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Board Advisory Committee	Requested Action	Proposal Description	Staff Recommendation
Commission on Aging	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support legislation that requires staff of financial institutions to complete training on detecting and preventing financial exploitation of adults and designate such professionals as mandatory reporters of suspected financial exploitation.	Staff aligns with the values of the proposal and has added more general language related to preventing scams in the legislative program. However, staff does not recommend the proposal as an initiative as it targets financial institutions which is beyond the County's scope.
Coordinating Council on Aging and Disability	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support legislation to make HB908 (2024) permanent to ensure adults with developmental disability Medicaid waivers do not become financially ineligible for waivers if they receive Social Security Disability Insurance benefits after the death of their parents.	**Current program language broadly reflects this position.**
Coordinating Council on Aging and Disability	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support legislation to protect the voting rights of adults with disabilities placed under a guardianship order unless deemed disqualified to vote due to lack of capacity by a court or in the case of clear and convincing evidence that an individual lacks the capacity to understand the act of voting.	**Historical Position.** This can be addressed during the GA session without inclusion in this year's legislative program.
Environmental Quality and Conservation	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support legislation requiring public reporting of data center energy and water use.	The current program includes general language regarding environmental impacts of data centers. More specific requests can be addressed during the GA session.
Environmental Quality and Conservation	Legislative Initiative	Bring forward legislation to phase out nonessential PFAS (Forever) chemicals added to consumer products which threaten public health.	This issue lies primarily at the federal level.
Environmental Quality and Conservation	Legislative Initiative	Bring forward legislation to authorize local jurisdictions to mandate the collection of organic waste as a recyclable material.	**Staff recommends including new language in support of this concept in the program.**
Environmental Quality and Conservation	Legislative Initiative	Bring forward legislation to authorize counties and towns to ban disposable plastic bags.	Staff does not believe a ban is tenable at this year's GA.
Environmental Quality and Conservation	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support legislation revising the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) to adopt the most current International Construction Code building energy efficiency standards, or permitting local jurisdictions to set more stringent standards than the USBC for new construction and major renovation of commercial and multi-unit residential buildings. Also, require energy intensity benchmarking of commercial and multi-unit residential buildings.	Staff aligns with the values of the proposal, but the specific proposal raises implementation questions. This can be addressed during the GA session without inclusion in this year's legislative program.

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Environmental Quality and Conservation	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support legislation to provide localities with the ability to require solar energy on building and parking lots as properties are redeveloped.	Staff aligns with the values of the proposal, but the County has not historically supported establishing requirements for all buildings as costs may be prohibitive and affect development goals.
Fairfax Area Disability Services Board	Legislative Initiative	Bring forward legislation to codify key federal disability rights in the Code of Virginia, specifically rights found in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).	**Current program language broadly reflects this position.**
Fairfax Area Disability Services Board	Legislative Initiative	Bring forward legislation or budget language directing the Virginia Department of Taxation to convene a stakeholder workgroup to review and make recommendations on the standardization of real estate tax relief programs for individuals with disabilities and other property tax exemptions.	A study in this area would need close monitoring as proposed changes could create significant impacts to the County and require systemic changes to the tax collection process. Any property tax relief granted by the state must be accompanied by equivalent funding to ensure localities' budgets remain whole.
Health Care Advisory Board	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support legislation that would allow any locality that has adopted an affordable housing program to require by ordinance that, in an application for a special exception or special use permit, affordable rental units be included for any proposed development of an assisted living facility to be licensed pursuant to § 63.2-1701.	**Historical Position.** This can be addressed during the GA session without inclusion in this year's legislative program.
Health Care Advisory Board	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support additional State funding to allow for more efficient licensing and monitoring of nursing homes to improve the health, safety, welfare, and rights of residents and reduce the average interval between standard nursing home inspections in Virginia to be in line with federal requirements.	Staff is in alignment with the values of the proposal, but oversight of nursing homes falls outside of the County's scope. This can be addressed during the GA session without inclusion in this year's legislative program.
Health Care Advisory Board	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support regulatory and legislative actions that implement minimum direct care staffing levels for nursing homes and establish such standards for assisted living facilities in Virginia.	Staff recommends including support for strengthening workforce capacity across a number of critical sectors, including long-term care, in the legislative program rather than supporting specific staffing standards for assisted living facilities.
Health Care Advisory Board	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support state funding and actions that preserve affordable, high-quality health care coverage for low-income Virginians and oppose shifting new financial and administrative responsibilities for providing health safety net services to localities.	Staff recommends including this as a priority in the legislative program.

