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To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
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Subject: 2011 Long Session Legislative Summary

Executive Summary

In an effort to ensure that key issues impacting the city of Durham remain at the forefront of the N.C. General Assembly; the City Administration, in collaboration with the Durham City Council, developed an Annual Legislative Program for the 2011-2012 Long Session of the N.C. General Assembly. The Legislative Program was approved by the City Council Legislative Committee and was adopted by the full Council. The Legislative Program included two local bills, one general law item, and three resolutions. The City's Legislative Program was presented to the Durham Delegation of the N.C. General Assembly for consideration.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council receive this report on the 2011-2012 Long Session of the N.C. General Assembly.

Background

Each year, the City Administration adopts a Legislative Program that reflects the priorities and concerns of the organization and/or community. The items included in the City's Legislative Program were supported by the Durham Delegation of the N.C. General Assembly, the N.C. League of Municipalities, and other jurisdictions across the State. Of the items included in the City's Legislative Program, one local bill ("Durham/Small Business Enterprise") was signed into law.

The attached report provides a detailed summary on the items that were included in the City's Legislative Program and their impact on City administration, citizens, and/or local businesses. The report also includes a summary and impact analysis of bills not included in the City's Legislative Program but potentially having an impact on Durham. A report from the N.C. League of Municipalities is also included to reflect key legislation impacting other communities across the state.

Issues/Analysis

The details of each bill are included in the attached Legislative Summary report.

Alternatives

City Council could elect not to receive the Legislative Summary.

Financial Impact

There are no ongoing costs associated with the Legislative Summary; however, any impacts relative to legislation passed are included in the attached report.

SDBE Summary

There are no SDBE requirements for the Legislative Summary.