

TRENTON WATCH

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AGRICULTURE



Support

S216

Sponsors Smith (D17); Greenstein (D14)

Summary Directs Department of Agriculture to advertise and promote State aquaculture products through Jersey Fresh Program; establishes annual \$25,000 appropriation.

History Reported from Senate Budget and Appropriations with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.



Support

S3662

Sponsors Singleton (D7); Space (R24)

Summary Allows commercial farmer to be awarded reasonable costs and attorney fees for defending against bad faith complaints under "Right to Farm Act".

History Reported from Senate Economic Growth, 2nd Reading.

CHILDCARE



Support

S3429

Sponsors Ruiz (D29); Mukherji (D32)

Summary Expands eligibility requirements of State's child care assistance program to include full-time graduate and post-graduate students.

History Substituted by A-4544 (1R). Passed in Senate 38-0. Received in the Assembly, 2nd Reading on Concurrence



Support

S4476

Sponsors Ruiz (D29); Gopal (D11)

Summary Permits awarding of contracts for certain preschool education services by resolution of board of education; extends maximum length of preschool education services contracts to three years.

History Reported from Senate Education committee, 2nd reading in Senate.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS



Oppose

S200

Sponsors Smith (D17); Greenstein (D14)

Summary Establishes standards for food date labeling; requires Commissioner of Health to establish public education program and promulgate guidelines related to food safety.

History Reported from Senate Environment committee, 2nd reading in Senate.

EDUCATION



Support

S3776

Sponsors Turner (D15); McKnight (D31)
Summary Establishes Chronic Absenteeism Task Force.
History Passed by the Senate 38-0. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Education Committee.

ENERGY



Support

S4100

Sponsors McKeon (D27); Greenstein (D14)
Summary Requires establishment of automated platform to expedite construction code approval of applications to install residential solar energy systems.
History Reported from Senate Budget and Appropriations committee, 2nd reading in Senate.



Oppose

S4143

Sponsors Smith (D17); McKeon (D27)
Summary Requires energy usage plan for proposed artificial intelligence data centers and cryptocurrency mining facilities; requires all electricity for artificial intelligence data centers and cryptocurrency mining facilities to be derived from new clean energy sources.
History Amended on Senate floor, 2nd reading in Senate by voice vote (Ruiz).



Support

A1478

Sponsors Karabinchak (D18); Guardian (R2); Verrelli (D15)
Summary Requires study of ocean energy potential; directs BPU to establish wave and tidal energy generation goals and take other action to establish NJ as nationwide leader in ocean energy.
History Reported from Assembly Telecommunications committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations.

ENVIRONMENT



Support

A4926

Sponsors Calabrese (D36); Tully (D38); Haider (D37)
Summary Directs DEP and DOT to establish "Wildlife Corridor Action Plan"; appropriates \$90,000.
History Reported from Assembly Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture with committee amendments, 2nd Reading.



Oppose

S1042

Sponsors Greenstein (D14); Smith (D17)

Summary "Protecting Against Forever Chemicals Act"; establishes requirements, prohibitions, and programs for regulation of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

History For Discussion only in Senate Environment and Energy.

FOOD



Oppose

S1939

Sponsors Vitale (D19)

Summary Requires children's meals served in chain restaurants to meet certain nutritional standards.

History Reported from Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

HEALTH



Oppose

S3939

Sponsors McKnight (D31)

Summary Requires New Jersey Board of Nursing to establish Nursing Scribe Program.

History Reported from Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



Support

S4224

Sponsors Lagana (D38)

Summary Establishes education requirements for certain officers of State Board of Medical Examiners.

History Passed by the Senate (38-0). Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Health Committee.



Oppose

A5273

Sponsors Carter (D22); Reynolds Jackson (D15); Atkins (D20)

Summary Establishes "Graduate Physician Licensing Act."

History Reported from Assembly Health with committee amendments, 2nd Reading.

HUMAN SERVICES



Support

S2671

Sponsors Greenstein (D14); Mukherji (D32)
Summary Creates resume bank for certain persons with disabilities.
History Reported from Senate Labor committee, 2nd reading in Senate.

