

**Georgia Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities (GAHRA)  
Government Relations Committee Report**

January 30, 2025

The decision by the Georgia Court of Appeals that determined housing authorities do have sovereign immunity has now been appealed and will be taken up by the Georgia Supreme Court this summer. The Governor held a massive press conference to announce his sweeping package on tort reform, and remarks were made by the Governor, Speaker of the House, and the Lt Governor.

Our team is acting at the association’s direction on all legislation and issues, and we will provide further updates in the future.

Legislators from all corners of the state were back under the Gold Dome this past week. Lawmakers were in session Monday through Thursday this week for Legislative Days 6 through 9. Last week, January 20 - 24, had no official legislative days, as it was supposed to be budget hearings only all week. The snow and ice storm, however, affected this, and not much occurred with committee meetings at the capitol last week. That ended up with a lot of Appropriations Subcommittees meeting this week, and other committees met and had their introductory meetings with legislator introductions and committee rules getting passed.

Legislation continues to get introduced and assigned to Committees. Next week will see legislative days 10 through 13 on Monday through Thursday. As has been mentioned, Crossover Day (the last day that a bill can be passed out of its original chamber) is March 6.

**Thrash-Haliburton has been in constant communication with our leadership about issues and legislation coming up for our industry in the 2025 session.**

**Here’s to another great year for our industry in 2025 at the State Capitol!**

**Thrash-Haliburton is diligently watching and working to stop any detrimental legislation to our industry and push the legislation we support. Our governmental affairs team continues every day to work on, look out for and answer requests, needs and interests, as we act at the direction of the group's leadership. Please find legislation affecting our industry below:**

**2025 Regular Session**

*We are monitoring the following legislation, and watchful for any bills that may impact our industry.*

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>House Comm</b>	<b>Sen Comm</b>	<b>House Sponsor</b>	<b>Sen Sponsor</b>