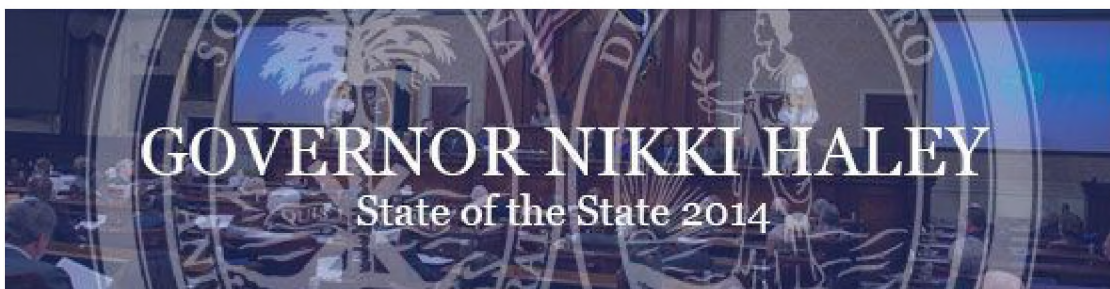


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What They Are Saying...

Gov. Nikki Haley State Of The State Address 2014

Former Governor of Florida, Jeb Bush via Twitter: “Great State of the State address, Gov @nikkihaley! Check out Gov. Haley’s plan to place a command focus on reading.” ([Twitter](#), 1/23/14)

S.C. Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler, R-Cherokee: “(Haley) still has that new car smell. I’m glad she talked on education and infrastructure that are the main issues of this session.” (“[Reaction To Gov. Haley's Speech](#)”, *The State*, 1/22/14)

S.C. Senator Greg Hembree, R-Horry: “I thought it was to the point and focused on the main issues we’re all dealing with — transportation, education, ethics. I particularly appreciated the reference to the ethics bill. It’s in the Senate right now so we’re diligently working on it, but it’s going to be a struggle and it’s going to be a tough fight. There’s not unanimity in what we need to do, and we’re hopeful that the encouragement from the governor will help us pass the ethics reform that we need.” (Gavin Jackson, “[Pee Dee Legislators Say Haley Largely Hit Her Marks](#)”, *Florence Morning News*, 1/22/14)

S.C. Senator Greg Gregory, R-Lancaster: “The EOC is pleased that Governor Haley has made education a top priority during her State of the State address. Her education reform initiative strongly mirrors many issues the committee promotes such as reading support, technology and a student-centered funding formula for South Carolina schools. All three issues are critical as we work toward providing a world-class educational system that prepares young people for college, careers, and life.” (Statement, 1/23/14)

S.C. Senator Tom Davis, R-Beaufort: “Preventing Obamacare from continuing to do damage to South Carolina is a major priority and Governor Haley has rightly refused to expand Medicaid to the unsustainable levels encouraged by Obamacare and rightly refused to establish a state-created exchange to implement Obamacare.” (Statement, 1/22/14)

S.C. Senator Lee Bright, R-Spartanburg: “I appreciated what she had to say about pushing back on Obamacare.” (“[Reaction To Gov. Haley's Speech](#)”, *The State*, 1/22/14)

Rep. Kenny Bingham, R-Lexington: “Tonight, Governor Haley continued to focus on education and I think that is important. Fixing our funding formula, providing for reading coaches, and getting the right technology to all parts of our state are goals that everyone should support and areas that South Carolina needs to work on. Now it’s time for the

legislature to take action on it.” (Statement, 1/22/14)

Rep. Joshua Putnam R-Piedmont: “I think it is a positive step forward.” (Kirk Brown, “[Gov. Haley Calls For Ethics And Education Reform In State Of The State Address](#)”, *Anderson Independent*, 1/22/14)

Rep. Anne Thayer, R-Anderson: “I am glad to see that we are going to do something for education. It is really important for South Carolina.” (Kirk Brown, “[Gov. Haley Calls For Ethics And Education Reform In State Of The State Address](#)”, *Anderson Independent*, 1/22/14)

Rep. Mike Gambrell, R-Honea Path: “It is hard to argue with her record on jobs. I thought it (State of the State address) was her best one yet.” (Kirk Brown, “[Gov. Haley Calls For Ethics And Education Reform In State Of The State Address](#)”, *Anderson Independent*, 1/22/14)

S.C. House Speaker Bobby Harrell, R-Charleston: “We’ve got to do the kinds of things she’s talking about in order to improve the quality of education because it’s not about getting test scores and getting a magnet and putting it on the refrigerator. It’s about kids having better jobs later on. I don’t know if the House will pass all the things she suggested. ... But ‘no’ is not an option. We have got to figure out what we can do to improve the quality of education.” (“[Reaction To Gov. Haley’s Speech](#)”, *The State*, 1/22/14)

S.C. House Majority Leader Bruce Bannister, R-Greenville: “She did a good job. ... All of the House Republican Caucus members will be in favor of doing pro-active things with education. And she’s called on us to really put some thought into how we fund infrastructure, and taking the gas tax off the table will make it easier to think outside the box and find different ways to fund that. ... Are we going to be exactly on the same page as her? Probably not because there is always compromises ... as the process goes on. But, certainly, we’re going to make education a top priority.” (“[Reaction To Gov. Haley’s Speech](#)”, *The State*, 1/22/14)

