

2015

VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

Legislative Scorecard

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THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAMBER PARTNERSHIP

is a collaboration between the Dulles Regional, Greater Reston and Loudoun County chambers of commerce. The Partnership collectively represents more than 2,800 businesses and 100,000 jobs, providing an unparalleled voice for northern Virginia's business community in Richmond.







NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAMBER PARTNERSHIP

2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION SCORECARD CRITERIA

To recognize our representatives in Richmond who support the *Partnership's* legislative priorities, we created this scorecard to assess the votes taken during the 2015 Virginia General Assembly session. Here is how the Partnership assessed those votes:

- *The Partnership* only scored legislators on bills that we communicated our position on to them in advance of a vote.
- Legislators are evaluated only on votes taken on priority legislation in the subcommittees and committees on which they serve and/or on bills that reached the floor of their respective chambers.
- If a legislator's vote supported the *Partnership's* identified priority, they received +1 point. If a legislator's vote was inconsistent with the *Partnership's* position, they earned -1 point.
- If a legislator missed a vote on a *Partnership* priority bill without a compelling reason for their absence, they received 0 points. If a vote was missed for a medical, family or professional reasons, the vote was not included in their total count.
- If a legislator sponsored a bill that supported a *Partnership* priority, they earned 2 bonus points.
- If a legislator sponsored a bill that was in opposition to a *Partnership* priority, they received -2 bonus points.
- Though it did not happen in the 2015 session, the *Partnership* reserves the right to give greater weight to specific bills that carry greater importance to our collective membership. Legislators will be informed that a bill is being weighted in advance of any vote on that bill.
- As a courtesy, the *Partnership* shared the results of the scorecard with our legislative delegation at least 24 hours prior to publicly releasing the results.



HB 1637	VIRGINIA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT; JOB ORDER CONTRACTS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS.	HB 1751	ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS ACT; CERTAIN REVIEW BY JOINT COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, REPORT.
NVCP Position: SUPPORT Bill Disposition: PASSED	Reforms procurement for architectural and engineering services to allow for a more efficient process, saving time and taxpayer money and allowing work to be completed more expeditiously by business without removing the competitive component of the procurement process.	NVCP Position: SUPPORT Bill Disposition: PASSED	Enhances reporting requirements to the General Assembly and Administration on proposed state regulations that have an adverse economic impact on the business community or a locality.
HB 1799	INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP INVESTMENT AUTHORITY; POWERS, REPORT.	HB 1899/ SB 1198	ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS ACT; LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF REGULATIONS.
NVCP Position: SUPPORT Bill Disposition: PASSED	Reforms the Innovation and Entrepreneurism Investment Authority (IEIA) to permit the Authority to accept private-sector funding and hold equity positions in start-up companies; and makes it easier for the Authority to conduct business.	NVCP Position: SUPPORT Bill Disposition: PASSED	Increases the amount of time the General Assembly, with the concurrence of the Governor, may direct state agencies to suspend the effective date of a portion of or all of a regulation.
SB 796	COUNTY FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX; REFERENDUM REQUIREMENT.	SB 1210	RETAIL SALES AND TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAXES ON ROOM RENTALS.
NVCP Position: OPPOSE Bill Disposition: DEFEATED	Eliminates the requirement that local food and beverage taxes must be approved by the voters through a referendum before enactment.	NVCP Position: SUPPORT Bill Disposition: DEFEATED	Requires that third party booking services (web-based travel companies) must collect and remit transient occupancy taxes (TOT) in the same manner as bricks and mortar hotels do.



HIGH-GROWTH COMPANIES; VEDP)
AUTHORITY AND DHCD TO STUDY	
PROGRAM SUPPORTING	

NVCP Position: SUPPORT

SJ 242

Requires the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority (VEDP) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) do a study on strategies for retaining and supporting high-growth companies that are currently located in the Commonwealth.

Bill Disposition: PASSED



CLEAN ENERGY; FINANCING PROGRAMS, DEVELOPMENT OF UNDERWRITING GUIDELINES.

NVCP Position: SUPPORT

HB 1446

Bill Disposition: **PASSED**

Enables localities to create Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) loan programs to help businesses finance energy efficiency and renewable energy measures for commercial properties that are repaid with a special tax assessment on the property.

SB 801

CLEAN ENERGY; FINANCING PROGRAMS, DEVELOPMENT OF UNDERWRITING GUIDELINES.

NVCP Position: SUPPORT

Bill Disposition: PASSED

Enables localities to create Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) loan programs to help businesses finance energy efficiency and renewable energy measures for commercial properties that are repaid with a special tax assessment on the property.



MEDICAID; JLARC TO STUDY THE COMMONWEALTH'S PROGRAM.

