: Referred to Rules	
SJ19	Study; continuing the Joint Subcommittee on Coastal Flooding; report. Continues the Joint Subcommittee on Coastal Flooding for two additional years, through the 2019 interim.	Locke	12/31/17: Referred to Committee on Rules	
SJ21	Constitutional amendment (second resolution); property tax; exemption for flooding remediation, abatement, and resiliency efforts. Provides that the General Assembly may authorize a county, city, or town to partially exempt any real estate subject to recurring flooding upon which flooding abatement, mitigation, or resiliency efforts have been undertaken.	Lewis	1/3/18: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections	
Economic Development				

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HB431	Enterprise Zone Grant Program; designation of enterprise zone; amendments to the size of an enterprise zone. Codifies the minimum size and maximum size of enterprise zones under the Enterprise Zone Grant Program administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The bill also provides that amendments to an enterprise zone that include the elimination of an area or areas from the zone shall not exceed the maximum size provisions and shall be reviewed by the Department with the potential impact on affected businesses and property owners given primary consideration.	Marshall	1/6/18: Referred to Counties, Cities, and Towns	
HB692	Virginia Regional Industrial Facilities Act; revenue sharing; composite index. Provides that the Commonwealth's calculation of the composite index of local ability-to-pay shall take into account an arrangement by localities entered into pursuant to the Virginia Regional Industrial Facilities Act whereby a portion of tax revenue is initially paid to one locality and redistributed to another locality. Such calculation shall properly apportion the percentage of tax revenue ultimately received by each locality.	Marsa	1/9/18: Referred to Counties, Cities, and Towns	
Education				
Emergency Management				
Environment				
SB139	Plastic bag tax in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Imposes a five-cent per bag tax on plastic bags provided to customers by certain retailers in localities located wholly within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and directs revenues to be used to support the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan. The bill also allows every retailer that collects the tax to retain one cent of the five-cent tax.	Petersen	12/27/17: Referred to Committee on Finance	
SB218	Recycling; beneficial use; crushed glass. Defines "beneficial use," "beneficiation facility," and "recycling center" and provides that a beneficiation facility or recycling center shall be considered a manufacturer for the purpose of any state or local economic development incentive grant. The bill directs the Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) to encourage and support beneficial use; current law requires the Department to encourage and support litter control and recycling. The bill also directs the Department to provide to the General Assembly by November 1, 2019, an evaluation of Virginia's solid waste recycling rates and a set of recommendations for improving the reliability of the supply of recycled materials during the next 10 years in order to provide for beneficial use.	Lewis	1/15/18: Constitutional Reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)	1/11/18: Reported from Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources with substitute (15-Y 0-N)
SB401	Department of Environmental Quality; Department of Education; grade six science curriculum. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Education to update the "Window into a Green Virginia" curriculum developed by the Departments for sixth grade science to include a unit on the benefits, including the energy benefits, of recycling and reuse.	Lewis	1/9/18: Referred to Committee on Rules	
Housing/Human Services				

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HB282	Virginia Housing Development Authority Act; pilot program; home ownership; low income persons. Directs the Virginia Housing Development Authority to develop a pilot program providing support services, including counseling and financing assistance, to help low-income persons who are currently renters become home owners.	McQuinn	1/3/18: Referred to General Laws	
HB948	Virginia Housing Trust Fund; revenue deposits. Provides that 20% of annual recordation tax revenue in excess of \$325 million shall be deposited into the Virginia Housing Trust Fund.	Lopez	1/9/18: Referred to Finance	
Other				
HB508	Local regulation of solar facilities. Provides that a property owner may install a solar facility on the roof of a dwelling or other building to serve the electricity or thermal needs of that dwelling or building, provided that such installation is in compliance with any height and setback requirements in the zoning district where such property is located as well as any provisions pertaining to any local historic district. Unless a local ordinance provides otherwise, a ground-mounted solar energy generation facility shall also be permitted, provided that such installation is in compliance with any height and setback requirements in the zoning district where such property is located as well as any provision pertaining to any local historic district. Any other proposed solar facility, including any solar facility that is designed to serve, or serves, the electricity or thermal needs of any property other than the property where such facilities are located, shall be subject to any applicable zoning regulations of the locality.	Hodges	1/8/18: Referred to Counties, Cities, and Towns	
HB509	Comprehensive plan; solar facilities. Provides that a solar facility subject to provisions requiring the facility to be substantially in accord with a locality's comprehensive plan shall be deemed to be substantially in accord with the comprehensive plan if (i) such proposed solar facility is located in a zoning district that allows such solar facilities by right, (ii) such proposed solar facility is designed to serve the electricity or thermal needs of the property upon which such facility is located, or will be owned or operated by an eligible customer-generator or eligible agricultural customer-generator under § 56-594 or by a small agricultural generator under § 56-594.2, or (iii) such solar facility is advertised and approved concurrently in a public hearing process with a rezoning, special exception, or other approval process.	Hodges	1/8/18: Referred to Counties, Cities, and Towns	
HB979	Drinking water; lead levels. Directs the State Board of Health to adopt regulations establishing the action level for lead in drinking water as no more than 10 parts per billion beginning January 1, 2019, and no more than five parts per billion beginning January 1, 2023. The bill authorizes the Board to establish lower action levels for lead in drinking water.	Rodman	1/9/18: Referred to Health, Welfare, and Institutions	

