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BILL #	BILL DESCRIPTION	COMMITTEE/HEARING SPONSORS	BILL STATUS	COMMENTS
	BUDGET REVENUES/TAXES			
HB 0008	Establishes the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program and Insurance Fund in the Maryland Department of Labor to provide benefits to individuals who take leave from employment for illness or to care for a family member. Beginning January 1, 2023, employees, employers, and some self-employed individuals to contribute to the Fund .75% of employee’s wages shared equally by employer & employee.	ECM; Hearing 2/01 at 1 p.m.; Del. Valderrama	1 st Reader	
SB 0275		FIN; Hearing 2/10 at 1 p.m.; Str. Hayes & Benson	1 st Reader	
HB 0103	Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans	W&M; Hearing 1/13 at 1 p.m. Del. Brooks.	1 st Reader	
SB 0085		B&T; Str. Jackson	1 st Reader	
HB 0124	Income Tax – Subtraction Modification for Veterans of \$3,000.	W&M; Hearing 1/13 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 0144	Motor Fuel Tax – Repeal annual Consumer Price Index Adjustment	W&M; Hearing 1/19 at 1 p.m. Del. Morgan, et al.	1 st Reader	SUPPORT
SB0337		B&T; Strs Hough et al	1 st Reader	
HB 0182	State procurement certification of LGBTQ businesses. The certification agency shall compile & manage a list of certified LGBTQ businesses in the state to identify & encourage outreach to LGBTQ businesses and track use of certified LGBTQ businesses on state procurement contracts. A LGBTQ business is any legal entity, except a joint venture formed in the USA to engage in commercial transactions with its principal place of business in the USA and is at least 51% owned, operated, managed, and controlled by one or more individuals who are: lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer; and are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents;	HGO; Hearing 2/01 at 2:30 p.m. Del. Boyce	1 st Reader	Question: Why should businesses be certified as LGBTQ businesses? Should a business owned by an individual or group identifying as LGBTQ receive special treatment in state procurement over those who are heterosexual?

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	and exercises independence from a business that does not meet these criteria.			
HB 0189 SB 0123	Income Tax Subtraction for Retirement income.	W&M; Del. Brooks B&T; Str. Klausmeier	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 0300 SB 0290	Budget Bill (Operations) FY 2023	APP – Speaker (by request Gov) B&T – President	1 st Reader	
	CIVIL RIGHTS, CRIMES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT			
HB 0045	Crimes – Mitigation & Defense – Religious Beliefs, Disability, or Homelessness	JUD; Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m. Del. Cardin	1 st Reader	
HB 0074 SB0030	Court- Jury Service – A person is disqualified if person is convicted of a crime in a federal or State court of record, and is currently serving a sentence exceeding 1 year for the conviction, including a term of probation.	JUD; Hearing 1/19 at 1 p.m. JPC; Hearing 1/26 at 1 p.m. Str. Carter	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 0122 SB0138	Criminal Procedure- Expand Expungement of Records after 3 years, to add probation before judgment and stet dispositions, if all court-ordered conditions of the probation before judgment or stet disposition have been satisfied for offenses under Criminal Law article (5-601 – possession or administering controlled dangerous substances) Committed after Oct. 1, 2018.	JUD; Hearing 2/01 at 1 p.m. EHE; Hearing 2/01 at 1 p.m.; Str. Kramer	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 0123 SB 0141 SB 0047	Forfeiture of Benefits of Pensions and Retirement for Law Enforcement Officers found guilty of, or enters a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, perjury, or a misdemeanor relating to truthfulness and veracity committed in the course of the performance of officer's duties; and implement a forfeiture of benefits.	JUD; Del. Wilkins B&T; Hearing 1/27 at 9 a.m.; Str. Carter B&T; Hearing 1/27 at 9 a.m.; Str. Carter	1 st Reader 1 st Reader 1 st Reader	Note: SB 0047 provides for reserving some of the pension benefit for spouse, children or former spouse.
HB 0148	Alters definition of stalking to include conduct which occurs in person, through electronic communication, or through the use of a device	JUD; Hearing 1/27 at 1 p.m. Del. Bartlett	1 st Reader	

