



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 3/13/2009

This week the house approved a \$6.6 billion budget that relies heavily on \$1 billion in federal stimulus money. The good news is instead of taking the proposed \$122 million from the local government aid fund, the house tapped other funds which left local government losing \$50 million. The budget now moves on to the Senate.

S.360, Senator Hayes, this bill relates to the one percent capital project sales and use tax that can be imposed by a county council. This would delete a requirement that the tax is to collect a limited amount of money. The bill would also amend the county ordinance and ballot for the required referendum and further provide for the termination of a newly imposed and re-imposed tax. The bill received a favorable report from the Senate Finance Committee and is now on the Senate Calendar awaiting second reading.

S.364, Senator Alexander, this bill would secure permanent funding for the Volunteer Strategic Assistance and Fire Equipment Program” (V-Safe Grant Program). The bill received a favorable report from the Senate Judiciary Committee and is now on the Senate Calendar awaiting second reading.

S.363, Senator Alexander, this bill relates to the Arson Reporting Immunity Act by adding certain other public safety officials to the list of agencies authorized to receive information from an insurance company. The bill received a favorable report from the Senate Judiciary Committee and is now on the Senate Calendar awaiting second reading.

H.3006, Rep. Harrison, is a joint resolution proposing a Constitutional Amendment to authorize the General Assembly, by special or local law, to abolish a Special Purpose District and transfer its assets and liabilities to an assuming service provider. The bill was read a first time and referred to the House Judiciary Committee. The status of the bill has remained unchanged.

Mark your calendar for the:
2009 SPD Leadership Program
Tuesday, May 19, 2009
10:30 AM
The Clarion Townhouse Hotel
Columbia, SC
Information to follow