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<u>HJ94</u>	Study; Office of Drinking Water; Commonwealth's drinking water infrastructure and oversight of the drinking water program; report. Requests the Office of Drinking Water of the Department of Health (the Office) to study the Commonwealth's drinking water infrastructure and oversight of the drinking water program. In conducting its study, the Office shall (i) identify problems or issues that may result in contamination of drinking water with lead or copper or other substances or organisms or increase the likelihood of contamination of drinking water with lead or copper or other substances or organisms and (ii) develop recommendations for addressing such problems or issues.	Lopez	1/9/18: Referred to Rules	
<u>SB179</u>	Comprehensive plan; solar facilities. Provides that a solar facility subject to provisions requiring the facility to be substantially in accord with a locality's comprehensive plan shall be deemed to be substantially in accord with the comprehensive plan if (i) such proposed solar facility is located in a zoning district that allows such solar facilities by right, (ii) such proposed solar facility is designed to serve the electricity or thermal needs of the property upon which such facility is located, or will be owned or operated by an eligible customer-generator or eligible agricultural customer-generator under § 56-594 or by a small agricultural generator under § 56-594.2, or (iii) such solar facility is advertised and approved concurrently in a public hearing process with a rezoning, special exception, or other approval process.	Stanley	12/28/17: Referred to Local Government	
<u>SB429</u>	Local regulation of solar facilities. Provides that a property owner may install a solar facility on the roof of a dwelling or other building to serve the electricity or thermal needs of that dwelling or building, provided that such installation is in compliance with any height and setback requirements in the zoning district where such property is located as well as any provisions pertaining to any local historic district. Unless a local ordinance provides otherwise, a ground-mounted solar energy generation facility shall also be permitted, provided that such installation is in compliance with any height and setback requirements in the zoning district where such property is located as well as any provision pertaining to any local historic district. Any other proposed solar facility, including any solar facility that is designed to serve, or serves, the electricity or thermal needs of any property other than the property where such facilities are located, shall be subject to any applicable zoning regulations of the locality.	Stanley	1/15/18: Rerferred to Local Government	
Ports				
<u>HB575</u>	Virginia Waterway Maintenance Fund; Grant Program. Establishes the Virginia Waterway Maintenance Grant Program and Fund, administered by the Virginia Port Authority (the Authority), to provide grants, from funds transferred to the Fund from Commonwealth Port Fund, to local governing bodies that propose certain dredging projects and related activities. The bill directs the Authority to manage the Grant Program by developing guidelines and procedures for the application process and for the awarding of annual grants.	Bloxom	1/15/18: Assigned ACNR sub: Natural Resources	

