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Here Come the Bills!

No, not the football team — they are not going anywhere this year. We’re talking about the bills that are about to come pouring out of the Office of Legislative Services for the 2013 legislative session. At this writing, there are 820 active “legislative service requests” (LSRs), each of which will become a bill unless it is withdrawn.

The numbers on the LSRs, which can be found [here](#), actually go up to 1006, but [112 LSRs have been withdrawn](#) to date, leaving fewer active ones. We realize those numbers still don’t add up. Part of the difference is likely explained by the option legislators have of keeping LSR titles confidential until the bills are introduced; in addition, a few LSR titles are reserved for the state’s operating budget and capital budget bills. When those additional LSRs are added, it seems likely that there will be close to 900 bills for the 2013 legislative session.

We have not seen any bills yet, but they are likely to start hitting the [legislature's web site](#) any day. When that happens, there should be a link to 2013 bills on the State Legislation Dash Board. If you can’t wait for the link, you can do a ["quick bill search"](#) (also on the State Legislation Dash Board), enter 2013 for the session year, leave all other fields blank, and click on “submit.” This will produce a list of all bills introduced for 2013. (If you do this right now, you will find ten bills, but these are merely House and Senate resolutions that deal with early housekeeping matters like adopting rules and setting salaries and mileage payments.)

As mentioned in last week’s *Bulletin*, the House and Senate will each meet in session on Wednesday, January 2. After that, many hearings will be scheduled in rapid succession. Please check the House and Senate calendars this week and next, as well as next week’s *Bulletin*, for hearing notices on bills of municipal interest.

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House Committees Announced

Committee assignments for House members were announced last week. Below are the House committees that are of particular interest to municipal officials. The House committee web page is still “under construction,” but a list of all committee assignments can be found in the [December 21 House Calendar](#). If you know, or have a special relationship with, any members of the committees below, please let us know.

HOUSE COMMITTEES

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 Connor, Evelyn
 Gage, Ruth
 Till, Mary
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REPUBLICANS

Jasper, Shawn
 Marston, Dick
 Souza, Kathleen
 Gray, James
 Comerford, Timothy
 Sweeney, Joe
 Birdsell, Regina
 Hoelzel, Kathleen

ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

DEMOCRATS

Sad, Tara, **Chairman**
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 Whittemore, Lisa
 Brown, Rebecca
 Burns, Scott
 Turcotte, Alan
 Bixby, Peter
 Lauer, Linda
 Bartlett, Christy
 Gardner, Janice
 Miller, David

REPUBLICANS

Haefner, Bob
 Comtois, Guy
 Johnson, Jane
 Palmer, Stephen
 Parison, Jim
 Groen, Warren
 Gordon, Richard
 Peckham, Michele
 O'Connor, John

House Committees - continued**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS & ADMINISTRATION****DEMOCRATS**

Weber, Lucy, **Chairman**
 Schuett, Dianne, **Vice Chairman**
 Schmidt, Peter
 Sullivan, Dan
 Jeudy, Jean
 Goley, Jeff
 Gagnon, Ray
 Booras, Efstathia
 Moffett, Howard
 Nelson, Mary
 Hansberry, Daniel

REPUBLICANS

McGuire, Carol
 Pratt, Calvin
 Hansen, Peter
 Sweeney, Shawn
 Beaudoin, Steven
 Garcia, Bianca Rose
 Sytek, John
 Danais, Romeo
 Byron, Frank

FINANCE**DEMOCRATS**

Wallner, Mary Jane, **Chairman**
 Rosenwald, Cindy, **Vice Chairman**
 Nordgren, Sharon
 Benn, Bernie
 Leishman, Peter
 Eaton, Dan
 Buco, Tom
 Huot, David
 Rogers, Kathy
 Spratt, Steve
 Ford, Sue
 Walsh, Bob
 Hatch, William
 Lerandeau, Alfred

REPUBLICANS

Kurk, Neal
 Worsman, Colette
 Umberger, Karen
 Cebrowski, John
 Barry, Richard
 Ober, Lynne
 McGuire, Dan
 Allen, Mary
 Elliott, Robert
 Garcia, Marilinda
 Weyler, Kenneth

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 Sullivan, Peter
 Horrigan, Timothy
 Watrous, Rick
 Hackel, Paul
 Woodbury, David
 Berch, Paul
 Phillips, Larry
 Gale, Sylvia
 Heffron, Frank

REPUBLICANS

Rowe, Robert
 Luther, Robert
 Sylvia, Michael
 Hopper, Gary
 Peterson, Lenette
 Takesian, Charlene
 Thompson, David
 Kappler, Mike
 Hagan, Joseph

House Committees - continued**LABOR, INDUSTRIAL & REHABILITATIVE SERVICES****DEMOCRATS**

