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GOV’T & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The House of Representatives recently passed an amended budget for the current fiscal year, ending on June 30. The original budget was based on a projected growth rate of over 5 percent but the actual growth rate has been closer to 4 percent. The amended budget totals $19.3 billion reflecting cuts to almost every state agency, including the University System of Georgia. In the House version of the amended budget, Georgia Tech’s Enterprise Innovation Institute budget is reduced by 3 percent, which matches other agency cuts, up from the 1.56 percent proposed cut in the Governor’s recommendations. The amended budget now goes to the Senate for review while the House turns their attention to the budget for FY 2014, beginning July 1.

For more information, please visit the House Budget Office at http://tinyurl.com/amwv3ru.

AMENDED FY2013 BUDGET PASSES OUT OF HOUSE CHAMBER; MOVES TO SENATE

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MICHAEL DE LA GUARDIA
Michael is a second year Economics and International Affairs major at Georgia Tech. Michael is an intern in the House Majority Office with Rep. Edward Lindsey. At the Capitol he assists representatives with research, handles communication with constituents and performs other miscellaneous duties to aid the legislative process.

“I have particularly enjoyed the research. I’ve had an opportunity to do for his office and getting to see the legislative process first hand,” said Michael.
**ALYSSA NORDIN**

Alyssa is a third year International Affairs major and Public Policy minor. She is a House of Representatives intern for Representative Chuck Martin, Chairman of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee; Representative Tom Weldon, Chairman of the Juvenile Justice Committee; and Representative Matt Ramsey, Vice-Chairman of the Majority Caucus.

“In my work at the Capitol, what I enjoy most is researching information about potential and assigned bills and attending committee meetings,” said Alyssa. “I have learned about legal processes and analyzing policies, which will help me in my future career. The most valuable part of this internship has been meeting new people including Representatives, Senators, lobbyists, and administrative assistants. This group has taught me so much through their dedication and passion to better our state.”

**DEREK JETT**

Derek is a fourth year Public Policy major, pursuing a minor in Law, Science, and Technology through the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts. He is working for the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, Jan Jones. Speaker Pro Tem Jones represents District 47 which entails parts of Fulton County.

“This placement is perfect for me considering I am always embracing a challenge,” said Derek. “Some of my duties include researching legislation, speaking with constituents regarding public policy issues, and accumulating data for House bills.”


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**Legislative Round-up**

*Bills and Resolutions from our Watchlist*

**HB 26**

Assigned to the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

The Georgia Campus Carry Act of 2013, would remove certain carrying restrictions on college campuses.

**HB 45**

Passed out of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education

The “Carry Forward” measure would allow the University System of Georgia to carry a small amount of funds from one fiscal year to the next.

**HB 105**

Passed out of the House

Amended Fiscal Year 2013 appropriations bill

**HB 106**

Assigned to the House Appropriations Committee

General appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2014

**HB 232**

Passed out of House Retirement Committee

This measure would allow the Board of Regents to determine the employee contribution rate for the Optional Retirement Plan.

**HR 269**

House Adopted

Resolution honoring University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Hasan Khosravi of Georgia Tech on Academic Recognition Day 2013

**SR 230**

Senate Adopted

Resolution recognizing February 22 as Engineering Day at the State Capitol

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**GETTIN’ BUZZY CALLS TO ACTION**

In this regular section you will find specific ways that you as a Capitol Jackets member can stay involved in active advocacy for Georgia Tech.

- The House has begun reviewing the FY 2014 budget. Please write your state senator or state representative and ask them to support Georgia Tech. Specifically, $1.875 million for the renovation of the Lloyd W. Chapin Building. The Chapin building is one of the oldest on campus and once served as the Institute infirmary.

Find your legislators and their district mailing addresses by visiting [www.gov.gatech.edu](http://www.gov.gatech.edu) and selecting “Find Your Legislator” from the “Important Links” on the right. We would appreciate notification of any communication with our state leaders so we can better track our advocacy efforts.

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