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### Gov. Nikki Haley Budget Veto News:

**Associated Press:** Gov. Haley vetoes \$18.5M from state budget

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dKC988I9](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dKC988I9)

Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed \$18.5 million from the Legislature's \$7 billion spending plan for the coming year, including money for caregivers to the elderly. Haley announced her 76 vetoes Thursday. That compares with 81 vetoes tallying \$94 million last year, 81 vetoes worth \$67.5 million in 2012, and 34 totaling \$213 million in 2011 - her first year in office.

**Note:** "You will not see nearly as much vetoed in this because we didn't have near as many problems with each other," said Haley, who's seeking re-election.

**Post and Courier (Video):** Governor Nikki Haley vetoes 76 budget items totalling \$18.5 million

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140612/PC1603/140619781/1031/governor-nikki-haley-vetoes-76-budget-items-totalling-185-million>

Cynthia Roldan

Gov. Nikki Haley has vetoed \$18.5 million of the state's \$7 billion budget, her office announced Thursday morning. Haley handed out 76 vetoes, which include 19 items that didn't have a price tag. In prior years, Haley cut as much as \$44 million in vetoes.

**Note:** A glimpse at the list includes a veto for the Hunley Commission, which removes all four members that represent the executive branch. She also slashed \$2 million from the lieutenant governor's office meant to increase funding for Home and Community Based Services. Haley said "spending levels in this agency are rising too rapidly."

**The State:** Gov. Haley punts legislators' pay raise in smallest vetoes of her tenure

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/12/3503669/gov-haley-vetoes-pay-raise-for.html?sp=/99/205/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Cassie Cope, Andrew Shain

Gov. Nikki Haley issued 76 vetoes that cut \$18.5 million from \$7 billion in state funds approved by the General Assembly for next year -- including \$12,000 a year pay raise for lawmakers.

**Note:** "I don't fault legislators for wanting a pay raise," Haley said. "I fault the way that this was done."

**Note:** "We came back with a budget that is very much in line with where we want to go as a state," Haley said. "It is extremely focused on making education a priority, and I can't thank the House and Senate members enough for just having that dialogue with us. ... It is really nice to see how we are all starting to work together."

**Greenville News:** Haley's keeps Arts Commission funding, not Children's Museum's

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/06/12/haley-vetoes-childrens-museum-funds/10368279/>

Paul Hyde

Haley has vetoed S.C. Arts Commission funding every year for the past three years. Many in the arts community expected the governor to veto the commission's \$2.9 million budget again this year, particularly after Haley reiterated her opposition to public funding for the arts during an appearance at Greenville's Artisphere.

**Note:** "Look at where the arts commission started and where they are now," Haley said. "We've seen that they've tried to make some improvements. The arts commission should be applauded for making the changes and reducing expenses that were not necessary. They saw we had issues with them and they fixed them."

**WIS:** Gov. Nikki Haley vetoes legislator pay increase, earmarks

<http://www.wistv.com/story/25760215/nikki-haley-unveils-76-vetoes-185m-in-cuts>

Will Whitson

Just days after the General Assembly wrapped up work on the state's budget, Gov. Nikki Haley has vetoed 76 items from the budget with an overall projected savings of \$18.5 million.

**Note:** "This budget also contains dozens of earmarks and directed appropriations that benefit special interests at the expense of the general public," said Haley in her veto letter to House Speaker Bobby Harrell.

**Charleston Business Journal:** Gov. Haley vetoes \$300,000 for Lowcountry Graduate Center

<http://www.charlestonbusiness.com/news/51651-gov-haley-vetoes-300-000-for-lowcountry-graduate-center>

Ashley Barker

Gov. Nikki Haley has vetoed \$300,000 from the Legislature's budget that was designated for the Lowcountry Graduate Center, a consortium of local institutions that is already set to receive state funds.

### **Governor Nikki Haley News:**

**Associated Press:** Budget allows bed tax money for law enforcement

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=SPOkwVd7](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=SPOkwVd7)

South Carolina's new state budget allows some money from motel room taxes to be used for more law enforcement during the Atlantic Beach Bikefest and other events in the Myrtle Beach area next May. Gov. Nikki Haley on Thursday let stand the budget provision sought by Grand Strand lawmakers.

**The State:** Haley: No issues with a Democrat as interim lieutenant governor

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/12/3503651/haley-no-issues-with-a-democrat.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/>

Andrew Shain

Republican Gov. Nikki Haley said Thursday that she would have no issues with having a Democrat temporarily residing in the lieutenant governor's office.

**Note:** "I just think we need to have a lieutenant governor," Haley told reporters in front of her State House office. "This was never personal for me. If I am in this wing, somebody has to be across the hall."

**WCBD:** Grooms: CCSD officials, board members apologize

<http://www.counton2.com/story/25763075/grooms-charleston-county-district-officials-board-members-apologize>

Brad Franko

South Carolina Senator Larry Grooms says he has received apologies for what he, and other lawmakers call a wasted effort on behalf of the Charleston County School District (CCSD). "I've had two school officials, and two board members apologize", Grooms said via text message Thursday.