NVCP Position: SUPPORT

HJ 637

Bill Disposition: PASSED

Requires the state's Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study the Commonwealth's Medicaid program to: validate eligibility criteria; review the effectiveness of fraud and abuse detection and prevention efforts; determine the appropriateness and cost effectiveness of services; and, determine whether reforms enacted in other states could be implemented in Virginia.



HB 1470	NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; USE OF REVENUES, EFFECTIVE DATE.	HB 2099	USE OF CERTAIN REVENUES BY THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.
NVCP Position: SUPPORT	Requires that 70 percent of the revenues received by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority be used solely to fund transportation projects from the regional transportation	NVCP Position: OPPOSE	Allows the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to use transportation funds for sidewalk and trail construction.
Bill Disposition: PASSED	plan that have been rated for congestion relief. Furthermore, the legislation requires transit projects also be rated.	Bill Disposition: DEFEATED	
			TOLLING AUTHORITY; APPROVAL BY
HB 2294	PUBLIC-PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1995; COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENTS.	HB 2296	GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEFORE COLLECTING OR IMPOSING TOLLS.
NVCP Position: OPPOSE	Requires that both houses of the General Assembly must specifically approve legislation implementing a public-private partnership agreement for transportation projects.	NVCP Position: OPPOSE	Requires that both houses of the General Assembly must specifically approve legislation approving the imposition or collection of tolls or user fees as part of a public-private
Bill Disposition: DEFEATED		Bill Disposition: DEFEATED	partnership on any road within the Commonwealth.
	HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS;		NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; USE OF CERTAIN REVENUES
HB 2297	POWERS AND DUTIES.	SB 932	FOR NEW SIDEWALK PROJECTS.
NVCP Position: OPPOSE	Requires that both houses of the General Assembly must specifically approve legislation approving the imposition or collection of tolls or user fees as part of a public-private	NVCP Position: OPPOSE	Allows the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to use transportation funds for sidewalk and trail construction.
Bill Disposition: DEFEATED	partnership on any road within the Commonwealth.	Bill Disposition: DEFEATED	



TRANSPORTATION	SB 953 NVCP Position: OPPOSE Bill Disposition: DEFEATED	HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN CITIES. Requires the state to provide highway maintenance funds to cities for upkeep of bike and pedestrian trails.	NVCP Position: SUPPORT Bill Disposition: DEFEATED	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT; TRANSPORTATION FUNDS. An amendment to the Virginia Constitution prohibiting the General Assembly from spending funds in the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund, and other funds collected for transportation purposes on non-transportation needs.
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	NVCP Position: SUPPORT Bill Disposition: PASSED	CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION; ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. Requires that career and technical education programs within the state be aligned with national certification requirements, where applicable, to better facilitate the transition from classroom to workforce.	NVCP Position: SUPPORT Bill Disposition: PASSED	POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL, ETC.; LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD AGREEMENTS WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGES. Allows local school boards to enter into agreements with colleges and universities for dual-enrollment programs that lead to an industry-recognized credential, certification, or license concurrent with a high school diploma.
	HB 1986/ SB 1372	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, VIRGINIA BOARD OF; CHANGES TO BOARD REQUIREMENTS, ANNUAL REPORT.	HB 2354/ SB 1335	STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES; POLICY FOR THE AWARD OF ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR MILITARY TRAINING.
	NVCP Position: SUPPORT	Requires the Virginia Board of Workforce Development to create a business-driven system that produces more workforce	NVCP Position: SUPPORT	Requires Virginia's community colleges to award academic credits to students who have successfully completed a military

credentials and jobs; and requires all career and technical

education and workforce development program be evaluated

annually for performance.

Bill Disposition:

PASSED

training course or program as part of his or her military service

that is applicable to the student's degree requirements.

Bill Disposition:

