

TRENTON WATCH February 2023

AGRICULTURE



Support

[A3003](#)

Sponsors Calabrese (D36); Freiman (D16); Spearman (D5)
Summary Directs Department of Agriculture to advertise and promote State aquaculture products through Jersey Fresh Program; establishes annual \$100,000 appropriation; appropriates \$100,000.
History Reported out of Assembly Agriculture with amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.



Support

[S428 / A3039](#)

Sponsors Smith (D17); Oroho (R24) / Thomson (R30); Calabrese (D36); Freiman (D16)
Summary Extends Right to Farm Act protections to certain shellfish aquaculture activities.
History Substituted by S-428 (1R). Passed the Assembly 78-0. Passed the Senate 39-0. Sent to Governor.



Support

[S1619](#)

Sponsors Ruiz (D29); Oroho (R24)
Summary Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for value of certain fruit and vegetable donations made by commercial farm operators.
History Reported out of Senate Economic Growth Committee with amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

CHILDCARE



Support

[A1471](#)

Sponsors Lopez (D19); Mosquera (D4); Pintor Marin (D29)
Summary Requires DHS to establish quality-based reimbursement system for registered family child care providers participating in Grow NJ Kids.
History Reported out of Assembly Women and Children as a committee substitute, referred to Assembly Human Services Committee.



Support

[SJR79 / AJR171](#)

Sponsors Ruiz (D29); Cunningham (D31) / Mosquera (D4); Lampitt (D6); Chaparro (D33)
Summary Permanently designates first full week in April as "Week of the Young Child" in New Jersey.
History Passed Assembly 78-0. Substituted for SJR-79 (1R). Passed Senate 39-0. Sent to Governor.

COMMERCE



Support

[S3204 / A4749](#)

- Sponsors** Zwicker (D16); Turner (D15) / Coughlin (D19); Swain (D38); Timberlake (D34);
- Summary** Requires NJ Business Action Center to collect and produce certain information to assist small businesses.
- History** Reported from Senate Senate Economic Growth, 2nd Reading. Substituted for S-3204. Passed in Senate 39-0. Sent to Governor.



Support

[S3400 / A4751](#)

- Sponsors** Mosquera (D4); Speight (D29); DeAngelo (D14)
- Summary** Establishes mentorship program for new businesses and start-ups.
- History** Reported from Senate Economic Growth, 2nd Reading. Referred to Senate Appropriations.



Support

[S3208 / A4753](#)

- Sponsors** Gopal (D11); Zwicker (D16) / Freiman (D16); Park (D37); Lampitt (D6)
- Summary** Allows cure period for businesses to address and resolve certain violations.
- History** Reported from Senate Commerce with Amendments, 2nd Reading. Amended on Senate floor, 2nd reading in Senate by voice vote (Ruiz).



Support

[AJR29](#)

- Sponsors** Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Atkins (D20)
- Summary** Designates August of each year as "Black Business Month" in New Jersey.
- History** Reported out of Assembly Community Development, 2nd reading.



Support

[S3013](#)

- Sponsors** Scutari (D22)
- Summary** Provides that definition of women's business enterprise include businesses owned in whole or in part by certain irrevocable trusts.
- History** Reported out of Senate Commerce, 2nd reading.



Support

[S3460](#)

- Sponsors** Pou (D35); Ruiz (D29)
- Summary** Establishes certification program for businesses owned by LGBTQ+ persons.
- History** Reported from Senate Commerce with amendments, 2nd reading. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

CONSTRUCTION CODES

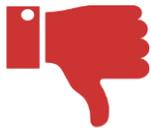


Support

[A5036](#)

- Sponsors** Tully (D38); Swain (D38)
- Summary** Requires "Electronic Permit Processing Review System" in DCA to enable applicant to submit electronic signature and certain other submission materials for permit application review.
- History** Reported out of Assembly Commerce committee, 2nd reading.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS



Oppose

[A4961](#)

- Sponsors** Moriarty (D4); Chaparro (D33); Benson (D14)
- Summary** Bars certain limitations on number of consumer contract claims that are allowed to proceed at same time.
- History** Reported out of Assembly Consumer Affairs, referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION



