# Board Advisory Committee Legislative Initiatives and Proposals

| Board Advisory Committee | Requested Action | Proposal Description | Staff Recommendation |
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| Consumer Protection Commission | Legislative Initiative | Initiate legislation to establish the Virginia Scam Prevention and Consumer Education Grant Program to award competitive grants to localities and regional cosortia of localities for the development and implementation of scam prevention and consumer fraud education programs. Companion budget request of $300,000 in General Fund appropriations for FY28 to provide seed funding for the initial grant round. | Current program language broadly reflects this proposal. |
| Consumer Protection Commission | Legislative Initiative | Initiate legislation to (1) establish safety-based motorist protection requirements for any towing or recovery of a motor vehicle initiated at the request of the vehicle's owner or operator, (2) add these protections as enumerated operator obligations and establish a tiered criminal penalty structure, and (3) allow local law-enforcement officers with probable cause to obtain a warrant directly from a magistrate for violations of 46.2-118 without prior authorization from the Attorney General. | Do not recommend pursuing at this time. Requires significant support/documentation for the need. |

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| Health Care Advisory Board | Position Statement | Support legislation that would allow any locality that has adopted an affordable housing program to require, by ordinance, that in applications for a special exception or special use permit, affordable rental units must be included for any proposed development of an assisted living facility. | Historical position. This can be addressed during the GA session without inclusion in this year's legislative program. |
| Health Care Advisory Board | Position Statement | Support state actions on extreme heat, including regulations designed to protect workers from heat illness. | Recommend monitoring implementation of HB 1092/SB 288, passed during the 2026 GA session, which requires the state Safety and Health Codes Board to adopt regulations designed to protect workers from heat illness by May 1, 2028. |
| Health Care Advisory Board | Position Statement | Support additional state funding to allow for more efficient licensing and monitoring of nursing homes to further reduce the average interval between standard nursing home inspections in Virginia to be in line with federal requirements and to improve the health, safety, welfare, and rights of residents. | 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. |

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| Health Care Advisory Board | 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. | Current program language broadly reflects this position. |
| Health Care Advisory Board *(Also submitted by Health Dept.)* | Position Statement | Support state and federal funding and actions that preserve access to affordable, high-quality health care coverage and services, especially for low-income Virginians. Oppose actions that shift new financial and administrative responsibilities for providing health safety net services to localities. | Current program language broadly reflects this position and staff recommends adding new program language to further incorporate these concepts. |
| Environmental Quality Advisory Council | Legislative Initiative *(EQAC Priority: 1)* | Bring forward legislation to require the Board of Housing and Community Development to adopt amendments to the Building Code within 18 months of publication of each new edition of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), and to enforce those updated standards no later than 12 months after adoption. | Current program language broadly reflects this position. |

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| Environmental Quality Advisory Council | Legislative Initiative *(EQAC Priority: 2)* | Bring forward legislation to explicitly include food waste and other organic waste within the statutory and regulatory definition of "recyclable materials" that local jurisdictions are authorized to manage under their recycling programs. This clarification would authorize localities to require organics source separation and diversion by ordinance and would be applicable to all generators of organic waste, not only the large commercial generators (addressed by HB 1011, 2026). | Current program language broadly reflects this position and has been updated with DPWES input. |
| Environmental Quality Advisory Council | Legislative Initiative *(EQAC Priority: 3)* | Bring forward legislation to require producers of covered batteries to join and fund a state-approved Battery Stewardship Organization that would be responsible for designing and operating a statewide system of convenient drop-off collection sites, safe transportation, and certified recycling or responsible end-of-life management for covered batteries. | Current program language broadly reflects this position and has been updated with DPWES input. |
| Environmental Quality Advisory Council | Legislative Initiative *(EQAC Priority: 4)* | Bring forward legislation to authorize any county, city, or town, by ordinance, to ban the distribution of disposable plastic bags. | Do not recommend pursuing at this time. |

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| Environmental Quality Advisory Council | Legislative Initiative *(EQAC Priority: 5)* | Bring forward legislation to direct the Board of Housing and Community Development to develop and publish a uniform statewide "stretch" energy efficiency code for new commercial and multi-unit residential construction. This would createa single, state-defined set of standards more stringent than the current USBC baseline that any locality may adopt by ordinance. | Do not recommend pursuing at this time. |
| Commission for Women | Position Statement | Support legislation to strengthen protections for victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, coercive control, and related forms of abuse while ensuring meaningful accountability for serious and escalating conduct. | Current program language broadly reflects this position. |
| Commission for Women | Position Statement | Support legislation to strengthen safety and privacy protections for individuals navigating divorce and separation, particularly when domestic violence, stalking, coercice control, or other safety concerns are present. | Current program language broadly reflects this position. |
| Commission for Women | Position Statement | Support legislation to modernize Virginia's stalking laws to better recognize the full range of harms caused by stalking and emerging forms of technology-facilitated abuse. | Staff recommends updating legislative program language to incorporate this concept into the program. |

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| Commission for Women | Position Statement | Support legislation to reduce maternal mortality, with emphasis on addressing the disproportionate risks for Black women. Legislation should include increased data collection, and accountability for turning findings into measureable action. | Staff recommends updating legislative program language to incorporate this concept into the program. |
| Commission for Women | Position Statement | Support legislation that expands local authority and strengthens state protections to promote housing affordability, stability, consumer protection, and access to homeownership. Support legislation that ensures greater flexibility to respond to local housing conditions and pathways to afforable homeownership. | Current program language broadly reflects this position. |
| Public Library Board of Trustees | Position Statement | Support legislation to increase state aid to public libraries. Support asking the state to fund libraries 100%. | Current program language broadly reflects this position. |
| Public Library Board of Trustees | Position Statement | Support reducing barriers to libraries acquiring eMaterials under reasonable terms and costs. | Current program language broadly reflects this position. |
| Public Library Board of Trustees | Position Statement | Support Freedom to Read legislation if it adequately protects libraries from censorship. | Current program language broadly reflects this position, and staff recommends updating language to further incorporate this concept into the legislative program. |