



## Annual Report 2025

New York State Senate Standing Committee on  
**Corporations, Authorities  
and Commissions**

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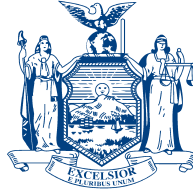




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December 4, 2025

The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins  
President Pro Tempore and Majority Leader  
New York State Senate  
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Dear Leader Stewart-Cousins:

Thank you for all your support, dedication to a better New York State, and leadership through yet another successful Session. I am grateful to be entrusted to continue my chairmanship of Corporations, Authorities and Commissions and to maintain purview over an area that affects my constituents, as well as areas throughout the Empire State. From seeking out and passing legislation to innovate transportation accessibility, confirming nominations to oversight boards throughout the State, and seeking corporate transparency and consumer equity, the responsibility of being Chair to this Committee is an honor to maintain.

Throughout our Session, the Committee met eight times for the consideration of bills and another three times to consider nominees. In culmination, a total of one hundred and thirty-three bills went through the Committee, thirty-six of which passed the Senate.

The Committee also convened a public hearing in September to address some cost concerns relevant to the more recent rate case by the Public Service Commission. This was a great opportunity to solicit public input about major developments that affect New Yorkers' monthly utility costs and look toward administrative solutions to bolster affordability across the State.

I would like to thank all of my fellow committee members; Senators Brad Hoylman-Sigal, James Skoufis, Cordell Cleare, Jessica Ramos, Ranking Member Mario R. Mattera and Jack M. Martins, for all their hard work in this Committee and the perspective that they provide.

Yours in Service,

Leroy Comrie  
New York State Senator  
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# 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

## NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS

**Senator Leroy Comrie,  
Chairperson**

### **Committee Members**

Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal

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Senator Jessica Ramos

Senator James Skoufis

Senator Mario R. Mattera, Ranker

Senator Jack M. Martins

### **Committee Staff**

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## **COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW**

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions has legislative oversight responsibilities including, but not limited to, issues concerning public transportation authorities, urban development corporations, and even utilities and pensions and benefits by way of the Public Service Commission. This Committee exercises its legislative oversight responsibilities by holding committee meetings to vote on bills, gubernatorial nominations, and by convening public hearings on issues of public concern.

My Committee is eager to continue putting forth the most suitable candidates with the expertise to advocate and to build out innovative transportation, transparent agencies, and corporate entities for different voting roles within authorities and boards throughout the various Authorities and Commissions in our State. There were many nominations to consider, albeit through in-person meetings or through consent, and the Corporations, Authorities and Commissions Committee reviewed about twenty-four nominations.

Committees also have the ability to call hearings to discuss major concerns around the State. A hearing can be called to address any areas of interest under the purview of Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, gather testimony for record on these issues and hear from constituents, non-profit organizations and agencies alike. Aside from the budget hearings, my committee also held a hearing on the Public Service Commission in coordination with the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications. Many groups gave comments on administrative hurdles that, if addressed, can help make procuring and paying for energy less expensive and more transparent.

## COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

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

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Act
S1235	Comrie	Relates to the ability of the New York state medical care facilities finance agency to issue certain bonds and notes	Signed Chap.101
S6991	Gianaris	Relates to the court approval process for the sale, mortgage and lease of real property of a religious corporation	Signed Chap.417
S4202	Comrie	Relates to port authority organization, appearance and notice; establishes the port authority transportation advisory committee	Vetoed Memo.86
S8241A	Harckham	Provides reimbursement for enhanced septic system projects	Signed Chap.188
S6017	Baskin	UDC Act Enacts the “food retail establishment subsidization for healthy communities act” (FRESH Communities); provides loans, loan guarantees, interest subsidies and grants to businesses, municipalities, not-for-profit corporations or local development corporations for the purpose of attracting, maintaining or permitting the expansion of food retail establishments in underserved areas	Died In Assembly



State Senator Leroy Comrie encouraging Queens residents to provide feedback on the MTA/NYCT bus redesign plan.



Governor Hochul signs legislation by State Senator Leroy Comrie to protect MTA workers.



Governor Hochul meets with Senator Comrie at Belmont Park re: redevelopment.

## **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

### **24 appointments to Executive entities went through the Committee:**

Joshua Norkin, Authorities Budget Office  
Blanca Lopez, Member, Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
Christopher Leathers, Non-Voting Member, Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
Edward Valente, Non-Voting Member, Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
Melva Miller, Member, Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
James O'Donnell, Member, Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
Marie Therese Dominguez, Member, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey  
Andrew Albert, Member (Non-Voting), Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
Gerard Bringmann, Member (Non-Voting), Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
Randolph Glucksman, Member (Non-Voting), Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
Freddimir Garcia, Member, New York State Bridge Authority  
Roger Higgins, Member, New York State Bridge Authority  
Heather Snow, Member, Central New York Regional Transportation Authority  
Wesley Hicks Jr., Member, Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority  
James Metcalf, Member, Port of Oswego Authority  
Jennifer La Pietra, Member, Port of Oswego Authority  
Lisa A. Gomez, Dormitory Authority  
Christie Peale, Director, SONYMA  
Steven J. Weiss, SONYMA  
David King, Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority  
Gigi Loizzo, NYS Olympic Regional Development Authority  
David Will Jones, NYS Olympic Regional Development Authority  
Marc Jonas Block, Roosevelt Island Operating Corp.  
Melissa Wade, Roosevelt Island Operating Corp.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Corporations, Authorities and Commissions jointly with Energy and Telecommunications**