Support

[SCR18 / ACR156](#)

- Sponsors** Ruiz (D29) / Pintor Marin (D29); Benson (D14); Quijano (D20)
- Summary** Urges Governor, BPU, and certain Commissioners to increase female, minority, and veteran-owned small business participation in contracts awarded with certain federal funds.
- History** Substituted for ACR-156. Resolution Passed in Assembly 75-1-1. Filed with Secretary of State.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Support

[S2539 / A4234](#)

- Sponsors** Singleton (D7); Turner (D15) / Haider (D37); Calabrese (D36); Freiman (D16)
- Summary** Requires stress testing on State's ability to provide services in various economic conditions.
- History** Reported from Assembly Commerce with committee amendments, 2nd reading.



Support

[A4790](#)

- Sponsors** Scutari (D22); Diegnan (D18) / Coughlin (D19); McKnight (D31); Karabinchak (D18)
- Summary** Establishes NJ Non-Profit Loan Guarantee Pilot Program within EDA.
- History** Governor's Absolute veto received in the Assembly.

EDUCATION



Support

[S3306 / A1791](#)

Sponsors Turner (D15); Greenstein (D14) / DeAngelo (D14); Verrelli (D15); McKnight (D31)
Summary Establishes "Career and Technical Education Scholar Awards" to annually recognize outstanding career and technical education students.
History Reported from Senate Education, 2nd reading.



Support

[A4496](#)

Sponsors Coughlin (D19); Lampitt (D6); Karabinchak (D18); Wimberly (D35)
Summary Revises various provisions of law governing construction of school facilities projects and operations of New Jersey Schools Development Authority.
History Reported out of Assembly Education with substitute, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.



Support

[S3080](#)

Sponsors Ruiz (D29); Burgess (D28)
Summary Establishes position of Youth Disconnection Prevention and Recovery Ombudsperson; establishes "School Disconnection Prevention Task Force."
History Reoprted from Senate Appropriations as a substitute, 2nd Reading. Passed the Senate 39-0. Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

ENERGY



Support

[S427](#)

Sponsors Smith (D17)
Summary Provides CBT tax credit for retrofit of existing warehouses with solar-ready zone once solar panels are installed.
History Reported from Senate Environment and Energy, 2nd reading. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

ENVIRONMENT



Support

[S287](#)

Sponsors Greenstein (D14); Singleton (D7) / McKeon (D27); Timberlake (D34); Calabrese (D36)
Summary Provides CBT and gross income tax credits for certain deliveries of low carbon concrete and for costs of conducting environmental product declaration analyses of low carbon concrete.
History Signed by the Governor P.L.2023, c.4.



Support

[S3337](#)

Sponsors Lagana (D38); Johnson (D37)

Summary Establishes Community Hazard Assistance Mitigation Program in, and authorizes issuance of bonds by, NJ Infrastructure Bank to fund certain hazard mitigation and resilience projects; makes various changes to NJ Infrastructure Bank's enabling act; appropriates \$500,000.

History Reported from Senate Environment with committee amendments, 2nd reading. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

FINANCE



Seeking Amendments

[A4976](#)

Sponsors McKeon (D27); Park (D37)

Summary "Consumer Legal Funding Act."

History Reported from Assembly Financial Institutions with amendments, referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

HEALTH



Support

[S1237 / A2583](#)

Sponsors Beach (D6); Zwicker (D16) / Greenwald (D6); Conaway (D7); Stanley (D18)

Summary Requires information on seizure first-aid to be disseminated to employers.

History Amended on Senate floor, 2nd reading in Senate by voice vote (Ruiz).



Support

[S2008 / A3199](#)

Sponsors Singleton (D7); Madden (D4) / Greenwald (D6); Sumter (D35); Jaffer (D16)

Summary Establishes "Health Care Heroes Violence Prevention Act."

History Substituted by A-3199 (3R). Passed the Senate 39-0. 2nd reading in Assembly to concur with Senate amendments.



