



**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA**

**April 10, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.**

315 Court Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

Board of County Commissioners Conference Room

**THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 13, 2019**
- 3. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**
- 4. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**

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# **FORWARD PINELLAS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY MARCH 13, 2019**

## Committee Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Dave Eggers, Pinellas County, Forward Pinellas Chair  
Mayor Cookie Kennedy, City of Indian Rocks Beach, Forward Pinellas Treasurer  
Councilmember Brandi Gabbard, City of St. Petersburg (late arrival)

## Also Present:

Whit Blanton, Executive Director  
Sarah Caper, Principal Planner  
Tina Jablon, Administrative Secretary  
Linda Fisher, Principal Planner  
Chelsea Hardy, County Attorney's Office  
Brian Lowack, Intergovernmental Liaison, Pinellas County  
Darryl Henderson, Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce, VP Public Policy & Economic Development  
Cheryl Reed, Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator, City of Largo  
Kim Greenleaf, Commissioner Eggers' Office

The Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee met in the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Eggers called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. and those present introduced themselves.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2019

A motion was made by Mayor Cookie Kennedy, which was seconded by Commissioner Dave Eggers and carried unanimously (2-0).

Councilmember Gabbard arrived at 11:11 a.m.

### 3. ADVANTAGE PINELLAS TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

Whit Blanton introduced this item and provided historical context, referencing a draft letter from Forward Pinellas to the Pinellas Legislative Delegation. The letter was written in response to a recent blog post in Florida Politics containing quotes from members of the delegation regarding transportation priorities. The letter was designed to succinctly highlight the transportation priorities of Pinellas County and the leadership and coordination that occurs within the region through the MPO planning process and actions. A one-page document outlining the Advantage Pinellas Transportation Priorities was drafted to accompany the letter, which Whit Blanton summarized. The committee discussed the documents considering the value of sending them and some potential edits. Ultimately, it was agreed that the Executive Director should send the letter with one minor change to the one-page document to move "Place Priority on Multimodal Safety and Accessibility" higher on the list to the number two position.

Councilmember Gabbard advised that she would be in Tallahassee next week and was willing to bring materials of this nature with her to meet with representatives as possible.

4. UPDATE ON ACTIVITY RELATED TO POLICY POSITIONS

Sarah Caper updated the committee on recent legislative activities related to the adopted policy positions of Forward Pinellas. Specifically Urban Agriculture, Distracted Driving, Maintaining Local Control of the MPO Structure, Growth Management, Preemption of Local Regulations and Vacation Rentals were addressed. Committee members and others in attendance also offered updated information and discussed the same.

5. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Those in attendance discussed the latest information on other state bills of interest and received the latest updates from the MPOAC and Florida APA.

6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There being no additional items for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

## Legislative Committee – April 10, 2019

### 3. State Legislative Update



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#### SUMMARY

Forward Pinellas staff received information on state bills from a number of sources and has provided them for reference and discussion, as appropriate. Also included is information from partner agencies regarding state legislation and legislative positions.

#### ATTACHMENT(S):

- [MPOAC Legislative Update \(latest report will be online once available\)](#)
- [APA Florida Bill Tracking Report](#)
- [APA Florida Legislative Reporter](#)

**ACTION:** None required; informational only; or as deemed appropriate by the committee

# APA Florida Bill Tracking Report April 5 2019

Sorted by Bill Number	
<a href="#">HB 3</a>	<p><b>Preemption of Local Occupational Licensing</b> <span style="float: right;">Grant (M)</span></p> <p>Preemption of Local Occupational Licensing: Preempts licensing of occupations to state; provides exceptions; prohibits local governments from imposing additional licensing requirements or modifying licensing; specifies that certain local licensing that does not meet specified criteria does not apply &amp; may not be enforced; specifies that certain specialty contractors are not required to register with Construction Industry Licensing Board; prohibits local governments from requiring certain specialty contractors to obtain license; specifies job scopes for which local government may not require license; authorizes counties &amp; municipalities to issue certain journeyman licenses. Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p> <p>3/22/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C3) Filed</p> <p>3/25/2019 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p> <p>4/4/2019 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/10/19</p>
<a href="#">HB 5</a>	<p><b>Discretionary Sales Surtax</b> <span style="float: right;">DiCeglie</span></p> <p>Discretionary Sales Surtax: Requires two-thirds vote of certain county governing boards to authorize discretionary sales surtax; requires local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on specified date; requires such referenda to be approved by specified percentage of voters for passage; revises requirements &amp; procedures for discretionary sales surtax performance audits; requires OPPAGA, upon receiving certain notice, to procure certified public accountant for performance audit; requires supervisor of elections to verify petition signatures &amp; retain signature forms in specified manner; provides that an initiative sponsor's failure to comply with specified requirements renders any referendum held void. Effective Date: on becoming a law</p> <p>3/29/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed</p> <p>4/1/2019 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p> <p>4/4/2019 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/10/19</p>
<a href="#">HB 9</a>	<p><b>Community Redevelopment Agencies</b> <span style="float: right;">LaMarca</span></p> <p>Community Redevelopment Agencies: Specifies ethics training requirements for community redevelopment agency commissioners; establishes procedures for appointing board of community redevelopment agency board members; requires referendum to create community redevelopment agency; establishes procurement procedures; provides reporting and boundary map requirements; provides termination dates for certain community redevelopment agencies; provides phase-out period for existing community redevelopment agencies; requires DEO to declare inactive certain community redevelopment agencies; requires DEO to maintain website identifying inactive community redevelopment agencies; specifies level of tax increment financing that governing body may establish; revises requirements for budgets of community redevelopment agencies; revises requirements for annual audit. Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p> <p>3/21/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 16 Yeas, 7 Nays</p> <p>3/22/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p> <p>3/25/2019 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p>
<a href="#">HB 15</a>	<p><b>Local Government Fiscal Transparency</b> <span style="float: right;">Burton</span></p> <p>Local Government Fiscal Transparency: Revises Legislative Auditing Committee duties; specifies purpose of local government fiscal transparency requirements; requires local governments to post voting record information on websites; requires property appraisers &amp; local governments to post property tax information &amp; history on websites; requires public notices for public hearings &amp; meetings before increases of local government tax levies; specifies noticing &amp; advertising requirements; requires local governments to conduct debt affordability analyses under specified conditions; provides method for local governments to post certain required information. Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p> <p>3/28/2019 HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>3/28/2019 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p> <p>4/4/2019 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/10/19</p>
<a href="#">HB 17</a>	<p><b>Damages</b> <span style="float: right;">Leek</span></p> <p>Damages: Provides for calculation of damages for certain health care services, procedures, or equipment under specified circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p> <p>3/28/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; 13 Yeas, 7 Nays</p> <p>3/29/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed</p> <p>4/1/2019 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee</p>
<a href="#">HB 27</a>	<p><b>Deregulation of Professions and Occupations</b> <span style="float: right;">Ingoglia</span></p> <p>Deregulation of Professions and Occupations: Removes regulations on specified DBPR professions, including labor organizations, hair braiders, hair wrappers &amp; body wrappers, &amp; boxing timekeepers &amp; announcers; revises certain requirements for barbers, nail specialists, business organizations that provide architecture services and interior design, landscape architects, &amp; geologists; prohibits suspension or revocation of license for delinquency or default on payment of student loan or default on requirements of</p>

work-conditional scholarship. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/26/2019 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee  
 4/2/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Commerce Committee, 04/04/19, 8:00 am, 212 K  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; 18 Yeas, 4 Nays

[HB 51](#) Property Tax Exemptions Sirois  
 Property Tax Exemptions: Increases property tax exemption for residents who are widows, widowers, blind, or totally and permanently disabled. Effective Date: upon becoming a law  
 1/3/2019 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; State Affairs Committee  
 1/3/2019 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee  
 1/15/2019 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 01/18/19, 10:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

[HB 53](#) Single Subject Requirement for Revisions or Amendments to the Constitution Byrd  
 Single Subject Requirement for Revisions or Amendments to the Constitution: Proposes amendments to Sections 2 and 6 of Article XI of the State Constitution to limit each revision or amendment to the Constitution proposed by the constitution revision commission or the taxation and budget reform commission to one subject and matter directly connected therewith.  
 3/1/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 03/05/19, 4:30 pm, 17 H  
 3/5/2019 HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/5/2019 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

[SB 54](#) Possession of Real Property Rouson  
 Possession of Real Property; Repealing provisions relating to a governmental entity's establishment of recreational customary use on a portion of a beach above the mean high-water line on private property, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 11/20/2018 SENATE Filed  
 12/13/2018 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Environment and Natural Resources; Rules

[HB 57](#) Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve Constitutional Amendment or Revision Roth  
 Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve Constitutional Amendment or Revision: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase percentage of elector votes required to approve amendment or revision to State Constitution from 60 percent to 66 & 2/3 percent.  
 4/2/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 04/04/19, 8:00 am, 17 H  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Not Considered by State Affairs Committee  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 04/08/19, 2:00 pm, 17 H

[HB 61](#) Small Business Road Construction Mitigation Grant Program Duran  
 Small Business Road Construction Mitigation Grant Program: Requires DOT to create Small Business Road Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requires disbursement of grants to qualified businesses; limits grant amount; provides eligibility requirements; requires assistance by DEO; provides for award prioritization; requires report & rulemaking. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 11/28/2018 HOUSE Filed  
 1/3/2019 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee  
 1/3/2019 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

[HB 63](#) Property-Assessed Clean Environment Rodrigues (R)  
 Property-Assessed Clean Environment: Provides findings; amends definition to include sewage treatment improvements as qualifying improvements; adds registered septic tank contractors to list of contractors authorized to make or install a qualifying improvement; revises contract language provided to prospective purchaser if qualifying improvement has been made on property. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 11/29/2018 HOUSE Filed  
 1/3/2019 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; State Affairs Committee  
 1/3/2019 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

[SB 66](#) Drinking Water in Public Schools Cruz  
 Drinking Water in Public Schools; Defining the term "drinking water source"; requiring each school district to locate all drinking

water sources in certain schools, install a barcode on each source, and install filters that meet certain specifications on all such sources, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

3/28/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education, 04/02/19, 10:00 a.m., 412 K  
 4/2/2019 SENATE Favorable by Education; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 4/2/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

**SB 68** Transportation Disadvantaged Book

Transportation Disadvantaged; Requiring community transportation coordinators, in cooperation with the coordinating board, to plan for and use any available and cost-effective regional fare payment systems that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for the transportation disadvantaged; requiring each coordinating board to evaluate multicounty or regional transportation opportunities to include any available regional fare payment systems that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for the transportation disadvantaged, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

11/20/2018 SENATE Filed  
 12/13/2018 SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

**SB 70** State Funds Mayfield

State Funds; Exempting the State Housing Trust Fund and the Local Government Housing Trust Fund from a provision authorizing the Legislature, in the General Appropriations Act, to transfer unappropriated cash balances from specified trust funds to the Budget Stabilization Fund and the General Revenue Fund, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

11/20/2018 SENATE Filed  
 12/13/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

**SB 74** Single-subject Limitation for Constitution Revision Commission Proposals Bradley

Single-Subject Limitation for Constitution Revision Commission Proposals; Proposing and amendment to the State Constitution to require that any proposals to revise the State Constitution, or any part thereof, filed by the Constitution Revision Commission be limited to a single subject, etc.

3/21/2019 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/27/19  
 3/27/2019 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays)  
 4/3/2019 HOUSE In Messages

**SB 78** Public Financing of Construction Projects Rodriguez (J)

Public Financing of Construction Projects; Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study and having such study published and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection; requiring the department to develop by rule standards for such studies; providing for enforcement; requiring the department to publish such studies on its website, subject to certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

3/13/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/14/2019 SENATE Now in Infrastructure and Security  
 4/4/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Infrastructure and Security, 04/09/19, 10:00 am, 110 S

**SB 82** Vegetable Gardens Bradley

Vegetable Gardens; Prohibiting local governments from regulating vegetable gardens on residential properties except as otherwise provided by law; specifying that such regulations are void and unenforceable, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

3/21/2019 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 35 Yeas / 5 Nays)  
 3/21/2019 SENATE Immediately certified  
 3/21/2019 HOUSE In Messages

**HB 85** Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems Robinson

Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems: Requires periodic inspection of onsite sewage treatment & disposal systems; directs DOH to administer onsite sewage treatment & disposal system inspection program; provides program requirements, exemptions, inspection procedures, & notice & reporting requirements; authorizes DOH to develop fee schedule by rule; requires system owners to pay costs of inspections & pump-outs. Effective Date: October 1, 2019

3/26/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/29/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 4/1/2019 HOUSE Now in Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

**SB 86** Single-subject Limitation for Constitution Revision Commission Proposals Rodriguez (J)

Single-subject Limitation for Constitution Revision Commission Proposals; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to

require that any proposals to revise the State Constitution, or any part thereof, filed by the Constitution Revision Commission be limited to a single subject, etc.

1/3/2019 SENATE Meeting Cancelled - Judiciary, 01/07/19, 4:30 pm, 110 S  
 1/15/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 01/22/19, 12:30 pm, 110 S  
 1/22/2019 SENATE Not Considered by Judiciary

[SB 88](#) Preemption of Recyclable and Polystyrene Materials Stewart  
 Preemption of Recyclable and Polystyrene Materials; Deleting preemptions of local law relating to the regulation of auxiliary containers, wrappings, or disposable plastic bags; repealing the preemption of local laws regarding the use or sale of polystyrene products to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 11/27/2018 SENATE Filed  
 12/13/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Environment and Natural Resources; Rules

[SB 92](#) C-51 Reservoir Project Book  
 C-51 Reservoir Project; Revising the portions of the C-51 reservoir project for which the South Florida Water Management District may negotiate; revising water storage and use requirements specified for the project if state funds are appropriated for the project; specifying that Phase II of the project may be funded by appropriation, in addition to other sources, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 2/12/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government, 02/20/19, 10:00 am, 110 S  
 2/20/2019 SENATE Subcommittee Recommendation: Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; 9 Yeas, 1 Nay  
 2/22/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations

[HB 95](#) C-51 Reservoir Project Jacobs  
 C-51 Reservoir Project: Revises portions of C-51 reservoir project for which South Florida Water Management District may negotiate; revises water storage & use requirements for project; specifies funding sources for Phase II of project; authorizes district to enter into certain agreements & request waiver for certain loan repayment; authorizes DEP to waive loan repayment under certain conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/20/2019 HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 111 Yeas / 0 Nays)  
 3/21/2019 SENATE In Messages  
 3/25/2019 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

[HB 105](#) Domestic Wastewater Collection System Assessment and Maintenance Jacobs  
 Domestic Wastewater Collection System Assessment and Maintenance: Establishes Blue Star Collection System Assessment & Maintenance Program within DEP for domestic wastewater utilities; provides defensible expectation that certified utilities complied with state water quality standards; directs DEP to issue certain permits to certified utilities; authorizes DEP to reduce penalty amounts; provides that certain utilities are eligible to participate in Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program & receive Small Community Sewer Construction Assistance Grants. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/27/2019 HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 114 Yeas / 0 Nays)  
 4/3/2019 SENATE In Messages  
 4/4/2019 SENATE Received; Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

[SB 112](#) Small Business Road Construction Mitigation Grant Program Rodriguez (J)  
 Small Business Road Construction Mitigation Grant Program; Requiring the Department of Transportation to create a Small Business Road Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requiring the department to disburse grants to qualified businesses for the purpose of maintaining the businesses during a road construction project; providing that any grant awarded offsets certain civil damages against the Department of Transportation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 11/30/2018 SENATE Filed  
 1/10/2019 SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

