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What has happened on Jones Street?

With legislators currently wrapping up a 10-day break for the Memorial Day holiday, now is a good time to summarize what has happened in the roughly five weeks since the short session commenced.

As we told you in last week's Bulletin, the week of May 18 felt more like an end-of-session week with almost nonstop committee meetings, floor votes, and wide-ranging, multi-page omnibus bills. During the week, we saw the introduction and passage of significant legislation for local governments; everything from the property tax constitutional amendment to parking minimums and regulatory reform. We encourage you to refer back to the May 22 Bulletin for more details about all of these issues.

But how has the short session looked from a data perspective?

NCLM's legislative tracking and data provider, [Roboro](#), provided its clients with the following graphic this week.

NCGA Short Session by the Numbers

522 bills filed (216 House / 306 Senate)

Reps. K. Brown, Reives, Hawkins sponsored most newly filed bills

Sens. Burgin, Smith, Lowe sponsored most newly filed bills

23 bills had a PCS (18 House / 5 Senate)

5 bills became law: H696, S214, H433, S1080, H1089

7 bills still vetoed (H87 House voted to override 5/20)

6 bills still in conference

No budget yet (Conference Report expected June 16-18)

Governor Signs Housing-Focused Executive Order

On Tuesday, May 19, Governor Josh Stein signed [Executive Order No. 36, "Increasing Housing Opportunities For All North Carolinians,"](#) during a ceremony in Raleigh. While many bills have been filed since the session opened on April 21, most of the activity has focused on a few bills, many of which were filed during the long session. And that an even smaller number of bills have become law over the past few weeks. While this is not necessarily a pattern that will continue through the rest of the short session, it is still an important marker to understand at this break. This Executive Order presents a wide-ranging strategy to increase the availability of affordable housing across the state by appointing a Senior Advisor for Housing Policy in the Governor's office and fostering interagency collaboration across state government.

The following article from the [Raleigh News & Observer](#) provides additional details about the Executive Order. Legislators return to Raleigh next week, with committee meeting notices already being distributed for Tuesday and Wednesday.

NCLM Government Affairs staff has had an initial meeting with Janneke Ratcliffe, who was installed as the Governor's Senior Advisor for Housing Policy, and looks forward to ongoing conversations with her and her team.



FEMA Final Report to Shift Disaster Policy

On May 7, 2026, the President's Council to Assess the Federal Emergency Management Agency convened its final meeting in Washington, D.C., to deliver a set of recommendations intended to redefine the federal government's role in disaster management.

Here are the [informational slides](#) from the council's meeting and the [final report](#).

Members of the public may continue to [submit comments](#) through June 8. More information from the National League of Cities about the effect of the recommendation on municipalities can be seen [here](#).



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