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Commerce and Industry**



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Dear Speaker Heastie:

With this letter, I am submitting the Annual Assembly Standing Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry report for the 2024 Legislative Session.

The 2024 Legislative Session has been challenging due to the pressure of inflation resulting from the pandemic recovery. The Committee reviewed and participated in enactment of the SFY 2024-25 budget process and worked on legislation that impacts State and local economic development, promotes job opportunities and addresses inequities within our economy.

The enacted budget provided significant investment in several new programs, including: \$250 million to support the redevelopment of underutilized sites for housing development (NY-RUSH); \$80 million for One Network for Regional Advanced Manufacturing Partnership Initiative (ON-RAMP); \$135 million for County Partnership grants program; \$250 million for Launch NY AI Consortium program; and \$500 million for the Albany Nanotech Ultraviolet Lithography Center (NY Creates). This year's budget also provided a \$208.36 million investment for the Office of Workforce and Economic Development at Empire State Development that was created in 2022.

The oversight of the new programs created in the SFY 2024-2025 budget will be a priority for the Committee in the coming year. The priority focus areas of the Committee during the next session will include what can be done to support businesses and the workforce they employ.

On behalf of myself and the members of the Committee, I wish to thank you for supporting our efforts to encourage economic development and job opportunities across New York State. With your continued leadership New Yorkers can look forward to a productive session next year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Albert A. Stirpe Jr.".

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I. INTRODUCTION: COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

The Assembly Standing Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry is responsible for legislation that affects economic development and business regulation throughout the State. The Committee also provides oversight of the State's various economic development agencies, authorities and programs that notably impact the State's overall economy. The Committee's primary responsibility effects business and industries that are subject to the Economic Development, General Business, Unconsolidated Laws, Alcohol and Beverage Control, and Cannabis Laws.

The Committee interacts with many State agencies, economic development organizations and other groups and associations on these important issues. The State agencies include the Department of Economic Development, the Urban Development Corporation, the Job Development Authority, the Department of State, the State Liquor Authority, and the Office of Cannabis Management. The Committee works with numerous organizations that support economic development throughout the State, including not-for-profit local development corporations, economic development agencies, not-for-profit foundations, colleges and universities, Chambers of Commerce, Unions and Small Business Development Centers. The Committee also provides oversight of policies related to the sale of alcoholic beverages and adult-use cannabis.

The Committee currently has two Subcommittees that are tasked with providing more in-depth analysis on specific subject areas, which helps the committee better understand and respond to related legislation and policy proposals. The Subcommittee on Occupational Licenses focuses on reviewing and examining occupational licenses in relation to the licensing process, fee structure, educational requirements, and other aspects of these licenses as well as the contribution of these occupations to the State's economy. The Subcommittee on Export Trade provides insight about New York's international and domestic export experiences and how to bolster future expansion of New York State business exports. Currently, these Subcommittees are Chaired by Members of Assembly Gina Sillitti and Marianne Buttenschon, respectively.

II. FY 2024-25 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET INITIATIVES

Empire State Development and Department of Economic Development

The Committee has long advocated for policies that support and promote economic development and job creation within the State. The New York State Budget provides funding for economic development programs through allocations to the Department of Economic Development and the Urban Development Corporation (doing business as Empire State Development). Funding through these programs is typically provided in the form of loans, grants, tax credits and other financial assistance to local governments, businesses, higher education institutions and not-for-profit corporations to develop stable and growing regional economies. In the enacted State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2025 budget, the Committee supported key initiatives to boost New York's economy, create jobs and facilitate opportunities for all business sectors in the State in an equitable and inclusive manner.

The enacted State Budget provided an All Funds appropriation of \$105.3 million, an increase of \$4.9 million over the Executive proposal, for the Department of Economic Development. Further, the budget provided an All Funds appropriation of \$2.3 billion, an increase of \$86.7 million over the Executive proposal, for the Urban Development Corporation. The following are highlights of some of the programs that are funded to promote economic development and businesses in New York via the State Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget:

- **Highlighted Economic Initiatives**

- \$250 million to support the redevelopment of underutilized sites for housing development (NY-RUSH);
- \$80 million for One Network for Regional Advanced Manufacturing Partnership Initiative (ON-RAMP);
- \$135 million in total funds for County Partnership grants program;
- \$250 million for Launch NY AI Consortium program; and
- \$500 million for the Albany Nanotech Ultraviolet Lithography Center (NY Creates).

