



Annual Report 2025

New York State Senate Standing Committee on
**Commerce, Economic
Development and Small Business**

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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
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Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business for the 2025 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction, including issues concerning small and large businesses arising under the Economic Development Law and the State Administrative Procedures Act. The Committee also handles issues arising under specific provisions of five other laws: Alcoholic Beverage Control Law provisions relating to beer and cider, as well as liquor licensing and fees; Banking Law provisions concerning the New York business development corporation and small business investment companies; an Executive Law provision providing for the Office of Business Permits; Public Authorities Law provision pertaining to NY Job Development Authority and Long Island Job Development Authority; and Public Health Law's NYS Small Business Health Insurance Partnership Program.

During the 2025 Session, this committee met four times in session and reported twenty-three bills. I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that was done in the Committee this year, and I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the Committee's operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sean M. Ryan'.

New York State Senator
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2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS

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COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning small and large businesses arising under the Economic Development Law and the State Administrative Procedures Act. The Committee also handles issues arising under specific provisions of five other laws: Alcoholic Beverage Control Law provisions relating to beer and cider, as well as liquor licensing and fees; Banking Law provisions concerning the New York business development corporation and small business investment companies; an Executive Law provision providing for the Office of Business Permits; Public Authorities Law provision pertaining to NY Job Development Authority and Long Island Job Development Authority; and Public Health Law's NYS Small Business Health Insurance Partnership Program.

During the 2025 Legislative Session, eighty bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, twenty-three were reported from the Committee. Sixteen were passed by the Senate, and seven passed in both houses. This work was conducted through a series of four committee meetings. A list of all bills that were reported from the Committee is provided at the end of this report.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The following key bills were acted on by the committee in 2025:

- S.2051 – Webb - Relates to allowing bed and breakfasts to sell cider, liquor, beer and wine.
- S.6023 – Baskin - Requires the division for small-business to publish a small business compliance guide.
- S.6756A – Hoylman-Sigal, Comrie, Fernandez, Jackson, May, C. Ryan - Includes not-for-profit corporations and public television or radio corporations in the definition of business entity; allows such entities to claim the newspaper and broadcast media jobs tax credit.
- S.7332 – C. Ryan, May - Relates to the provision of regulatory information to small businesses through the establishment of a small business regulatory nexus by certain agencies.

TWO HOUSE BILLS

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Act
S.06416	Skoufis	Provides for a license to sell liquor at retail for consumption on certain premises.	Substituted By A.7580 - Chaptered 346
S.06417	Skoufis	Provides for a license to sell liquor at retail for consumption on certain premises.	Substituted By A.7578 - Chaptered 344
S.06418	Skoufis	Provides for a license to sell liquor at retail for consumption on certain premises.	Substituted By A.7579 - Chaptered 345
S.06665	Hinchey	Relates to an exemption for certain property located in the county of Columbia from the prohibition of alcohol sales within a certain distance from a school or church.	Substituted By A.6952 - Chaptered 341

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S.00339	Bailey	Relates to the establishment of a state university-based center for employee ownership that provides education and outreach to business owners regarding employee ownership.	Reported to Senate Finance
S.00427	Rivera	Requires chain restaurants to display an added sugars warning next to or directly under the name of each food item with high added sugars content wherever such food item is listed on a menu, menu board, or food tag, and by any self-serve dispensing point at which such food item is dispensed.	Senate Rules
S.01052	May	Directs the department of economic development to move the central New York welcome center to the equal rights heritage center in the city of Auburn; directs the department of economic development to enter into a contract with the city of Auburn for the operation of such welcome center.	Passed the Senate
S.01613A	Fahy	Directs empire state development, in conjunction with the office of general services, to create a plan to develop mixed-use commercial and residential property on a certain portion of the Harriman campus; directs such plan to be completed and made available for public comment no later than 180 days after the effective date; directs empire state development, in conjunction with the office of general services, to create a master plan for the redesign of the Harriman campus; directs that such plan be completed and made available for public comment no later than one year after the effective date.	Passed the Senate
S.02051	Webb	Relates to allowing bed and breakfasts to sell cider, liquor, beer and wine on the licensed premises.	Passed the Senate
S.02384	Skoufis	Requires a business entity in violation of worker protection or environmental laws and regulations to surrender all previous state subsidies issued to such business entity.	Reported to Senate Finance

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S.03275	Cooney	Establishes the relocated worker grant program which requires the empire state development corporation to design and implement the relocated worker grant program which shall include a certification process to certify relocated workers and certify qualifying expenses for a reimbursement grant; defines terms; makes related provisions.	Reported to Senate Finance
S.03561	Cleare	Requires the Empire State Development Corporation, in consultation with the department of agriculture and markets and the office of new Americans to conduct a study on the economic impact of the establishment of kitchen incubators; requires a report to the governor and the legislature.	Passed the Senate
S.05950	Parker	Requires the empire state development corporation to conduct a study on the economic impact of the Labor Day Parade (West Indian Carnival) and submit a report to the governor and the legislature on its findings.	Reported to Senate Finance
S.06010	Baskin	Provides that microbusinesses in New York are eligible for small business revolving loans and the linked deposit interest rate reductions.	Passed the Senate
S.06012	Baskin	Authorizes local municipalities to establish or expand tourism improvement districts and provide services thereto.	Reported to Senate Local Government
S.06023	Baskin	Requires the division for small-business to publish a small business compliance guide and post such guide to the division for small-business's website.	Passed the Senate
S.06416	Skoufis	Provides for a license to sell liquor at retail for consumption on certain premises.	Substituted By A.7580 - Chaptered 346
S.06417	Skoufis	Provides for a license to sell liquor at retail for consumption on certain premises.	Substituted By A.7578 - Chaptered 344
S.06418	Skoufis	Provides for a license to sell liquor at retail for consumption on certain premises.	Substituted By A.7579 - Chaptered 345

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S.06626A	Baskin	Establishes a public online registry of vacant commercial storefronts; provides information to current and prospective small business owners seeking to purchase or lease a vacant storefront for a small business location.	Passed the Senate
S.06665	Hinchey	Relates to an exemption for certain property located in the county of Columbia from the prohibition of alcohol sales within a certain distance from a school or church.	Substituted By A.6952 - Chaptered 341
S.06756A	Hoylman-Sigal	Includes not-for-profit corporations and public television or radio corporations in the definition of business entity; allows such entities to claim the newspaper and broadcast media jobs tax credit.	Passed the Senate
S.07332	C. Ryan	Relates to the provision of regulatory information to small businesses through the establishment of a small business regulatory nexus by certain agencies.	Passed the Senate
S.07909	Skoufis	Relates to off premise retail license holders; increases the number of licenses authorized under section 63 of the alcoholic beverage control law from one to two licenses.	Reported to Senate Finance

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