

**2018 Legislative Update**  
**Week 4 – February 2, 2018**

**Legislative Days 11-14**

The Legislature was in recess today and will reconvene on Monday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m. The legislature will be in for four days next week from Monday, February 5 through Thursday, February 8 for legislative days 15 - 18. They will be out of session next Friday then return to session on Monday, February 12 for legislative day 19. You can review the full legislative calendar for the remainder of the 2018 session [here](#).

**Committees & Bills of Interest**

*Transportation*

The Senate Transportation Committee met this week and heard [SB 259](#) and [SB 266](#). The House Transportation Committee did not meet. Next week, the Senate Transportation Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday at 2:00 PM. The House Committee is not scheduled to meet at this time.

On Tuesday, the House passed [HB 150](#) by Representative Alan Powell (R - Hartwell), this bill extends the sunset date from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2022 for the excise tax of motor fuel which is tied to the Consumer Price Index that was originally put into effect in the Transportation Funding Act of 2015. This bill is a carry-over bill from the 2017 session the the bill now goes to the Governor for his signature.

*Natural Resources & the Environment*

The Senate Natural Resources & the Environment Committee met this week and heard [SB 332](#). The House Natural Resources & the Environment Committee met this week and received updates from the Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Division. Next week, the Senate Natural Resources and the Environment Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday at 2:00 PM. The House Committee is not scheduled to meet at this time.

For detailed information on specific legislation, visit the General Assembly's website [here](#).

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