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HJ60	Study; JLARC; impact of state-owned ports on local governments; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to review and update its 1999 study entitled "Review of the Impact of State-Owned Ports on Local Governments."	James	1/8/18: Referred to Rules	
HJ105	Study; JLARC; impact of state-owned ports on local governments; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to review and update its 1999 study entitled "Review of the Impact of State-Owned Ports on Local Governments."	Heretick	1/10/18: Referred to Rules	
S17	Study; JLARC; impact of state-owned ports on local governments; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to review and update its 1999 study entitled "Review of the Impact of State-Owned Ports on Local Governments."	Lewis	12/8/17: Referred to Rules	
Retirement				
Taxes				
HB699	Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain transportation districts. Provides that the tax that is imposed on the sales price of motor fuel in Northern Virginia shall be imposed on the regional price of gas, defined and computed as a six-month average price of fuel. The tax shall not be imposed on a regional price that is less than a gallon of gasoline on February 20, 2013, nor shall it be imposed a price that is more than \$4 per gallon. The bill also raises the rate of taxation of motor fuel in Northern Virginia from 2.1% to 3%. The bill also changes the regional gas tax in Hampton Roads from a percentage to a cents-per-gallon tax that decreases as the price of gas increases. The regional gas tax in Hampton Roads would have a floor of \$0.05 per gallon and a ceiling of \$0.14 per gallon and would be determined on the basis of the average wholesale price of unleaded regular gasoline.	Levine *Arlington/ Fairfax Counties; Alexandria	1/9/18: Referred to Rules	
HB768	Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain areas of the Commonwealth; price floor. Establishes a floor on the 2.1 percent sales tax imposed on motor vehicle fuels sold in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads. The average wholesale price of gasoline, as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, on July 1, 2018, shall be the initial floor. If the average wholesale price rises in future determinations, the new higher average will become the floor, until such time as the average wholesale price of gasoline is determined to be equal to or greater than the average wholesale price of gasoline in the Commonwealth on February 20, 2013, which is the date of the floor used for the calculation of the state gasoline tax. After this threshold is met, the average wholesale price used for the calculation of the regional tax will be the same as the average price used to calculate the state tax.	Jones	1/9/18: Referred to Rules	
HB917	Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain areas of the Commonwealth; price floor. Establishes a floor on the 2.1 percent sales tax imposed on motor vehicle fuels sold in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads by requiring that the average wholesale price upon which the tax is based be no less than the statewide average wholesale price on February 20, 2013.	Stolle	1/9/18: Referred to Rules	

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HB970	Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain areas of the Commonwealth; price floor. Establishes a floor on the 2.1 percent sales tax imposed on motor vehicle fuels sold in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads by requiring that the average wholesale price upon which the tax is based be no less than the statewide average wholesale price on February 20, 2013.	Guzman *Fauquier/ PW County	1/9/18: Referred to Rules	
HB1083	Motor vehicle fuels sales tax; price floor. Provides that the 2.1% tax that is imposed on the sales price of motor fuel in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads shall be imposed on the regional price of gas, defined and computed as the six-month average price of fuel, for each region. The regional price used to calculate the tax shall not be less than the average statewide price of a gallon of unleaded regular gasoline on February 20, 2013.	Filler-Corn *Fairfax County	1/10/18: Prefiled; Committee referral pending	
SB140	Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain transportation districts; price floor. Establishes a floor on the 2.1 percent tax imposed on motor vehicle fuels sold in Northern Virginia by requiring that the average wholesale price upon which the tax is based be no less than the statewide average sales price on February 20, 2013.	Petersen *Fairfax, Fairfax County	12/27/17: Referred to Finance	
SB393	Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain areas of the Commonwealth; price floor. Establishes a floor on the 2.1 percent sales tax imposed on motor vehicle fuels sold in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads by requiring that the average wholesale price upon which the tax is based be no less than the statewide average wholesale price on February 20, 2013.	Barker *Fairfax, PW Counties; Alexandria	1/9/18: Referred to Finance	
Water Resources				
HB341	Cluster development; open space; stormwater management area. Allows a locality to prohibit a stormwater management area from being located in an "open space" or "conservation area" established as part of a cluster development. Current law bars localities from enacting such a prohibition.	Thomas	1/4/18: Referred to Counties, Cities, and Towns	
HB377	Virginia Water Protection Permit; exception for stormwater management facility on dry land. Exempts from the requirement to obtain a Virginia Water Protection Permit an impact to a stormwater management facility on dry land.	Bulova	1/15/18: Assigned ACNR sub: Natural Resources	
HB493	Stormwater Local Assistance Fund; grants; administrative costs. Authorizes the recipient of a grant from the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund to use a portion of the grant funds to pay for reasonable administrative costs. The bill also allows a grant recipient to count the fair market value of administrative services as an in-kind match for as much as half of the amount of any matching funds required.	Hodges	1/15/18: Assigned ACNR sub: Natural Resources	
HB1035	Virginia Water Supply Revolving Fund; loans for regional projects; priority in Eastern Virginia for alternative water source projects. Directs the Board of Health, when making loans, loan subsidies, or grants for regional water projects in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area, to give additional priority to projects related to the development of water sources to serve as alternatives to the withdrawal of groundwater from the coastal plain aquifer.	Hodges	1/9/18: Prefiled; Committee referral pending	