S.C. Representative Rick Quinn, R-Lexington: “Our state has gone far too long without comprehensive ethics reform and tonight the governor made clear once more just how important it is to her, to the legislature, and to the people of this state. Ethics reform is about the public’s trust – without it we can’t do our job and the people of our state deserve more than that. It’s time that they have it.” (Statement, 1/22/14)

Rep. Garry Smith, R-Greenville: “I thought she did a very good job, she hit the points she needed to. As one of the big movers that have been working on the Department of Administration bill for a number of years, I was really pleased that she noted that that we got that accomplished yesterday. She has been a tremendous help in that effort over the years.” (Gavin Jackson, “[Pee Dee Legislators Say Haley Largely Hit Her Marks](#)”, *Florence Morning News*, 1/22/14)

Rep. Eric Bedingfield, R-Greenville: “Standing up to the federal government is something that all states must do from time to time and Governor Haley has done it appropriately and consistently throughout her tenure. In her speech this evening, the governor pledged to continue standing up for the rights of South Carolinians and that is exactly the kind of message our constituents want to hear.” (Statement, 1/22/14)

Rep. Phil Owens, Chairman, S.C. House Education And Public Works Committee, R-Pickens: “This evening the governor laid out her vision for education reform that hits on the inequalities in our system. This proposal is the product of a collaborative effort and something everyone should be able to get behind.” (Statement, 1/22/14)

Post And Courier Editorial Board: “Gov. Nikki Haley made compelling arguments for education equity and ethics reform in her State of the State speech on Wednesday night. It should be a simple matter for the Legislature to heed her ‘call to conscience.’” (Editorial, “[Haley’s ‘Call To Conscience’](#)”, *Post and Courier*, 1/23/14)

South Carolina Manufacturing Association: “Governor Haley’s remarks tonight were particularly encouraging to the manufacturing community. More importantly, they reflect

her commitment and hard work bringing manufacturing jobs to this state. The United States is experiencing a manufacturing renaissance, and South Carolina has been a leader in attracting new jobs and investments that are significantly strengthening our manufacturing industry. We must continue this momentum through positive pro-manufacturing policies that encourage growth and attract world-class companies to our State.” (Statement, 1/22/14)

Superintendent, S.C. Public Charter School District Dr. Wayne Brazell: “We were delighted to see the focus on education reform in Governor Haley’s State of the State address. The South Carolina Public Charter School District is in full support of the Governor’s budget. In addition to the increase in the student funding for SCPCSD schools, the Governor has also suggested funding the charter school facility loan account for the first time. This program would allow our schools, which traditionally have had to spend 30 percent of their operating funds on facilities, to direct more dollars to the classroom where it counts the most. The Governor’s budget is reflective of the interest in public school educational choice, and it has been well received by all facets of public education in South Carolina.” (Statement, 1/22/14)

Founder And President, Element Electronics Mike O’Shaughnessy: “We were thrilled to hear Governor Haley’s vision for South Carolina in her State of the State address. Her commitment and continued support for South Carolina’s growing manufacturing sector further reinforces our decision to locate our facility in Fairfield County, bringing 500 jobs back to the US.” (Statement, 1/22/14)

Central SC Alliance Chairman Mike Brenan And CEO Mike Briggs: “In her remarks last evening, Governor Haley recognized the economic development success that South Carolina has realized over the past few years and we congratulate everyone in state government that helps make our state attractive for investment and job creation. We firmly agree that we must continue to remain focused on education and workforce development along with addressing the infrastructure needs across the state. We applaud the spirit of collaboration when it comes to creating an environment where both companies and the citizens of South Carolina can grow and prosper.” (Statement, 1/23/14)

Upstate SC Alliance President And CEO Jennifer K. Miller: “The Upstate SC Alliance congratulates Governor Haley and her administration on another successful year of business recruitment for the State of South Carolina. Our recruitment success over the past few years is a testament to her dedication in bringing manufacturing and jobs back to our state. Governor Haley continues to be such a strong proponent of economic development in South Carolina, and during her time as Governor the economic development team in South Carolina has not only grown stronger, but we have also strived to work better together. I applaud Governor Haley for her vision for the State of South Carolina, as mentioned in tonight’s State of the State address, and look forward to the many successes that are to come as a result of it.” (Statement, 1/22/14)

President And CEO, SC Power Team James Chavez: “It has been incredibly refreshing to know that Governor Haley not only talks jobs, she makes job creation part of her job description every single day. The South Carolina Power Team provides economic development services to Santee Cooper and the 20 electric cooperatives across the Palmetto State. Our territory is largely rural in nature. Governor Haley’s commitment to the prosperity of our rural communities ensures that we have a committed partner in our ongoing efforts to create jobs and capital investment in rural South Carolina. She is highly regarded as a deal closer in the economic development profession and within the site selection community, and it was great to hear from her State of the State address that she is continuing to focus on recruiting jobs all across South Carolina.” (Statement 1/23/14)

Executive Director, Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina: “I applaud Governor Haley’s commitment to creating real change in how we invest as a state in our most important resource - the education of our students. Her State of the State report

captured the realities of the struggles our families face while optimistically laying out an actionable plan of funding focused on the needs of all students.” (Statement, 1/23/14)

***EOC Chairman Neil Robinson:* “The EOC is pleased that Governor Haley has made education a top priority during her State of the State address. Her education reform initiative strongly mirrors many issues the committee promotes such as reading support, technology and a student-centered funding formula for South Carolina schools. All three issues are critical as we work toward providing a world-class educational system that prepares young people for college, careers, and life.”** (Statement, 1/22/14)