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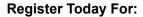


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Government Affairs

The Massachusetts Legislature's formal session ends on July 31, 2022. Several major bills are in conference committees so that the House and Senate can work on compromise bills to send to the Governor's desk. Several other major bills are still working their way through either the House or the Senate, with a conference committee needed to work out any differences.

FY2023 Budget: Governor Charlie Baker plans to sign this state budget Thursday morning. He has until Friday to act on the \$52.7B annual budget that the Legislature sent to him last week, but he will instead hold an 8:45 am event in the State House on 7/28/22 to sign the budget. Governor Baker could also veto portions and return sections to the House and Senate with amendments, but his official schedule did not mention those possibilities. More >

The legislature enacted this bill and sent it to the Governor in the past week:

Energy & Climate bill came out of conference committee on 7/21, was enacted by both the House and Senate and was sent to Governor Baker. This bill is now:

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Major Bills of Interest to ACEC/MA Members in conference committees:

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Engineering (SDE)

- Economic Development bills are in conference committee as of 7/25/22: Bills: H 5034 and S 3030

- Infrastructure Bond Bill still in conference committee: The Massachusetts House and Senate sent the \$10.4B infrastructure bond bill to conference committee on July 18; late on July 20, legislators indicated that they appear to be close to final deal, so we may see the final bill on July 21, when both the House and Senate are scheduled for formal sessions. Bills are: H 4916 and S 3016. This infrastructure bond bill is important for the state to allocate the state match for the federal IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) as well as to have additional funding to apply for some competitive federal infrastructure grants. In addition, both versions of the bill include our Dig Safe language, a direct result of our grassroots advocacy work. We are working to keep this language in the conference report for this bill.

From ACEC Last Word Blog:

Diving Deeper into QBS: ACEC's Engineering Influence podcast talked with Gordon Kingsley from Georgia Tech and Paul Chinowsky from University of Colorado, Boulder to take a closer look at the ACEC Research Institute's newly released study on Qualifications Based Selection (QBS). The two researchers detail QBS's benefits and explain how selecting engineering teams based on qualifications lowers cost, saves time, and lessens complexity for project delivery. Read the new study + access resources on QBS at ACEC's new QBS Resource Portal.

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ACEC Private Market and Economic Outlook (July 2022)

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