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House Bills – Actions and New Introductions:

HB331 Mississippi Individual On-Site Wastewater Disposal System Law; extend repealer on and revise various provisions of. [01/23 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass](#) **Bill taken up in Public Health as opposed to Conservation and Water Resources. Bill passed as is. Engineer language remains, which is what we want. Bill moves to House floor.**

HB354 General fund revenue; provide that percent of growth in will be used for repair and maintenance of state and local roads. [01/09 \(H\) Transmitted To Senate](#)

HB355 MDOT; remove from State Personnel Board. [01/03 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass Comm Sub](#)

HB357 Bonds; authorize issuance to assist municipalities and counties with bridge improvements. [01/09 \(H\) Transmitted To Senate](#)

HB359 State road construction; prohibit if construction has not begun and right-of-way has not been acquired. [01/05 \(H\) Motion to Reconsider Entered \(Wooten, Busby, Massengill\)](#)

HB380 Municipalities; authorize to enter into interlocal agreement with rural water association regarding sewer services. [01/09 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass](#)

HB393 State Inland Port Authority; revise the powers and duties of. [01/24 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass](#)

HB427 Smart State Act; create. [01/05 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB722 Use tax; use portion of revenue to assist municipalities and counties with road and bridge improvements. [01/24 \(H\) Transmitted To Senate](#) **Passed House in a unanimous vote 116-0. Amended with naming the bill "Improve Mississippi Act of 2018" and added intent language. Bill moves to Senate.**

HB788 Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority; revise certain authority concerning loan for certain economic development project. [01/24 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass](#) **Passed Ways and Means. Bill moves to House floor.**

HB789 MS Workers' Compensation Commission; return to a special fund agency. [01/26 \(H\) Transmitted To Senate](#)

HB794 Mississippi Public-Private Partnership Act of 2018; create. [01/23 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass Comm Sub](#) **Passed Public Property Committee. This bill passed the House last year but failed in the Senate, due to the bill being massive and Senators not knowing what all was in the bill. We need to keep this language in the bill: "However, reverse auction shall not be used for any public contract for design or construction of public facilities, including buildings, roads and bridges."**

HB813 Mississippi Underground Storage Tank Act of 1988; revise tank regulatory fee provisions and create the Underground Storage Tank Advisory Council. [01/25 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass](#) **Passed without us having a seat on the Council. If we decide we want a seat, we will work with Senator Burton and/or Senator Harkins.**

HB848 Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds to assist Hinds County in construction of the Byram-Clinton Parkway project. [01/11 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB911 DHS; expand authority regarding background investigations to include contractors and subcontractors. [01/23 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass](#)

HB1004 Toll Roads; bring forward code sections for possible amendment. [01/25 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass Comm Sub](#) **This bill appears to mainly deal with I-10 on the Coast. The toll money would be used to pay for an additional part of I-10 over the marshland.**

HB1058 DFA; establish Office of Shared Services within to operate as the central business office for select agencies. [01/15 \(H\) Referred To Appropriations](#)

HB1081 Venue; clarify for nonresident corporations. [01/15 \(H\) Referred To Judiciary A](#)

HB1096 Inactive boards, commissions, councils and committees; repeal certain. [01/25 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass](#)

HB1152 Residential minimum building standards; adopt statewide. [01/15 \(H\) Referred To Energy](#)

HB1166 Sales tax; divert a portion of revenue to certain counties in which certain tax increment financing districts are located. [01/25 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass](#)

HB1175 Occupational licensing boards; require to review rules and submit certain summary to Occupational Licensing Review Commission. [01/23 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass](#)

HB1200 Municipal Water, Sewer and Wastewater Systems Repair and Replacement Grant Program; create. [01/23 \(H\) Title Suff Do Pass](#)

HB1215 Ad valorem tax; bring forward certain sections of law relating to assessment of railroad and other public service corporation property. [01/15 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB1250 Lottery; require the Gaming Commission to establish a. [01/15 \(H\) Referred To Gaming; Ways and Means; et al](#)

HB1306 Construction Dispute Resolution Agreements; declare void if held outside the state. [01/25 \(H\) Recommitted to Committee](#)

HB1496 Bonds; increase amount that may be issued under the Mississippi Business Investment Act. [01/15 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB1511 Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; create. [01/15 \(H\) Referred To Appropriations](#)