[SB 118](#) Election of Secretary of State/Membership of Cabinet Bean  
 Election of Secretary of State/Membership of Cabinet; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to provide for the election of the Secretary of State and his or her inclusion as a member of the Cabinet, etc.  
 12/3/2018 SENATE Filed  
 1/10/2019 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Rules

[HB 127](#) Permit Fees Williamson



Permit Fees: Requires governing bodies of counties & municipalities to post their permit & inspection fee schedules & building permit & inspection utilization reports on their websites; requires governing bodies of local governments to create building permit & inspection utilization reports & post reports on their websites by specified date; provides requirements for such governing bodies & reports. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

3/27/2019 SENATE Withdrawn from Community Affairs; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Rules; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd Reading; Substituted for SB 0142; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays)  
 4/3/2019 HOUSE Ordered enrolled  
 4/3/2019 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

**SB 134** Florida Black Bears Stewart  
 Florida Black Bears; Creating the "Florida Black Bear Protection Act"; prohibiting the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission from allowing the recreational hunting of Florida black bears mothering cubs that weigh less than 100 pounds under a Florida black bear hunting permit; specifying a penalty for the unlawful harvesting of saw palmetto berries on state lands; prohibiting prescribed burns in certain designated habitats during specified times, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 12/6/2018 SENATE Filed  
 1/10/2019 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Agriculture; Criminal Justice; Rules

**HB 141** Water Quality Improvements Fine  
 Water Quality Improvements: Authorizes DEP to provide grants for certain projects identified in Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation & Management Plan; directs DEP to submit annual report regarding projects to Governor & Legislature; requires local governments to submit annual reports regarding projects to DEP & water management districts; requires wastewater facilities permitted under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program that unlawfully discharge certain amount of raw or partially treated sewage to provide written notification; provides penalties; provides for such facilities to make certain upgrades & repairs. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/22/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, 03/26/19, 8:30 am, 17 H  
 3/26/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/26/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

**SB 142** Permit Fees Perry  
 Permit Fees; Requiring the governing bodies of counties and municipalities to post their permit and inspection fee schedules and building permit and inspection utilization reports on their websites; requiring certain governing bodies of local governments to create a building permit and inspection utilization report containing certain information and to post such report on their websites by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 3/21/2019 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (255262); Ordered Engrossed; Placed on Third Reading, 03/27/19  
 3/21/2019 SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed  
 3/27/2019 SENATE Read Third Time; Substituted for HB 0127; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0127

**SB 144** Impact Fees Gruters  
 Impact Fees; Revising the minimum requirements for impact fees adopted by a local government; exempting water and sewer connection fees from the Florida Impact Fee Act, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 4/1/2019 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/03/19  
 4/3/2019 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 04/04/19  
 4/4/2019 SENATE Read Third Time; Substituted for HB 0207; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0207

**HB 145** Vegetable Gardens Fetterhoff  
 Vegetable Gardens: Prohibits local governments from regulating vegetable gardens on residential properties except as otherwise provided by law; specifies that such regulations are void & unenforceable; specifies exceptions. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 4/2/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Commerce Committee, 04/04/19, 8:00 am, 212 K  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Commerce Committee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

**SB 146** Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment Stewart  
 Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment; Defining the term "advanced well stimulation treatment"; prohibiting the performance of advanced well stimulation treatments; clarifying that permits for drilling or operating a well do not authorize the performance of advanced well stimulation treatments, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law  
 12/13/2018 SENATE Filed

1/10/2019 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Appropriations

<a href="#">HB 151</a>	Community Development Districts Community Development Districts: Requires community development districts to obtain a valuation before acquiring certain property. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	Cortes
	1/2/2019 HOUSE Filed	
	1/9/2019 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; State Affairs Committee	
	1/9/2019 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee	
<a href="#">SB 154</a>	Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities; Requiring that the medical marijuana use registry maintained by the Department of Health be accessible to medical marijuana retail facilities for certain verification purposes; prohibiting a medical marijuana treatment center from owning or operating a medical marijuana retail facility; requiring the department to license medical marijuana retail facilities, beginning on a specified date, for a specified purpose; requiring that the department identify applicants with strong diversity plans and implement training and other educational programs to enable certain minority persons and enterprises to qualify for licensure, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law	Thurston, Jr.
	12/14/2018 SENATE Filed	
	1/10/2019 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; Rules	
<a href="#">SB 156</a>	State Taxes or Fees State Taxes or Fees; Requiring the Department of Health to impose initial application and biennial renewal fees for the licensing of medical marijuana retail facilities, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 154 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law	Thurston, Jr.
	12/14/2018 SENATE Filed	
	1/10/2019 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules	
<a href="#">HB 157</a>	Fertilizers Fertilizers: Requires county & municipal governments to adopt & enforce Model Ordinance for Florida-Friendly Fertilizer Use on Urban Landscapes; specifies that county & municipal governments must require use of specified slow-release fertilizers; provides additional requirements for counties & municipalities within estuary runoff areas; authorizes county & municipal governments to adopt additional standards if certain criteria are met. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	Thompson
	1/2/2019 HOUSE Filed	
	1/9/2019 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee	
	1/9/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	
<a href="#">HB 167</a>	Local Government Public Construction Works Local Government Public Construction Works: Requires governing board of local government to consider estimated costs of certain projects using generally accepted cost-accounting principles that account for specified costs when making specified determination; requires local government that performs project using its own services, employees, & equipment to disclose actual costs of project after completion to Auditor General; requires Auditor General to review such disclosures as part of his or her routine audits of local governments; requires estimated total construction project costs for certain projects to include specified costs. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	Andrade
	3/28/2019 HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays	
	3/28/2019 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading	
	4/4/2019 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/10/19	
<a href="#">HB 169</a>	Public Financing of Construction Projects Public Financing of Construction Projects: Prohibits state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting sea level impact projection study & having such study published & approved by DEP; requires department to develop by rule standards for such studies; provides for enforcement; requires department to publish such studies on its website; requires department to enforce certain requirements & to adopt rules. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	Fernández
	1/3/2019 HOUSE Filed	
	1/16/2019 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee	
	1/16/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	

<a href="#">HB 191</a>	Northwest Florida Rural Inland Affected Counties Recovery Fund	Drake
	Northwest Florida Rural Inland Affected Counties Recovery Fund: Creates Northwest Florida Rural Inland Affected Counties Recovery Fund within DEO; requires certain payments to be appropriated annually to fund; requires DEO to grant awards to organizations & local governments for specified infrastructure projects & workforce programs; requires DEO to establish application procedure & prioritize projects & programs that meet certain requirements; requires DEO, in consultation with specified entities, to review & certify applications; exempts certain funds from reversion. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	1/9/2019	HOUSE Filed
	1/16/2019	HOUSE Referred to Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee
	1/16/2019	HOUSE Now in Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee
<a href="#">SB 202</a>	Property Tax Exemptions	Wright
	Property Tax Exemptions; Increasing the property tax exemption for residents who are widows, widowers, blind, or totally and permanently disabled, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law	
	2/28/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/05/19, 2:30 pm, 301 S
	3/5/2019	SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
	3/6/2019	SENATE Now in Finance and Tax
<a href="#">HB 207</a>	Impact Fees	Donalds
	Impact Fees: Revises minimum requirements for adoption of impact fees by specified local governments; exempts water & sewer connection fees from Florida Impact Fee Act. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	4/3/2019	SENATE In Messages
	4/3/2019	SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations
	4/4/2019	SENATE Withdrawn from Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd Reading; Substituted for SB 0144; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 1 Nay)
<a href="#">SB 214</a>	Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems	Gruters
	Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems; Directing the Department of Health to identify certain information for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, update the current database of such systems, and submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; requiring owners of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems to have such systems periodically inspected; requiring an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system disclosure summary for certain properties before or at the execution of a contract for sale, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2019	
	1/2/2019	SENATE Filed
	1/22/2019	SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations
<a href="#">HB 215</a>	District School Taxes	Valdes
	District School Taxes: Authorizes district school board to levy up to 2.0 mills, rather than 1.5 mills, for specified purposes by supermajority vote of school board. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	1/10/2019	HOUSE Filed
	1/16/2019	HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Education Committee
	1/16/2019	HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee
<a href="#">SB 216</a>	Water Quality Improvements	Gruters
	Water Quality Improvements; Requiring each wastewater facility that unlawfully discharges specified volumes of sewage into a waterway or aquifer to notify certain customers by first class mail within a specified timeframe; providing penalties for wastewater treatment facilities that unlawfully discharge a specified volume of sewage into designated areas, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	3/12/2019	SENATE Favorable with CS by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
	3/13/2019	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
	3/14/2019	SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
<a href="#">SB 222</a>	Private Property Rights	Rodriguez (J)
	Private Property Rights; Exempting from the definition of "public utility" property owners who own and operate a renewable energy source device, produce renewable energy from that device, and provide or sell the renewable energy to users on that property, under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	1/3/2019	SENATE Filed
	1/22/2019	SENATE Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Infrastructure and Security; Community

Affairs; Rules

<a href="#">SB 232</a>	Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve an Amendment or a Revision Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve an Amendment or a Revision; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the percentage of elector votes required to approve an amendment or a revision to the State Constitution from 60 percent to 66 and 2/3 percent, etc. 3/15/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Ethics and Elections, 03/20/19, 4:00 pm, 412 K 3/20/2019 SENATE Favorable by Ethics and Elections; 4 Yeas, 3 Nays 3/20/2019 SENATE Now in Judiciary	Baxley
<a href="#">HB 233</a>	Sports Development Sports Development: Repeals provision relating to state funding for sports facility development by unit of local government, or by certified beneficiary or other applicant, on property owned by local government. Effective Date: July 1, 2019 1/10/2019 HOUSE Filed 1/16/2019 HOUSE Referred to Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Commerce Committee 1/16/2019 HOUSE Now in Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee	Beltran
<a href="#">HB 239</a>	Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment: Prohibits performance of advanced well stimulation treatments; provides that permits for drilling or operating wells do not authorize performance of advanced well treatments; provides applicability. Effective Date: upon becoming a law 1/10/2019 HOUSE Filed 1/23/2019 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee 1/23/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	Fitzenhagen
<a href="#">HB 249</a>	Repeal of Constitution Revision Commission Repeal of Constitution Revision Commission: Proposes amendments to State Constitution to repeal establishment, membership selection & composition, & duties of Constitution Revision Commission. 3/19/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 03/21/19, 8:30 am, 404 H 3/21/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 15 Yeas, 2 Nays 3/22/2019 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading	Drake
<a href="#">SB 250</a>	Pilot State Workforce Housing Tax Credit State Housing Tax Credits; Authorizing the Department of Revenue to provide information on taken state workforce housing tax credits to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; replacing provisions relating to the State Housing Tax Credit Program with provisions relating to the State Workforce Housing Tax Credit Program; providing for an insurance premium and retaliatory tax credit to certain workforce housing developments; authorizing certain taxpayers to claim a credit against the premium tax and retaliatory tax, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019 2/15/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 2/15/2019 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax 2/21/2019 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/22/19, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)	Flores
<a href="#">HB 251</a>	Constitution Revision Commission Constitution Revision Commission: Repeals references to Constitution Revision Commission, powers of chair, & assistance by state & local agencies. Effective Date: the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 249 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose 3/19/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 03/21/19, 8:30 am, 404 H 3/21/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 15 Yeas, 2 Nays 3/22/2019 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading	Drake
<a href="#">HB 265</a>	Public Meetings Public Meetings: Specifies that certain boards & commissions are subject to public meetings requirements; revises public meeting notice requirements; provides that member of public has right to speak at public meeting; requires members of board or commission to respond to questions made at public meetings within a specified timeframe; repeals provision relating to reasonable opportunity to be heard at public meetings; provides penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2019 1/14/2019 HOUSE Filed	Newton

1/23/2019 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee; Public Integrity & Ethics Committee; State Affairs Committee  
 1/23/2019 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee

[HB 267](#) Budgets of County Constitutional Officers Sabatini  
 Budgets of County Constitutional Officers: Provides criteria for submission of tentative & final budgets by county constitutional officers; requires tentative budget of county constitutional officer to be posted on county's website; provides criteria for submission of tentative & final budgets by property appraiser & tax collector; requires tentative & final budgets to be posted on website of property appraiser or tax collector. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/12/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee  
 3/19/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 03/21/19, 12:00 pm, 17 H  
 3/21/2019 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by State Affairs Committee

[HB 279](#) Professional Geology Stevenson  
 Professional Geology: Revises membership of the Board of Professional Geologists; revises geologist-in-training registration requirements; revises documents that require the signature, date, & seal of professional geologists; revises applicant requirements for licensure by endorsement; provides requirements for licensure renewal; authorizes the board to adopt a continuing education program; prohibits submission of documents for public record by certain persons in order to maintain exemption; exempts certain persons practicing professional geology from specified requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 1/15/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 1/23/2019 HOUSE Referred to Business & Professions Subcommittee; Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee  
 1/23/2019 HOUSE Now in Business & Professions Subcommittee

[SB 282](#) Property-assessed Clean Environment Albritton  
 Property-assessed Clean Environment; Providing findings related to improvements to onsite sewage and treatment systems; adding registered septic tank contractors to the list of contractors authorized to make or install a qualifying improvement; revising the contract language to be provided to a prospective purchaser if a qualifying improvement has been made on a property, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 1/10/2019 SENATE Filed  
 1/22/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations

[HB 285](#) Legislation by Initiative Geller  
 Legislation by Initiative: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to allow proposal of laws by initiative without legislative or gubernatorial approval; prescribe requirements for subject matter, proposal, & approval of such initiatives; require extraordinary vote of each house of Legislature to amend or repeal laws approved by voters; require Legislature to adopt procedures for initiatives; provide for Supreme Court review of initiative petitions; require ballot statements for such initiatives to include statement of economic impact.  
 1/15/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 1/23/2019 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee  
 1/23/2019 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee

[HB 291](#) Growth Management McClain  
 Growth Management: Requires comprehensive plan to include property rights element; provides statement of rights that local government may use; requires local government to adopt property rights element by specified date; provides that local government's property rights element may not conflict with statutorily provided statement rights; requires certain comprehensive plans to recognize terms of existing development orders; requires local land development regulations to provide for certain existing development orders. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/28/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; 12 Yeas, 8 Nays  
 3/29/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 4/1/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

[SB 294](#) Educational Facilities Montford  
 Educational Facilities; Authorizing a school district, in the absence of a survey recommendation, to use funds from a taxpayer-approved bond referendum to fund construction of educational, auxiliary, or ancillary facilities and to use funds from a specified district school tax for certain capital outlay purposes; prohibiting a district school board from using funds from any source, other than specified local sources, for certain new construction of educational plant space; revising the costs that may not be included in calculating the cost per student station, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law  
 1/11/2019 SENATE Filed

1/25/2019 SENATE Referred to Education; Community Affairs; Appropriations

[SB 296](#) District Millage Elections Montford  
 District Millage Elections; Increasing the maximum number of years for which a specified millage may be levied, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 3/26/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Education; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/27/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/28/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