PASSED



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HB 1352	BPOL TAX; DEDUCTION FOR AMOUNTS PAID UNDER SUBCONTRACTS.	HB 1637	VIRGINIA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT; JOB ORDER CONTRACTS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS.
NVCP Position: SUPPORT Bill Disposition: DEFEATED	Introduced by: Delegate David I. Ramadan Authorizes a Business/Professional/Occupational Licenses deduction for expenses paid to a subcontractor.	NVCP Position: SUPPORT Bill Disposition: PASSED	Introduced by: Delegate J. Randall Minchew Reforms procurement for architectural and engineering services to allow for a more efficient process, saving time and taxpayer money and allowing work to be completed more expeditiously by business without removing the competitive component of
	MINIMUM WACE, INCREASES FROM ITS	17.5325	the procurement process.
HB 1654	MINIMUM WAGE; INCREASES FROM ITS CURRENT FEDERALLY MANDATED LEVEL TO \$8.00 PER HOUR.	HB 1799	INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP INVESTMENT AUTHORITY; POWERS, REPORT.
NVCP Position: OPPOSE	Introduced by: Delegate Kenneth R. Plum Increases the minimum wage to \$10 per hour over the next two years.	NVCP Position: SUPPORT	Introduced by: Delegate Thomas A. "Tag" Greason Reforms the Innovation and Entrepreneurism Investment Authority (IEIA) to permit the Authority to accept private-sector
Bill Disposition: DEFEATED		Bill Disposition: PASSED	funding and hold equity positions in start-up companies; and makes it easier for the Authority to conduct business.
	INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP		MINIMUM WAGE; INCREASES FROM ITS CURRENT FEDERALLY MANDATED LEVEL
SB 1385	INVESTMENT AUTHORITY; POWERS, REPORT.	SB 681	TO \$8.00 PER HOUR.
NVCP Position: SUPPORT	Introduced by: Senator Jill Holtzman Vogel Reforms the Innovation and Entrepreneurism Investment Authority (IEIA) to permit the Authority to accept private-sector	NVCP Position: OPPOSE	Introduced by: Senator David W. Marsden Increases the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour over the next two years.
Bill Disposition: PASSED	funding and hold equity positions in start-up companies; and makes it easier for the Authority to conduct business.	Bill Disposition: DEFEATED	



BONUS POINTS

ALTERNATIVE LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE: ESTABLISHES PROCEDURE WHICH WAGE MAY BE IMPOSED IN ANY LOCALITY. **SB704**

NVCP Position: OPPOSE

Bill Disposition:

DEFEATED

Introduced by: Senator Barbara A. Favola

Allows localities to adopt a minimum wage requiring employers to pay employees within the locality: (i) \$8.25 per hour during the first 12 months the requirement is in effect; (ii) \$9.25 per hour during the following 12 months; and (iii) \$10.50 per hour thereafter.



HB 1665

FINANCING OF CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMS: DEVELOPMENT OF OPTIONAL UNDERWRITING **GUIDELINES.**

NVCP Position: SUPPORT Introduced by: Delegate J. Randall Minchew

Bill Disposition: **DEFEATED**

Enables localities to create Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) loan programs to help businesses finance energy efficiency and renewable energy measures for commercial properties that are repaid with a special tax assessment on the property.



BONUS POINTS

HB 1470

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: USE OF REVENUES, EFFECTIVE DATE.

NVCP Position: SUPPORT

Bill Disposition:

PASSED

Introduced by: Delegate David A. LaRock

Requires that 70 percent of the revenues received by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority be used solely to fund transportation projects from the regional transportation plan that have been rated for congestion relief. Furthermore, the legislation requires transit projects also be rated.

HB 2099

USE OF CERTAIN REVENUES BY THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.

NVCP Position: OPPOSE Introduced by: Delegate Mark L. Keam

Allows the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to use transportation funds for sidewalk and trail construction.

Bill Disposition:

DEFEATED



HJ 576	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TRANSPORTATION FUNDS.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT; TRANSPORTATION FUNDS.

NVCP Position: SUPPORT

Introduced by: Delegate James M. LeMunyon

NVCP Position: **SUPPORT**

SJ 217

Introduced by: Senator Richard H. Black

Bill Disposition: **DEFEATED**

An amendment to the Virginia Constitution prohibiting the General Assembly from spending funds in the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund, and other funds collected for transportation purposes on non-transportation needs.

Bill Disposition: **DEFEATED**

An amendment to the Virginia Constitution prohibiting the General Assembly from spending funds in the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund, and other funds collected for transportation purposes on non-transportation needs.



HB 1616

PASSED

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION; ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

NVCP Position: **SUPPORT**

Introduced by: Delegate Thomas A. "Tag" Greason

Requires that career and technical education programs within the state be aligned with national certification requirements where applicable to better facilitate the transition from classroom to workforce.

