

# GCV Recommended Bills Prepared for Legislative Day

January 30 & 31, 2024

## Bills to Support:

- [HB4](#) Plastic bag tax: distribution to towns
- [HB19](#) Atlantic menhaden: VIMS, et al., to study ecology, fishery impacts, and economic importance
- [HB47](#) Invasive plant species; requirements for retail sales.
- [HB71](#) Combined sewer overflow outfalls; compliance with regulations, Chesapeake Bay Watershed.
- [HB84](#) Mineral mining and exploration; public notification.
- [HB85](#) Mineral mining and processing; use of cyanide or a cyanide compound prohibited.
- [HB116](#) and [SB 192](#) Retail Sales and Use tax; exemption for data centers.
- [HB152](#) Land preservation tax credit; increase threshold amount
- [HB170](#) Conservation of trees during land development process; authorized localities
- [HB245](#) and [SB462](#) PFAS; facilities that have engaged in manufacture, etc., to produce report on use of chemicals.
- [HB 309](#) and [SB461](#) Forest Conservation Plan; Department of Forestry to develop.
- [HB316](#) Virginia Recycling Development Center; established, report.
- [HB320](#) Pesticide control exemptions; herbicide applications by unpaid volunteers.
- [HB337](#) Siting of data centers; impacts on resources and historically sensitive sites.
- [HB338](#) Siting of data centers; locality to perform site assessment before approval.
- [HB357](#) Tidal and nontidal wetlands; DEQ to establish work group to develop strategies to protect, report.
- [HB406](#) Department of Environmental Quality; enforcement of regulations; Clean Water Act.
- [HB459](#) and [SB121](#) Trees; conservation during land development process in certain localities.
- [HB496](#) Waste tire disposal by tire producers and haulers; fee; requirements.
- [HB528](#) Property Owners' Association Act; managed conservation landscaping, unreasonable restrictions prohibited.
- [HB529](#) Conservation and replacement of trees during development process.
- [HB538](#) Virginia Student Environmental Literacy Plan Grant Fund and Program established.
- [HB638](#) Electric utilities; energy efficiency programs, duty to implement the Energy Policy, etc..
- [HB644](#) and [SB305](#) Gas-powered leaf blowers; local prohibition or regulation, civil penalty.
- [HB910](#) Data centers; energy usage.
- [HB949](#) Aboveground storage tanks; Hazardous Substance Aboveground Storage Tank Fund created. [HB966](#) and [SB733](#) Chief Resilience Officer of the Commonwealth; moves position under the Governor
- [HB 968](#) Virginia Green Infrastructure Bank; created, report.
- [HB985](#) High polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon; prohibits pavement sealants that contain, civil penalty.
- [HB1015](#) and [SB297](#) Agricultural best management practices & agricultural equipment purchase tax credits; sunset date.
- [HB1085](#) PFAS Advisory Committee; established, monitoring PFAS levels by publicly owned treatment works.
- [HB1088](#) Climate change and environmental literacy; instructional materials, model policies.
- [HB1100](#) Conservation of trees during land development process.
- [HB1167](#) A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered **15.2-918.1**, relating to local prohibition on the sale of English ivy; civil penalty.
- [HB1183](#) and [HB1223](#) Land preservation tax credit; maximum amount increase.
- [HB1227](#) Recycling Infrastructure Improvement Fund; established; report.
- [HB1456](#) and [SB79](#) Solar-ready roofs for certain gov't bldgs.; net-zero energy consumption bldg. design for schools.

## Senate Bills to Support:

- [SB129](#) Forest Sustainability Fund; fund allocation.
- [SB243](#) PFAS Advisory Committee; established, monitoring PFAS levels by publicly owned treatment works.

- [SB455 Wildlife Corridor Grant Fund: created. report](#)
- [SB462 PFAS; facilities that have engaged in manufacture, etc., to produce report on use of chemicals.](#)
- [SB581 Environmental Quality, Department of; groundwater and surface water withdrawal permits.](#)
- [SB673 State Water Control Board; prioritization of drinking water.](#)

### **Bills to Oppose:**

- [HB3 and SB3 State Air Pollution Control Board: motor vehicle emissions standards](#)
- [HB7 State Air Pollution Control Board: regulations, low-emissions and zero-emissions vehicle standards](#)
- [HB397 Regulation of electric utilities \(State Air Pollution Board\); development of renewable energy facilities: powers.](#)
- [HB530 Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act; local government ordinances; criteria for local governments.](#)
- [HB693 and SB53 State Air Pollution Control Board: motor vehicle emissions standards.](#)
- [HB854 Gasoline and diesel fuel; lowers rate of tax.](#)
- [HB1182 Professional wetland delineator; certification requirements.](#)

### **Budget Amendments to Support:**

**366, 4-5.12, 114, both 2022-24 & 2024-6**

These amendments address the withdrawal from the **Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)** by Governor Youngkin. RGGI maintains a large fund comprised of fines from polluters, and this money is allocated to addressing climate change.

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### **Invasive Species Budget Items to Support**

88 #2s Invasive Species Management

<https://budget.lis.virginia.gov/amendment/2024/1/SB30/Introduced/MR/88/2s/>

96 #6s Invasive Species Management

<https://budget.lis.virginia.gov/amendment/2024/1/SB30/Introduced/MR/88/2s/>

359 #11s Invasive Species Management

<https://budget.lis.virginia.gov/amendment/2024/1/SB30/Introduced/MR/359/11s/>

367 #1s Invasive Species Management

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