Subject: Public Service Commission's Proceedings

Purpose: To conduct oversight of the Public Service Commission's processes related to rate case and generic proceedings, and to review the Department of Public Service's efforts to implement and achieve the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. The hearing will help garner perspective on how the Commission and the Department can function more effectively.

## TWO HOUSE BILLS

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Significant Act</b>
S03211	Kavanagh	Relates to the appointment of members of the Battery Park city authority; increases the number of members to nine; requires five of the nine members be primary residents of Battery Park city.	Vetoed Memorandum 49
S04204	Comrie	Relates to port authority organization, appearance and notice; establishes the port authority transportation advisory committee.	Vetoed Memorandum 86
S04815	Ryan C	Establishes a stakeholder group in the Oswego river basin to coordinate water release.	Substituted By A7377 - Vetoed Memorandum 72
S06044	May	Exempts the South Onondaga Fire Department within the town of Onondaga, Onondaga county, from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed forty-five percent of the membership.	Substituted By A1455 - Chaptered 369
S06991	Gianaris	Relates to the court approval process for the sale, mortgage and lease of real property of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.	Substituted By A7892 - Chaptered 417
S07548A	Ryan C	Relates to the powers of the Syracuse regional airport authority; provides that the Syracuse regional airport authority shall determine which positions, with the exception of all police positions, shall be in the exempt class of civil service.	Substituted By A8116A - Chaptered 496



## SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Significant Action</b>
S00373	Gianaris	Prohibits confidentiality and non-disclosure provisions from inclusion in contracts pertaining to economic development, entered into by the state or a municipality or any party negotiating on behalf of such governmental entity.	Passed the Senate
S01336	Parker	Relates to enacting the “N.Y. state digital equity plan act”; requires the division of broadband access to develop a state digital equity plan to increase broadband access to underserved populations by January 1, 2027.	Passed the Senate
S01410	Ryan S	Relates to reviews by the authorities budget office; grants the authorities budget office the authority to commence an action or special proceeding to annul the corporate existence or dissolve a corporation that has acted beyond its capacity or power; makes related provisions.	Passed the Senate
S01462	Kavanagh	Relates to establishing ground rent rebates for eligible homeowners and renters in the Battery Park project area; provides for a rebate program; provides for a process for application and certification.	Passed the Senate
S02157	Comrie	Relates to creating annual reporting obligations by municipal housing authorities to the authorities budget office with respect to state-funded activities of such municipal housing authorities.	Passed the Senate
S02324	Comrie	Relates to the sale or transfer of certain real property by the state or public authorities; requires mandatory review by the attorney general and comptroller of the sale of certain real property; requires notice to members of the legislature and county executives in districts and counties in which land subject to transfer is located of the proposed transfer of state property between state departments, divisions, bureaus, agencies, state agencies, or to a public authority or public benefit corporation.	Passed the Senate
S02377	Mattera	Prohibits the formation of a subsidiary of a public authority without prior approval of the legislature; allows the formation of a subsidiary of a public authority without prior approval of the legislature if such public authority files a written notice sixty days prior to the organization of such subsidiary with the governor and the legislature.	Passed the Senate

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Significant Action</b>
S02458	Comrie	Provides the NYC water board shall not establish a limit of less than six years to challenge any fee, rate, rent or other service charges for the use of or services furnished by the water board and/or sewerage systems.	Passed the Senate
S02459	Comrie	Relates to voting by members of the New York state authorities control board.	Passed the Senate
S02555	Comrie	Requires explanatory statements regarding disposal of property to include the names of all beneficial owners.	Passed the Senate
S02556	Comrie	Provides for requirements for disposals and contracts for disposal of property.	Passed the Senate
S03211	Kavanagh	Relates to the appointment of members of the Battery Park city authority; increases the number of members to nine; requires five of the nine members be primary residents of Battery Park city.	Vetoed Memorandum 49
S03736	Comrie	Relates to project applications and advisory opinions of the public authorities control board.	Passed the Senate
S03744	Cleare	Relates to gender balance on boards of state and local public authorities; provides that all appointive state and local authorities heretofore or hereafter established by law or resolution shall have recommendations for appointments, or reappointments that are gender balanced.	Senate Rules
S04071	May	Includes stormwater in the definition of sewage for purposes of certain water, sewer, and water and sewer authorities; defines stormwater.	Passed the Senate
S04204	Comrie	Relates to port authority organization, appearance and notice; establishes the port authority transportation advisory committee.	Vetoed Memorandum 86
S04232	Comrie	Provides that funds recovered from public authorities for the provision of governmental services and allocated to the independent authorities budget office shall only be used for direct expenses of the authorities budget office and may not be used for fringe benefits and indirect costs.	Reported to Senate Finance
S04281	Parker	Requires the creation of a database to track the issuance of contracts by public authorities and state agencies with minority and women-owned businesses.	Reported to Senate Finance
S04576A	Skoufis	Establishes a procedure for appointing a president or chairperson upon a vacancy of such position.	Passed the Senate