[SB 298](#) Rural Businesses Montford  
 Rural Businesses; Creating the "Florida Rural Job and Business Recovery Act"; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to accept applications for certification as a growth fund beginning on a specified date; requiring the department to certify approved applicants as growth funds and to specify their required investment authority and investor contributions; providing that an investor who makes an investor contribution is vested with a credit against state premium tax liability; authorizing growth funds to request a written opinion from the department as to whether a business qualifies as a growth business, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2019  
 3/7/2019 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/08/19, 1:00 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)  
 4/1/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Finance and Tax, 04/04/19, 12:30 pm, 401 S  
 4/4/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Finance and Tax; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

[HB 309](#) Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings Duggan  
 Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings: Prohibits railroad train from blocking public highway, street, or road at railroad-highway grade crossing for more than specified time period; provides exceptions; provides civil penalties; exempts certain persons from liability for violations. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 1/16/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 1/23/2019 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee  
 1/23/2019 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

[HB 311](#) Autonomous Vehicles Fischer  
 Autonomous Vehicles: Exempts autonomous vehicles & operators from certain prohibitions; provides that human operator is not required to operate fully autonomous vehicle; authorizes fully autonomous vehicle to operate regardless of presence of human operator; provides that automated driving system is deemed operator of autonomous vehicle operating with system engaged; authorizes Florida Turnpike Enterprise to fund & operate test facilities; provides requirements for operation of on-demand autonomous vehicle networks; revises registration requirements for autonomous vehicles. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/28/2019 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by State Affairs Committee  
 4/2/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 04/04/19, 8:00 am, 17 H  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 20 Yeas, 1 Nay

[SB 314](#) Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment Montford  
 Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment; Defining the terms "high-pressure well stimulation" and "matrix acidization"; prohibiting the performance of high-pressure well stimulation treatments or matrix acidization; clarifying that permits for drilling or operating a well do not authorize the performance of high-pressure well stimulation treatments or matrix acidization; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a study on high-pressure well stimulation and matrix acidization, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law  
 2/13/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 2/14/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 2/15/2019 SENATE Now in Innovation, Industry, and Technology

[HB 317](#) Homestead Tax Exemption Rodriguez (Ant)  
 Homestead Tax Exemption: Proposes amendment to Section 6 of Article VII & creation of new section in Article XII of State Constitution to authorize Legislature, by general law, to provide homestead tax exemption from school district levies to persons age 65 or older who have legal or equitable title to homestead property & who have maintained permanent residence thereon for at least 25 years.  
 1/17/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 1/23/2019 HOUSE Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Education Committee; Appropriations Committee  
 1/23/2019 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

[HB 325](#) Coastal Management LaMarca  
 Coastal Management: Revises criteria DEP must use in determining & assigning annual funding priorities for specified beach

management & erosion control projects; specifies tiers for such criteria; requires tiers be given certain weight; requires DEP to update active project lists on its website; specifies allowable uses for certain surplus funds; requires funding for certain projects remain available for specified period; revises method DEP ranks & funds certain inlet management projects; requires DEP to update & maintain report regarding progress of certain inlet management projects; revises requirements for comprehensive long-term management plan; requires DEP to submit 3-year work plan & related forecast for availability of funding to Legislature.

Effective Date: July 1, 2019

3/14/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/15/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/18/2019 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

**SB 330** Educational Standards for K-12 Public Schools Baxley

Educational Standards for K-12 Public Schools; Revising the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards; providing that such standards are the minimum baseline core content standards for K-12 public schools; revising the requirements for instructional materials that a district school superintendent annually certifies, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

1/14/2019 SENATE Filed  
 1/25/2019 SENATE Referred to Education; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Appropriations; Rules

**SB 334** Professional Regulation Brandes

Professional Regulation; Requiring certain boards and entities within the Divisions of Certified Public Accounting, Professions, or Real Estate of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to use a specified process for the review of an applicant's criminal record to determine the applicant's eligibility for certain licenses; prohibiting the conviction, plea, adjudication, or sentencing of a crime before a specified date from being used as grounds for the denial of certain licenses, etc. Effective Date:

10/1/2019  
 3/13/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/14/2019 SENATE Now in Commerce and Tourism  
 4/3/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 04/08/19, 1:30 pm, 110 S

**SB 336** Local Tax Referenda Brandes

Local Tax Referenda; Providing that a referendum to adopt or amend a local discretionary sales surtax must be held at a general election, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

3/20/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Finance and Tax; 6 Yeas, 2 Nays  
 3/21/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/25/2019 SENATE Now in Rules

**SB 344** Homestead Property Assessments/Prohibition on Increases Diaz

Homestead Property Assessments/Prohibition on Increases; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit increases in the assessed value of homestead property, for school district levy purposes, if the legal or equitable title to the property is held by a person who is 65 years of age or older and if he or she has held such title and maintained permanent residence on the property for at least 25 years, and to provide an effective date, etc.

3/7/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/7/2019 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax  
 3/20/2019 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/22/19, 10:30 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

**SB 350** Affordable Housing Hutson

Affordable Housing; Authorizing local governments to provide exceptions or waivers for impact fees for affordable housing developments; revising the criteria used by a review committee when evaluating and selecting specified applications for state apartment incentive loans; creating the Community Workforce Housing Loan Program in the place of the Community Workforce Housing Innovation Pilot Program to provide workforce housing for essential services personnel affected by the high cost of housing, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

3/5/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/7/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/7/2019 SENATE Now in Infrastructure and Security

**HB 353** Housing Trust Funds Polsky

Housing Trust Funds: Requires certain agencies to provide report to Legislature relating to use of specified transferred funds; requires repayment of funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

1/18/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 1/30/2019 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee

1/30/2019 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

[SB 362](#) Abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission Brandes  
 Abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to abolish the Constitution Revision Commission, etc.  
 2/12/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 02/19/19, 2:30 pm, 301 S  
 2/19/2019 SENATE Favorable by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 2/19/2019 SENATE Now in Rules

[SB 368](#) Land Acquisition Trust Fund Harrell  
 Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Providing an appropriation for certain projects related to the Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to make grants for such projects, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 3/7/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environment and Natural Resources, 03/12/19, 4:00 pm, 37 S  
 3/12/2019 SENATE Favorable by Environment and Natural Resources; 4 Yeas, 1 Nay  
 3/13/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

[SB 376](#) Land Acquisition Trust Fund Montford  
 Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Requiring that certain funds distributed into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund be used for conservation and management projects in certain counties; providing the types of projects for which the Department of Environmental Protection may use such funds; authorizing the department to distribute such funds to the appropriate agency, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 3/5/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/6/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/7/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

[HB 385](#) Transportation Avila  
 Transportation: Requires certain authority members to comply with financial disclosure requirements; revises authorized uses of certain surtaxes; revives rebuilt motor vehicle inspection program; revises provisions relating to DOT design plan approval, transportation project programs, toll collection & use, & M.P.O. membership; repeals Florida Expressway Authority Act & Osceola County Expressway Authority Law. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee  
 4/2/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 04/04/19, 8:00 am, 17 H  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays

[HB 405](#) Biosolids Management Grall  
 Biosolids Management: Prohibits land application of biosolids on certain sites; prohibits DEP from issuing or renewing certain permits; directs DEP to initiate rulemaking by specified date, adopt specified rules for biosolids management, & implement specified water quality monitoring program. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/26/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/27/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed  
 3/28/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

[HB 413](#) State Workforce Housing Tax Credit Program Aloupis  
 State Workforce Housing Tax Credit Program: Provides credit against corporate income tax for certain taxpayers owning interests in eligible workforce housing developments; requires FHFC to make agency awards of credit; specifies requirements for claiming & awarding awards; limits amount of awards; provides for allocation of annual credit amounts; requires certification of such amounts; authorizes recipients of credit to carry forward portion of credit; requires corporation to establish procedures to monitor compliance; provides for credit recapture; creates Workforce Housing Tax Credit Program; requires FHFC to administer program & determine which workforce housing developments are eligible for certain tax credits; specifies requirements for administration of program; requires DOR to apply credits to tax liability; requires state workforce housing tax credits to be allowed against insurance premium tax & retaliatory tax after applying certain deductions & credits. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 1/22/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 1/30/2019 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; State Affairs Committee  
 1/30/2019 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee



<a href="#">SB 414</a>	Sports Development	Lee
	Sports Development; Repealing provisions relating to state funding for sports facility development by a unit of local government, or by a certified beneficiary or other applicant, on property owned by the local government, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	2/12/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 02/20/19, 1:30 pm, 110 S
	2/20/2019	SENATE Subcommittee Recommendation: Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays
	2/21/2019	SENATE Now in Appropriations
<a href="#">SB 428</a>	Growth Management	Perry
	Growth Management; Requiring a local government's comprehensive plan to include a property rights element; providing a statement of rights that a local government may use; requiring each local government to adopt a property rights element by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	3/26/2019	SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
	3/28/2019	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
	3/28/2019	SENATE Now in Judiciary
<a href="#">HB 437</a>	Community Development Districts	Buchanan
	Community Development Districts: Authorizes certain lands within county or municipality which petitioner anticipates adding to a new community development district to be identified in petition to establish new district; provides detailed procedures for amending boundaries of a district to add land; authorizes community development districts to merge with another type of special district created by special act or by filing petition for establishment of new district; authorizes community development district merging with another type of district to enter into merger agreements for certain purposes. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	
	3/28/2019	HOUSE Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 19 Yeas, 1 Nay
	3/28/2019	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
	3/29/2019	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
<a href="#">HB 443</a>	Assessment of Property	Rodriguez (Ant)
	Assessment of Property: Requires property appraisers to consider restrictive covenants related to affordable housing when determining just value of properties; requires counties & municipalities to provide list of such agreements to property appraiser by specified date; revises requirements that allow property appraisers to exempt certain property from tangible personal property tax; revises type of limited partnerships eligible to receive ad valorem tax exemption for certain property used as nonprofit homes for aged. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	3/26/2019	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays
	3/27/2019	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
	3/28/2019	HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee
<a href="#">SB 446</a>	Coastal Management	Mayfield
	Coastal Management; Revising the criteria the Department of Environmental Protection must consider in determining and assigning annual funding priorities for beach management and erosion control projects; revising the ranking criteria to be used by the department to establish certain funding priorities for certain inlet-caused beach erosion projects; revising requirements for the comprehensive long-term management plan; requiring the plan to include a strategic beach management plan, a critically eroded beaches report, and a statewide long-range budget plan, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019	
	3/8/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment and General Government, 03/13/19, 1:30 pm, 110 S
	3/13/2019	SENATE Subcommittee Recommendation: Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays
	3/13/2019	SENATE Now in Appropriations
<a href="#">HB 447</a>	Building Permits	Diamond
	Building Permits: Requires counties & local government to provide notice to certain persons when building permit is set to expire or become null & void; prohibits local governments from charging additional search fee under certain circumstances; authorizes local enforcement agency to close permits under certain circumstances. Effective Date: October 1, 2019	
	3/26/2019	HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee
	4/2/2019	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Commerce Committee, 04/04/19, 8:00 am, 212 K
	4/4/2019	HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by Commerce Committee
<a href="#">HB 453</a>	Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters	Toledo
	Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters: Authorizes county or municipality to regulate operation of micromobility devices &	

for-hire motorized scooters; authorizes county or municipality to require licensure; requires proof of certain insurance coverage; provides that regulation of micromobility devices & for-hire motorized scooters is controlled by state & federal law; provides that operator has all rights & duties applicable to rider of bicycle; provides that person is not required to have valid driver license to operate micromobility device or motorized scooter; authorizes parking on sidewalk; exempts micromobility devices & motorized scooters from certain emblem requirements. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

3/26/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 1 Nay  
 3/27/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/28/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

**HB 461** Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities Thompson  
 Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities: Authorizes licensed medical marijuana retail facilities to dispense marijuana, marijuana delivery devices, & edibles under certain conditions; requires DOH to adopt rules establishing procedure for issuance & renewal of licenses to such facilities; specifies prohibitions relating to ownership & operation of such facilities; imposes criminal penalties for specified unlicensed activities; authorizes such facilities to access confidential & exempt information in medical marijuana use registry for certain verification purposes. Effective Date: upon becoming a law  
 1/22/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 1/30/2019 HOUSE Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee  
 1/30/2019 HOUSE Now in Health Quality Subcommittee

**HB 463** State Taxes or Fees Thompson  
 State Taxes or Fees: Requires DOH to impose initial application & biennial renewal fees for licensing of medical marijuana retail facilities. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 461 or similar legislation takes effect  
 1/22/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 1/30/2019 HOUSE Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee  
 1/30/2019 HOUSE Now in Health Quality Subcommittee

**HB 477** Small Business Microfinancing Omphroy  
 Small Business Microfinancing: Renames the Florida Advisory Council on Small & Minority Business Development as Florida Council on Small & Minority Business Development; creates the Microfinancing Tax Credit Program; authorizes certain taxpayers to receive tax credits on taxes previously paid for contributing financially to eligible microfinancing organizations for the purpose of assisting eligible persons in opening or expanding small businesses. Effective Date: upon becoming a law  
 1/22/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 1/30/2019 HOUSE Referred to Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Commerce Committee  
 1/30/2019 HOUSE Now in Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee

**HB 481** Opportunity Zones Omphroy  
 Opportunity Zones: Revives & renames Florida Enterprise Act as Florida Opportunity Act; revives & amends substantive procedures formerly related to enterprise zones; defines "opportunity zone"; provides mechanisms for opportunity zones to receive specified state incentives. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 1/22/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 1/30/2019 HOUSE Referred to Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Commerce Committee  
 1/30/2019 HOUSE Now in Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee

**SB 492** Capital Relocation Study Rader  
 Capital Relocation Study; Requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) to conduct a study regarding the relocation of the state capital; prescribing requirements for the study; requiring OPPAGA to submit a report to the Legislature by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 1/24/2019 SENATE Filed  
 2/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Rules

**SB 502** Prohibition of Plastic Carryout Bags and Straws Rader  
 Prohibition of Plastic Carryout Bags and Straws; Prohibiting a store or food service business from providing a carryout bag made of plastic film to a customer; prohibiting a food service business from selling or providing a single-use plastic straw to a customer, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 1/24/2019 SENATE Filed  
 2/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; Rules