INSURANCE



Oppose

S4499

Sponsors Scutari (D22); Bramnick (R21)
Summary Requires defendants, including insurance companies named as defendants, to be properly identified in causes of action.
History Passed the Senate (26-11). Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

LABOR



Support

S172

Sponsors Polistina (R2); Ruiz (D29)
Summary Provides paid leave for employee to attend certain events of child of employee; establishes tax credits for employer that provide those leave benefits.
History Reported from Senate Labor with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

LEGAL



Support

S4374

Sponsors McKeon (D27); Lagana (D38)
Summary Requires disclosure of third-party litigation funding agreements and establishes certain responsibilities for litigation funders.
History Reported from Senate Commerce with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

NONPROFITS



Support

SJR96

Sponsors McKnight (D31); Wimberly (D35)
Summary Permanently designates August 17th as "Nonprofit Day" in NJ.
History Reported from Senate Community and Urban Affairs committee, 2nd reading in Senate.

PUBLIC UTILITIES



Support

S4318

Sponsors Burzichelli (D3); Greenstein (D14)

Summary Requires BPU to study effects of data centers on electricity costs.

History Substituted by A-5466 (1R). Motion to amend on Senate floor (Pennacchio). Motion to table Senate amendments 22-15 (Ruiz). Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 38-0.



Oppose

S4260

Sponsors Singleton (D7)

Summary "Electric Public Utility Fair Profit Act"; requires electric public utilities to take certain actions regarding excess profits and directs fines for violations to fund utility assistance programs.

History Reported from Senate Economic Growth, 2nd Reading. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations.



Oppose

S4304

Sponsors Burzichelli (D3); Turner (D15)

Summary Requires BPU to determine and consider lowest reasonable return on equity before approving electric, gas, and water public utility base rate cases.

History Reported from Senate Economic Growth with amendments, 2nd Reading.



Oppose

S4363

Sponsors Mukherji (D32)

Summary Requires electric public utilities to submit annual report on voting to BPU.

History Reported from Senate Economic Growth with amendments, 2nd Reading.



Oppose

A5465

Sponsors Hutchison (D4); Verrelli (D15); Morales (D34)

Summary Requires electric public utilities to apply to BPU for certificate of public convenience and necessity prior to undertaking transmission project.

History For Discussion only in Assembly Telecommunications.



Support

[SJR154](#)

Sponsors Burzichelli (D3); Greenstein (D14)

Summary Directs BPU to investigate PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.'s Reliability Pricing Model; directs State to promote affordable energy practices and to urge PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. to implement certain reforms.

History Passed by the Senate (25-12). Received in Assembly w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Assembly.



Oppose

[S4519](#)

Sponsors Zwicker (D16)

Summary Requires electric transmission owners to join transmission entities.

History Reported from Senate Economic Growth with amendments, 2nd Reading. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations.

REGULATED PROFESSIONS



Support

[S4493](#)

Sponsors Bucco (R25)

Summary Modifies requirements to obtain licensure in public accountancy.

History Reported from Senate Commerce committee, 2nd reading in Senate.

STATE GOVERNMENT



Support

[A5601](#)

Sponsors Bailey (D3); Simmons (D3)

Summary Requires State entities to offer optional service for businesses to receive certain notices electronically.

History Reported from Assembly Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture, 2nd Reading.



Support

[S4485](#)

Sponsors Zwicker (D16); McKnight (D31)

Summary Establishes New Jersey Innovation Authority.

History Reported from Senate Economic Growth with committee amendments, 2nd Reading. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations.

TAXATION



Support

A4007

Sponsors Sumter (D35)

Summary Allows small employers to claim tax credit for paying certain health benefits plan premiums.

History Reported from Assembly Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture committee, referred to Assembly Financial Institutions.



Support

S4503

Sponsors Sarlo (D36); Mukherji (D32)

Summary Allows deduction from New Jersey gross income of certain capital gains from sale or exchange of qualified small business stock held for more than five years.

History Transferred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

VETERANS



Support

S1148

Sponsors Mukherji (D32); Gopal (D11)

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

History Passed by the Senate (38-0). Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.