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Significant Action</b>
S04577	Comrie	Requires public authorities and public benefit corporations to negotiate with professional firms providing architectural, engineering, geological, landscape architectural or surveying services in order from the most qualified to the least qualified with regard to the provision of services to the authority or corporation.	Reported to Senate Procurement and Contracts
S04815	Ryan C	Establishes a stakeholder group in the Oswego river basin to coordinate water release.	Substituted By A7377 - Vetoed Memorandum 72
S04945	Comrie	Requires certain reports of public authorities are published via the public authorities reporting information system and shall not require login credentials.	Passed the Senate
S05551	Cleare	Requires certain public hearings held by the New York state urban development corporation to be recorded and such recordings be posted to the corporation's website within forty-eight hours.	Passed the Senate
S05563	Mayer	Allows for the examination of projects and/or actions by industrial development agencies and not-for-profit corporations by county comptrollers.	Passed the Senate
S05790	Sepúlveda	Establishes the "New York student loan assistance and home purchase act" for the purposes of facilitating the purchase of homes by individuals who are burdened by student debt, by providing financing opportunities for the consolidation of student debt into a mortgage.	Reported to Senate Housing, Construction and Community Development
S06017	Baskin	Enacts the "food retail establishment subsidization for healthy communities act" (FRESH Communities); provides loans, loan guarantees, interest subsidies and grants to businesses, municipalities, not-for-profit corporations or local development corporations for the purpose of attracting, maintaining or permitting the expansion of food retail establishments in underserved areas.	Passed the Senate
S06018	Baskin	Authorizes and directs the New York state power authority to rename the Robert Moses Niagara Power Plant located in the town of Lewiston, county of Niagara, to the Shirley J. Hamilton Niagara Power Plant.	Passed the Senate

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S06044	May	Exempts the South Onondaga Fire Department within the town of Onondaga, Onondaga county, from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed forty-five percent of the membership.	Substituted By A1455 - Chaptered 369
S06087	Parker	Prohibits the New York state environmental facilities corporation from entering into contracts, leases or other agreements with entities that are not compliant with the requirements of article five-A of the general municipal law regarding participation by minority- and women-owned businesses.	Senate Rules
S06165	Skoufis	Relates to the applicability of open meetings and freedom of information laws to certain not-for-profit corporations.	On Calendar 410 Opposite House
S06341	Sanders	Amends the membership of the New York city water board to include the five borough presidents, the mayor or a public member appointed by the mayor and a public member appointed by the governor who has experience in the science of water resource development.	Reported to Senate Cities 1
S06741	Sanders	Creates the NYS entrepreneurial training act to provide grants to eligible applicants to support and train entrepreneurial candidates.	Reported to Senate Finance
S06991	Gianaris	Relates to the court approval process for the sale, mortgage and lease of real property of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.	Substituted By A7892 - Chaptered 417
S07204	Ryan C	Exempts the Caughdenoy Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., within the town of Central Square, Oswego county from the forty-five percent limit on non-resident members.	Passed the Senate
S07488	Comrie	Authorizes statewide municipal reciprocal program agreements and the issuance of program bonds; authorizes proceeds to be made available to a statewide municipal reciprocal program.	Reported to Senate Insurance
S07548A	Ryan C	Relates to the powers of the Syracuse regional airport authority; provides that the Syracuse regional airport authority shall determine which positions, with the exception of all police positions, shall be in the exempt class of civil service.	Substituted By A8116A - Chaptered 496
S07645	Fahy	Authorizes Duane Lake, in the town of Duanesburg, county of Schenectady, to participate in the septic system replacement fund.	Passed the Senate

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S07681	Comrie	Prohibits a state or local authority, or subsidiary thereof, from retaining, contracting, employing, or designating a lobbyist to engage in lobbying; allows for the cancellation of pre-existing contracts.	Passed the Senate
S07682	Ryan S	Provides secondary bonding authority up to \$150,000,000 to the Buffalo fiscal stability authority during the period of July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2029.	Reported to Senate Finance
S07858	Salazar	Repeals the requirement that the senate vote to confirm the appointment of certain chief executive officers within a certain time period; amends certain provisions of law relating thereto.	Passed the Senate
S08001	Comrie	Authorizes the New York state environmental facilities corporation to award grants and loans to community water systems and non-community water systems for water quality projects that relate to the removal of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).	Senate Rules





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