

Legislative Update

- Shaping up to be a pretty good year for municipalities, with a number of harmful bills killed (some twice), including:
 - Anti-lobbying legislation ([HB 1033](#))
 - Hand counting ballots ([HB 1064](#), [HB 1247](#))
 - Short-term rentals ([SB 249](#))
 - Anti-city council ([HB 1268](#))
 - Anti-health officer ([HB 1272](#))
 - Anti-attorney client privilege for municipalities ([HB 1073](#))
 - Vague “privacy” bill ([HB 597](#))
- Meanwhile, the legislature (particularly the Senate) was interested in funding:
 - Municipal bridges (\$36 million) and highways (\$30 million) and the body camera fund (\$1 million) ([SB 401](#))
 - Restoration of a state contribution of 7.5% to the employer’s share of Group I (teachers) and II employees (\$27.8 million) ([HB 1221](#); [HB 1417](#))
 - PFAS mitigation (\$25 million) ([HB 1547](#))
 - Previously completed wastewater projects (\$13 million) ([HB 398](#))
 - Municipal obligations to the homeless (\$5 million) ([HB 1662](#))
- Some issues are still outstanding:
 - [HB 1210](#) – Vehicle for Vaccine Exemptions – Attached to [SB 407](#).
 - [HB 1021](#) – No zoning ordinance or site plan review regulation shall prohibit, regulate or restrict the use of land or structures for primarily used for religious purposes.
 - [HB 1597](#) As Amended by House – Fining municipalities for bad action of an election official – Attached to [SB 405](#).