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SB 0328	that can pinpoint or track the location of another without the person's knowledge or consent.	JPC; Str. Waldstreicher, et al	1 st Reader	
HB 0159	Establishing the Commission for Economic Justice and Reconciliation to study racial disparities in wealth and resources as a result of tax laws and systems in place in the State from the Reconstruction Era through the enactment of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964; requiring the Commission to make recommendations relating to compensation of the State's African American communities for the racial disparities identified, to study possible sources of State funding, and to make recommendations for future legislation;	HGO; Hearing 2/01 at 2:30 p.m. Del. Amprey	1 st Reader	
HB 0181	Declaration of Rights in Maryland Constitution- Removes references to God in regard to religious freedom, religious tests & Oaths & Affirmations.	HGO; Hearing 2/01 at 2:30 p.m. Del. Hill	1 st Reader	Oppose
HB 0223	Criminal Law – Person in a position of authority – Sexual offenses with a minor extended to	JUD, Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m. Del. Love	1 st Reader	
SB 0049	offenses at day care centers, after school programs, sports programs and others.	JPC; Hearing 1/19 at 1 p.m. Str. West	1 st Reader	
HB 0290	Hate Crimes – Allow victim of hate crime to seek Civil remedy for action constituting a hate crime	JUD; Del. Crutchfield	1 st Reader	
SB 0071	under the statute.	EHE; Hearing 1/19; Str. Kramer	1 st Reader	
HB 0294	Grants Juvenile Court authority over proceedings where a child 14 years old is alleged to have done an act that, if committed by an adult, would be punishable by life imprisonment. Also, in cases of	JUD; Del. Crutchfield	1 st Reader	
SB 0165	a 16-year-old alleged to have committed crime of abduction, kidnapping, carjacking, and other offenses.	JPC; Hearing 1/27 at 2 p.m. Str. Carter.	1 st . Reader	
HB 0304	Adds penalties for not following a reasonable & lawful order by law enforcement in a public place, schools, restaurants, churches, (broadly defined	JUD; Del. Ruth	1 st Reader	

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	including premises & parking areas) in an emergency. “Emergency” means an urgent, sudden, and serious event or an unforeseen change in circumstances that necessitates immediate action to remedy harm or avert imminent danger to life or health.			
SB 0068	Sexual Offenses – Crime of Violence and Lifetime Supervision	JPC; Hearing 1/19 at 1 p.m. Str. Bailey	1 st Reader	
SB 0265	Probation Before Judgement – Probation not Deportation	JPC; Hearing 2/02 at 2 p.m. Str. Lee	1 st Reader	See SB 0264 under Immigration For details.
	EDUCATION			
HB 0023	School Discipline - Data Collection and School Resource Officers	W&M; Hearing 1/20 at 1 p.m. Del. Washington	1 st Reader	
HB 0047	Public Schools – Expanded American History – Development of Content Standards and Implementation	W&M; Hearing 1/20 at 1 p.m. Del. Wilson	1 st Reader	
HB 0084	Alters Education Article Section 26-101 to Specify that provisions of law prohibiting and penalizing disruptive and threatening behavior on the grounds of, in the classes of, or in the home of an employee of an institution of elementary, secondary, or higher education do not apply to students who commit offenses at the institution they attend , students on exclusionary discipline who commit offenses at the institution they attend, or students who commit offenses at another institution while participating in or attending a sporting event or other extracurricular program at that institution. State’s Attorney will report to Principal after conviction.	W&M; Hearing 1/20 at 1 p.m. Del. Ruth.	1 st Reader	OPPOSE
SB 0119	Alters Education Article Section 26-101 to Specify that provisions of law prohibiting and penalizing disruptive and threatening behavior on the grounds of, in the classes of, or in the home of an employee of an institution of elementary, secondary, or higher education do not apply to students who commit offenses at the institution they attend , students on exclusionary discipline who commit offenses at the institution they attend, or students who commit offenses at another institution while participating in or attending a sporting event or other extracurricular program at that institution. State’s Attorney will report to Principal after conviction.	EHE; Hearing 2/03 at 1 p.m. Str. Washington	1 st Reader	OPPOSE See also: HB 146 and HB 214 that deal with same issues.
HB 0146	Alters the definition of “reportable offense” to include only offenses that occur off school	W&M; Del. Moon & Atterbury	1 st Reader	OPPOSE.