White, Andy, **Chairman**
 Kelly, Sally, **Vice Chairman**
 Coulombe, Gary
 Rice, Chip
 Weed, Chuck
 Schmidt, Jan
 DiSilvestro, Linda
 Andrews, Chris
 Cahill, Michael
 Ley, Doug
 Tanner, Linda

REPUBLICANS

Daniels, Gary
 Burchell, Richard
 Richardson, Herbert
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 Pellegrino, Tony
 Flanagan, Jack
 Emerick, Tracy
 Sedensky, John
 St. James, Kevin

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 Hooper, Dot
 Roberts, Kris
 Malloy, Dennis
 Carson, Clyde
 Lavender, Tom
 Enman, Larry
 White, Syndi
 Verschueren, James
 Vail, Suzanne

REPUBLICANS

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 Shackett, Jeff
 Danielson, David
 Coffey, James
 Belanger, Jim
 Lockwood, Priscilla
 Bickford, David
 Copeland, Timothy
 Bishop, Franklin

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 Higgins, Pat
 Jack, Marty
 Ebel, Karen
 Piper, Wendy
 Ratzki, Mario

REPUBLICANS

Graham, John
 Tilton, Frank
 Chandler, Gene
 McConkey, Mark
 Gionet, Edmond
 Friel, William
 Kolodziej, Walter
 Waterhouse, Kevin
 Milz, David

House Committees - continued**RESOURCES, RECREATION & DEVELOPMENT****DEMOCRATS**

Chandley, Shannon, **Chairman**
 Smith, Suzanne, **Vice Chairman**
 Aguiar, Jim
 Gottling, Sue
 Thomas, Yvonne
 Webb, Leigh
 Hubbard, Pam
 Parkhurst, Henry
 Beaulieu, Jane
 Wazlaw, Brian
 Lovett, Sid

REPUBLICANS

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 Holmes, Stephen
 Cormier, Jane
 Merrow, Harry
 Ahlgren, Christopher
 Wright, Donald
 Mullen, John
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 Ferrante, Beverly

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 Backus, Bob
 Grossman, Ken
 Baber, Bill
 Mann, John
 Shepardson, Marge
 Raymond, Ian

REPUBLICANS

Introne, Robert
 Vadney, Herb
 Rappaport, Laurence
 Bradley, Lester
 Reilly, Skip
 Murotake, David
 LeVasseur, Richard
 Khan, Aboul
 Devine, James

WAYS & MEANS**DEMOCRATS**

Almy, Susan, **Chairman**
 Lovejoy, Patricia, **Vice Chairman**
 Cooney, Mary
 Davis, Frank
 Butynski, Bill
 Kelley, Jack
 Shattuck, Gil
 Young, Harry
 Ames, Dick
 Karrick, David
 Menear, Robert

REPUBLICANS

Major, Norman
 Ober, Russell
 Ulery, Jordon
 Sanborn, Laurie
 Hess, David
 Abrami, Patrick
 Griffin, Mary
 Azarian, Gary
 Sapareto, Frank

Glossary of Abbreviations Used in Bill Descriptions and the Legislative Process

CACR	Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution
CAP BUDGET	Capital Budget Committee (Senate)
C&FL	Children & Family Law Committee (House)
CJ&PS	Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee (House)
COM-S	Commerce Committee (Senate)
COM-H	Commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee (House)
E&A	Environment & Agriculture Committee (House)
ED&A-S	Executive Departments & Administration Committee (Senate)
ED&A-H	Executive Departments and Administration Committee (House)
EDUC.....	Education Committee (House)
EL	Election Law Committee (House)
ENR	Energy & Natural Resources Committee (Senate)
F-S	Finance Committee (Senate)
F-H	Finance Committee (House)
F&G	Fish & Game and Marine Resources Committee (House)
FN	Fiscal Note
HB	House Bill
HEHS	Health, Education and Human Services Committee (Senate)
HHS&EA	Health, Human Services & Elderly Affairs Committee (House)
JUD-S	Judiciary Committee (Senate)
JUD-H	Judiciary Committee (House)
L	Local
LABOR	Labor, Industrial & Rehabilitative Services Committee (House)
LEGIS ADMIN	Legislative Administration Committee (House)
LOB	Legislative Office Building
M&CG	Municipal & County Government Committee (House)
PMA	Public and Municipal Affairs Committee (Senate)
PW	Public Works & Highways Committee (House)
RR&D	Resources, Recreation & Development Committee (House)
RULES & INT. AFF.....	Rules, Enrolled Bills & Internal Affairs (Senate)
SB	Senate Bill
S-FR	State-Federal Relations & Veterans Affairs Committee (House)
SH	State House
ST&E	Science, Technology & Energy Committee (House)
TRANS-S	Transportation Committee (Senate)
TRANS-H	Transportation Committee (House)
W&M-S	Ways & Means Committee (Senate)
W&M-H	Ways & Means Committee (House)