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Senate Poised to Pass Illegal Fee, Tax Hikes

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,

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

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