

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2024-25
TO THE PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE**

SECTION 26 – H790 DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

26.shp **ADD** (SCDAH: State Historic Preservation Grant Fund Carry Forward) **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to allow the department to carry forward allocated but unexpended funds from the state historic preservation grant fund into the current fiscal year.

26.shp. (SCDAH: State Historic Preservation Grant Fund Carry Forward) The department is authorized to carry forward unexpended funds allocated to state historic preservation grant recipients from previous fiscal years into the current fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

SECTION 42 - L320 - HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

42.6 **DELETE** (HFDA: SC Housing Statewide Assessment) Directs that \$100,000 shall be used by the Authority for a statewide housing needs assessment prepared by the Darla Moore School of Business. Provides reporting requirements of the assessment. Directs that a copy of the assessment be provided by June 30, 2023, to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

~~**42.6.** (HFDA: SC Housing Statewide Assessment) For Fiscal Year 2022-23, of the funds appropriated to the Housing Finance and Development Authority, \$100,000 shall be used for a comprehensive statewide housing needs assessment prepared by the Darla Moore School of Business. The assessment must include the following:~~

~~(1) a statement by the authority on housing policies and recommendations for South Carolina; and~~

~~(2) an evaluation and summary of housing conditions and trends in South Carolina broken down by geographic regions including, but not limited to, the Upstate, the Midlands, and the Lowcountry, including housing stock of all types and housing costs analyses, general population and household composition demographic analyses, and housing and demographic forecasts.~~

~~The assessment also must include an evaluation of housing assistance needs that is based in part on the evaluation described in item (2). Further, the assessment must include a discussion of major housing issues, including housing production, housing and neighborhood conservation, housing for persons with special needs, fair housing and accessibility, and housing affordability. In preparing the assessment, the authority and the Darla Moore School of Business may obtain input from housing authorities, community-based organizations, the private housing industry, and other persons interested in housing assistance and development. A copy of the assessment must also be provided to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by June 30, 2023.~~

SECTION 44 - P160 - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

44.11 **AMEND** (AGRI: State Farmers Market Escrow Accounts) Allows the department to retain remaining revenues from the State Farmers Market Escrow and State Farmers Market Sale Proceeds and expend the funds on planning, development, construction, improvement, and maintenance of the State Farmers Market.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to add “Lease Escrow” in regards to retained revenues.

44.11. (AGRI: State Farmers Market Escrow Accounts) The department may retain remaining revenues associated with the State Farmers Market Escrow, Lease Escrow, and the

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State Farmers Market Sale Proceeds and may expend these funds for the planning, development, construction, improvement, and maintenance of the State Farmers Market including, but not limited to, capital improvements approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

SECTION 49 - P280 - DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM

49.1 **AMEND** (PRT: Tourism and Promotion) Provides for the distribution of Regional Promotions funds to the 11 Regional Tourism groups.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to change the numerical disbursements to percentages.

49.1. (PRT: Tourism and Promotion) The funds appropriated in this act for Regional Promotions shall be distributed equally to the eleven Regional Tourism groups, except that the Grand Strand Tourism Region's funds shall be divided, with ~~\$71,237~~ 22% distributed to the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce, ~~\$163,784~~ 51.11% distributed to the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, ~~\$42,717~~ 13.33% distributed to the City of Georgetown, and ~~\$42,717~~ 13.33% distributed to the Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce for tourism related activities. In addition, \$150,000 shall be distributed to the Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce. The Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce shall submit a report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee by December first each year describing how these funds were expended in the prior fiscal year.

SECTION 50 - P320 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

50.jdt **ADD** (CMRC: Job Development Tax Credit Program) **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to allow state agencies responsible for the Jobs Development Tax Credit program to increase fees charged to companies to cover the operation expenses.

50.jdt. (CMRC: Job Development Tax Credit Program) The state agencies responsible for management, reporting, approving, and auditing the Jobs Development Tax credit program may increase fees charged to companies within the program as necessary to cover the operation expenses of the program. These fees would be included in each agency's Fines and Fees Annual Report.

