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Senate Bills:

SB2056 Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Fund; authorize the issuance of g.o. bonds for in the amount of \$10,000,000.00. [01/03 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2061 Sales tax; create diversion to counties. [01/03 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2073 Federal MOU/MOE or contract agreements; require publication by state agencies. [01/03 \(S\) Referred To Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency](#)

SB2080 Ad valorem tax on inventory tax; phase in exemption for certain small businesses. [01/04 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2105 Public contracts; give preference to resident bidders. [01/04 \(S\) Referred To Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency](#)

SB2122 Appropriation FY2019; MDOT for three-lane Highway 16 in Kemper County. [01/08 \(S\) Referred To Appropriations](#)

SB2137 Bonds; authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to widen portions of Highway 16 in Kemper County. [01/09 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2141 State lottery; establish and use revenue from to supplement MAEP and for educational capital improvements. [01/09 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2164 Railroad right-of-way; unlawful to enter and remain upon without the permission of the owner or operator of the railroad. [01/09 \(S\) Referred To Judiciary, Division B; Highways and Transportation](#)

SB2179 Workers' compensation; increase maximum total recovery and remove cap on permanent total disability compensation. [01/09 \(S\) Referred To Insurance; Judiciary, Division A](#)

SB2181 Tax Payer Pay Raise Act; remove phase out of income & franchise tax & remove deduction of federal employment tax. [01/09 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2190 Bonds; authorize general obligation bonds to four lane MS Hwy 24 from Liberty to I-55. [01/09 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2240 Highways; person may cross a public road or highway on an all-terrain vehicle. [01/09 \(S\) Referred To Highways and Transportation; Judiciary, Division A](#)

SB2255 Bonds; create a rural counties and municipalities emergency infrastructure loan program and authorize issuance of bonds. [01/09 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2281 State highway system; require certain section of MS Highway 9 in Pontotoc County to remain in the system. [01/10 \(S\) Referred To Highways and Transportation](#)

SB2288 Lottery; create and use proceeds to fund Vision 21 projects and for maintenance of state maintained highways. [01/10 \(S\) Referred To Highways and Transportation](#)

SB2292 Capitol Complex Improvement District projects; authorize DFA to issue short-term debt to implement and administer projects. [01/10 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2293 Local government capital improvements revolving loan program; include municipal natural gas facilities. [01/10 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

House Bills:

HB1 Workers' Compensation Law; revise various provisions regarding. [01/02 \(H\) Referred To Insurance; Judiciary A](#)

HB4 Sales tax; create diversion to counties. [01/02 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB7 Income tax; authorize a credit for certain small businesses that create new jobs. [01/02 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB51 Sales tax; divert a portion of revenue to counties in which certain tax increment financing districts are located. [01/02 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB77 Workers' Compensation Law; increase maximum total recovery under to 520 weeks. [01/02 \(H\) Referred To Insurance; Judiciary A](#)

HB78 Workers' Compensation; increase maximum total recovery and remove cap on permanent total disability compensation. [01/02 \(H\) Referred To Insurance; Judiciary A](#)

HB119 Transportation; transfer law enforcement duties of MDOT to the Department of Public Safety. [01/02 \(H\) Referred To Transportation](#)

HB158 Protective orders; prohibit unit prices within procurement contracts from being protected under. [01/02 \(H\) Referred To Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency](#)

HB159 Advertisements for competitive bids; require to be posted on the procurement portal website. [01/02 \(H\) Referred To Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency](#)

HB188 State construction projects; bring forward sections pertaining to acquisition, audit and inventory of. [01/02 \(H\) Referred To Public Property](#)

HB191 Sales tax; increase diversion to municipalities. [01/02 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB218 Sales tax; increase diversion to municipalities and create diversion to counties, use revenue for street/road improvements. [01/02 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB289 State-assisted Local Road Construction and Maintenance Program; create for counties and municipalities under certain populations. [01/02 \(H\) Referred To Transportation; Appropriations](#)