- **Workforce Development**

- \$208.36 million to support the Office of Workforce and Economic Development at Empire State Development to provide resources to: leverage Empire State Development's relationships with employers to help identify employer needs; develop tailored regional training strategies; support programs to train New Yorkers in the skills necessary to succeed in in-demand fields; make targeted investments in teachers, healthcare workers, apprenticeships and internships, mental health professionals, and caregivers; and the inclusion of the new ON-RAMP training initiative. The following is a breakdown of this allocation:
 - \$47 million for the program to related to financial burden relief for healthcare workers;
 - \$39 million for caregiver flexibility for direct care workers;

- \$30 million for the Teacher Residency Program;
 - \$13 million for the new ON-RAMP initiative;
 - \$10.3 million for the expansion of psychiatric rehabilitation services at the Office of Mental Health;
 - \$10 million for Expansion of Alternative Teacher Certification;
 - \$10 million for internships at the State University of New York (SUNY) and the City University of New York (CUNY);
 - \$8 million for the program aimed at upskilling school paraprofessionals;
 - \$5 million for apprenticeships at SUNY and CUNY;
 - \$2.4 million for the Diversity in Medicine Program;
 - \$1 million for the expansion of the SUNY Pre-Medical Opportunities Program;
 - \$10.16 million for employment and training programs at the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities; and
 - \$22,500,000 for loans, grants, and costs associated with raising capacity expansion for statewide institutions.
- \$4 million for the Empire State Entertainment and Diversity Training.
- **University-Based Programs:**
 - \$15 million in total support for the Centers for Advanced Technology (CATs). The CATs collaborate with New York companies on the development of new technologies and products and create new businesses and high-quality jobs throughout the State.
 - \$14 million in total support for each of the Centers of Excellence (CoEs). The CoEs collaborate with New York companies in commercializing scientific discoveries in fields such as nanoelectronics, bioinformatics, photonics, environmental systems, wireless applications, and information technology. Also, several CoE programs received funding as follows:
 - \$1 million to the University at Albany CoE in data science in atmospheric and environmental prediction and innovation;
 - \$1 million to New York Medical College to create and operate a CoE in Precision Responses to Bioterrorism and Disaster;
 - \$1 million to the Clarkson - SUNY ESF CoE in Healthy Water Solutions;
 - \$250,000 for an Eastern NY satellite for Cornell's CoE in Agricultural Innovation; and
 - \$250,000 for a new CoE in RNA Research and Therapeutics at the University of Rochester.
 - \$1.503 million for SUNY Polytechnic Institute College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering;
 - \$1.503 million for Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute Focus Center;
 - \$1 million University of Rochester Laser Energetics Program; and
 - \$1 million for Stony Brook Medicine's National Cancer Institute.

- **General Economic Development:**

- \$400 million for the New York Works Economic Development Fund;
- \$100 million for FAST-NY shovel ready site program;
- \$50 million for the Restore New York Communities Initiative;
- \$45 million for economic development initiatives of the State for promoting tourism and expanding business investment and job creation and retention;
- \$26.18 million for the Empire State Economic Development Fund;
- \$20 million for the Grown and Certified Program;
- \$15 million for the Market New York Program; and
- \$7.5 million for retention of professional football in western New York.

- **Business Assistance:**

- \$15.470 million for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program;
- \$12 million for the High Technology Matching Grants Program which includes Security Trough Advanced Technology (START) initiative, the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program, and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program;
- \$5 million for the New York State Innovation Hot Spots/ New York State Incubators;
- \$4.5 million for the Entrepreneurial Assistance Program (EAP);
- \$4 million for the Global Entrepreneurs in Residence program;
- \$1.382 million for the Technology Development Organizations (TDO);
- \$1.495 million for the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program;
- \$1 million total for the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Development and Lending Program and for Minority- and Women-Owned Business Development;
- \$921,000 for the Industrial Technology Extension Service Program;
- \$343,000 Science and Technology Law Center; and
- \$3.404 million for the Urban and Community Development Program.