50.mii **CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD** (CMRC: Make It In SC Public Awareness Campaign) **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to direct the department, in collaboration with the SC Manufacturers Alliance, to utilize funds appropriated for the Make It In SC Awareness Campaign for a multi-year campaign to educate parents, students, and educators on employment opportunities in manufacturing and related industries.

50.mii. (CMRC: Make It In SC Public Awareness Campaign) With the funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce for the Make It In SC Public Awareness Campaign, the Department of Commerce, in collaboration and consultation with the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance, will create and deploy a multi-year public awareness campaign to ensure that parents, students, and educators understand employment opportunities, workplace environments, and careers in manufacturing and related industries in South Carolina. The related industries include, but are not limited to, transportation, distribution, logistics, warehousing, construction, and information technology. Unexpended funds at the end of the

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fiscal year may be carried forward and expended for the same purpose in the subsequent fiscal year.

- 50.snc** ADD (CMRC: SC Nexus Carryforward) **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to allow the department to carry forward unexpended funds for SC Nexus into the current fiscal year.

50.snc. (CMRC: SC Nexus Carryforward) The Department of Commerce may carry forward unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year of allocation/grant funds appropriated and/or authorized for SC Nexus into the current fiscal year for the same purpose.

SECTION 54 - P450 - RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY

- 54.cfp** ADD (RIA: Carry Forward - Planning and Technical Assistance Funds) **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to allow unexpended funds for Planning and Technical Assistance to be carried forward into the current fiscal year.

54.cfp. (RIA: Carry Forward - Planning and Technical Assistance Funds) The Rural Infrastructure Authority may carry forward unexpended funds appropriated for Planning and Technical Assistance - Small & Rural Utilities from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

SECTION 88 - Y140 - STATE PORTS AUTHORITY

- 88.1** AMEND (SPA: Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project) Directs the State Ports Authority to pay the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank \$1,000,000 before June 30, 2024 to continue the Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project.
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year references.

88.1. (SPA: Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project) The State Ports Authority shall, from other general fund or operating fund surplus available and any funds appropriated to the authority in prior fiscal years and left unexpended as of July 1, 2023 2024, pay to the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank one million dollars before June 30, 2024 2025, to continue the Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project.

- 88.4** DELETE (SPA: Transfer of Port of Georgetown) Allows the State Ports Authority to transfer the Port of Georgetown real property to the County of Georgetown in “as-is” condition through a quit-claim deed no later than June 30, 2023. Requires all funds in the Georgetown Port Maintenance to be transferred to the State Ports Authority and to be approved by the Georgetown County Council and the State Ports Authority Board of Directors. Allows the approval to satisfy the fiduciary duties of each approving body.
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

~~**88.4.** (SPA: Transfer of Port of Georgetown) The South Carolina State Ports Authority will transfer the Port of Georgetown real property, including buildings, fixtures, and certain equipment, to the County of Georgetown in “as-is” condition including, but not limited to, any appurtenances and the assumption of any existing leases through a quit claim deed no later than June 30, 2023. Any and all funds in the Georgetown Port Maintenance Dredging Fund shall be transferred to the South Carolina State Ports Authority in full consideration for such transfer,~~

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~~which is deemed to be just and fair compensation. Only the approval of the Georgetown County Council and the South Carolina State Ports Authority Board of Directors is required for this transaction, and such approval shall satisfy the fiduciary duties of each approving body related to this transfer.~~

88.7 DELETE (SPA: Transfer of Funds to Georgetown County) Directs funds appropriated in Act 298 of 2014 to the State Ports Authority for Georgetown Port Dredging to be transferred to Georgetown County. Allows the county to use up to \$1,500,000 for the purchasing and development of excess port property within the county.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

~~**88.7.** (SPA: Transfer of Funds to Georgetown County) Funds appropriated in Act 298 of 2014 to the State Ports Authority for Georgetown Port Dredging shall be transferred to Georgetown County. Of the funds transferred, the county may use up to \$1,500,000 for the purchase of excess port property within the county and shall use the balance of the funds for development of county property previously owned by the State Ports Authority.~~

SECTION 92D - D300 - OFFICE OF RESILIENCE

92D.1 AMEND (SCOR: Catastrophic Weather Event) Directs that improvements to real or personal property used as a residence, such as a mobile home or manufactured housing unit, resulting from damage caused by the catastrophic weather event in October 2015, Hurricane Matthew of 2016, or Hurricane Florence of 2018, made after the event and before June 30, 2024, is not considered an improvement and may not be reassessed at a higher rate as a result of the improvement. Directs that for the current fiscal year, an eligible property's tax value shall remain the same unless an assessable transfer of interest occurs.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference and update technical reference.