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Health Care Advisory Board	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support State actions on extreme heat; potentially including directing the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) to conduct a study and present a report to help State decisionmakers understand the scale of the problem.	This can be addressed during the GA session without inclusion in this year's legislative program.
Police Officers Retirement System Board of Trustees	Legislative Initiative	Bring forward legislation to increase the Police Officers Retirement System Board of Trustees to 9 members and include an additional retired police officer as a representative.	This can be addressed during the GA session without inclusion in this year's legislative program.
Tree Commission	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support legislation to adequately fund Virginia Conservation Assistance Program's ability to provide financial incentives and educational assistance to property owners installing eligible native trees and using low-impact planting practices to address stormwater and erosion issues. Supporting such legislation helps ensure that all residents of Virginia's 9,000 homeowner associations can leverage this program. Currently, community associations are allowed to have covenants prohibiting residents from installing managed low-impact landscaping.	Support for VCAP is a historical position and local flexibility for environmental initiatives is already included in current program language. This can be addressed during the GA session without inclusion in this year's legislative program.
Tree Commission	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support legislation establishing a study to assess the benefits and impacts of permitting systems to preserve healthy, mature native trees in urban forests, including, but not limited to, resource protection areas, riparian buffers, and flood plains. Topics could include whether there should be an application process for the removal of such trees, whether professional consulting arborist assessments should be included in the assessment process, whether there should be requirements for homeowners to demonstrate the need to remove an identified tree, and whether there should be fees for failure to get a permit or failure to abide by any permit requirements that might be adopted.	**Historical Position.** This can be addressed during the GA session without inclusion in this year's legislative program.
Tree Commission	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support legislation that would ensure that VDOT, as well as other state agencies, have a directive and the authority and capability to mitigate the loss of tree canopy as a result of transportation projects.	Support for additional local authority during the development process is a historical position. This can be addressed during the GA session without inclusion in this year's legislative program.

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Tree Commission	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support legislation that provides incentives to enhance urban tree canopies.	**Current program language broadly reflects this position.**
Tree Commission	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support legislation that would grant localities increased flexibility and additional authority to promote tree preservation and conservation, by increasing their own minimum tree canopy requirements and encouraging tree preservation in the planning and zoning process. This would help address the impacts of climate change.	**Current program language broadly reflects this position.**
Tree Commission	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support legislation that would allow counties to adopt ordinances banning or imposing a surcharge on the sale of the most damaging invasive plant species that are threatening the viability of countless trees in parklands and forested areas across Virginia.	Support for addressing invasive species is a historical position. This can be addressed during the GA session without inclusion in this year's legislative program.
Tree Commission	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support funding for strategies identified in the Virginia Invasive Species Management Plan, adequate funding for state agencies involved in removal of invasive species, and to understand the economic impact of invasive species in Virginia.	Support for addressing invasive species is a historical position. This can be addressed during the GA session without inclusion in this year's legislative program.
Tree Commission	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support legislation that would add “control of invasive vegetation” to the listed authorities of service districts, allowing localities to more effectively control invasive plants.	Support for addressing invasive species is a historical position. This can be addressed during the GA session without inclusion in this year's legislative program.
Tree Commission	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support legislation removing the stipulation that plants considered to be commercially viable cannot be included on the Virginia Noxious Weeds List.	This can be addressed during the GA session without inclusion in this year's legislative program.
Tree Commission	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support legislation that would enhance requirements to control invasive plants along Virginia’s roadways, particularly following construction and transportation projects.	Support for addressing invasive species is a historical position. This can be addressed during the GA session without inclusion in this year's legislative program.
Young Adults Advisory Council	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support legislation to expand the definition of tobacco under the tax code to include all nicotine products.	**Current program language broadly reflects this position.**
Young Adults Advisory Council	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support sustaining or expanding state funding of Virginia’s network of psychiatric hospitals.	**Current program language broadly reflects this position.**
Young Adults Advisory Council	Request for Inclusion in Position Statement	Support creating a paid medical and family leave program for all Virginians.	**Current program language broadly reflects this position.**