- **Commerce, Regional Economic Development, Trade and Tourism:**

- \$10 million for redevelopment of the Hunts Point Meat Market;
- \$10 million for the Universal Hip Hop Museum;
- \$10 million for the MiSci Museum of Innovation and Science;
- \$10 million for the NY-FIRST program;
- \$10 million for the American Museum of Natural History;
- \$10 million for the Brooklyn Museum;
- \$6 million for the Kingston Bulkhead Improvements on Rondout Creek; and
- \$5 million for arts and cultural venues of Alive Downtowns!;
- \$5 million for the PACE Performing Arts Center;
- \$3.5 million for the Hispanic Federation;
- \$3.4 million for local tourism promotion matching grants program;
- \$1.4 million for CenterState CEO Strategic Economic Development;

- \$1 million for the Brooklyn Academy of Music;
- \$1 million for various legislative Initiatives;
- \$800,000 for the Brooklyn Alliance;
- \$750,000 for the Rochester Monroe County Anti-Poverty Initiative;
- \$700,000 for the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation;
- \$650,000 for the Queens Chamber of Commerce;
- \$500,000 for the Niagara Military Affairs Council;
- \$350,000 for CNY on Camera;
- \$300,000 for the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance;
- \$300,000 for the New York Women's Chamber of Commerce;
- \$300,000 for the Adirondack Sports Council;
- \$225,000 for the North Country Chamber of Commerce;
- \$150,000 for the Association of Community Employment Programs;
- \$150,000 for the Bronx Chamber of Commerce;
- \$150,000 for the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce;
- \$150,000 for Harlem Week;
- \$150,000 for the Historic Hudson river's Partnership - Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitors Center;
- \$150,000 for the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce;
- \$150,000 for the Queens Economic Development Corporation;
- \$150,000 for the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce;
- \$150,000 for Syracuse JazzFest Productions, Inc.;
- \$140,000 for the Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortlandt Development Corporation;
- \$125,000 for ArtsNY, Inc.;
- \$100,000 for the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA);
- \$100,000 for Arts Services Initiative of Western New York, Inc.;
- \$100,000 for the Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association;
- \$100,000 for the Buffalo Niagara Partnership;
- \$100,000 for Downtown Syracuse Foundation, Inc.;
- \$75,000 for the People's Theater Project;
- \$75,000 for the Yonkers Downtown Waterfront Business Improvement Association;
- \$65,000 for the Buffalo Heritage Carousel, Inc.;
- \$50,000 for the Amherst Chamber of Commerce;
- \$50,000 for the Business Council of Westchester;
- \$50,000 for the Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce;
- \$50,000 for the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce;
- \$50,000 for the Cortland Area Chamber of Commerce;
- \$50,000 for the Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce;
- \$50,000 for the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce;
- \$50,000 for the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce;
- \$50,000 for the Greene Chamber of Commerce;
- \$50,000 for the Hampton Bays Chamber of Commerce;
- \$50,000 for the Orange County Chamber of Commerce;
- \$50,000 for the Staten Island Economic Development Corporation;
- \$50,000 for the Suffolk County Alliance of Chambers;

- \$50,000 for the Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce; and
- \$50,000 for the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Reginal Economic Development Councils

The 10 Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs) of New York State, which include community, business, academic leaders, and members of the public in each region, use their knowledge and understanding of local priorities and assets to help direct state investment in support of job creation and economic growth. REDCs have developed and implemented comprehensive Strategic Plans for their respective regions and regularly issue updated plans. These plans play an important role in determining how millions of dollars in existing economic aid are awarded through the State's Consolidated Funding Application (CFA).

- \$150 million for REDC grants program.
- \$200 million for a seventh round of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) to be used to revitalize downtowns areas in each of the 10 economic regions of the State. Funds are to be distributed as follows:
 - \$100 million for main street redevelopment programs; and
 - \$100 million for the NY Forward grant program to support redevelopment in smaller and more rural areas.

Article VII – Economic Development

In the 2024-2025 enacted State budget:

- The Legislature modified the Executive proposal to extend the general loan powers of the Urban Development Corporation by providing a one-year extension to July 1, 2025.
- The Legislature modified the Executive proposal to extend the authorization of the Urban Development Corporation to administer the Economic Development Fund by providing a one-year extension to July 1, 2025.
- The Legislature included the Executive proposal to increase the Entrepreneurial Assistance Centers grant cap from \$175,000 to \$250,000.
- The Legislature provided that Regional Economic Development Council awardees may voluntarily certify to the Empire State Development Corporation if they offer internships.

New York State Liquor Authority and Office of Cannabis Management

- The enacted 2024-25 State Fiscal Year Budget provided the Division of Alcohol Control with an All Funds appropriation of \$84.7 million. The Division includes the State Liquor Authority (SLA) and the Office of Cannabis Management, the respective entities charged

with enforcing the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law and Cannabis Law in New York State.