<a href="#">SB 518</a>	Public Meetings	Rader
	Public Meetings; Specifying that a board or commission of any entity created by general or special law is subject to public meetings requirements; specifying that such a board's or commission's adoption of an ordinance or a code is not binding unless public meetings requirements are met; revising notice requirements applicable to public meetings of such a board or commission, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	1/24/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/8/2019	SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Rules
<a href="#">SB 520</a>	Funding for School Districts	Montford
	Funding for School Districts; Holding harmless certain funding to school districts that enrolled students from certain counties as a result of Hurricane Michael; requiring that a calculation and allocation be made; providing that the funds calculated support a nonrecurring appropriation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	3/28/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Education, 04/02/19, 10:00 a.m., 412 K
	4/2/2019	SENATE Favorable by Education; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
	4/2/2019	SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
<a href="#">HB 521</a>	Wetland Mitigation	McClure
	Wetland Mitigation: Authorizes local government to allow certain permittee-responsible mitigation on lands purchased & owned by local government for conservation purposes; provides exception to provisions prohibiting governmental entity from creating or providing mitigation for project other than its own unless certain conditions are met. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	3/28/2019	HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 14 Yeas, 6 Nays
	3/28/2019	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
	4/4/2019	HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/10/19
<a href="#">SB 532</a>	Wetland Mitigation	Lee
	Wetland Mitigation; Authorizing a local government to allow permittee-responsible mitigation on lands purchased and owned by a local government for conservation purposes under certain circumstances; requiring such mitigation to meet specified requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	3/27/2019	SENATE Favorable by Appropriations; 21 Yeas, 0 Nays
	3/27/2019	SENATE Meeting cancelled - Appropriations, 03/28/19, 9:00 am, 412 K
	3/28/2019	SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
<a href="#">SB 542</a>	Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters	Brandes
	Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters; Defining the term "micromobility device"; revising the definition of the term "motorized scooter"; authorizing a county or municipality to regulate the operation of micromobility devices and for-hire motorized scooters, subject to certain restrictions; authorizing a county or municipality to require that a person offering micromobility devices or for-hire motorized scooters be licensed; exempting a micromobility device or motorized scooter from certain registration, insurance, and licensing requirements, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law	
	3/27/2019	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
	3/28/2019	SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development
	4/4/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 04/09/19, 4:00 pm, 110 S
<a href="#">SB 544</a>	Airports	Brandes
	Airports; Requiring the Department of Transportation to provide financial and technical assistance to sponsors that operate public-use airports by making department personnel and department-owned facilities and equipment available on a cost-reimbursement basis to such sponsors for special needs of limited duration; requiring federal funding of individual local public-use airport projects to be wholly between the airport sponsors and the appropriate federal agencies; authorizing the department to receive federal grants for both local and statewide public-use airport projects when no sponsor is available, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	1/25/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/8/2019	SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
<a href="#">HB 551</a>	Public Nuisances	McClain
	Public Nuisances: Revises notice requirements for temporary injunctions relating to enjoinder of certain nuisances & extends notice period before lien may attach to certain real estate; provides that use of location for criminal or gang-related activity is public nuisance; declares that any place used on more than two occasions within certain period as site of specified violations is nuisance & may be abated or enjoined; provides property owner opportunity to remedy nuisance before specified legal actions may be taken	

against property in certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/26/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/27/2019 HOUSE Reference to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee removed; Reference to State Affairs Committee added; Remaining reference: State Affairs Committee, Judiciary Committee  
 3/27/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

[HB 555](#) Land Acquisition Trust Fund Drake  
 Land Acquisition Trust Fund: Requires that certain funds distributed into Land Acquisition Trust Fund be used for conservation & management projects in certain counties; provides types of projects for which DEP may use such funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 1/24/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 2/6/2019 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee  
 2/6/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

[SB 562](#) Homestead Exemptions Diaz  
 Homestead Exemptions; Providing an additional homestead exemption from school district levies for certain persons age 65 or older; authorizing persons entitled to and receiving a certain homestead exemption to apply for and receive the additional exemption; requiring a property appraiser who makes a certain determination to serve upon the owner a notice of intent to record a tax lien against the property, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 344 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the general election held in November 2020  
 3/7/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/7/2019 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax  
 3/20/2019 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/22/19, 10:30 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

[SB 568](#) Assessment of Property Diaz  
 Assessment of Property; Authorizing counties and municipalities to enter into agreements with property owners to record certain restrictive covenants running with the land; authorizing property owners and the county or municipality to amend the covenant under certain circumstances; providing requirements for counties and municipalities in recording covenants and in providing property appraisers with a list of agreements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 3/12/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/13/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/14/2019 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax

[SB 584](#) Charter Schools Cruz  
 Charter Schools; Prohibiting charter schools from operating as, or being operated by, a for-profit corporation, a for-profit educational management organization, or a for-profit charter management organization; prohibiting a charter school from entering into a subcontract to avoid certain requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 1/29/2019 SENATE Filed  
 2/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

[SB 586](#) Structurally Sound and Accessible School Facilities Cruz  
 Structurally Sound and Accessible School Facilities; Providing that all students have certain rights relating to attending schools that meet specific standards; requiring that certain new school facilities be constructed in compliance with public shelter design criteria; requiring a startup charter school to use facilities that comply with the State Requirements for Educational Facilities; requiring the governing authority of a state scholarship-participating private school to require that any new construction, remodeling, or renovation of school facilities comply with the Florida Building Code and the State Requirements for Educational Facilities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 1/29/2019 SENATE Filed  
 2/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

[SB 588](#) Preemption of Local Regulations Hutson  
 Preemption of Local Regulations; Prohibiting local government entities from adopting or enforcing local ordinances or regulations relating to single-use plastic straws before a specified date; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection, or an entity designated by the department, to conduct a study evaluating the environmental impact of single-use plastic straws; providing penalties for violations of the moratorium by a local government entity; preempting the regulation of over-the-counter proprietary drugs or cosmetics to the state, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 3/28/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 04/02/19, 2:00 p.m. 301 S

4/2/2019 SENATE Not Considered by Community Affairs  
 4/4/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 04/09/19, 10:00 am, 301 S

[SB 594](#) State Shared Revenues Hutson  
 State Shared Revenues; Requiring the Attorney General, at the request of one or more members of the Legislature, to investigate whether a certain official action of the governing body of a county or municipality violated state law or the State Constitution; requiring the Attorney General to report his or her findings and conclusions to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Secretary of State; providing requirements if no violation is found, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 1/29/2019 SENATE Filed  
 2/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations

[SB 596](#) Regional Rural Development Grants Albritton  
 Regional Rural Development Grants; Specifying that the concept of building the professional capacity of a regional economic development organization includes the hiring of professional staff to perform specified services; increasing the maximum percentage of total infrastructure project costs for which the department may award a grant; providing that improving access to and availability of broadband Internet service may be included in a project that is eligible for rural infrastructure grant funds, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 3/27/2019 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations; 21 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/27/2019 SENATE Meeting cancelled - Appropriations, 03/28/19, 9:00 am, 412 K  
 3/28/2019 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

[SB 608](#) Railroad-highway Grade Crossings Bean  
 Railroad-highway Grade Crossings; Prohibiting a railroad train from blocking a public highway, street, or road at a railroad-highway grade crossing for more than a specified time; exempting certain persons from liability for violations under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 2/15/2019 SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations  
 3/28/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Infrastructure and Security, 04/02/19, 2:00 p.m., 110 S  
 4/2/2019 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Infrastructure and Security

[SB 616](#) Engineering Perry  
 Engineering; Authorizing the Board of Professional Engineers to establish standards of practice and responsibility rules for the profession of engineering; revising the prerequisites for a person to take an examination that determines whether she or he is qualified to practice in this state as an engineer; requiring that structural inspections on a threshold building be performed during new construction or during certain repair or restoration projects, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2019  
 3/28/2019 SENATE Reference to Rules removed; Reference to Appropriations added; Remaining references: Community Affairs, Appropriations  
 3/28/2019 SENATE Now in Community Affairs  
 4/4/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 04/09/19, 10:00 am, 301 S

[SB 620](#) Military Affairs Broxson  
 Military Affairs; Prohibiting a landlord from requiring a prospective tenant who is a servicemember to deposit or advance more than a certain amount of funds; providing an additional circumstance under which a servicemember may terminate a rental agreement; prohibiting certain construction or activities that are incompatible with the mission of a military installation on certain land under a rural-lands-protection easement, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 4/3/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Military and Veterans Affairs and Space; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 4/4/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 4/4/2019 SENATE Now in Innovation, Industry, and Technology

[SB 628](#) Water Resources Albritton  
 Water Resources; Revising requirements for the Office of Economic and Demographic Research's annual assessment of this state's water resources and conservation lands; requiring the office to consult with the Department of Environmental Protection; requiring the assessment to be submitted to the Legislature by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 3/26/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/28/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/28/2019 SENATE Now in Infrastructure and Security

[HB 641](#) Community Development District Bond Financing Andrade  
 Community Development District Bond Financing: Requires district boards to authorize bonds by two-thirds majority vote. Effective

Date: October 1, 2019

3/21/2019 HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays

3/21/2019 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

4/4/2019 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/10/19

<a href="#">HB 645</a>	Disaster Recovery	Trumbull
	Disaster Recovery: Authorizes specified counties to levy discretionary sales surtax; authorizes political subdivisions to declare local emergency irrespective of number of political subdivisions it affects; revises number of days each state of emergency is effective; specifies conditions & areas in which certain counties or their authorized collectors may remove debris as result of declared local or state emergency. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	
	2/13/2019	HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; State Affairs Committee
	2/13/2019	HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
	2/21/2019	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/22/19, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
<a href="#">SB 658</a>	Property Assessment Administration	Albritton
	Property Assessment Administration; Requiring the Department of Revenue to pay for aerial photographs and nonproperty ownership maps furnished to fiscally constrained counties, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	3/21/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/26/19, 4:00 pm, 301 S
	3/26/2019	SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
	3/26/2019	SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
<a href="#">SB 660</a>	Transportation	Brandes
	Transportation; Requiring the Department of Transportation to consist of a central office that establishes policies and procedures and districts that carry out projects as authorized or required under the policies and procedures of the central office; prohibiting the driver of any vehicle from following another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent given certain circumstances; revising the number of times that certain persons may elect to attend a basic driver improvement course; providing requirements, beginning on a specified date, for license plates, cab cards, and validation stickers for vehicles registered in accordance with the International Registration Plan; directing the department to implement protocols for issuing an optional electronic credential and to procure a related technology system, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect October 1, 2019	
	2/1/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/15/2019	SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
<a href="#">SB 662</a>	Fees/Electronic ID/Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles	Brandes
	Fees/Electronic ID/Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; Creating a competitive, market-based fee that may be assessed by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for the use of a credential service provider for any qualified entity to obtain an electronic ID, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 660 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law	
	2/1/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/15/2019	SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
<a href="#">SB 664</a>	Fees/Validation Sticker/International Registration Plan	Brandes
	Fees/Validation Sticker/International Registration Plan; Creating a fee for an initial validation sticker and any renewed validation sticker for a vehicle registered in accordance with the International Registration Plan, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 660 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law	
	2/1/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/15/2019	SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
<a href="#">HB 671</a>	Regional Rural Development Grants	Clemons
	Regional Rural Development Grants: Specifies what concept of building professional capacity includes; revises entities that may apply for specified grant funds; provides that matching grants may be used to provide for certain purposes; specifies entities that are not eligible to participate in matching grant program; revises provisions addressing certain grant funding & rural infrastructure grant funding. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	

3/5/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee, 03/07/19, 9:15 am, 12 H  
 3/7/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 2 Nays  
 3/7/2019 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

[HB 675](#) Public School Transportation Beltran  
 Public School Transportation: Requires district school boards to provide transportation to certain students; revises requirements for determination of hazardous walking condition; requires district school superintendent to request review of hazardous walking condition under certain circumstances & requires school district to initiate specified proceedings. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 2/6/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 2/13/2019 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee  
 2/13/2019 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee

[HB 679](#) Legislative Review of Proposed Regulation of Unregulated Functions Hage  
 Legislative Review of Proposed Regulation of Unregulated Functions: Provides that certain requirements must be met before adoption of regulation of unregulated profession or occupation or substantial expansion of regulation of regulated profession or occupation; requires first legislative committee to which such legislation is referred to evaluate legislation & make certain determinations; requires state agency to provide certain information to Legislature within certain time period. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/27/2019 HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 112 Yeas / 1 Nay)  
 4/3/2019 SENATE In Messages  
 4/4/2019 SENATE Received; Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

[HB 681](#) Florida Transportation Commission Zika  
 Florida Transportation Commission: Removes requirement that Secretary of Transportation be nominated by FTC & that secretary provide assistance to FTC; removes provisions relating to creation, membership, duties, meetings, executive director & staff, & budget of FTC; removes requirement that FTC review certain transportation policy initiatives; repeals provisions relating to transportation performance & productivity standards; revises membership & member approval of Center for Urban Transportation Research advisory board; revises provisions relating to review & evaluation of DOT's tentative work program; requires DOT to determine certain average administrative costs for expressway authorities; removes FTC rulemaking authority. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 2/6/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 2/13/2019 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee  
 2/13/2019 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

[HB 691](#) Special Neighborhood Improvement Districts Newton  
 Special Neighborhood Improvement Districts: Revises number of directors allowed for boards of special neighborhood improvement districts; requires local planning ordinances to specify director number & provide for 4-year staggered terms; requires that directors be landowners in proposed area & be subject to certain taxation. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/29/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Ways & Means Committee, 04/02/19, 8:30 am, 17 H  
 4/2/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Ways & Means Committee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 4/2/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

[HB 693](#) Communication Services Fischer  
 Communication Services; Revises provisions related to registrations & renewals of communications service providers; specifies limitations on municipal & county authority to regulate & manage municipal & county roads or rights-of-way; prohibits certain municipalities & counties from electing to impose permit fees; prohibits municipalities & counties from actions relating to aerial or underground communications facilities; adds prohibited acts by authorities relating to small wireless facilities; prohibits authorities from actions relating to registrations, applications, permits, & approvals in small wireless facilities; authorizes civil action for violations. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 4/2/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Ways & Means Committee; 14 Yeas, 1 Nay  
 4/2/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed  
 4/3/2019 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee

[SB 694](#) Disposable Plastic Bags Rodriguez (J)  
 Disposable Plastic Bags; Authorizing certain municipalities to establish pilot programs to regulate or ban disposable plastic bags; providing for the adoption and expiration of a certain required ordinance, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

2/4/2019 SENATE Filed  
 2/15/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; Rules

[SB 696](#) Budgets of County Constitutional Officers Hutson  
 Budgets of County Constitutional Officers; Including property appraisers to the list of county constitutional officers who must submit a tentative budget to the board of county commissioners; requiring the tentative budget of a county constitutional officer to be separately identified from the tentative budget of the county as a whole when posted to the county's website, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 3/28/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 04/02/19, 2:00 p.m. 301 S  
 4/2/2019 SENATE Not Considered by Community Affairs  
 4/4/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 04/09/19, 10:00 am, 301 S

[HB 715](#) Florida Building Code Enforcement Robinson  
 Florida Building Code Enforcement: Prohibits local government from carrying forward more than specified amount of unexpended revenue; provides exception; revises requirements for expenditure of certain unexpended revenue. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/21/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee  
 3/26/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 03/28/19, 10:30 am, 17 H  
 3/28/2019 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by State Affairs Committee

[SB 728](#) Community Development Districts Lee  
 Community Development Districts; Authorizing sufficiently contiguous lands located within the county or municipality which a petitioner anticipates adding to the boundaries of a new community development district to also be identified in a petition to establish the new district under certain circumstances; providing requirements for the petition; providing notification requirements for the petition, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law  
 4/2/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 4/4/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 4/4/2019 SENATE Now in Rules

[HB 737](#) Water Pollution Operation Permits Good  
 Water Pollution Operation Permits: Provides condition for exemption from requirement to obtain water pollution permit for application of herbicides to state waters; revises requirements for water pollution operation permits. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 2/11/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee  
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

[HB 739](#) Rural Communities Hill  
 Rural Communities: Requires DEO to accept applications seeking approval as growth fund; specifies application criteria; requires department to certify an applicant that has his or her application approved; requires growth fund to collect contributions & investments requires growth fund to send documentation of contributions & investments to DEO; requires DEO to provide tax credit certificate; specifies how a certification may lapse; vests taxpayers with credit against state premium tax liability; provides restrictions on credit; provides requirements regarding tax certificates; provides mechanism to exit program; requires growth fund to submit report to department annually. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/27/2019 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/29/19, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) - PCS  
 3/28/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 4/1/2019 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

[HB 767](#) Right of Entry Robinson  
 Right of Entry: Releases right of entry reserved by local governments, water management districts, or other agencies of state for specified parcels of property. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/26/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/27/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed  
 3/28/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

[HB 771](#) Environmental Regulation Overdorf  
 Environmental Regulation: Requires counties & municipalities to address contamination of recyclable material in specified contracts; prohibits counties & municipalities from requiring collection or transport of contaminated recyclable material by residential recycling collectors; specifies required contract provisions; prohibits local governments from requiring certain project verification



from DEP; revises types of dock & pier replacements & repairs that are exempt from verification & certain permitting requirements.