HB1522 Appropriation; City of Holly Springs for widening a road for the Springs Industrial Park. [01/23 \(H\) Referred To Appropriations](#)

HB1523 Appropriation; City of Holly Springs for Tribble Road project at site of Springs Industrial Park. [01/23 \(H\) Referred To Appropriations](#)

HB1524 Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville with extension of Colorado Street. [01/23 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB1530 Bonds; authorize issuance for infrastructure improvements at Gateway Industrial Park in Pike county. [01/23 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB1531 Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with construction of the Mississippi Aquarium. [01/23 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

HB1532 Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Quitman County with sewer infrastructure improvements. [01/24 \(H\) Referred To Ways and Means](#)

Senate Bills – Actions and New Introductions:

SB2378 DFA website; require state agencies to post minutes. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency](#)

SB2413 Highways; require four-laning of portions of Highway 6 in Coahoma, Panola and Quitman Counties. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Appropriations; Highways and Transportation](#)

SB2419 Highways; require Transportation Commission to include criteria use in changing priority of new capacity project in its minutes. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency](#)

SB2506 Bonds; authorize for matching funds for a federal grant to assist in the construction of Phase IV of the Clinton-Byram Parkway. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2526 Administrative Procedures Act; require certain occupational licensing boards to review their rules every three years. [01/25 \(S\) Title Suff Do Pass](#) **Passed committee – moves to Senate Floor.**

SB2535 Public purchasing; prohibit dividing of contracts to avoid competitive purchasing procedures. [01/25 \(S\) Title Suff Do Pass](#) **Passed committee – moves to Senate Floor. PEER wants this bill passed. Senator Terry Burton appears to reject this bill, although he let it out of committee without voting against it.**

SB2639 Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; administered by planning and development districts. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Appropriations](#)

SB2674 Government procurement; authorize local entities to charge a fee for reverse auction and electronic bidding services. [01/25 \(S\) Title Suff Do Pass](#) **Passed committee – moves to Senate Floor. Senator Briggs Hopson appears to reject this bill, although he let it out of committee without voting against it. I expect him to bring up his concerns on the Senate floor. NOTE: Senator John Polk mentioned our reverse auction exemption in the committee meeting, while discussing the bill with Senator Hopson.**

SB2700 Economic Development and Infrastructure Fund; require deposit into of certain funds from a bond sinking fund not needed for debt service. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2707 811 Excavation Law; require installation of utility to have certain distance between each utility. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Energy](#)

SB2719 State Bond Commission; may not sell g.o. bonds unless Rainy Day Fund is fully funded and critical infrastructure repairs are completed. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2726 Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; establish board of trustees to approve expenditures. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Appropriations](#)

SB2738 Sales Taxation; divert portion of revenue to certain counties in which certain tax increment finance projects are located. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2775 Office of Shared Services (OSS) in Department of Finance and Administration; establish. [01/25 \(S\) Title Suff Do Pass](#)

SB2790 Jackson County Utility Authority; reconstitute board of directors and revise provisions relating to the board. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Energy; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency](#)

SB2804 Good Samaritan immunity from liability law; extend to architects and engineers who volunteer during disasters. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Judiciary, Division A](#)

SB2815 Transportation; require MDOT to develop a complete streets program. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Highways and Transportation; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency](#)

SB2845 Lottery; authorize and provide that net proceeds go to highways. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2846 "Mississippi Transportation Investment Act of 2018"; authorize certain taxes for highways pursuant to referendum. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Highways and Transportation; Finance](#) **This bill was introduced by Senator Dean Kirby and is entitled the "Mississippi Transportation Investment Act of 2018." The bill includes various options for the legislature to take care of our infrastructure problem. Kirby doesn't intend for all options to be enacted. The good news: the discussion has started.**

SB2847 Lottery; create and use proceeds to supplement the MS Adequate Education program & fund highway construction and maintenance. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2849 Lottery; authorize and provide that net proceeds go to highways and MAEP. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2864 State aid roads; increase amount of motor fuel taxes allocated to include municipal roads in allocation formula. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2872 Pearl River Basin Development District; provide that it shall be dissolved and DFA shall assume powers of. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations](#)

SB2897 Public purchases; exempt certain purchases by local governing authorities form reverse auction requirement. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency](#)

SB2907 Hancock County; authorize to consolidate its rural utility districts for administrative purposes. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Energy](#)

SB2917 Public utilities; require approval of sewer district before taking certain actions. [01/15 \(S\) Referred To Energy](#)