Article VII – Alcohol Beverage Control and Cannabis

- **Cannabis**

- The Legislature modified the Executive proposal to provide the Office of Cannabis Management with new enforcement authority in relation to closure of unlicensed businesses selling cannabis illegally, and to provide additional enforcement authority to localities.

- **Alcohol Beverage Control**

- The Legislature modified the Executive proposal to authorize Alcohol Beverage Reform measures related to same day community notification for retail license and renewal applications, one-day permit holders to provide all types of alcoholic beverages, catering permits for indoor and outdoor events, and repeal the restriction that wine and liquor stores must be located at street level.
- The Legislature modified the Executive proposal to authorize temporary wholesaler permits to applicants with pending wholesale license applications.
- The Legislature modified the Executive proposal to extend the powers and duties of the State Liquor Authority and Chairperson for three-years.
- The Legislature accepted the Executive proposal to extend temporary retail permits for one-year.
- The Legislature modified the Executive proposal to extend the authorization that allows any licensed bar or restaurant to sell for takeout or delivery any alcoholic beverage for consumption off premise (to-go) by providing a five-year extension.
- The Legislature authorized movie theaters to sell liquor.
- The Legislature accepted the Executive proposal to make permanent the authorization of a retail on-premises licensee to file an application with the State Liquor Authority to use municipal public space for outdoor dining if authorized by the local government.

III. IMPROVING NEW YORK'S ECONOMY AND CREATING JOBS

The Committee plays an important role in facilitating economic development policy in the State with an overarching objective to ensure an equitable and inclusive economy. The State's role should be to partner with local governments and the private sector to grow regional economies and to focus its incentives to support clusters such as emerging high-technology industries in New York. The Committee supports legislation that focuses economic development efforts toward assisting companies that retain and create jobs and contribute to the economic stability and revitalization of communities across New York. Companies that seek and receive State financial assistance should commit to retain or create jobs in their communities. Where appropriate, the State should seek to leverage resources and help emerging industries, thereby supporting the growth of specialized clusters in growing fields of employment.

The Committee's primary responsibility in the area of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Law is to ensure the safe and lawful manufacturing, distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages in the State. In addition, the Committee has recognized the changing market for alcohol products in relation to agri-business and tourism. New York State has committed to utilizing New York's farm products to produce alcoholic beverages and encourage the expansion of local craft beverage markets.

The Committee's responsibility related to the Cannabis Control law is still evolving as adult-use cannabis is a new industry in New York State. The Committee's role is to review bills related to manufacturing, distribution, and retail sale of adult-use cannabis in New York.

The Committee will continue its review of the ABC and Cannabis Law to ensure the law is supporting a market that functions best, and in a balanced manner, for consumers and businesses. The Committee will review legislation that ensures communities have adequate information and notice as they make decisions about the future of cannabis, alcoholic beverage manufacturing businesses and retail establishments located in their neighborhoods.

The following is a list of significant legislation worked on the Committee in 2024:

- **Authorizing Direct to Consumer Shipping of Cider, Mead and Liquor**
A.3132-A, Lupardo (Chapter 226 of the Laws of 2024)

This law authorizes the interstate and intrastate direct to consumer shipment of liquor, cider, and mead in the same manner and form as already authorized for wine.

- **Providing a Tied-House Exemption for a Not-For-Profit Entity in Ontario County**
A.4051-B, Gallahan (Chapter 375 of the Laws of 2024)

This law provides a tied house exemption to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law which restricts the relationships between retailers and manufacturers or wholesalers for not-for-profit entity in Ontario County.

- **Authorizing a Study of Economic Impacts of Kitchen Incubators**
A.6321-A, Cruz (Vetoed)

This bill would require that Empire State Development, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Office of New Americans, to study and report on the economic impact of optimizing and expanding kitchen incubators in New York State.

- **Expanding the Duration of Temporary Retail Permits**
A.7116, Santabarbara (Chapter 431 of the Laws of 2024)

This law extends the duration of temporary retail permits authorized by the Alcohol Beverage Control Law from 90 days to 180 days, which is the same for temporary manufacturing and wholesaler permits.

- **Assisting a Business in Queens County**
A.7411-A, Hyndman (Chapter 234 of the Laws of 2024)

This law authorizes the State Liquor Authority to issue an on-premise liquor license to a business located in Queens County that is within 200 feet of a school.