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	premises, that did not occur at events sponsored by the school, and that involve crimes of violence; repeals requirement that a law enforcement agency notify school if a student was arrested for a reportable offense; removes belonging to a criminal organization as being reportable to the school if a student is charged with a reportable offense; and report only adjudications or convictions to the school.			This bill removes from the Education Article, Section 7-303 the reporting of student belonging to criminal org and then adds that reportable offenses are only offenses committed off school grounds. See HB 0214 related issues.
HB 0194	Requiring a county board of education to provide age-appropriate instruction on the risks of sexting as part of the Family Life and Human Sexuality curriculum in every grade in which the curriculum is taught in public schools in the county, beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.	W&M; Hearing 1/27 at 1 p.m.; Del. Shetty	1 st Reader	
HB 0196	Public Schools & Boards of Education. All public schools must publish a catalog of School Library materials posted to school's website each Fall.	W&M; Hearing 1/27 at 1 p.m. Del. Thiam	1 st Reader	SUPPORT
HB 0214	Adds: For a student committed to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), the DJS shall notify the local superintendent and the school principal where the student is enrolled or to which the student has been transferred of the student's arrest for a reportable offense; or that is related to the student's membership in a criminal organization; and the disposition of the reportable offense.	JUD; Hearing 2/02 at 1 p.m. Del. Parrott	1 st Reader	SUPPORT. Current law in Education Article, Section 7-303 requires local law enforcement agency to notify School superintendent and principal of a student's arrest for a reportable offense. This bill adds reporting for students under custody of DJS.
SB 0116	Public Schools – Inclusive & Diverse English Language Arts – Development and Content Standards & Implementation	EHE; Hearing 2/03 at 1 p.m.; Str. Ellis	1 st Reader	
SB 0237	On or before January 1, 2023, the state board shall develop guidelines for instructional content on the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that	EHE; Hearing 2/03 at 1 p.m.; Str. Sailing.	1 st Reader	Support

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	is age–appropriate, interdisciplinary, and consistent with other required grade–level instruction. Requires public & non-public schools receiving state funding to include a unit of instruction on the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack as developed by the State Board.			
SB 304	Requiring State Board of Education to develop curriculum for a unit of instruction on Asian American history; each county board of education must implement the Asian American history curriculum content standards, starting in the 2023-2024 school year; requires each board to ensure that a unit of instruction on Asian American history is taught at least once during elementary & middle school, & once in a history course required to graduate from high school;	EHE; Hearing 2/03 at 1 p.m. Strs. Lam and Lee	1 st Reader	
	ELECTIONS AND VOTING			
HB 0017	Campaign Finance – Requirements for recurring contributions and donations	W&M; Del. Palakovich Carr	1 st Reader	
HB 0035	State Board of Elections – Contracts & Invoices - requirements for approval	W&M; Hearing 2/01 at 1 p.m. Del. Palakovich Carr	1 st Reader	
SB 0158		EHE; Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.; Str. Kagan	1 st Reader	
HB 0065	Early Voting Centers – Bus Stops w/in ½ mile	W&M; Hearing cancelled. Del. Crosby	1 st Reader	
HB 0099	Absentee Ballots – Require signature and verification for AB application and ballot	W&M; Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m. Del. Long	1 st Reader	SUPPORT
HB 0113	Constitutional Amendment: Elections – In Person Voting – Must present a valid gov’t. issued Photo ID or valid non-gov’t ID with utility bill or other document w/voter’s name and current address	W&M; Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m. Del. Long	1 st Reader	SUPPORT
HB 0160	Prohibit a person from serving on a political party central committee and in elective office at the	W&M; Hearing 1/13 at 1 p.m. Del. Boyce	1 st Reader	