Bill Disposition:

	HB 1637	HB 1751	HB 1799	HB 1899/ SB 1198	SB 796	SB 1210	SJ 242	HB 1446	SB 801	HJ 637	HB 1470	HB 2099	HB 2294
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TIMOTHY HUGO	V	v	v	V			V	~	V	v	V		
MARK KEAM	V	V	✓	V			V	~	V	X	V		
DAVID LAROCK	V	V	V	V			V	~	X	V	V		
JAMES LEMUNYON	V	V	V	V			V	~	V	V	V		
J. RANDALL MINCHEW	~	V	V	~			V	~	V	V	~	_*	V
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KENNETH PLUM	~	V	v	~			V	~	✓	X	~		
DAVID RAMADAN	~	V	✓	~			V	~	V	V	~		
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JANET HOWELL	V	×	~	~	V	~	~	~	V	~	~		
DAVID MARSDEN	V	×	v	~	V	~	v	~	V	V	~		
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✓ SUPPORTED THE PARTNERSHIP—1 POINT ADDED TO SCORE

✗ OPPOSED THE PARTNERSHIP—1 POINT DEDUCTED TO SCORE

VOTE NOT RECORDED—ZERO POINT ADDED TO SCORE

-* EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES PRECLUDED VOTE— VOTE DOES NOT COUNT AGAINST SCORE **ED** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EN ENERGY

HC HEALTH CARE

TR TRANSPORTATION

VOTE NOT TAKEN

	HB 2296	HB 2297	SB 932	SB 953	SJ 217	HB 1616	HB 1676	HB 1986/ SB 1372	HB 2354/ SB 1335
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TIMOTHY HUGO						~	V	~	~
MARK KEAM						~	V	~	~
DAVID LAROCK						~	V	~	~
JAMES LEMUNYON						~	V	~	~
J. RANDALL MINCHEW	V	~				~	V	~	~
KATHLEEN MURPHY						~	✓	~	~
KENNETH PLUM						~	V	~	~
DAVID RAMADAN						~	✓	~	~
THOMAS DAVIS RUST						v	V	~	~
TOTAL HOUSE						V	V	V	V

TOTAL	TOTAL POSSIBLE	BONUS
13	13	4
13	13	0
11	13	-2
11	13	2
13	13	2
16	16	4
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13	13	2
13	13	0
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RICHARD BLACK			~	~	~	~
BARBARA FAVOLA	×	~	×	~	~	~
JANET HOWELL			×	~	v	~
DAVID MARSDEN	×	~	×	~	V	~
JILL HOLTZMAN VOGEL			V	~	V	~
JENNIFER WEXTON	×	V	×	V	V	~
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12	16	0
12	16	2
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- ✓ SUPPORTED THE PARTNERSHIP—1 POINT ADDED TO SCORE
- ✗ OPPOSED THE PARTNERSHIP—1 POINT DEDUCTED TO SCORE
- VOTE NOT RECORDED—ZERO POINT ADDED TO SCORE
- **-*** EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES PRECLUDED VOTE— VOTE DOES NOT COUNT AGAINST SCORE

TRANSPORTATION

WD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

VOTE NOT TAKEN

BONUS POINTS	HB 1352	HB 1637	HB 1654	HB 1799/ SB 138	SB 681	SB 704	HB 1665	HB 1470	HB 2099	HJ 576	SJ 217	HB 1616	TOTAL
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THOMAS "TAG" GREASON	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
TIMOTHY HUGO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARK KEAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	-2
DAVID LAROCK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
JAMES LEMUNYON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
J. RANDALL MINCHEW	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
KATHLEEN MURPHY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KENNETH PLUM	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2
DAVID RAMADAN	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
THOMAS DAVIS RUST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SENATORS													
GEORGE BARKER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RICHARD BLACK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
BARBARA FAVOLA	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2
JANET HOWELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAVID MARSDEN	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2
JILL HOLTZMAN VOGEL	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
JENNIFER WEXTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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WD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY	VOTE COUNT	DUNT BONUS TOTAL TOTAL POSSIBLE		SCORE	
DELEGATES					
THOMAS "TAG" GREASON	13	4	17	13	130.8%
TIMOTHY HUGO	13	0	13	13	100.0%
MARK KEAM	11	-2	9	13	69.2%
DAVID LAROCK	11	2	13	13	100.0%
JAMES LEMUNYON	13	2	15	13	115.4%
J. RANDALL MINCHEW	16	4	20	16	125%
KATHLEEN MURPHY	11	0	11	13	84.6%
KENNETH PLUM	11	-2	9	13	69.2%
DAVID RAMADAN	13	2	15	13	115.4%
THOMAS DAVIS RUST	13	0	13	13	100.0%
SENATORS					
GEORGE BARKER	12	0	12	16	75.0%
RICHARD BLACK	12	2	14	16	87.5%
BARBARA FAVOLA	12	-2	10	18	56.0%
JANET HOWELL	12	0	12	16	75.0%
DAVID MARSDEN	12	-2	10	18	56.0%
JILL HOLTZMAN VOGEL	13	2	15	16	93.8%
JENNIFER WEXTON	10	0	10	18	56.0%

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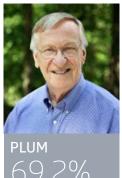




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