HB331 Mississippi Individual On-Site Wastewater Disposal System Law; extend repealer on and revise various provisions of. [01/03 \(H\) Referred To Conservation and Water Resources](#) **We need to keep a close watch on this bill to make sure the engineer stays involved as in the current law.**

HB339 Bonds; mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. [01/03 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB344 Excise tax on gasoline and diesel; revise rate. [01/03 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB354 General fund revenue; provide that percent of growth in will be used for repair and maintenance of state and local roads. [01/03 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass](#) **Any year when revenue growth to the state General Fund exceeds 2%, House Bill 354 would take half that growth above 2% up to \$100 million and use it for road and bridge maintenance. Majority of that money would go to the state with smaller shares to counties and cities. General Fund has exceeded 2% only in five of the last 10 years.**

HB355 MDOT; remove from State Personnel Board. [01/03 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass Comm Sub](#) **Would exempt the MDOT from civil service rules allowing it to reorganize and fire any of the 3200 employees at will.**

HB356 MDOT; remove from State Personnel Board. [01/03 \(H\) Referred To Appropriations](#)

HB357 Bonds; authorize issuance to assist municipalities and counties with bridge improvements. [01/03 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass](#) **\$50 million in bonds for bridges half to the cities and half to the counties. (Just wondering if they expect this to substitute for the LSBP allotment).**

HB358 Use tax; provide that portion of revenue collected from certain taxpayers will be used for road and bridge repair and improvements. [01/03 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass](#) **Would designate for transportation any amount of tax between \$50 million and \$250 million collected voluntarily by online sellers. Half would go to the state and half would be split by cities (supposedly this bill will go away as HB722 replaces it).**

HB359 State road construction; prohibit if construction has not begun and right-of-way has not been acquired. [01/03 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass Comm Sub](#) **Would ban the Transportation Department from starting any new construction for the next two years if it hasn't already started acquiring right of way. Exempted would be Economic Development projects, FHWA projects and State Aid.**

HB360 Contracts; prohibit dividing of to avoid certain competitive purchasing procedures. [01/04 \(H\) Referred To Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency](#)

HB378 Appropriation; MDA for revolving loan program for rural counties and municipalities to improve infrastructure. [01/04 \(H\) Referred To Appropriations](#)

HB379 Bonds; create a rural counties and municipalities emergency infrastructure loan program and authorize issuance of bonds. [01/04 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

- HB380** Municipalities; authorize to enter into interlocal agreement with rural water association regarding sewer services. [01/04 \(H\) Referred To Municipalities](#)
- HB393** State Inland Port Authority; revise the powers and duties of. [01/05 \(H\) Referred To Ports, Harbors and Airports; Ways and Means](#)
- HB394** Sales tax; create diversion to counties. [01/05 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)
- HB403** Workers' compensation; require emergency hearing upon request of either party. [01/05 \(H\) Referred To Insurance](#)
- HB407** Highway 315; reconstruct a portion of. [01/05 \(H\) Referred To Transportation](#)
- HB410** Sixteenth section and lieu lands; revise authority of local school boards to construct new roads or improve existing roads for access to. [01/05 \(H\) Referred To Education](#)
- HB422** Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Marion County and City of Columbia with road, bridge and airport improvements. [01/05 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)
- HB437** Workers' Compensation; require death benefits payments to next-of-kin if no dependents exist. [01/05 \(H\) Referred To Insurance](#)
- HB443** All-terrain vehicles; establish ownership registration network for. [01/05 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)
- HB498** Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns; establish program to encourage participation in state contracts. [01/08 \(H\) Referred To Workforce Development; Appropriations](#)
- HB509** Economically Distressed Municipalities Development Act; create. [01/08 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)
- HB512** Engineering studies scholarship program; establish. [01/08 \(H\) Referred To Universities and Colleges; Appropriations](#)
- HB532** Fuel taxes; allocate a portion to the City of Jackson for the maintenance and construction of roads adjacent to Jackson State University. [01/08 \(H\) Referred To Transportation; Ways and Means](#)
- HB533** Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with making road and street improvements near Jackson State University. [01/08 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)
- HB558** Public purchasing and bid law requirements; authorize prequalification of contractors on "high complexity construction projects". [01/08 \(H\) Referred To Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency](#)
- HB639** Fuel tax; authorize certain municipalities to impose after an election to be used for road and bridge repair/maintenance. [01/08 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)
- HB683** Contractors; require to have state tax identification number and workers' compensation insurance when bidding on public projects. [01/09 \(H\) Referred To Judiciary A](#)
- HB687** Counties; clarify jurisdiction over roads originally constructed as a state highway. [01/09 \(H\) Referred To Transportation](#)
- HB691** Sales tax; increase diversion to municipalities. [01/09 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB701 Special sales tax; authorize imposition of 1% or 2% for capital projects and/or tourism for municipalities after passage of referendum. [01/09 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB707 Radar; authorize sheriffs and deputies to use on county roads outside municipalities with supervisors' approval. [01/09 \(H\) Referred To Transportation; Appropriations](#)