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	same time, except for National Presidential Convention Delegates.			
HB 0169	Voter Registry – Require funeral directors & others to notify State Bd. of Elections of names & addresses of deceased Maryland residents w/in 30 days & for local Boards to send notice & remove deceased individuals from voter registry.	W&M; Hearing cancelled. Del. Hartman, et al	1 st Reader	SUPPORT
HB 0201	Election Law – Expands Voter Registration Drives in high schools from a space in a common area where students can, if they wish, obtain a voter registration form and hand in completed forms to also include having local Bd. of Election officials, employees, or authorized volunteers visit classrooms within a school, during school hours, distributing voter registration applications to each employee of and student enrolled in the school who is or will be 16 years old or older during the immediately following year and accepting completed VR forms for transmittal to the appropriate election official. Requires a VR Drive in every high school every year.	W&M; Hearing 2/01 at 1 p.m.; Del. Kelly	1 st Reader	OPPOSE. It is intimidating and coercive to have election officials or volunteers to into the classroom and hand out VR forms and collect completed forms. The bill does not require that there be a volunteer from both major political parties present to register student voters.
SB 0284		EHE; Str. Washington	1 st Reader	
HB 0212	Requires Signature Verification of Absentee Ballots (AB) & AB applications and ballot canvassing.	W&M; Hearing 2/01 at 1 p.m.; Del. Parrott	1 st Reader	
HB 0291	Election Law – Allow use of campaign funds to pay for expenses in contesting an election result. A candidate may not petition for a recount if the margin of difference between the number of votes received by an apparent winner and the losing candidate with the highest number of votes for the office is greater than 5% of the total votes cast for those candidates	W&M; Hearing 2/01 at 1 p.m.; Del. Kaiser EHE: Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m. Str. Kagan	1 st Reader	
SB 0101				

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HB 0303	Election Law - Circuit Court Judges - Nonpartisan General Elections	W&M; Del. Qi	1 st Reader	
HB 0313	Recall Elections	W&M; Del. Novotny	1 st Reader	
HB 0362	Montgomery County Voting Methods RANKED CHOICE VOTING AND APPROVAL VOTING (MC 13-22). A local law enacted under this subsection may provide for: (i) the ballot format; (ii) procedures for tabulating votes; and (iii) any other provision necessary to implement ranked choice voting or approval voting	W&M; MC Del.	1 st Reader	STRONGLY OPPOSE – Could set a statewide precedent. Confusing to voters. Bill applies to all local offices even State’s Attorney and Circuit Court Judges. Could Co. Council allow non-citizens to vote?
SB 0063	Defines factors to be considered when determining Residency of members of the General Assembly and enforcement factors.	EHE; Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.; Str. Kelley	1 st Reader	
SB 0073	General Assembly – Special Election to fill vacancy in office	EHE; Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.; Str. Lam	1 st Reader	
SB 0088	Change deadline for candidate for Governor in a Primary Election to select a Lt. Governor to 21 days after the Primary Election instead of at the time of filing for Governor.	EHE; Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.; Str. Pinsky	1 st Reader	
SB 0101	Election Law – Contested Elections. A candidate or registered voter may not petition for a recount if the difference between the number of votes received by an apparent winner and the losing candidate with the highest number of votes is greater than 5% of the total votes cast for those candidates	EHE; Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.; Str. Kagan	1 st Reader	
SB 0112	Election Law – False Ballot Drop Boxes – Criminal Penalty. An individual, an organization, an association, a political party, or other person may not collect absentee ballots during an election in a container that: (1) is not a ballot drop box that is officially designated by the state board or a local board; but (2) is labeled, marked, or	EHE; Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.; Str. Kagan	1 st Reader	DOES NOT PREVENT BALLOT HARVESTING. One cannot collect ballots in an unofficial ballot drop box, but SB 112 does not appear to prohibit one from collecting ballots from voters and depositing