92D.1. (SCOR: Catastrophic Weather Event) (A) Any improvements made to real property or personal property used as a residence, such as a mobile home or manufactured housing unit, damaged during the catastrophic weather event in October 2015, Hurricane Matthew of 2016, or Hurricane Florence of 2018, after the event and before June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025, is not considered an improvement and may not be reassessed at a higher rate as a result of the assistance provided. This provision only applies if as a result of the catastrophic weather event, the improvements made to the property were funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery program implemented by the Office of Resilience, or its predecessor the Disaster Recovery Office. This provision also applies if, at the discretion of the county and using qualifications determined by the county, the improvements were made with the assistance of a volunteer organization active in disaster, or a similar volunteer organization.

(B) During the current fiscal year, the property tax value of an eligible property shall remain the same unless an assessable transfer of interest occurs. No refund is allowed on account of values adjusted as provided in this provision.

92D.2 AMEND (SCOR: Leave Balances) Directs that temporary grant employees transferred from DOA's Disaster Recover Office who become full-time equivalent employees at the Office of Resilience shall retain any leave they accrued prior to being transferred.

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SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to delete reference to DOA in regards to the Disaster Recovery Office and add language to allow TGEs with SCOR who become full time FTEs with SCOR to retain leave.

92D.2. (SCOR: Leave Balances) Any temporary grant employees (*TGEs*) transferred from the ~~Department of Administration's former South Carolina~~ Disaster Recovery Office to the Office of Resilience, *or who are TGEs with SCOR* who become full time *equivalent (FTE)* employees *with SCOR*, shall retain any leave accrued prior to the transfer.

SECTION 109 - R440 - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

109.13 DELETE (DOR: Renewable Fuel Credit) Extends the date a taxpayer must place property or facility into service used for distributing or dispersing renewable fuel to January 1, 2023.
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

109.13. (DOR: Renewable Fuel Credit) ~~The date the taxpayer must place property or facility into service that is used for distribution or dispersing renewable fuel shall be extended to January 1, 2023.~~

SECTION 117 - X900 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

117.100. AMEND (GP: South Carolina Welcome Centers) Directs PRT and DOT maintain a MOU that provides that PRT control operations of all SC Welcome Centers and specifies control of certain responsibilities. Directs DOT to transfer the amount stated in the MOU, less any state funds appropriated by the General Assembly for Welcome Centers, to PRT. Directs that these funds be placed in a separate and distinct fund and authorizes these funds to be carried forward and used for the same purposes.
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to change the transfer amount from an amount stated in a Memorandum of Understanding to "5,140,727". Adds that the funds must be increased the same as any statewide state employee salary increase or bonus.

117.100. (GP: South Carolina Welcome Centers) The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and the Department of Transportation shall maintain a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that provides that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism shall control operations of all South Carolina Welcome Centers. The MOU shall include replacement, renovation and maintenance of the facilities, daily operations, and grounds maintenance and upkeep and shall clearly define responsibility for additional portions of Welcome Centers to include paving and sidewalks. The Department of Transportation shall transfer to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism ~~the amount stated in the Memorandum of Understanding \$5,140,727~~ less any state funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the same purpose. *These funds must be increased by an amount commensurate with any statewide state employee salary increases or statewide state employee bonuses, including employee fringes, provided by this General Appropriations Act.* The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism assumes responsibility for this amount and the timing of the transfer of these funds shall be defined as part of the MOU. The funds transferred to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism shall be placed in a separate and distinct fund and these funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and be expended for the same purposes.