Effective Date: July 1, 2019

3/15/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee, 03/19/19, 12:00 pm, 12 H  
 3/19/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/19/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

[HB 781](#) Property Assessment Administration Fischer

Property Assessment Administration: Requires DOR to pay for aerial photographs & nonproperty ownership maps furnished to fiscally constrained counties; defines "fiscally constrained county." Effective Date: July 1, 2019

3/22/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 03/26/19, 8:00 am, 12 H  
 3/26/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/26/2019 HOUSE Now in Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee

[SB 796](#) Public Utility Storm Protection Plans Gruters

Public Utility Storm Protection Plans; Requiring public utilities to individually submit to the Public Service Commission, for review and approval, a transmission and distribution storm protection plan as part of the storm hardening plan required by the commission; requiring the commission to conduct an annual proceeding to allow utilities to justify and recover certain costs through a storm protection cost recovery clause; providing that utilities may not include certain costs in their base rates, etc. Effective Date:

7/1/2019  
 3/20/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/22/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed  
 3/25/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations

[HB 799](#) Dredge and Fill Permitting Program Overdorf

Dredge and Fill Permitting Program: Urges Congress to direct U.S. EPA to issue memorandum of agreement so Florida may complete assumption of section 404 dredge & fill permitting program under federal Clean Water Act. Effective Date: Not Specified

3/27/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/28/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 04/08/19, 2:00 pm, 17 H

[HB 801](#) Tiny Homes Eskamani

Tiny Homes: Requires Florida Building Commission to adopt certain regulations & standards; provides for incorporation of certain codes into Florida Building Code. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

2/13/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Referred to Business & Professions Subcommittee; Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee  
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Now in Business & Professions Subcommittee

[SB 802](#) Public School Transportation Perry

Public School Transportation; Requiring district school boards to provide transportation to certain students; revising the speed and road conditions that meet the requirements for a hazardous walking condition, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

2/6/2019 SENATE Filed  
 2/15/2019 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

[SB 806](#) Local Government Public Construction Works Perry

Local Government Public Construction Works; Requiring the governing board of a local government to consider estimated costs of certain projects using generally accepted cost-accounting principles that account for specified costs when making a specified determination; requiring that a local government that performs projects using its own services, employees, and equipment disclose the actual costs of the project after completion to the Auditor General; requiring estimated total construction project costs for certain projects to include specified costs, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

3/7/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/12/19, 4:00 pm, 301 S  
 3/12/2019 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/13/2019 SENATE Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability

[SB 812](#) Vacation Rentals Simmons

Vacation Rentals; Requiring persons engaged in certain public lodging-related transactions to display a valid certificate of registration number in rental listings or advertisements; revising the inspection responsibilities of the Division of Hotels and Restaurants regarding vacation rentals; specifying the conditions under which a notice to depart a premises is effective; revising the

classification of "vacation rental", etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect October 1, 2019

2/6/2019

SENATE Filed

2/15/2019

SENATE Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Community Affairs; Appropriations

**SB 814** Fees/Hosting Platforms/Transient Public Lodging Establishments Simmons

Fees/Hosting Platforms/Transient Public Lodging Establishments; Requiring the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to adopt by rule a schedule of fees for hosting platforms that wish to advertise or list transient public lodging establishments, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 812 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law

2/6/2019

SENATE Filed

2/15/2019

SENATE Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Community Affairs; Appropriations

**SB 816** Environmental Regulation Perry

Environmental Regulation; Requiring counties and municipalities to address the contamination of recyclable material in specified contracts; prohibiting counties and municipalities from requiring the collection or transport of contaminated recyclable material by residential recycling collectors, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2019

3/27/2019

SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

3/28/2019

SENATE Now in Community Affairs

4/4/2019

SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 04/09/19, 10:00 am, 301 S

**SB 824** Private Property Rights of Homeowners Diaz

Private Property Rights of Homeowners; Preempting the regulation of vacation rentals to the state; requiring each person applying for a vacation rental license to provide the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation with specified information, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

2/15/2019

SENATE Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Community Affairs; Appropriations

3/21/2019

SENATE On Committee agenda - Innovation, Industry, and Technology, 03/26/19, 1:30 pm, 110 S

3/26/2019

SENATE Not Considered by Innovation, Industry, and Technology

**HB 829** Attorney Fees and Costs Sabatini

Attorney Fees and Costs: Provides for award of attorney fees & costs & damages in successful civil actions challenging local ordinances as being preempted by State Constitution or state law; provides exceptions. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

3/26/2019

HOUSE Favorable with CS by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 4 Nays

3/27/2019

HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

3/28/2019

HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

**SB 854** Special Neighborhood Improvement Districts Gruters

Special Neighborhood Improvement Districts; Revising the number of directors allowed for the boards of special neighborhood improvement districts; requiring local planning ordinances to specify director term lengths and provide for staggered terms; requiring that directors be landowners in, rather than residents of, the proposed area and be subject to certain taxation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

2/7/2019

SENATE Filed

2/19/2019

SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Rules

4/4/2019

SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 04/09/19, 10:00 am, 301 S

**HB 861** Local Government Financial Reporting Roach

Local Government Financial Reporting: Requires county & municipality budget officers to submit certain information to EDR within specified timeframe; requires adopted budget amendments & final budgets to remain posted on each entity's official website for specified period of time; requires EDR to create form by specified date. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

4/2/2019

HOUSE Favorable by Appropriations Committee; 29 Yeas, 0 Nays

4/3/2019

HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

4/4/2019

HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 04/08/19, 2:00 pm, 17 H

**SB 868** Local Business Taxes Hutson

Local Business Taxes; Revising the authority of a governing body of a county to levy business taxes; deleting exceptions from certain apportionment and distribution requirements for certain counties; reducing the maximum fees for certain receipt transfers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

2/7/2019

SENATE Filed

2/19/2019

SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

<a href="#">HB 889</a>	<b>Educational Facilities</b>	<b>Buchanan</b>
	Educational Facilities: Authorizes school districts to use specified fund for construction of certain facilities & certain capital outlay purposes; revises provisions relating to cost per student stations & construction funding; directs OEDR to update a certain report. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	
	2/28/2019	HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee
	3/28/2019	HOUSE On Committee agenda - PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee, 04/01/19, 12:00 pm, 102 H - PCS
	4/1/2019	HOUSE Favorable with CS by PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays
<a href="#">HB 891</a>	<b>Military-friendly Initiatives</b>	<b>Ponder</b>
	Military-friendly Initiatives: Specifies additional military installations that may exchange certain information with local governments regarding compatibility of land development; provides that easement for certain military lands continues after tax sale or deed execution; requires student whose parent is transferred or pending transfer to military installation within school district to be considered resident of district & provided preferential treatment in controlled open enrollment process; revises requirements for active duty servicemembers & their families to be classified as residents for tuition purposes. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	4/3/2019	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Education Committee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays
	4/3/2019	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
	4/4/2019	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee
<a href="#">SB 898</a>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Diaz</b>
	Transportation; Revising the authorized uses of proceeds from charter county and regional transportation system surtaxes; revising the preservation goals of the Department of Transportation to include ensuring that all work on the State Highway System meets department standards; requiring the department to approve design plans for all transportation projects relating to department-owned rights-of-way under certain circumstances; prohibiting the department from using toll revenues from high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes to offset certain funding, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019	
	3/14/2019	SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development
	4/1/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 04/04/19, 12:30 pm, 110 S
	4/4/2019	SENATE Subcommittee Recommendation: Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays
<a href="#">SB 902</a>	<b>Open and Expired Building Permits</b>	<b>Perry</b>
	Open and Expired Building Permits; Specifying conditions under which a building permit is considered an open permit, expired permit, or closed permit; authorizing an open or expired permit to be closed on by or on behalf of the current property owner if certain requirements are met; authorizing the owner of a home for sale to assume the role of an owner-builder in order to resolve an open permit under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2019	
	3/21/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Innovation, Industry, and Technology, 03/26/19, 1:30 pm, 110 S
	3/26/2019	SENATE Favorable by Innovation, Industry, and Technology; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays
	3/26/2019	SENATE Now in Rules
<a href="#">HB 905</a>	<b>Department of Transportation</b>	<b>Andrade</b>
	Department of Transportation: Prohibits local governments from adopting standards contrary to DOT standards for permissible use of aggregates; authorizes DOT to establish program for transportation projects demonstrating innovative techniques for measuring resiliency & structural integrity; provides requirements for contractors; prohibits DOT district or Florida Turnpike Enterprise from contracting with entity for performance of certain services; revises maximum amounts of certain contractual claims that must be arbitrated by State Arbitration Board. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	3/26/2019	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays
	3/28/2019	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
	3/29/2019	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee
<a href="#">HB 913</a>	<b>Powers and Duties of District School Boards</b>	<b>Daniels</b>
	Powers and Duties of District School Boards: Requires school district to publish on its website certain information related to collective bargaining within specified time period. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	2/28/2019	HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee
	3/5/2019	HOUSE On Committee agenda - PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee, 03/07/19, 9:00 am, 212 K
	3/7/2019	HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee

<a href="#">HB 921</a>	Apalachicola Stewardship	Newton
	Apalachicola Stewardship: Appropriates sum annually for identified period of time from Land Acquisition Trust Fund to specified area of critical state concern for specified purposes; provides additional principles for guiding development within Apalachicola Area of Critical State Concern to include projects that protect & improve water quality. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	2/19/2019	HOUSE Filed
	2/28/2019	HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
	2/28/2019	HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee
<a href="#">SB 928</a>	Rebuilt Motor Vehicle Inspection Program	Diaz
	Rebuilt Motor Vehicle Inspection Program; Revising the definition of the term "rebuilt inspection services"; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to oversee a pilot program in Miami-Dade County for rebuilt inspection services offered by private sector participants; requiring, by a specified date, the department to expand the pilot program to include Broward County and Hillsborough County; authorizing the department to solicit and receive proposals and select up to two qualified participants per county to provide rebuilt inspection services, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	2/11/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/19/2019	SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
<a href="#">SB 932</a>	Autonomous Vehicles	Brandes
	Autonomous Vehicles; Authorizing the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, to conduct pilot or demonstration programs to explore the efficient implementation of innovative transportation technologies; authorizing the Florida Turnpike Enterprise to enter into one or more agreements to fund, construct, and operate facilities for the advancement of autonomous and connected innovative transportation technologies for certain purposes; exempting a vehicle being operated with the automated driving system engaged from a prohibition on the active display of television or video; exempting a motor vehicle operator who is operating an autonomous vehicle from a prohibition on the use of wireless communications devices, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	3/25/2019	SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development
	4/1/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 04/04/19, 12:30 pm, 110 S
	4/4/2019	SENATE Subcommittee Recommendation: Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
<a href="#">SB 934</a>	High-performing Charter Schools	Diaz
	High-performing Charter Schools; Revising requirements for a high-performing charter school; revising the facility capacity measurement used when a high-performing charter school increases its student enrollment; revising the number of charter schools that a high-performing charter school may establish in any year from two to one, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	3/21/2019	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
	3/25/2019	SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
	4/4/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, 04/09/19, 1:30 pm, 412 K
<a href="#">SB 944</a>	Land Acquisition Trust Fund	Stewart
	Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Requiring a specified annual appropriation to the Florida Forever Trust Fund; prohibiting moneys from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund from being used for specified costs, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	3/7/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Environment and Natural Resources, 03/12/19, 4:00 pm, 37 S
	3/12/2019	SENATE Favorable by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
	3/13/2019	SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
<a href="#">HB 973</a>	Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems	Payne
	Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems; Transfers Onsite Sewage Program in DOH to DEP; removes provisions relating to DOH technical review & advisory panel & research & review advisory committee; directs DEP to appoint technical advisory committee, initiate rulemaking, & adopt rules; directs county health departments to coordinate with DEP to administer evaluation programs; directs WMDs to submit consolidated annual reports to OEDR; directs DEP to submit certain cost estimates to OEDR. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	3/12/2019	HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee
	3/29/2019	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Committee, 04/02/19, 03:30 pm, 212 K
	4/2/2019	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Committee; 29 Yeas, 0 Nays

<a href="#">HB 987</a>	Vacation Rentals	Grant (J)
	Vacation Rentals: Preempts to state regulation of vacation rentals, with exception; revises application requirements for vacation rental licensure; requires Division of Hotels & Restaurants of DBPR to make certain vacation rental license information available on its website. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	3/28/2019	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee, 04/01/19, 12:00 pm, 17 H
	4/1/2019	HOUSE Favorable by Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 2 Nays
	4/1/2019	HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee
<a href="#">HB 995</a>	Regional Planning Council Meetings	Geller
	Regional Planning Council Meetings: Provides requirements for establishing quorum for meetings of certain councils when voting member appears via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication; requires notice of intent to appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication by specified time. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	3/22/2019	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 03/26/19, 8:00 am, 12 H
	3/26/2019	HOUSE Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
	3/26/2019	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee
<a href="#">SB 998</a>	Public Notification of Pollution	Montford
	Public Notification of Pollution; Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to publish certain notices received from a governmental entity on a website accessible to the public; requiring a governmental entity to notify the owner or operator of an installation and the department of certain releases or discharges within a specified timeframe, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	2/13/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/22/2019	SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Community Affairs; Rules
<a href="#">SB 1000</a>	Communications Services	Hutson
	Communications Services; Reducing the rates of certain communications services taxes; specifying limitations and prohibitions on municipalities and counties relating to registrations and renewals of communications services providers; prohibiting certain municipalities and counties from electing to impose permit fees; specifying prohibited acts by municipalities and counties in the use of their authority over the placement of facilities for certain purposes, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	3/28/2019	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
	4/2/2019	SENATE Now in Finance and Tax
	4/4/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Finance and Tax, 04/09/19, 4:00 pm, 401 S
<a href="#">SB 1022</a>	Onsite Treatment and Disposal Systems	Albritton
	Onsite Treatment and Disposal Systems; Transferring the onsite sewage program of the Department of Health to the Department of Environmental Protection by a type two transfer; defining the term "department" as it relates to onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems provisions; requiring the department to convene a technical advisory committee by a specified date; requiring county health departments to coordinate with the department to administer certain programs, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	3/26/2019	SENATE Favorable with CS by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
	3/28/2019	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
	3/28/2019	SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
<a href="#">SB 1028</a>	School Funding	Hutson
	School Funding; Requiring that district school boards receive certain funds approved by voter referendum, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	2/14/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/22/2019	SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations
<a href="#">SB 1040</a>	Discretionary Sales Surtaxes	Lee
	Discretionary Sales Surtaxes; Requiring a petition sponsor of an initiative to adopt a charter county and regional transportation system surtax to comply with specified requirements within a specified timeframe before the proposed referendum; requiring a county to make the proposed referendum and a specified legal opinion available on its official website; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, upon receiving a certain notice, to procure a certified public accountant for a performance audit, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law	
	3/26/2019	SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 4 Yeas, 1 Nay