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	otherwise designated to appear to be an official or unofficial ballot drop box.			them in an approved ballot drop box.
SB 0163	Election Law- Absentee Ballots – Local Bd. of Elections may accept, reject, open or process AB starting at 8 a.m. 8 days before Early Voting. Local Bd may not count the votes until Election Day. If a Voter fails to sign the oath on the AB ballot return envelope, the Bd must within 3 days notify the voter and provide an opportunity for the voter to add signature electronically, by text message, e-mail or come to Election Board and sign in person. If voter fails to add signature within 10 days after election day the ballot is rejected. If the local board receives more than one legally sufficient ballot from a voter, in separate envelopes, the local board shall: count only the ballot with the [latest] FIRST properly signed oath; and reject any other ballot.	EHE; Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.; Str. Kagan	1 st Reader	SB 0163 adds a new requirement that the local Bd. of Elections begin verifying Absentee Ballots for signature of the oath and provide opportunity to add signature electronically or in-person. The bill also changes current law where more than one ballot is received from a person, the ballot with first properly signed oath is accepted. Current law states that the latest postmarked ballot be accepted.
SB 0285	A person may not willfully and maliciously destroy, injure, or deface a campaign sign that is on another person’s property. Violator is guilty of a misdemeanor if convicted is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 60 days or both	EHE; Str. Hough	1 st Reader	Support
	ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY			
HB 0011	Renewable Energy Portfolio Std. – Tier 1. To exclude energy derived from qualifying biomass, methane from anaerobic decomposition of organic materials, certain fuel cells, poultry litter-to-energy, waste-to-energy, refuse-derived fuel, and thermal energy from a thermal biomass system from being eligible for inclusion in the renewable energy portfolio standard.	ECM; Del. Stewart	1 st Reader	

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SB 0056	Program Open Space – Local Plans & Programs will be required to be approved by the General Assembly as legislation before implemented.	EHE; Hearing 1/25 at 1:30 p.m. Str. Ellis	1 st Reader	
HB 0135	Expand restrictions on single-use plastics at food service businesses including condiment packages	ECM; Hearing 2/02 at 1 p.m.; Del. Love	1 st Reader	
HB 0171	Climate Crisis & Environmental Justice Act. Reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 60% from 2006 levels by 2030; and 100% from 2006 levels by 2040. After 2040, statewide greenhouse gas emissions shall be net negative. Imposes a Greenhouse Gas Pollution Fee on all fossil fuels brought into the state for combustion. Fee will increase each year.	ECM & ENT; Del. Fraser-Hidalgo	1 st Reader	
SB 0135		EHE & B&T; Str. Kramer	1 st Reader	
	HEALTH RELATED			
HB 0008 SB0275	Establish Family & Medical Leave and Insurance Program	ECM Hearing 2/01 at 1 p.m. Del. Valderrama FIN; Hearing 2/10 at 1 p.m.; Str. Hayes	1 st Reader	See entry under Budget, Revenue & Taxes Heading for details.
HB 0014 SB 0048	Health – Advance Care Planning & Advance Directives	HGO; Hearing Cancelled; Del. Cullison FIN; Hearing 2/10 at 1 p.m.; Str. Kramer	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 0056	Establish a Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment to study & recommend actions needed on behavioral health treatment & practices for students dealing with behavioral health & mental health issues, including the scope of practices, age of consent for services, types of service & duration of treatment. Investigate the unique behavioral health needs of students from different racial and	W&M; Hearing 1/20 at 1 p.m. Del. Bagnail	1 st Reader	Mental & behavioral health issues are real and serious, but school systems sometimes act w/o informing parents. Parents need to be included. This may be partially directed at treating sexual “health” and “Gender dysphoria” w/out parent knowledge/consent.

