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## The House Budget: Misplaced Priorities

The big winner in the 2015 House budget: state universities. The big losers: the Department of Transportation (no, really), the Inspector General's office, and taxpayers. [read more>>](#)

## 'Nonprofit' Indeed

The pro-tax increase "Fix our Roads Coalition" has a nice name. Everybody's in favor of the state fixing our roads. But who,

# Senate Poised to Pass Illegal Fee, Tax Hikes

By now it's pretty clear that most state lawmakers view the problem of South Carolina's deteriorating roads as a simple revenue problem. It's clear, too, that they only know one way to raise revenue: raise fees and taxes. (Cutting expenditures is apparently not an option.)

As if that weren't bad enough, the Senate has taken the lead by introducing a bill to raise taxes and fees – despite clear language in the state constitution banning the Senate from introducing bills that raise revenue. So far, the Policy Council has been the only one to raise this point – we began [raising it last week](#), and check out this week's [Ariail View](#) cartoon. On Thursday, Sen. Larry Martin raised the issue on the floor, to the clear irritation of the President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, and we hope more senators are now aware of the problem. [read more>>](#)

## Bill Analysis: New Regulations on

exactly, would benefit from the Coalition's preferred policy? [read more>>](#)

## Where's the Watchdog?

More than a year ago, the state Department of Transportation stripped its internal watchdog of his authority. The results have been distressingly predictable. [read more>>](#)

## Uber

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