3/27/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/28/2019 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax

[SB 1054](#) Community Redevelopment Agencies Lee  
 Community Redevelopment Agencies; Prohibiting a person from lobbying a community redevelopment agency until he or she has registered as a lobbyist with that agency; authorizing an agency to establish an annual lobbyist registration fee, not to exceed a specified amount; requiring ethics training for community redevelopment agency commissioners; revising the list of projects that are prohibited from being financed by increment revenues; specifying the level of tax increment financing that a governing body may establish for funding the redevelopment trust fund, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 3/27/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/28/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development  
 4/4/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 04/09/19, 4:00 pm, 110 S

[SB 1056](#) Florida Disaster Resilience Task Force Rodriguez (J)  
 Florida Disaster Resilience Task Force; Establishing the task force adjunct to the Department of Environmental Protection; providing the purpose and membership of the task force; requiring the appointees to be experts from specified subject areas, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 2/14/2019 SENATE Filed  
 2/22/2019 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Rules

[HB 1089](#) Charter Schools Goff-Marcil  
 Charter Schools: Prohibits charter schools from operating as, or being operated by, certain for-profit entities; prohibits charter school from entering into subcontract to avoid certain requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 2/26/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 3/4/2019 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee  
 3/4/2019 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee

[SB 1100](#) Water Testing for Pollution Montford  
 Water Testing for Pollution; Authorizing specified persons or businesses that suspect contamination of their private water system or multifamily water system or certain public water systems to request that the Department of Health or its agents test such system for pollution, under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 3/15/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environment and Natural Resources, 03/20/19, 4:00 pm, 37 S  
 3/20/2019 SENATE Favorable by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/21/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

[HB 1101](#) Hurricane Michael Funding Trumbull  
 Hurricane Michael Funding: Requires certain sales & use taxes be transferred to trust fund for specified years; authorizes Governor to transfer funds to certain entities for specified purposes; requires Governor to review & make recommendations for funding certain relief & recovery activities; authorizes Auditor General to audit entities receiving funds; specifies procedures to be used if funds are improperly spent; providing for reversion of funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 2/26/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 3/4/2019 HOUSE Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Appropriations Committee  
 3/4/2019 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

[HB 1103](#) State Funds Silvers  
 State Funds: Exempts State Housing Trust Fund & Local Government Housing Trust Fund from provision authorizing Legislature, in General Appropriations Act, to transfer unappropriated cash balances from specified trust funds to Budget Stabilization Fund & General Revenue Fund. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 2/26/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 3/4/2019 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee; Appropriations Committee  
 3/4/2019 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

[HB 1129](#) Public Lodging Establishments LaMarca  
 Public Lodging Establishments: Defines term "hosting platform"; requires certain public lodging establishments to display license number in all advertising for rentals; requires hosting platforms to designate agent for service of process, develop & maintain

report listing specified information about rentals, & remove advertisements or listings if they fail to display valid license number; provides civil penalties; requires Division of Hotels & Restaurants of DBPR to adopt rules & authorizes division to revoke, or refuse to issue or renew, vacation rental license. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

2/27/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 3/4/2019 HOUSE Referred to Business & Professions Subcommittee; Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee  
 3/4/2019 HOUSE Now in Business & Professions Subcommittee

**HB 1135** Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative Grant (M)

Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative: Establishes Florida Red Tide Mitigation & Technology Development Initiative; provides purpose & goal of initiative; provides for funding; requires initiative to submit annual report; establishes Initiative Technology Advisory Council; provides for meetings, membership, terms of office, & compensation of council; provides for expiration of initiative. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

4/2/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 4/3/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

**HB 1139** Inspections and Permits Plakon

Inspections and Permits: Requires county or municipality that imposes inspection fees to establish expedited inspection process that provides priority processing for such inspections; authorizes county or municipality to charge additional fee up to specified amount for expedited inspection process; requires such local governments to establish expedited permitting process that provides priority processing for such permits; authorizes local government to charge additional fee for expedited inspection process; provides that local government must require applicant to pay only specified percentage of fees due upon receipt of application; provides for reduction of outstanding fees due; provides for refund of fees; specifies that certain procedures apply to building permit applications for any nonresidential buildings. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

3/15/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Business & Professions Subcommittee, 03/19/19, 11:30 am, 212 K  
 3/19/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Business & Professions Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 3 Nays  
 3/19/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

**SB 1140** Attorney Fees and Costs Hutson

Attorney Fees and Costs; Defining the term "attorney fees and costs"; providing for award of attorney fees and costs and damages in civil actions challenging local ordinances as being preempted by the State Constitution or state law; prohibiting an award of attorney fees and costs under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

4/2/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 3 Yeas, 2 Nays  
 4/3/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed  
 4/3/2019 SENATE Now in Rules

**HB 1155** Affordable Housing Plasencia

Affordable Housing: Requires that certain data relating to impact fees be included in annual financial reports for specified entities; provides local permit approval process; creates Community Workforce Housing Loan Program in the place of the Community Workforce Housing Innovation Pilot Program; authorizes Florida HFC to provide loans under the program; requires corporation to establish a certain loan application process; specifies projects that receive priority consideration for funding; specifies interest rate & term. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

2/28/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 3/4/2019 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee  
 3/4/2019 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

**HB 1159** Private Property Rights La Rosa

Private Property Rights: Prohibits local governments from requiring permits, fees, or other notices for certain tree activity on residential property under specified conditions; deletes provision that authorizes electric utilities to perform certain right-of-way tree maintenance only after certain local government approval; creates Property Owner Bill of Rights; requires county property appraisers to provide specified information on their websites. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

4/2/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Commerce Committee, 04/04/19, 8:00 am, 212 K  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Commerce Committee; 19 Yeas, 4 Nays  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

**SB 1162** Northwest Florida Rural Inland Affected Counties Recovery Fund Gainer

Northwest Florida Rural Inland Affected Counties Recovery Fund; Creating the Northwest Florida Rural Inland Affected Counties

Recovery Fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity; requiring certain payments to be appropriated annually to the fund; requiring the department to grant awards to organizations and local governments for specified infrastructure projects and workforce programs, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

3/13/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 03/18/19, 1:30 pm, 110 S  
 3/18/2019 SENATE Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/19/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

**SB 1196 Vacation Rentals Mayfield**

Vacation Rentals; Requiring licenses issued by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to be displayed conspicuously to the public; requiring the operator of a vacation rental or specified public lodging establishment to display its license number in advertisements; revising the criteria for a public lodging establishment to be classified as a vacation rental, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2020

2/19/2019 SENATE Filed  
 3/4/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Appropriations

**HB 1197 Charter Schools Fischer**

Charter Schools: Authorizes state universities & Florida College System institutions to sponsor charter schools; revises reporting & accountability requirements; provides for funding; authorizes career & professional academy to be offered by charter school. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

3/29/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Committee, 04/02/19, 03:30 pm, 212 K  
 4/2/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Committee; 19 Yeas, 10 Nays  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

**SB 1198 School Board Fiscal Transparency Stargel**

School Board Fiscal Transparency; Expanding provisions with which charter schools are required to comply; revising requirements for school districts' reports to the Department of Education on certain costs; revising the requirements for data and information that district school boards must post on their respective websites; deleting a requirement that superintendents reduce certain expenditures under specified circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

3/12/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Education; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/13/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/14/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

**HB 1199 Water Resources Jacobs**

Water Resources: Revises requirements for Office of Economic & Demographic Research's annual assessment of this state's water resources & conservation lands; requires office to consult with DEP; requires assessment to be submitted to Legislature by specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

3/1/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

**HB 1205 Homestead Exemptions Rodriguez (Ant)**

Homestead Exemptions: Provides homestead assessment limitation from school district levies for certain persons age 65 or older; authorizes persons receiving certain homestead exemption & persons holding joint title with right of survivorship to receive limitation; provides procedures for use by property appraiser in limitation granted inappropriately; provides lien requirements. Effective Date: on the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 317

3/1/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Education Committee; Appropriations Committee  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

**HB 1211 Affordable Housing Tax Reduction Fernández**

Affordable Housing Tax Reduction: Provides tax reduction to certain entities that provide affordable housing to identified groups; provides criteria for receiving such reduction; provides formula for determining amount of reduction; requires taxpayer to submit covenant for recording that provides specified information; requires each taxpayer who receives tax reduction to file annual report; provides specifications for such report; provides penalties for falsification of reports; requires certain counties to post specified maps on their websites; requires FHFC to adopt specified rules; requires taxpayer to pay back taxes, penalties, & interest; provides exceptions. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

3/1/2019 HOUSE Filed



3/8/2019 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; State Affairs Committee  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

[HB 1233](#) Structurally Sound and Accessible School Facilities Eskamani  
 Structurally Sound and Accessible School Facilities: Provides that students have certain rights relating to attending schools that meet specific standards; requires that certain new school facilities be constructed in compliance with public shelter design criteria; provides duties for certain educational entities; provides for preemption & rulemaking. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/1/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee

[HB 1235](#) Legal Notices Fine  
 Legal Notices: Provides for Internet website publication of legal notices; provides criteria for such publication; authorizes fiscally constrained county to use publicly accessible website to publish legally required advertisements & public notices only if certain requirements are met; requires governmental agency to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving legal notices. Effective Date: July 1, 2020  
 4/1/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 04/03/19, 9:00 am, 404 H  
 4/3/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Judiciary Committee; 11 Yeas, 7 Nays  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

[HB 1241](#) Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems Brown  
 Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems: Removes exemption from legislative ratification for specified rules; directs DEP & DOH, by specified date, to select national third-party certification organization to develop program for issuing innovative system permits; requires counties to establish onsite sewage treatment & disposal system inspection programs; specifies inspection requirements; requires systems to attain certain level of certification by specified date. Effective Date: upon becoming a law  
 3/1/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

[SB 1250](#) Community Development Districts Torres, Jr.  
 Community Development Districts; Requiring community development districts to obtain a just valuation before acquiring property that includes land or is permanently affixed to land, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 2/20/2019 SENATE Filed  
 3/4/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

[SB 1256](#) Apalachicola Bay Area of Critical State Concern Montford  
 Apalachicola Bay Area of Critical State Concern; Appropriating a sum annually for a specified timeframe from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to a specified area of critical state concern for specified purposes; requiring such appropriations to be reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid on bonds issued for specified purposes; providing additional principles for guiding development within the Apalachicola Bay Area of Critical State Concern to include projects that protect and improve water quality, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 3/12/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/13/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/14/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

[HB 1263](#) Little Wekiva River Goff-Marcil  
 Little Wekiva River: Directs St. Johns River Water Management District to conduct specified study & submit report to Acquisition & Restoration Council & Board of Trustees of Internal Improvement Trust Fund by specified date & to develop plan & submit plan to Governor & Legislature; directs council to make certain determinations; prohibits approval & issuance of permits for certain development projects & commencement of certain permitted development projects. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/3/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

[SB 1268](#) Tiny Homes Book

Tiny Homes; Requiring the Florida Building Commission to adopt certain regulations and standards; providing for the incorporation of certain codes into the Florida Building Code, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

2/21/2019

SENATE Filed

3/4/2019

SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules

[HB 1271](#) Tax Exemption for Use of Real Property Caruso

Tax Exemption for Use of Real Property: Exempts from tax rental, lease, or license for use of certain real property in certain circumstances; requires DOR to determine just value of such property in certain circumstances; provides requirements for such determination. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

3/3/2019

HOUSE Filed

3/8/2019

HOUSE Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Appropriations Committee

3/8/2019

HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

[HB 1273](#) Legislative Preemption Goff-Marcil

Legislative Preemption: Proposes s. 22 of Art. III of State Constitution to require supermajority of each house to approve general law preempting subject of legislation to state. Effective Date: Not Specified

3/3/2019

HOUSE Filed

3/8/2019

HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; State Affairs Committee

3/8/2019

HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

[SB 1278](#) Biosolids Management Mayfield

Biosolids Management; Defining the term "biosolids"; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules for biosolids management which meet certain requirements; providing that certain ordinances, moratoriums, or regulations remain in effect until they are repealed or expire, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

3/13/2019

SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

3/14/2019

SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

4/4/2019

SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government, 04/09/19, 1:30 pm, 110 S

[SB 1314](#) Affordable Housing Tax Reductions Pizzo

Affordable Housing Tax Reductions; Providing a tax reduction to certain entities that provide affordable housing to identified groups; providing a formula for determining the amount of the reduction; requiring each taxpayer who receives a tax reduction to file an annual report, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

4/1/2019

SENATE Pending withdrawal

4/3/2019

SENATE Withdrawn from Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

4/3/2019

SENATE Withdrawn from further consideration

[HB 1341](#) Land Acquisition Trust Fund Ausley

Land Acquisition Trust Fund: Requires specified annual appropriation to Florida Forever Trust Fund; prohibits moneys from Land Acquisition Trust Fund from being used for specified costs. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

3/4/2019

HOUSE Filed

3/8/2019

HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee; Appropriations Committee

3/8/2019

HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

[HB 1343](#) Stormwater Management Systems Good

Stormwater Management Systems: Clarifies duty of DEP to adopt, in coordination with water management districts, rules; directs water management districts, with DEP oversight, to adopt rules for specified design & performance standards relating to new development & redevelopment projects; directs DEP to incorporate such rules by reference for use within each water management district & amend such rules into applicant's handbook; provides rebuttable presumption that certain systems do not cause or contribute to violations of applicable state water quality standards; revises permitting requirements for construction of certain stormwater management systems. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

3/4/2019

HOUSE Filed

3/8/2019

HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

3/8/2019

HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

[SB 1344](#) Statewide Environmental Resource Permitting Rules Cruz

Statewide Environmental Resource Permitting Rules; Clarifying the duty of the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt, in coordination with the water management districts, specified statewide environmental resource permitting rules; directing the water management districts, with department oversight, to adopt rules for specified design and performance standards relating to new development and redevelopment projects, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

3/28/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environment and Natural Resources, 04/02/19, 2:00 pm, 37 S  
 4/2/2019 SENATE Favorable by Environment and Natural Resources; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 4/2/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

**SB 1350 Local Government Fiscal Transparency Hutson**

Local Government Fiscal Transparency; Expanding the scope of the Legislative Auditing Committee review to include compliance with local government fiscal transparency requirements; providing procedures for the Auditor General and local governments to comply with the local government fiscal transparency requirements; revising reporting requirements for certain local government economic development incentives, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

2/25/2019 SENATE Filed  
 3/4/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations

**HB 1369 Florida Climate and Resiliency Research Program Diamond**

Florida Climate and Resiliency Research Program: Establishes program within Office of Resilience & Coastal Protection; provides program purpose & participants; requires program submit Florida Resiliency Plan to Governor & Legislature at specified intervals. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

3/4/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

**HB 1383 Private Property Rights Protection Grant (J)**

Private Property Rights Protection: Revises notice of claim requirements for property owners; revises procedures for determination of compensation; requires that certain settlements of claims apply to all similarly situated residential properties within political subdivision under certain circumstances; authorizes property owners to bring claims against governmental entities in certain circumstances; provides that property owners are not required to submit formal development applications or proceed through formal application processes to bring such claims; authorizes property owners to bring actions to declare prohibited exactions invalid. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

