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Legislative Update

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Summary

- 1,650 bills filed this session
 - 896 in the House, 754 in the Senate
- 77 bills with potential impact to DEQ
- 16 bills impacting DEQ have become law (so far)

DEQ Investments

In People

- 7% legislative salary increase over the biennium
- Fee increases and fees tied to inflation moving forward to support permitting programs
- 25 new full-time positions
 - 12 new PFAS positions
 - 8 new economic development positions
 - New Data Strategist

In Programs

- \$2B investment in water/wastewater infrastructure
- \$1M for a water/wastewater infrastructure regionalization study in the Carolina Core
- \$1M recurring & \$5M non-recurring for a new Enterprise Data Modernization Initiative
- \$11M to continue the Permit Transformation Project
- \$10M for Resilient Coastal Communities Program



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