Support

[A4613](#)

Sponsors Greenwald (D6); Pintor Marin (D29); Jasey (D27); Conaway (D7)

Summary Renames, extends eligibility, and makes various other changes to Primary Care Practitioner Loan Redemption Program; appropriates \$10 million.

History Reported from Assembly Health with amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.



Support

[A4614](#)

Sponsors Greenwald (D6); Jasey (D27); Carter (D22); Lampitt (D6)

Summary Modifies Nursing Faculty Loan Redemption Program.

History Reported from Assembly Higher Education with amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.



Support

[A4615](#)

Sponsors Greenwald (D6); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Park (D37)

Summary Requires State to foster development and implementation of graduate medical education programs in behavioral health care.

History Reported from Assembly Health with amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.



Support

[A4619](#)

Sponsors Greenwald (D6); Conaway (D7); Stanley (D18)

Summary Codifies and extends authorization for certain out-of-State health care practitioners and recent graduates of health care training programs to practice in New Jersey.

History Reported from Assembly Regulated Professions with amendments, referred to Assembly Health Committee.



Support

[S2824](#)

Sponsors Vitale (D19); Pou (D35)

Summary Requires DOBI to conduct study on impact of merger of individual and small group health insurance markets, and on small employer health insurance subsidies.

History Reported from Senate Commerce with committee substitute, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

HOMELAND SECURITY



Support

[A4013](#)

Sponsors Haider (D37); Tully (D38); Speight (D29)

Summary Requires each government entity in this State to conduct a review of cybersecurity infrastructure and make recommendations.

History Amended in Assembly Homeland Security but not reported.



Support

[S3417 / A4836](#)

Sponsors Greenstein (D14); Stanfield (R8) / Speight (D29); Atkins (D20); Wimberly (D35)

Summary Requires Office of Emergency Management to incorporate into State Emergency Operations Plan a framework to address cybersecurity incidents.

History Reported from Senate Public Safety with amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Passed the Assembly 78-0.



Support

[S297 / A493](#)

Sponsors Murphy (D7); Benson (D14); Calabrese (D36)

Summary Requires public agencies and government contractors to report cybersecurity incidents to New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.

History Substituted for A-493 (1R). Passed in Assembly and sent to Governor 76-0-2

INSURANCE



Seeking
Amendments

[S3480](#)

Sponsors Vitale (D19); Pou (D35)

Summary "The Small Business Health Insurance Affordability Act" revises certain requirements for individual and small employer health benefits plans.

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

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Support

[A4055](#)

Sponsors Murphy (D7); DeAngelo (D14); Flynn (R13)

Summary Establishes New Jersey Ireland Trade Commission in Department of State.

History Reported from Assembly State and local Government with amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.

LABOR



Oppose

[A1474](#)

Sponsors Lopez (D19); Danielsen (D17); Carter (D22); Cryan (D20); Vitale (D19)

Summary Provides certain protections and rights for temporary laborers.

History Signed by the Governor P.L.2023, c.10.



Support

[A4740](#)

Sponsors Mukherji (D33); DeAngelo (D14); McKnight (D31)

Summary Provides employee access to employee's employment records on file with DOLWD.

History Passed in Assembly 78-0-0. Received in Senate and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



Oppose

[S3215 / A4772](#)

Sponsors Sarlo (D36); Madden (D4) / Verrelli (D15); Egan (D17); DeAngelo (D14)

Summary Concerns UI benefits during labor disputes.

History Passed the Assembly (56-22-0). Reported from Senate Labor with committee amendments, 2nd reading. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



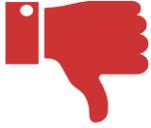
Oppose

[S1438](#)

Sponsors Singleton (D7)

Summary Allows unions to file wage claim suits on behalf of workers regardless of their union affiliation.

History Reported from Senate Labor with committee substitute, 2nd reading in Senate.



Oppose

[S3309](#)

Sponsors Stack (D33); Scutari (D22)

Summary Raises maximum workers' compensation fees for evaluating physicians; expands circumstances for which physician legal fees are permitted.

History Reported from Senate Labor, 2nd reading.