3/26/2019 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee  
 4/2/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Commerce Committee, 04/04/19, 8:00 am, 212 K  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; 21 Yeas, 2 Nays

**HB 1387 Local Business Tax Donalds**

Local Business Tax: Authorizes county or municipality to continue to levy business tax if resolution or ordinance was adopted by specified date; provides maximum amount of business tax county or municipality may impose; removes notice requirements; deletes county's and municipality's authority to increase its business tax rates or impose additional business taxes; reduces maximum amount of transfer fees county or municipality may impose; removes exemption from apportionment requirements for certain counties and municipalities. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

3/5/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; State Affairs Committee  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

**HB 1395 Water Quality Improvements Raschein**

Water Quality Improvements: Transfers onsite sewage program of DOH to DEP by type two transfer; prohibits local government from approving certain building permits; requires DEP to develop agricultural remediation plan as part of each basin management action plan; establishes wastewater grant program within DEP; revises requirements for basin management action plan; requires estimated nutrient load reductions in such plans to exceed specified amount; requires each local government to develop wastewater treatment plan that meets certain requirements; requires local government to create onsite sewage treatment & disposal system remediation plan as part of basin management action plan; prohibits facilities for sanitary sewage disposal from disposing of any waste in Indian River Lagoon without first providing advanced waste treatment. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

3/5/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

<a href="#">SB 1398</a>	Legislation by Initiative	Torres, Jr.
	Legislation by Initiative; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to authorize the proposal and enactment of legislation by initiative and to provide for Supreme Court review of initiative petitions proposing legislation, etc.	
	2/26/2019	SENATE Filed
	3/4/2019	SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Rules
<a href="#">SB 1400</a>	Private Property Rights	Albritton
	Private Property Rights; Deleting a provision that authorizes electric utilities to perform certain right-of-way tree maintenance only if a property owner has received local government approval; prohibiting certain local government ordinances or regulations from requiring a permit, application, notice, fee, or fine for certain activities regarding trees on residential property; authorizing a local government to enforce ordinances or regulations pertaining to the replanting of trees under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	4/3/2019	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
	4/3/2019	SENATE Now in Judiciary
	4/3/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 04/08/19, 4:00 pm, 110 S
<a href="#">SB 1408</a>	Opportunity Zones	Powell
	Opportunity Zones; Renaming the Florida Enterprise Zone Act as the Florida Opportunity Zone Act; providing an approval procedure allowing certain opportunity zones to receive certain state incentives; requiring a county or municipality to create an opportunity zone development agency; authorizing local governments to review their ordinances to encourage the economic viability and profitability of business and commerce in opportunity zones, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	2/26/2019	SENATE Filed
	3/4/2019	SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; Appropriations
<a href="#">SB 1424</a>	Small Business Microfinancing	Powell
	Small Business Microfinancing; Renaming the Florida Advisory Council on Small and Minority Business Development; establishing the Florida Microfinancing Tax Credit Program; requiring the Department of Revenue, the Department of Management Services, and the council to develop a cooperative agreement to administer the program; providing for a credit against the oil and gas production tax for program contributions for certain eligible microfinancing organizations, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law	
	2/27/2019	SENATE Filed
	3/4/2019	SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations
<a href="#">SB 1448</a>	Florida Transportation Commission	Gruters
	Florida Transportation Commission; Removing the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation be nominated by the Florida Transportation Commission; removing the requirement that the secretary provide assistance to the commission; repealing a provision relating to transportation performance and productivity standards, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	2/27/2019	SENATE Filed
	3/4/2019	SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
<a href="#">SB 1470</a>	Charter Schools	Diaz
	Charter Schools; Revising requirements for the annual reports that charter school sponsors are required to submit to the Department of Education; requiring the Charter School Appeal Commission, which is renamed the Charter School Commission, to recommend denial of a charter school application if the school does not propose a certain reading curriculum; specifying the entities from which the commission may receive and consider applications; requiring the commission to submit recommendations for approval of charter school applications to the state board, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	3/26/2019	SENATE Favorable with CS by Education; 6 Yeas, 2 Nays
	3/27/2019	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
	3/28/2019	SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
<a href="#">SB 1494</a>	Small-scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments	Perry
	Small-scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments; Removing the acreage limitations that apply to small-scale comprehensive plan amendments, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	3/26/2019	SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
	3/26/2019	SENATE Now in Infrastructure and Security
	4/4/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Infrastructure and Security, 04/09/19, 10:00 am, 110 S
<a href="#">SB 1504</a>	Housing Trust Funds	Berman
	Housing Trust Funds; Requiring certain agencies to provide a report to the Legislature relating to the use of specified transferred	

funds; requiring the repayment of certain funds within a specified timeframe, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 2/28/2019 SENATE Filed  
 3/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

[SB 1506](#) Education Lee  
 Education; Deleting a requirement that a district school board conduct a cost-benefit analysis before voting on a resolution to implement one or more exceptions to the educational facilities construction requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 2/28/2019 SENATE Filed  
 3/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

[SB 1534](#) Assistance for Micro Businesses Rodriguez (J)  
 Assistance for Micro Businesses; Authorizing certain local governments to set aside up to a specified percentage of funds for procuring personal property and services for the purpose of entering into contracts with micro businesses; providing eligibility for micro businesses under the Microfinance Loan Program; providing eligibility for micro businesses under the Department of Transportation's highway project business development program, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 2/28/2019 SENATE Filed  
 3/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations

[SB 1552](#) Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative Gruters  
 Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative; Establishing the Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative; requiring the initiative to submit an annual 8 report by a specified date to the Governor, the Legislature, the Secretary of Environmental Protection, and the executive director of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; establishing the Initiative Technology Advisory Council, etc. APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 3/20/2019 SENATE Favorable by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/21/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government  
 4/4/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government, 04/09/19, 1:30 pm, 110 S

[SB 1554](#) Regulation of Oil and Gas Resources Rodriguez (J)  
 Regulation of Oil and Gas Resources; Prohibiting the Division of Resource Management within the Department of Environmental Protection from granting permits for a gas or oil well within the Everglades Protection Area; prohibiting the department from issuing a permit for a structure intended for the drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products within the Everglades Protection Area, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law  
 2/28/2019 SENATE Filed  
 3/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

[SB 1568](#) Discharge of Domestic Wastewater Rodriguez (J)  
 Discharge of Domestic Wastewater; Prohibiting the construction of new deep injection wells for domestic wastewater discharge or the expansion of existing wells; limiting the discharge capacity of domestic wastewater deep well injection; prohibiting the discharge of domestic wastewater through ocean outfalls and deep injection wells after specified dates, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 2/28/2019 SENATE Filed  
 3/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

[SB 1586](#) Tax Exemption for Use of Real Property Gruters  
 Tax Exemption for Use of Real Property; Providing an exemption, under certain circumstances, from the sales tax on commercial real property rentals; specifying the determination of annual adjustments to a just value threshold under the exemption, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 3/1/2019 SENATE Filed  
 3/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

[SB 1610](#) Emergency Mitigation and Response Montford  
 Emergency Mitigation And Response; Creating the Hurricane Michael Recovery Task Force adjunct to the Division of Emergency Management of the Executive Office of the Governor to make recommendations to the Legislature regarding additional assistance needed in the response to, recovery from, and mitigation of the effects of Hurricane Michael in certain areas; requiring the task force to review the effectiveness of local, state, and federal activities in those areas, as well as the availability of resources and any

additional assistance needed, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$315,285,000.00 Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

3/1/2019 SENATE Filed  
 3/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations  
 4/4/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Infrastructure and Security, 04/09/19, 10:00 am, 110 S

**SB 1616** Local Government Financial Reporting Baxley

Local Government Financial Reporting; Requiring county and municipal budget officers, respectively, to submit certain information to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research within a specified timeframe; requiring adopted budget amendments and final budgets to remain posted on each entity's official website for a specified period of time, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

3/21/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/26/19, 4:00 pm, 301 S  
 3/26/2019 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 4 Yeas, 1 Nay  
 3/26/2019 SENATE Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability

**SB 1640** Deregulation of Professions and Occupations Albritton

Deregulation of Professions and Occupations; Renaming the Board of Architecture and Interior Design as the Board of Architecture within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; repealing provisions relating to hearings for persons or labor organizations denied licensure as a business agent; requiring the Department of Business and Professional Regulation or a board to seek reciprocal licensing agreements with other states under certain circumstances; repealing provisions relating to fees and local licensing requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

4/3/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 4/3/2019 SENATE Now in Commerce and Tourism  
 4/3/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 04/08/19, 1:30 pm, 110 S

**SB 1648** Florida Building Code Albritton

Florida Building Code; Requiring the Florida Building Code to require that the entire envelope of certain buildings being constructed or rebuilt be impact resistant and constructed with high wind-resistant and noncombustible construction materials; requiring that all parts or systems of a building or structure envelope meet impact test criteria or be protected with an external protection device that meets such criteria, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

3/1/2019 SENATE Filed  
 3/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules

**SB 1668** School Choice Hutson

School Choice; Revising the purposes that charter schools are authorized to fulfill; authorizing Florida College System institutions to sponsor charter schools within their respective service areas for a certain purpose and to offer postsecondary programs leading to industry certifications to eligible students; providing that the standard charter renewal contract be developed by consulting and negotiating with sponsors and charter schools, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

3/1/2019 SENATE Filed  
 3/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

**SB 1670** Administrative Procedures Mayfield

Administrative Procedures; Applying certain provisions regarding the incorporation by reference of material to repromulgated rules; requiring an agency to provide notice of a regulatory alternative to the Administrative Procedures Committee by a certain date; requiring an agency to provide a copy of any proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative to the committee by a certain date; requiring agency review of rules and repromulgation of rules that do not require substantive changes within a specified time period, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

3/1/2019 SENATE Filed  
 3/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

**SB 1672** Legislative Review of Proposed Regulation of Unregulated Functions Perry

Legislative Review of Proposed Regulation of Unregulated Functions; Providing that certain requirements must be met before the adoption of a regulation of an unregulated profession or occupation or the substantial expansion of regulation of a regulated profession or occupation; requiring the proponents of legislation that proposes such regulation to provide certain information to the state agency proposed to have jurisdiction over the regulation and the Legislature by a certain date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

3/1/2019 SENATE Filed  
 3/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

<a href="#">SB 1676</a>	Legal Notices	Baxley
	Legal Notices; Deleting provisions relating to publication of legal notices in newspapers; defining the term “publicly accessible website”; authorizing government agencies to publish legal notices on their websites; requiring government agencies to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving legal notices, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020	
	3/1/2019	SENATE Filed
	3/8/2019	SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules
<a href="#">SB 1698</a>	Legislative Preemption	Berman
	Legislative Preemption; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require a supermajority vote of each house of the Legislature to enact a general law preempting a subject of legislation to the state, etc.	
	3/1/2019	SENATE Filed
	3/8/2019	SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Rules
<a href="#">SB 1710</a>	Legal and Official Advertisements	Diaz
	Legal and Official Advertisements; Authorizing the publication of legal and official advertisements on specified publicly accessible governmental websites in lieu of publication in a newspaper, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	3/1/2019	SENATE Filed
	3/8/2019	SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules
<a href="#">SB 1720</a>	Property Rights	Lee
	Property Rights; Providing applicability relating to claims that involve one or more residential properties which are brought as a result of certain regulations or ordinances; authorizing a property owner to waive a jury and request that the court make a determination of compensation; authorizing a property owner to bring an action to declare a prohibited exaction invalid, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	3/27/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 04/01/19, 4:00 pm, 110 S
	4/1/2019	SENATE Temporarily postponed by Judiciary
	4/3/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 04/08/19, 4:00 pm, 110 S
<a href="#">SB 1730</a>	Community Development and Housing	Lee
	Community Development and Housing; Prohibiting a county from adopting or imposing a requirement in any form relating to affordable housing which has specified effects; requiring that a county review the application for completeness and issue a certain letter within a specified period after receiving an application for approval of a development permit or development order; requiring a local government to credit certain contributions, constructions, expansions, or payments toward any other impact fee or exaction imposed by local ordinance for public educational facilities, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law	
	3/21/2019	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
	3/27/2019	SENATE Now in Infrastructure and Security
	4/4/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Infrastructure and Security, 04/09/19, 10:00 am, 110 S
<a href="#">SB 1748</a>	Preemption of Local Regulations	Perry
	Preemption of Local Regulations; Prohibiting certain local governments from imposing or adopting certain regulations on businesses and business entities on or after a specified date; specifying that certain regulations expire and may only be readopted or continue to be imposed after meeting specified criteria; specifying that specified specialty contractors are not required to register with the Construction Industry Licensing Board, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	3/1/2019	SENATE Filed
	3/8/2019	SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; Rules
<a href="#">SB 1752</a>	Inspections and Permits	Perry
	Inspections and Permits; Requiring a county or municipality that imposes inspection fees to establish an expedited inspection process that provides priority processing for such inspections; requiring a local government that imposes permit fees to establish an expedited permitting process that provides priority processing for such permits; specifying that certain procedures apply to building permit applications for any nonresidential buildings, instead of nonresidential buildings less than a specified size, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	3/1/2019	SENATE Filed
	3/8/2019	SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Rules
	4/4/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 04/09/19, 10:00 am, 301 S
<a href="#">SB 1758</a>	Water Quality Improvements	Mayfield
	Water Quality Improvements; Citing this act as the “Clean Waterways Act”; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection, in coordination with the Department of Health, to develop a report to be submitted to the Legislature by a specified date on the impacts of transferring the onsite sewage program of the Department of Health to the Department of Environmental Protection by a	

type two transfer; revising the requirements for a basin management action plan for an Outstanding Florida Spring; establishing a wastewater grant program within the Department of Environmental Protection, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019

4/2/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 4/3/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed  
 4/3/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations

[SB 1770](#) Housing Trust Funds Torres, Jr.  
 Housing Trust Funds; Prohibiting the transfer of money deposited to the State Housing Trust Fund and Local Government Housing Trust Fund; adding programs for which the Florida Housing Finance Corporation shall administer funds from the Local Government Housing Trust Fund, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 3/1/2019 SENATE Filed  
 3/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

[SB 1772](#) Little Wekiva River Bracy  
 Little Wekiva River; Directing the St. Johns River Water Management District to conduct a specified study and submit a report to the Acquisition and Restoration Council and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund by a specified date and to develop a specified plan and submit the plan to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 4/2/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Environment and Natural Resources; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 4/3/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 4/3/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

[SB 1776](#) Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems Bracy  
 Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems; Removing the exemption from legislative ratification for specified rules; directing the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Health, by a specified date, to select a national third-party certification organization to develop a program for issuing innovative system permits; requiring counties to establish onsite sewage treatment and disposal system inspection programs; specifying program requirements, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law  
 3/1/2019 SENATE Filed  
 3/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

[HB 6003](#) Traffic Infraction Detectors Sabatini  
 Traffic Infraction Detectors: Repeals provisions relating to Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program & authorization to use traffic infraction detectors; repeals provisions relating to distribution of penalties, transitional implementation, & placement & installation; conforms cross-references & provisions to changes made by act. Effective Date: July 1, 2022  
 1/23/2019 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 01/24/19, 3:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)  
 1/23/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 1 Nay  
 1/23/2019 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