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	ethnic backgrounds dealing with behavioral health and mental health issues, including differences by student racial and ethnic background in the provision of behavioral health services, scope of practice, types of service, and duration of treatment. Revise guidelines for student behavioral health treatment & practices in school-based health centers; and research ways to coordinate school-based practices with health care provider practices to improve treatment for students who need behavioral/mental health treatments.			<p>Read: <u>Irreversible Damage</u> by Abigail Shrier for detailed discussion.</p> <p>Note: This is a redo of HB 0377 of 2021 that passed the House but not voted on in Sen. EHE.</p> <p>Also, in 2021 Session SB 41 lowered age from 16 to 12 for a minor to consent to consultation, diagnosis, and treatment of mental or emotional health disorders.</p>
SB 0282	Establish Workgroup on developing, and updating screening tools & make recommendations on actions that primary care providers can use to identify and treat minors who have a mental health disorder that may be caused by an adverse childhood experience. Workgroup to develop a Youth Risk Behavior Survey template for a State-County-level trends report on adverse and positive childhood experiences that includes the prevalence of individual adverse childhood experiences among middle & high school students, including disaggregated by gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and county.	FIN; Hearing 2/08 at 1 p.m. Str. Augustine	1 st Reader	See comments above on HB 0056
	IMMIGRATION RELATED			
HB 0114 SB 0129	Access to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings Program	JUD; Hearing 2/02 at 1 p.m.; Del. N. Williams. JPC; Hearing 2/03 at 1 p.m.; Str. Hettleman	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	

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SB 0265	Probation NOT Deportation. Court may make findings of fact sufficient to support a guilty verdict. Court may stay a finding of guilt by signing agreement that if defendant violates probation agreement the guilty finding & maximum sentence will be imposed.	JPC; Hearing 2/02 at 2 p.m.; Strs. Lee, Ferguson & Smith.	1 st Reader	Protects an illegal immigrant from receiving a formal sentence or Probation Before Judgement (PBJ). A PBJ is grounds for deportation. The agreement avoids a formal finding of guilt.
	LIFE ISSUES			
HB 0050	Abortion, Artificial Insemination, & Sterilization - Requires every licensed hospital, hospital directors and hospital boards to authorize performance of ANY medical procedure that results in artificial insemination, sterilization or termination of pregnancy or to refer to any source for these medical procedures.	HGO; Del. Amprey	1 st Reader	Oppose. Forces Catholic hospitals to perform abortion, etc. and/or refer patients for these services against their religious beliefs.
	MARIJUANA AND DRUG RELATED			
HB 0001	Constitutional Amendment for Adult Use and Possession of Marijuana Cannabis)	JUD; Del. Clippinger	1 st Reader	Oppose
HB 0033	Criminal Law – Controlled Dangerous Substances – Schedules - Adjustment	JUD; Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m. Del. Shetty	1 st Reader	
	REDISTRICTING			
HJ 0001	Maryland Citizens Legislative Districting Plan of 2022.	Rules & Executive Nominations; Joint Hearing with Senate Reapportioning & Redistricting January 18 at 3 p.m.	1 st Reader	SUPPORT – Call/email
SJ 0003			1 st Reader	
HJ 0002	Maryland Legislative Districting Plan	Rules & Executive Nominations; Joint Hearing with Senate Reapportioning & Redistricting January 18 at 3 p.m. House Rules Hearing 1/25 at 11 a.m.; Voting session w/follow immediately.	1 st Reader Passed 3 rd Reader 32-14. 1 st Reader in House Rules	OPPOSE – Call/email
SJ 0002				

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	TRANSPORTATION			
HB 0060 SB 0126	Environment – New Motor Vehicles Pollution Fee of \$1.25 times US EPA pollution rating for vehicle in its model year. Minimum pollution level is 400 grams/per mile in 2023 and will decline 10 grams each year. Funds to provide rebates on electric cars and build electric car infrastructure..	ENT; Hearing 1/26 at 1 p.m. Del. Fraser-Hidalgo. EHE; Str. Kramer	1 st Reader	Note: The motor-fuel (or gas) tax provides substantial portion of funds for building and maintaining roads. Electric car owners do not pay gas taxes & this bill w/provide rebates on their purchase.
SB 0266	Establishes the Vehicle Litter Reporting Program in the Department of Transportation; requiring the Program to operate a hotline to receive complaints of littering from motor vehicles and to send a letter to the registered motor vehicle owners that littering from the vehicle has been reported and that littering is a crime.	B&T; Hearing 1/26 at 1 p.m. Str. Benson	1 st Reader	Littering is bad and is against the law, but a government program where anonymous reports of unsubstantiated violations result in formal gov't warning letter to registered vehicle owner is a dangerous precedent. Could insurance companies access these records and deny re-insurance?