HB711 Transportation funding districts; provide referendum to be held in each to approve sales tax for road improvements. [01/09 \(H\) Referred To Transportation; Ways and Means](#)

HB716 Appropriation; Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund. [01/09 \(H\) Referred To Appropriations](#)

HB722 Use tax; use portion of revenue to assist municipalities and counties with road and bridge improvements. [01/11 \(H\) Passed As Amended](#) **This is the internet sales tax bill I sent you yesterday that passed the House. It gives the revenue to cities, counties and MDA. The total revenue that will be distributed is around \$109 million that goes into the General Fund. So, for anything to further develop on this bill they must figure out a way to plug the general fund.**

HB731 Capitol Complex Improvement District projects; authorize DFA to incur short-term debt to implement and administer projects. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB732 Bonds; authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB748 Bonds; authorize issuance for IHL capital improvements. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB775 Occupational licensing boards; revise how certain prior convictions are used by. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency](#)

HB782 Special local improvement assessment districts; authorize municipalities to create. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB785 State agency advertising procurements; require approval by Public Procurement Review Board. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency](#)

HB788 Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority; revise certain authority concerning loan for certain economic development project. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB789 MS Workers' Compensation Commission; return to a special fund agency. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Appropriations](#)

HB794 Mississippi Public-Private Partnership Act of 2018; create. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Public Property](#) **This is Chairman Weathersby's bill that was out last year. Pasted his committee, but did not go anywhere. All the construction codes are in this bill.**

HB796 Reverse auctions in public purchases; make applicable only to agencies. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency](#) **This is the bill that has caused so much confusion the last few years. Changes have been requested by local governments. We just need to make sure that we stay exempt and that design and construction is exempt.**

HB813 Mississippi Underground Storage Tank Act of 1988; revise tank regulatory fee provisions and create the Underground Storage Tank Advisory Council. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#) **We need to make sure that ACEC has a seat on this advisory council.**

HB814 Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for the Mississippi Watershed repair and Rehabilitation Coast-Share Program. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB847 Income tax; revise provisions regarding net income of nonresidents, certain definitions and certain business deductions. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB850 Appropriation; Hinds County to fund centralized wastewater treatment system to service Byram-Clinton corridor area. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Appropriations](#)

HB856 Workers' Compensation Law; reduce certain repayment to employer after third party lawsuit due to attributable fault. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Insurance; Judiciary A](#)

HB869 Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Hinds County with development of regional wastewater treatment center. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB911 DHS; expand authority regarding background investigations to include contractors and subcontractors. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Public Health and Human Services](#)

HB915 Reverse auctions in public purchases; make applicable only to agencies. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency](#)

HB952 Sales tax; divert an additional amount to cities to be used to fund infrastructure projects. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)