MARIJUANA



Support

[S340 / A3946](#)

Sponsors Singleton (D7); Turner (D15) / Quijano (D20); Calabrese (D36); Carter (D22)

Summary Decouples State tax provisions from federal prohibition on cannabis business deductions.

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

MILITARY



Support

[S1264 / A482](#)

Sponsors Singer (R30); Cryan (D20) / Murphy (D7); Dancer (R12); McKnight (D31)

Summary Concerns professional licensing and application fees for spouse or dependent of active-duty member of United States Armed Forces.

History Reported from Senate Military & Veterans Affairs, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



Support

[S1388](#)

Sponsors Singer (R30); Bucco (R25); Murphy (D7); Webber (R26); Tully (D38)

Summary Establishes "Military Pro Bono Program" to provide pro bono legal representation to active-duty members of Armed Forces, Reserve components, members of National Guard, and veterans.

History Governor's conditional veto received in Senate.

MOTOR VEHICLES



Support

[A1742](#)

Sponsors McKeon (D27); Tully (D38); Haider (D37)

Summary "Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Act".

History Reported from Assembly Transportation referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.



Seeking Amendments

[A4519](#)

Sponsors Moriarty (D4); Danielsens (D17); Rooney (R40)

Summary Prohibits motor vehicle manufacturer or dealer from requiring subscription for certain motor vehicle features and from charging certain fees.

History Amended on Assembly floor, 2nd reading in Assembly (Wimberly).



Support

[S3490](#)

- Sponsors** Smith (D17)
- Summary** Amends certain requirements for installation of electric vehicle supply equipment and make-ready parking spaces.
- History** Reported from Senate Environment with Amendments, 2nd Reading. Passed the Senate 39-0.

PUBLIC UTILITIES



Oppose

[A1100](#)

- Sponsors** Calabrese (D36); Mukherji (D33); McKnight (D31)
- Summary** Requires entities to remove abandoned lines and certain copper telephone lines and mark information on certain lines.
- History** Amended on Assembly floor, 2nd reading in Assembly (Wimberly).

REGULATED PROFESSIONS



Support

[A2138](#)

- Sponsors** Moriarty (D4); Mukherji (D33); McKnight (D31)
- Summary** Establishes professional board to regulate home improvement and home elevation contractors and requires licensure for each type of contractor.
- History** Reported from Assembly Commerce with amendments, 2nd reading.



Support

[S3157 / A4616](#)

- Sponsors** Moriarty (D4); Greenwald (D6); Jaffer (D16)
- Summary** Allows passage of Certified Respiratory Therapist examination to qualify for licensure as respiratory therapist.
- History** Passed in Assembly 78-0-0. Reported from Senate Commerce, 2nd Reading. Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee.



Support

[A4621](#)

- Sponsors** Mosquera (D4); Greenwald (D6); Swain (D38)
- Summary** Requires issuance of report on certain information and data on processing of applications for professional and occupational licenses and mandates review of training and call intake in Division of Consumer Affairs.
- History** Reported from Assembly Regulated Professions with amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.

TAXATION



Seeking
Amendments

[A4549](#)

Sponsors Freiman (D16); Swain (D38); Tully (D38)

Summary Allows tax credit recipients under Grow New Jersey Assistance Program to apply tax credit against gross income tax liability.

History Reported from Assembly Commerce. Referred to Assembly Appropriations.



Support

[S737 / A512](#)

Sponsors Lagana (D38); Gopal (D11); Turner (D15)

Summary Excludes contributions made to certain retirement savings plans under gross income tax.

History Reported from Assembly Financial Institutions with amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS



Seeking
Amendments

[S921](#)

Sponsors Bramnick (R21); Pou (D35)

Summary Requires telemarketers to provide name, mailing address, and telephone number of person on whose behalf call is made.

History Reported out of Senate Commerce with amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

TRANSPORTATION



Support

[S1228](#)

Sponsors Greenstein (D14); Diegnan (D18)

Summary Allows certain airports to carry over certain grant money into future years.

History Reported from Senate Appropriations with Amendments, 2nd Reading. Passed by the Senate 39-0. Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.