- **Clarifying Gift and Promotional Items**
A.8480, Bronson (Chapter 24 of the Laws of 2024)

This law clarifies what retailers licensed by the State Liquor Authority are authorized to sell as complimentary gifts and promotional items associated with the wine and distilled liquor sales.

- **Clarifying an Existing Tied House Exemption SUNY Broome County Community College and Cornell University**
A.8493, Bronson (Chapter 26 of the Laws of 2024)

This law clarifies that SUNY Broome County Community College and Cornell University's New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences located in Ithaca and the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station located in Geneva to may obtain a license from the State Liquor Authority.

- **Assisting a Business in Richmond County.**
A.8615, Fall (Chapter 236 of the Laws of 2024)

This law authorizes the State Liquor Authority to issue an on-premise liquor license to a business located in Richmond County that is within 200 feet of a religious institution.

- **Assisting a Business in Saratoga County**
A.9049, Woerner (Chapter 240 of the Laws of 2024)

This law authorizes the State Liquor Authority to issue an on-premise liquor license to a business located in Saratoga County that is within 200 feet of a religious institution.

- **Establishing the Food Retail Establishment Subsidization for Healthy Communities Act**
A.9069, Stirpe (Vetoed)

This bill would establish the "Food Retail Establishment Subsidization for Healthy Communities Act" program to attract, maintain or permit the expansion of food retail establishments in underserved areas across the State through loans, loan guarantees, interest subsidies and grants to eligible applicants.

- **Providing a Tied-House Exemption for Business in New York City**
A.9216-B, Rosenthal L. (Chapter 583 of the Laws of 2024)

This law provides a tied house exemption to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law which restricts the relationships between retailers and manufacturers or wholesalers for a business in Manhattan County.

- **Assisting a Business in Onondaga County**
A.9584, Stirpe (Chapter 246 of the Laws of 2024)

This law authorizes the State Liquor Authority to issue an on-premise liquor license to a business located in Onondaga County that is within 200 feet of a religious institution.

- **Providing An Exemption to the Alcohol Beverage Control Law For An Annual Event In The City Of Utica**
A.9694-A, Buttenschon (Chapter 160 of the Laws of 2024)

This law authorizes a brewer, once a year and after obtaining a permit under the Alcohol Beverage Control Law, to sell or offer at no cost, beer beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at the hours fixed by the County of Oneida at two locations in the City of Utica.

- **Providing a Tied-House Exemption for Business in Bronx County**
A.9812, Burgos (Chapter 362 of the Laws of 2024)

This law provides a tied house exemption to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law which restricts the relationships between retailers and manufacturers or wholesalers for a business in Bronx County.

- **Extending The Advisory Panel On Employee-Owned Enterprises**
A.9969, Stirpe (Chapter 172 of the Laws of 2024)

This law extends for one year the advisory panel on employee-owned enterprises which is tasked with reporting and making recommendations on how best to support such businesses and promote the formation and growth of new employee-owned enterprises in New York State.

- **Assisting a Business in Washington County**
A.10201, Rules (Woerner), (Chapter 283 of the Laws of 2024)

This law authorizes the State Liquor Authority to issue an on-premise liquor license to a business located in Washington County that is within 200 feet of a religious institution.

- **Providing An Exemption to the Security Guard Act**
A.10269, Rules (Burke), (Chapter 187 of the Laws of 2024)

This law provides an exemption from the Security Guard Act for an additional three years for a facility in Erie County.

IV. PUBLIC OUTREACH

- **Oversight of Economic Programs funded in the enacted 2024-2025 State Budget**

On October 8, 2024, the Committees on Economic Development and Small Business held a hearing to examine the impact and effectiveness of the economic development programs funded in the enacted 2024-2025 State Budget.

This hearing sought to provide Committee Members with information related to the effectiveness of State funded economic development programs as they relate to promoting an equitable and inclusive economy and ensuring that such programs are meeting the needs of businesses, the workforce, and communities historically or currently disproportionately impacted by economic pressures. The hearing also examined how programs can be improved to provide a greater economic impact across the State and enhance their impact in promoting equitable and inclusive policies.

V. OUTLOOK FOR 2025

During the 2024 Legislative Session, the Committee oversaw the continued re-opening of New York's Economy from the pandemic and continues to monitor and address the issues facing businesses in all sectors as they resume their core business operations, including new recessionary pressures. While great strides have been made in keeping business whole and operational, it is essential that the Committee continues to help businesses succeed, support job opportunities and in doing so help New York families and communities in which these businesses operate.