**Note:** Lawmakers received assurances from the governor's office that Governor Nikki Haley would sign the bill, and say they conveyed that message to the district.

### **S.C. Political News:**

**The State:** Pat McKinney drops out of lieutenant governor's race

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/12/3504415/pat-mckinney-drops-out-of-lieutenant.html?sp=/99/205/&ihp=1>

Andrew Shain

Retired Charleston developer Pat McKinney decided Thursday to drop out of the race for lieutenant governor, his campaign manager said. McKinney and Columbia businessman Mike Campbell were headed to an automatic recount Friday for the second GOP runoff spot against former state Attorney General Henry McMaster.

**WCSC:** Pat McKinney drops out of lieutenant governor race

<http://www.live5news.com/story/25763939/pat-mckinney-drops-out-of-lieutenant-governor-race>

Charleston businessman Pat McKinney says he has decided to withdraw from the race for the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor. McKinney said he made that decision this afternoon. He said he and his wife had both lost their fathers recently, and his family is his priority.

**The State:** VP Joe Biden attends Vincent Sheheen fundraiser

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/12/3504222/vp-joe-biden-attends-vincent-sheheen.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/>

Andrew Shain

Vice President Joe Biden dropped by D.C. fundraiser for Democratic gubernatorial challenger Vincent Sheheen on Wednesday, a state party spokeswoman confirmed. Biden's visit, first reported by Politico, came at an event featuring Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley and U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-Columbia.

**WLTX:** S.C. Voters Favor Legalized Gambling, Medical Marijuana

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/local/2014/06/11/sc-voters-medical-marijuana-gambling/10350331/>

Robert Kittle

When South Carolina voters went to the polls Tuesday, besides voting for the candidates running for office they also got to vote on some non-binding referendum questions. Republicans had two questions while the Democrats had three.

### **S.C. Federal Delegation News:**

**Associated Press:** APNewsBreak: Scott wants SC veteran facility audit

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=OOrUwZlb](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=OOrUwZlb)

Meg Kinnard

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott on Thursday asked the Veterans Administration for information about its South Carolina facilities, telling the acting department secretary that he continues to be troubled. Scott's request is similar to those made by senators in other states, hoping to bring to light information about their local VA facilities.

### **South Carolina News:**

**Associated Press:** S. Carolina plan addresses human trafficking issue

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=vtYtZUG7](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=vtYtZUG7)

Meg Kinnard

A plan released Thursday by South Carolina's top prosecutor sets up how the state will address the problem of human trafficking, including specialized training for law enforcement agencies and a public information campaign. The details have been hashed out by the state's Human Trafficking Task Force, which is led by Attorney General Alan Wilson.

**The State:** Attorney General Alan Wilson to human traffickers: 'We are coming after you'

[http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/12/3504042/attorney-general-alan-wilson-says.html?](http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/12/3504042/attorney-general-alan-wilson-says.html?sp=/99/205/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy)

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Harrison Cahill

Attorney General Alan Wilson said to human traffickers that "We are coming after you," during a meeting at the Solomon Blatt Building Thursday afternoon. Wilson was joined with task force members from multiple organizations and law enforcement agencies from across the state to speak about the plans the state has created to crack down on human trafficking in South Carolina.

**Post and Courier:** U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan criticizes South Carolina for setting bar too low

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140612/PC16/140619739/top-federal-education-official-criticizes-state-for-setting-bar-too-low>

Amanda Kerr

By opting out of Common Core, South Carolina has politicized education rather than trying to raise the bar for students already struggling in low-performing schools, the nation's top education official told a group of local educators Thursday.

**Post and Courier:** South Carolina utility Santee Cooper plans to issue up to \$500M in bonds

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140612/PC05/140619760/1382&source=spreed>

John McDermott

Santee Cooper's board is meeting by telephone Friday to approve the sale of \$300 million to \$500 million in long-term bonds. The proceeds are to be used to refinance some of the state-owned utility's existing debt and to help pay for the expansion of the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station in Jenkinsville.

**Post and Courier:** Five counts dismissed against former SC State trustee, trial starting next week

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140612/PC1610/140619759/1382&source=spreed>

Natalie CAula Hauff

Five counts were dismissed Wednesday against Jonathan Pinson including two counts of wire fraud, one count of money laundering and one count of making false statements to federal investigators, according to court records.

**National News:**

**New York Times:** U.S. Economic Recovery Looks Distant as Growth Stalls

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/12/business/economy/us-economic-recovery-looks-distant-as-growth-lingers.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/12/business/economy/us-economic-recovery-looks-distant-as-growth-lingers.html?_r=0)

Binyamin Appelbaum

Recessions are always painful, but the Great Recession that ran from late 2007 to the middle of 2009 may have inflicted a new kind of pain: an era of slower growth. It has been five years since the official end of that severe economic downturn.

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