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AGRICULTURE



Support

S216

- Sponsors** Smith (D17); Greenstein (D14)
- 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 from Senate Environment and Energy with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



Support

S2200

- Sponsors** Ruiz (D29); Cruz-Perez (D5)
- Summary** Creates pilot program to provide corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for value of certain fruit and vegetable donations made by commercial farm operators.
- History** Passed in Senate 39-0. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

CHILDCARE



Support

A2291

- Sponsors** Lopez (D19); Speight (D29); Reynolds-Jackson (D15)
- Summary** Provides categorical eligibility for subsidized child care services to certain child care workers.
- History** Reported from Assembly Children and Families with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.



Support

S3429

- Sponsors** Ruiz (D29); Mukherji (D32)
- Summary** Expands eligibility requirements of State's child care assistance program to include full-time graduate and post-graduate students.
- History** Reported from Senate Budget and Appropriations committee, 2nd reading in Senate.

COMMERCE



Support

A5422

- Sponsors** Haider (D37)
- Summary** Allows businesses to receive information via email concerning new regulations and economic incentives that affect business.
- History** Reported from Assembly Commerce Economic Development and Agriculture committee, referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

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Support

A5423

Sponsors Tully (D38); Simmons (D3)

Summary Requires EDA to include social media development services in services offered through Small Business E-commerce Support Program.

History Reported from Assembly Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture committee, referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

CONSTRUCTION CODES



Support

S3323

Sponsors Henry (R12)

Summary Requires local unit to accept electronic payment of construction code fees.

History Reported from Senate Community and Urban Affairs, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



Support

S4128

Sponsors Moriarty (D4); Wimberly (D35)

Summary Requires enforcing agency to conduct inspection of construction in specified time window.

History Reported from Senate Community and Urban Affairs committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

ENERGY



Oppose

S4143

Sponsors Smith (D17); McKeon (D27)

Summary Requires submission of energy usage plan to BPU for proposed artificial intelligence data centers; requires all electricity for artificial intelligence data centers to be derived from new clean energy sources.

History Reported from Senate Environment and Energy committee, 2nd reading in Senate.



Oppose

SR125

Sponsors Smith (D17); Greenstein (D14)

Summary Urges states in PJM Interconnection region to require data centers to obtain electricity from new zero- or low-emission sources of energy.

History Reported Senate Environment and Energy committee, 2nd reading in Senate.

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ENVIRONMENT



Support

A2308

- Sponsors** Swain (D38); Danielsen (D17); Haider (D37)
- Summary** Requires environmental sustainability plan for State House Complex.
- History** Reported from Assembly Environment with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.



Oppose

A4696

- Sponsors** Allen (D32); Hall (D28); Collazos-Gill (D27)
- Summary** "Climate Superfund Act"; imposes liability on certain fossil fuel companies for certain damages caused by climate change and establishes program in DEP to collect and distribute compensatory payments.
- History** Reported from Assembly Environment with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Commerce. Economic Development and Agriculture Committee.



Support

A4926

- Sponsors** Calabrese (D36)
- Summary** Directs DEP and DOT to establish "Wildlife Corridor Action Plan"; appropriates \$90,000.
- History** Transferred to Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee. Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Commerce. Economic Development and Agriculture Committee.



Oppose

S4117

- Sponsors** Smith (D17); McKeon (D27)
- Summary** "Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act"; requires certain business entities to publicize annual greenhouse gas emissions data.
- History** Reported from Senate Environment and Energy with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

HEALTH



Oppose

S1971

- Sponsors** Vitale (D19)
- Summary** Imposes certain rate filing requirements concerning certain health benefits plans available on State-based exchange.
- History** Reported from Senate Commerce with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

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Support

S4224

- Sponsors** Lagana (D38)
- Summary** Establishes education requirements for certain officers of State Board of Medical Examiners.
- History** Reported from Senate Commerce committee, 2nd reading in Senate.

HUMAN SERVICES



Support

A3636

- Sponsors** Murphy (D7); Quijano (D20); McCoy (D14)
- Summary** Requires State agencies to make their websites accessible to people with disabilities and on mobile devices.
- History** Reported from Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

REGULATED PROFESSIONS



Support

S2688

- Sponsors** McKnight (D31); Gopal (D11) / Greenwald (D6); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Speight (D29)
- Summary** Enters NJ in Social Work Licensure Compact.
- History** Substituted by A-2813. Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 39-0.



Support

S3882

- Sponsors** Cryan (D20); Singer (R30)
- Summary** Requires retention by certain professional boards of funds collected.
- History** Reported from Senate Commerce with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

STATE GOVERNMENT



Support

A4492

- Sponsors** Collazos-Gill (D27); McCoy (D14)
- Summary** Establishes fee refund program for businesses applying for permits, licenses, or certifications in this State.
- History** Transferred to Assembly Commerce. Economic Development and Agriculture Committee. Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

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Support

A5420

- Sponsors** Bailey (D3); Freiman (D16); Venezia (D34)
- Summary** Permits 30-calendar day extension to cure period for certain businesses to address and resolve certain violations.
- History** Reported from Assembly Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture committee, referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.



Support

A5461

- Sponsors** Freiman (D16); Peterpaul (D11); Hutchison (D4); Drulis (D16)
- Summary** Makes various changes to provisions of "Administrative Procedure Act."
- History** Reported from Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture committee, referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

TAXATION



Support

A4455

- Sponsors** Freiman (D16); Schaer (D36)
- Summary** Allows deduction from New Jersey gross income of certain capital gains from sale or exchange of qualified small business stock held for more than five years.
- History** Reported from Assembly State and Local with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.



Support

A5421

- Sponsors** McCoy (D14); Atkins (D20); Karabinchak (D18)
- Summary** Requires development of online tax training for small and micro-businesses.
- History** Reported from Assembly Commerce and Economic Development, referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.



Support

S4027

- Sponsors** Cruz-Perez (D5); Pou (D35)
- Summary** Requires State to purchase certain unused tax credits issued under New Jersey Economic Recovery Act of 2020.
- History** Reported from Senate Budget and Appropriations with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

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