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HB1036	Eastern Virginia groundwater management; annual forum; trading work group. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) to convene an annual public forum focused on the state of water resources in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area. The bill also directs the Department to convene a work group to assist the Department in carrying out the 2017 recommendation of the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee that an aquifer storage and recovery banking system be developed. The work group shall report its recommendations no later than July 1, 2019.	Hodges	1/9/18: Prefiled; Committee referral pending	
HB1091	Virginia Resources Authority; dredging projects. Includes within the definition of the term "project" any dredging program or project undertaken to benefit the economic and community development goals of a local government.	Hodges	1/10/18: Prefiled; Committee referral pending	
HB1092	Tax increment financing; dredging projects. Specifies that dredging projects are development projects eligible for tax increment financing.	Hodges	1/10/18: Prefiled; Committee referral pending	
HB1093	Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas; regulations; local permit to raise land. Directs the State Water Control Board to adopt regulations to establish criteria for use by local governments in granting, denying, or modifying a request by any landowner within a Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area to raise the base elevation of his land for the purpose of mitigating the effects of flooding.	Hodges	1/10/18: Prefiled; Committee referral pending	
HB1096	Dredged material siting; fast-track permitting program. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to develop, in cooperation with the Marine Resources Commission and with technical assistance from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, a fast-track regulatory permitting program for the selection and use of appropriate sites for the disposal of dredged material. The bill requires the State Water Control Board to enact regulations to be effective no later than July 1, 2019.	Hodges	1/10/18: Prefiled; Committee referral pending	
HB1185	Regional water resource planning; State Water Control Board regulations. Directs the State Water Control Board (the Board) to predict the risk that each locality and region in the Commonwealth will experience water supply shortfalls, to encourage the development of cross-jurisdictional water supply projects, and to adopt regulations designating regional planning areas based primarily on river basin. Each locality in a particular regional planning area shall participate in cross-jurisdictional, coordinated water resource planning, and all localities in each area shall together develop and submit a single regional water supply plan. The bill directs the Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) to facilitate the creation of the regional water plans by ensuring sufficient coordination among localities, providing planning and other assistance, and ensuring that each regional plan identifies risks and proposes cost-effective strategies in response. The bill directs that the Board and the Department prioritize the allocation of funds to localities that sufficiently participate in regional planning. The bill contains technical amendments.	Carr	1/10/18: Prefiled; Committee referral pending	

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HJ69	2016 Virginia's Working Waterfront Master Plan. Supporting the 2016 Virginia's Working Waterfront Master Plan.	Bloxom	1/8/18: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources	
HJ93	Study; stormwater best management practices; planting and preservation of trees; report. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to study whether the planting and preservation of trees shall be certified as a stormwater best management practice and, if so, how much credit shall be awarded.	Lopez	1/9/18: Referred to Rules	
SB340	Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund; publicly owned treatment works; nutrient reduction. Requires the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality to prioritize cost effective technologies to reduce nutrient loads of total phosphorus, total nitrogen, or nitrogen-containing ammonia over other water quality improvement methods in distributing grants from the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund subsequent to satisfaction of nutrient reductions of regulations, permits, or the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Watershed Implementation Plan. The bill places certain limitations on grants for technologies to reduce nitrogen-containing ammonia. The bill also requires the Department of Environmental Quality to prepare a preliminary estimate of the amount and timing of Water Quality Improvement Grants required to fund projects to reduce loads of nitrogen-containing ammonia at certain levels based on an estimate of the anticipated range of costs for all publicly owned treatment works if the State Water Control Board were to adopt the 2013 Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Ammonia published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.	Peake	1/15/18: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)	1/11/18: Reported from ACNR with amendments (15-Y 0-N)
Committee Information				
Chamber	Link		Meeting Day/Time	
HOUSE	Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources		Wednesday, 8:30 am	
	Appropriations		Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 1/2 hour after adjournment	
	Commerce and Labor		Tuesday and Thursday 1/2 hour after adjournment	
	Counties Cities and Towns		Friday 8:00 am	
	Courts of Justice		Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 1/2 hour after adjournment	
	Education		Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 am	
	Finance		Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 am and 1/2 hour after adjournment, respectively	
	General Laws		Tuesday and Thursday 1/2 hour after adjournment	
	Health, Welfare, and Institutions		Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 am	
	Militia, Police and Public Safety		Friday 9:00 am	
	Privileges and Elections		Friday 9:30 am	
	Rules		Friday on the call of the Chair	
	Science and Technology		Monday 10:00 am	
	Transportation		Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 am	
SENATE	Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources		Thursday, 1/2 hour after adjournment	
	Commerce and Labor		Monday, 15 mintues after adjournment	
	Courts of Justice		Monday, 8:00 am and Wednesday, 15 minutes after adjournment	

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Finance	Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:00 am
General Laws and Technology	Monday, 45 minutes after adjournment
Local Government	Tuesday, 1/2 hour after adjournment
Privileges and Elections	Tuesday, 4:00 pm
Rehabilitation and Social Services	Friday, 8:30 am
Rules	Upon the call of the Chair
Transportation	Wednesday, 15 minutes after adjournment