During the 2025 Session, the legislative and budgetary focus for the Committee on Economic Development will include developing approaches that recognize economic development and workforce development are interconnected and mutually dependent. The focus will also include measures to ensure economic development that is both equitable and inclusive of those individuals who are left historically on the economic sidelines, especially those from marginalized communities. Committee priorities will include:

- Expanding and improving workforce development strategies within economic policy and oversight of the funds allocated for workforce development in the SFY 2024-2025 enacted budget. To this end, the Committee will focus on expanding work training and employment programs, as well as coordinating workforce development throughout State policy development, implementation, and funding. To ensure that existing State programs, across agencies and other State entities, are coordinated, promoted and accessible to employers and workers. Importantly, we will work to ensure workforce development strategies are aligned with job availability as well as meeting industry needs;
- Improving transparency through committee's oversight role. The Committee is responsible for legislation that affects economic development and business regulation throughout the State but also has an oversight role of the State's various economic development agencies, authorities, and programs that notably impact the State's overall economic health; and
- Providing oversight of the alcohol and adult-use cannabis industry in New York State, especially related to reviewing the regulatory structure necessary to implement the licensure of the manufacturing, distribution, and retail sale of these products.

APPENDIX A

2024 SUMMARY OF ACTION ON ALL BILLS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, JOB CREATION, COMMERCE, AND INDUSTRY

TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD 5

2024 SUMMARY SHEET

BILLS REPORTED FAVORABLE TO	Assembly Bills	Senate Bills	Total
Codes	2	0	2
Judiciary	0	0	0
Ways and Means	13	0	13
Rules	2	0	2
Floor	5	0	5
TOTAL	22	0	22
COMMITTEE ACTION			
Held For Consideration	1	0	1
Defeated	0	0	0
Enacting Clause Stricken	21	0	21
REMAINING IN COMMITTEE	177	23	200
BILLS REFERENCE CHANGED TO			
Codes	1		
Consumer Affairs and Protection	1		
Corporations, Authorities Commissions	1		
Ways and Means	5		
TOTAL	8		

APPENDIX B

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, JOB CREATION, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

2024 Bills Considered (Chapters/Vetoes are included in Appendix C)

Assembly Bill #	Assembly Sponsor	Last Assembly Action	Description
A.6673	Stirpe	Ways and Means Committee	This bill would authorize Empire State Development to develop a public awareness business campaign.
A.6805	Buttenschon	Rules Committee	This bill would include masking products in the definition of drug-related paraphernalia.

APPENDIX C

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, JOB CREATION, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

2024 Chapters/Vetoed

Assembly Bill #	Assembly Sponsor	Chapter # Veto Message	Description
A.3132-A	Lupardo	Chapter 226	Authorizes direct to consumer shipping of cider, mead and liquor.
A.4051-B	Gallahan	Chapter 375	Provides a tied-house exemption for a not-for-profit entity in Ontario County.
A.6321-A	Cruz	Vetoed	This bill would authorize a study of economic impacts of kitchen incubators.
A.7116	Santabarbara	Chapter 431	Expands the Duration of Temporary Retail Permits.
A.7411-A	Hyndman	Chapter 234	Assists a business in Queens County.
A.8480	Bronson	Chapter 24	Clarifies what is a gift and promotional items in relation to the sale of alcoholic beverages.
A.8493	Bronson	Chapter 26	Clarifies an existing tied house exemption SUNY Broome County Community College and Cornell University.
A.8615	Fall	Chapter 236	Assists a business in Richmond County.
A.9049	Woerner	Chapter 240	Assists a Business in Saratoga County.
A.9069	Stirpe	Vetoed	This bill would establish the Food Retail Establishment Subsidization for Healthy Communities Act.
A.9216-B	Rosenthal	Chapter 583	Provides a tied-house exemption for business in New York City.
A.9584	Stirpe	Chapter 246	Assists a business in Onondaga County.
A.9694-A	Buttenschon	Chapter 160	Provides an exemption to the Alcohol Beverage Control Law for an annual event in the City of Utica.
A.9812	Burgos	Chapter 362	Provides a tied-house exemption for business in Bronx County.
A.9969	Stirpe	Chapter 172	Extends the Advisory Panel on Employee-Owned Enterprises for one year.
A.10201	Rules (Woerner)	Chapter 283	Assists a business in Washington County.
A.10269	Rules (Burke)	Chapter 187	Provides an exemption to the Security Guard Act for an additional three years.