



Annual Report 2024

New York State Senate
Standing Committee on

Commerce, Economic Development
and Small Business

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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
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Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business for the 2024 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction, including issues concerning small and large businesses arising under the Economic Development Law and the State Administrative Procedures Act. The Committee also handles issues arising under specific provisions of five other laws: Alcoholic Beverage Control Law provisions relating to beer and cider as well as liquor licensing and fees; Banking Law provisions concerning the New York business development corporation and small business investment companies; an Executive Law provision providing for the Office of Business Permits; Public Authorities Law provision pertaining to NY Job Development Authority, Long Island Job Development Authority, and Public Health Law's NYS Small Business Health Insurance Partnership Program.

During the 2024 session, this committee met three times in session and reported seventeen bills. The Committee also held a joint public hearing with the Senate Standing Committees on Finance, Investigations and Government Operations, and Budget and Revenue analyzing the independent report authorized by Tax Law § 180 this past year.

I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that was done in the committee this year, and I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the committee's operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean M. Ryan".

New York State Senator
61st Senate District

2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

**NEW YORK STATE SENATE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL
BUSINESS**

Senator Sean Ryan, Chairperson

Committee Members

Senator Jessica Ramos	Senator Dean Murray
Senator James Sanders Jr.	Senator George M. Borrello
Senator Iwen Chu	Senator Pamela Helming
Senator Nathalia Fernandez	
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COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning small and large businesses arising under the Economic Development Law and the State Administrative Procedures Act. The Committee also handles issues arising under specific provisions of five other laws: Alcoholic Beverage Control Law provisions relating to beer and cider as well as liquor licensing and fees; Banking Law provisions concerning the New York business development corporation and small business investment companies; an Executive Law provision providing for the Office of Business Permits; Public Authorities Law provision pertaining to NY Job Development Authority, Long Island Job Development Authority, and Public Health Law's NYS Small Business Health Insurance Partnership Program.

During the 2024 Legislative Session, eighty bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, seventeen were reported from the Committee. Fourteen were passed by the Senate, and nine passed in both houses. This work was conducted through a series of three committee meetings. A list of all bills that were reported from the committee is provided at the end of this report.

In addition to its regular meetings, the Committee held a joint public hearing with the Senate Standing Committees on Finance, Investigations and Government Operations, and Budget and Revenue analyzing the independent report authorized by Tax Law § 180.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The following key bills were acted on by the committee in 2024:

- **S.962 – BAILEY, ADDABBO, COMRIE, GOUNARDES, HOYLMAN-SIGAL, MAY, PARKER, PERSAUD, RAMOS, SANDERS** - Relates to the establishment of a state university-based center for employee ownership that provides education and outreach to business owners regarding employee ownership.
- **S.1979 – CLEARE, BORRELLO, JACKSON, WEBB** - Relates to a study on the economic impact of the establishment of kitchen incubators.
- **S.5354 – RYAN** - Relates to financial assistance to small businesses for the purpose of pollution prevention, control and compliance.
- **S.5357 – WEBB** - Relates to allowing bed and breakfasts to sell cider, liquor, beer and wine.
- **S.8109 – MANNION, CHU, BORRELLO, WEBB** - Requires the division for small-business to publish a small business compliance guide.
- **S.9268 – RYAN, MURRAY** - Creates an I Love NY Historic Small Business niche brand.
- **S.9280 – RYAN, ROLISON** - Establishes the small business energy conservation ombudsman program.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ROUNDTABLES & NOMINATIONS

On November 20, 2024, the Senate Standing Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business held a joint public hearing with the Senate Standing Committees on Finance, Investigations and Government Operations, and Budget and Revenue. The subject of the hearing was the report generated and distributed in December of 2023 pursuant to Tax Law § 180. The report sought to assess the utilization rate, job creation, and return on investment for each economic incentive program in New York State.

Witnesses were split into five panels, and included Empire State Development, PFM Consulting, good government groups, and business groups. Over the course of the hearing, members from each of the committees asked witnesses questions intended to clarify the analysis in the report, reach consensus about the effectiveness of various incentives, and determine ways to make economic development more effective.

TWO HOUSE BILLS

2024 Senate Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business Committee 2 House Bills			
BILL	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	SIGNIFICANT ACT
S01979A	CLEARE	Requires the Empire State Development Corporation, in consultation with the department of agriculture and markets and the office of new Americans to conduct a study on the economic impact of the establishment of kitchen incubators; requires a report to the governor and the legislature.	Vetoed Memorandum 50
S07130A	COMRIE	Provides an exemption for certain property, American Legion Post 483, from the prohibition of alcohol sales within a certain distance from a school.	Substituted By A7411A - Chaptered 234
S08385	KAVANAGH	Relates to an exemption for certain property from the prohibition of alcohol sales within a certain distance of a church for a condominium building in Manhattan.	Substituted By A8615 - Chaptered 236
S08913A	GONZALEZ	Authorizes the sale of liquor for consumption on certain premises located within two hundred feet of a building occupied exclusively as a school, church, synagogue or other place of worship in the borough of Manhattan, county of New York. Eff. Date 08/28/2024 (See Table)	Chaptered 278
S09003	MAY	Authorizes the sale of food or beverages at retail for consumption at certain premises located in the village of North Syracuse, county of Onondaga.	Substituted By A9584 - Chaptered 246
S09268	RYAN	Creates an "I Love NY Historic Small Business" niche brand to highlight small businesses listed on the registry of historic businesses maintained pursuant to section 14.11 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law.	Substituted By A10036 - Delivered to Governor
S09282	STEC	Exempts certain property from the prohibition of alcohol sales within a certain distance of a church within the county of Washington, state of New York. Eff. Date 08/28/2024	Chaptered 283
S09392	RYAN	Extends certain provisions relating to regulatory fines for small businesses to 2027.	Substituted By A9966 - Chaptered 252
S09394	RYAN	Extends certain provisions of the state administrative procedure act relating to requiring certain agencies to submit regulatory agendas for publication in the state register.	Substituted By A10335 - Chaptered 263

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

2024 Senate Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business Committee Activity			
BILL	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	SIGNIFICANT ACT
S00962	BAILEY	Relates to the establishment of a state university-based center for employee ownership that provides education and outreach to business owners regarding employee ownership.	Passed the Senate
S01143	SKOUFIS	Requires a business entity in violation of worker protection or environmental laws and regulations to surrender all previous state subsidies issued to such business entity.	Reported to Senate Finance
S01979A	CLEARE	Requires the Empire State Development Corporation, in consultation with the department of agriculture and markets and the office of new Americans to conduct a study on the economic impact of the establishment of kitchen incubators; requires a report to the governor and the legislature.	Vetoed Memorandum 50
S01999	MAY	Relates to direct interstate and intrastate cider shipments; establishes requirements regarding age verification and shipping limits.	Passed the Senate
S04814A	HARCKHAM	Directs DEC to designate a representative for each environmental conservation region of the state to serve as the point of contact for municipalities to aid in the acquisition of resources and funding for water projects.	Passed the Senate
S05354	RYAN	Relates to financial assistance to small businesses for the purpose of pollution prevention, control and compliance.	Reported to Senate Finance
S05357	WEBB	Relates to allowing bed and breakfasts to sell cider, liquor, beer and wine on the licensed premises.	Passed the Senate
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S09280	RYAN	Establishes the small business energy conservation ombudsman program to represent small businesses on issues relating to state energy policy and the goals of the climate leadership and community protection act.	Senate Rules
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