



South Carolina Legislative Update Week Ending May 25, 2012

In the twentieth week of the 2012 legislative session, the Senate completed its version of the \$6.7B state budget while the House again met in brief sessions while concentrating on committee work.

Appropriations: Our primary appropriations asks are recurring funding for the state's tobacco prevention and control program, breast and cervical cancer screenings through the Best Chance Network (BCN) and colorectal cancer screenings.

The Senate upheld \$5 million in funds for the state tobacco prevention and control program from the cigarette tax revenue. It approved \$2 million dollars in recurring funds from the General Fund for the Best Chance Network (BCN) and the Screening Colonoscopies on People Everywhere (SC SCOPE) program.

Smoke-Free: Smoke-Free Higher Ed Campuses-H.4092 Received a favorable report by the Senate Medical Affairs Committee on Thursday and will be up for second reading consideration next week.