

Thursday, May 24, 2018

**Subject:** May 2018 State Legislature TISPC Update  
**To:** Steve Smith - Topsail Beach  
**From:** Connie Wilson

We are one week into the short session and few bills have been filed, few bills have been heard and few committees have met. The attached Coastal Review story on the budget does a great job of describing how the budget will be passed in a difference process than ever before. Appropriation leadership in both chambers have been meeting for several weeks hammering out a budget which will include not only appropriation items but also major policy issues. The House Republicans discuss the budget today and are planning to make available electronically the document over the weekend.

So far we are still hearing that there is still money in the Coastal Storm Mitigation Fund, but not the original \$5M that was funded at the subcommittee level. The purchase of a hopper dredge is still in the bill. With the budget bill being placed in a conference report without going through the committee process it is impossible to know what all is in the document.

Have a good meeting,

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