[HB 6017](#) Small-scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments Duggan  
 Small-scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments: Removes acreage limitations that apply to small-scale comprehensive plan amendments. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/28/2019 HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 18 Yeas, 1 Nay  
 3/28/2019 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/10/19

[HB 6033](#) Preemption of Recyclable and Polystyrene Materials Grieco  
 Preemption of Recyclable and Polystyrene Materials: Removes preemptions of local law relating to regulation of auxiliary containers, wrappings, or disposable plastic bags; repeals preemption of local laws regarding use or sale of polystyrene products to DACS. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 2/6/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 2/13/2019 HOUSE Referred to Business & Professions Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee  
 2/13/2019 HOUSE Now in Business & Professions Subcommittee

[HB 6071](#) Education Antone  
 Education: Removes requirement that district school board conduct cost-benefit analysis before voting on resolution to implement



one or more exceptions to educational facilities construction requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/4/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee  
 3/8/2019 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee

[SB 7014](#) Government Accountability Governmental Oversight and Accountability  
 Government Accountability; Specifying that the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, or the designee of the Governor or of the commissioner, may notify the Legislative Auditing Committee of an entity's failure to comply with certain auditing and financial reporting requirements; specifying that any person who willfully fails or refuses to provide access to an employee, officer, or agent of an entity under audit is subject to a penalty; revising the definition of the term "financial audit"; requiring each school district, Florida College System institution, and state university to establish and maintain certain internal controls, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
 4/3/2019 HOUSE In Messages  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Received; Referred to Calendar  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/10/19

[HB 7029](#) Fracking Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee  
 Fracking: Prohibits fracking; provides applicability of permits to drill & operate wells; requires well operators to provide written notice to DEP before performing specified activities. Effective Date: upon becoming a law  
 3/26/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 2 Nays  
 3/27/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 3/28/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

[HB 7035](#) Government Accountability Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee  
 Government Accountability: Specifies that Governor, Commissioner of Education, or designee may notify Legislative Auditing Committee of entity's failure to comply with auditing & financial reporting requirements; revises provisions relating to audits; requires entities to maintain budget documents on entities' websites; specifies applicable standards as to employee background screening & investigations of Florida College System & State University System personnel. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/29/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 4/1/2019 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/10/19

[HB 7053](#) Taxation Transparency Avila  
 Taxation Transparency: Renames certain fees & assessments as taxes; renames certain surcharges as surtaxes; renames certain fees as surtaxes; requires municipalities, counties, & special districts to rename certain levies & assessments as specified taxes; repeals obsolete provision; provides appropriations. Effective Date: January 1, 2020  
 3/22/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee  
 4/2/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 04/04/19, 8:00 am, 17 H  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 14 Yeas, 6 Nays

[HB 7063](#) Administrative Procedures Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee  
 Administrative Procedures: Requires agencies to repromulgate rules; revises provisions relating to notice of rule development; requires notice of withdrawal if notice of proposed rule is not filed within certain timeframe; revises scope of public workshops to include information gathering for preparation of statements of estimated regulatory costs; revises circumstances under which proposed rule's adverse impact on small businesses is considered to exist. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 3/11/2019 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB OTM14)  
 3/12/2019 HOUSE Referred to Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee  
 3/12/2019 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

[SB 7064](#) Oil Drilling Agriculture  
 Oil Drilling; Defining the term "fracking"; requiring specified amounts for bonds for certain operations in the Everglades Protection Area; prohibiting fracking in this state; requiring an applicant for certain explorations for and extraction of minerals to post a specified surety bond for projects in the Everglades Protection Area; prohibiting the refining of oil within the Everglades Protection Area; prohibiting the use of flowback fluid for crop irrigation in this state, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

3/21/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Innovation, Industry, and Technology, 03/26/19, 1:30 pm, 110 S  
 3/26/2019 SENATE Favorable by Innovation, Industry, and Technology; 6 Yeas, 4 Nays  
 3/26/2019 SENATE Now in Environment and Natural Resources

SB 7068 Transportation Infrastructure and Security

Transportation; Creating the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program within the Department of Transportation; specifying that projects undertaken in the corridors are tolled facilities and certain approved turnpike projects, and are considered as Strategic Intermodal System facilities; requiring the department to identify certain opportunities to accommodate or co-locate multiple types of infrastructure-addressing issues during the project development phase, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise provided, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019

3/14/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 03/19/19, 1:30 pm, 110 S  
 3/19/2019 SENATE Subcommittee Recommendation: CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 3/21/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations

SB 7070 K-12 Education Education

K-12 Education; Deleting the authorization for a traditional public school to receive funds from the Schools of Hope Program; establishing the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program; requiring school districts, upon the request of the department, to provide statewide assessments and related materials to certain private schools; requiring that program funds for students entering a Department of Juvenile Justice commitment program be transferred from the school district in which the student last attended school before commitment, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

3/14/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, 03/19/19, 10:00 am, 412 K  
 3/19/2019 SENATE Subcommittee Recommendation: Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; 5 Yeas, 3 Nays  
 3/21/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations

SB 7096 Constitutional Amendments Judiciary

Constitutional Amendments; Requiring a compensated petition gatherer to register with the Secretary of State and to attest that he or she is a Florida resident for a specified period before obtaining signatures on petition forms; requiring the name of the sponsor of an initiative to appear on the ballot with the percentage of donations received from certain in-state donors; prohibiting compensation for initiative petition gatherers or entities based on the number of petitions gathered, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

4/2/2019 SENATE Committee Bill Text Filed  
 4/3/2019 SENATE Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations  
 4/4/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 04/09/19, 4:00 pm, 110 S

HB 7103 Property Development Commerce Committee

Property Development: Prohibits local governments from imposing certain requirements relating to affordable housing; provides procedures for addressing deficiencies; provides minimum requirements for adopting an impact fee; requires local government to credit against the collection of impact fees certain contributions related to public education facilities; requires local government to increase certain impact or mobility fee credits previously awarded under certain circumstances; specifies use of summary procedure in certain development order cases; revises timeframe an owner or contractor must notify building official of use of private provider; revises timeframe for approval or denial of certain permit applications; authorizes contractor to petition court to enforce building code inspection service laws; limits number of times building official may audit private provider. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

4/1/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 04/03/19, 9:00 am, 404 H  
 4/3/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Judiciary Committee; 11 Yeas, 7 Nays  
 4/4/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

SB 7104 Taxation Transparency Finance and Tax

Taxation Transparency; Renaming certain fees as taxes; requiring counties to rename certain levies as specified taxes; requiring special districts to rename certain assessments as specified taxes; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; providing for expiration of such authority, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect January 1, 2020

4/1/2019 SENATE Filed  
 4/1/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Finance and Tax, 04/04/19, 12:30 pm, 401 S

4/4/2019

SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Finance and Tax

<a href="#">HB 7111</a>	Constitutional Amendments	Judiciary Committee
	Constitutional Amendments: Requires petition circulator to register with Secretary of State & provide certain information; revises timeframe for & information that must be included in Financial Impact Estimating Conference analysis & financial impact statement; revises information that must be included on ballot for constitutional amendment proposed by initiative; prohibits compensation for initiative petition circulators based on number of petition forms gathered; provides penalties. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	
4/1/2019	HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB JDC1)	
4/3/2019	HOUSE Referred to State Affairs Committee	
4/3/2019	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee	

<a href="#">HB 7113</a>	Transportation	Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee
	Transportation: Creates Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program within DOT; requires appointment of task force for each corridor; provides membership & duties of task forces & duties of DOT; provides project funding eligibility requirements; authorizes sources of funding; authorizes DOT to accept certain donations of land; provides specified dates for construction of projects & opening of corridors; provides for specified transfers from State Transportation Trust Fund to General Revenue Fund; requires DOT to provide road & bridge construction workforce development program; removes requirement that specified fees from annual license taxes be deposited into General Revenue Fund; provides for disposition & use of funds resulting therefrom; requires reports to Governor & Legislature. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
4/1/2019	HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB TTA2)	
4/3/2019	HOUSE Referred to Calendar	

<a href="#">TTA2</a>	Transportation	Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee
	PCB TTA 19-02 -- Transportation	
3/26/2019	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 03/28/19, 1:45 pm, 102 H	
3/28/2019	HOUSE Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 3 Nays	
4/1/2019	HOUSE Committee Bill Text Filed as H 7113	



# Legislative Reporter



## April 5, 2019

This was the fifth week of the legislative session, with a month remaining before the scheduled close on May 3.

The Senate passed its \$90.3 billion budget on April 3 and the House passed its proposed \$89.9 billion budget on April 4. To read an article outlining some of the major differences between the Senate and House budget proposals, click [here](#). This week, [CS/HB 207](#) (Rep. Donalds), which prohibits a local government from requiring the payment of impact fees any time prior to issuance of a building permit, was passed by the Senate on April 4. It was previously passed by the House on March 27.

The latest Bill Tracking Report as of April 5 can be viewed [here](#). If at any point there is a bill you would like to add to this report or if you have a question related to a bill, simply email the Chapter Office at [fapa@floridaplanning.org](mailto:fapa@floridaplanning.org) with the request. **PLEASE NOTE that, due to staff travel to the APA national conference next week, a legislative update will not be provided on April 12; however, a bill tracking report will be posted on the APA Florida website.**

If you would like to follow the status of Governor DeSantis's action on bills, go to <https://www.flgov.com/> and click on the 2019 Bill Action button.

## CONFERENCE DEADLINES



Project Awards: **May 1**  
Sponsorship: **May 19 & Aug. 2**

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The following bills of interest have been filed or had activity over the last week. (Please review the bill tracking report cited above as this overview does not cover all the bills that APA Florida is tracking for our members.)

## **Growth Management**

**Attorney Fees and Costs:** [CS/CS/SB 1140](#) (Sen. Hutson) was reported favorably by the Senate Community Affairs Committee on April 2 and reflects two amendments. The bill adds a new s.57.112, F.S., which would provide that if a civil action is filed against a local government to challenge the adoption or enforcement of a local ordinance on the grounds that it is expressly preempted by the state, the court shall assess and award reasonable attorney fees and costs and damages to the prevailing party. (The committee deleted language that would have included prejudgment interest and costs as part of this award.) However, attorney fees and costs may not be awarded if the local government withdraws or repeals the ordinance with 21 days of the earlier of

- receipt of a written claim that the ordinance, as proposed or adopted, is preempted; or
- a motion filed seeking attorney fees and costs.

The committee amended the bill to state that unless an ordinance is preempted by s.553.79(20), this section does not apply to local government ordinances related to growth management. (S.553.79(20) prohibits local governments from having ordinances or requirements that conflicts or impairs trademarks, logos etc., or prevents gas station signs from being clearly visible.) It further states that the bill applies retroactively to all cases pending or commenced on or after July 1, 2019.

CS/CS/SB 1140 now moves to the Senate Rules Committee, its final committee of reference. [CS/CS/HB 829](#) (Rep. Sabatini), is a similar bill but instead of providing an award to the prevailing party, it provides an award of reasonable attorney fees and costs and damages against the local government if the court determines the subject of the ordinance was preempted. This bill is in the House Judiciary Committee, its final committee of reference.

**Communication Services:** [CS/CS/HB 693](#) (Rep. Fischer) bill makes extensive changes to s.337.401, F.S., which governs the use of public rights-of-way by providers of communication services. Among these changes, the bill:

- removes the ability of local governments to elect to charge limited permit fees for use of the ROW but grandfathers local governments who currently require such fees;
- establishes limits on registration requirements imposed by local governments;
- prohibits local governments from imposing requirements and charges for the placement or operation of communications facilities in the ROW by authorized providers, except as expressly provided by law;
- prohibits local governments from prohibiting, regulating, or charging for installation, operation, and other work done on utility poles used to collocate small wireless facilities in the ROW;
- prohibits local governments from establishing certain requirements as a condition of permitting collocation of small wireless facilities;
- exempts utility poles used to support small wireless facilities from authority rules and regulations governing the placement of utility poles in the ROW; and
- prohibits an authority from instituting any type of moratorium that would delay the issuance of permits for collocation of small wireless facilities or the installation of utility poles used to support collocation.

CS/CS/HB 693 was reported favorably by the House Ways & Means Committee on April 2 and moves to the House Commerce Committee, its last committee of reference. [CS/CS/SB 1000](#) (Sen. Hutson), a similar bill, is in the Senate Finance and Tax Committee, its third of four committees of reference.

**Growth Management:** [CS/SB 728](#) (Sen. Lee) authorizes a petition to establish a community development district (CDD) of less than 2,500 acres and solely in one county or municipality to include a list of sufficiently contiguous parcels that the CDD expects to add within the next 10 years. A parcel may only be included with the consent of the landowner. The bill provides a process for expanding the boundaries of the CDD to include these additional parcels. The bill also provides that the expansion of CDD boundaries to include these parcels does not alter the time period for transition from a landowner board to a board composed of qualified electors under s.190.006, F.S., and states that the parcels may be added even if the resulting CDD is greater than 2,500 acres. The bill provides that a CDD may also merge with another type of special district created by special act under certain circumstances.

The bill was reported favorably by the Senate Infrastructure and Security Committee on April 2 and moves to the Senate Rules Committee, its last committee of reference. [CS/CS/HB 437](#) (Rep. Buchanan), an identical bill, is on the House Calendar on Second Reading.

**Legal Notices:** [CS/CS/HB 1235](#) (Rep. Fine) requires each state or local government agency to publish legally required notices and advertisements on their official website. Each government agency must publish a notice at least once a year in a newspaper of general circulation, a newsletter or periodical, or other publication mailed and delivered to all residents and property owners in the government's jurisdiction that the resident or property owner may receive legally required notices or advertisements via first-class mail or email by registration of their name, address, and email address with the local government agency. The government agency is required to maintain a registry of names, addresses, and email addresses of residents and property owners who have requested in writing that they receive legally required notices and advertisements from the agency by first-class mail or email.

The bill was amended in the House Judiciary Committee on April 3 to address local governments who are located within a fiscally constrained county as defined in the bill. The bill now states that a governmental agency in a fiscally constrained county may use a publicly accessible website to publish legally required advertisements and public notices only if the governmental agency, after a public hearing which has been noticed in a newspaper, makes a determination of the following: (a) Publishing advertisements and public notices on a publicly accessible website is in the public interest; (b) The cost of publishing advertisements and notices on a publicly accessible website is less than the cost of publishing advertisements and notices in a newspaper; and (c) The residents of the county have sufficient access to the internet by broadband service as defined in s.364.02(2) or any other means such that publishing advertisements and public notices on a publicly accessible website will not unreasonably restrict public access.

The bill was also amended to remove the requirement that a newspaper must be in general paid circulation to be eligible to publish government advertisements and notices. It was also amended to reduce the minimum number of day that an eligible newspaper must be published from five days per week to once per week.

The bill also allows the operators of self-service storage facilities and self-contained storage units to publish notice for 14 consecutive days on a public website customarily used for conducting personal property auctions in lieu of publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

CS/CS/HB 1235 was reported favorably by the House Judiciary Committee on April 3 and moves to the House State Affairs Committee, its last committee of reference. [SB 1676](#) (Sen. Baxley), a similar bill to HB 1235 as originally filed, has been referred to three committees but has not yet been heard.

**Military Affairs:** [CS/SB 620](#) (Sen. Broxson) provides a number of changes in law to benefit servicemembers and their families and to better protect military land interests and uses. With respect to the protection of military land, the bill specifically:

- adds two military installations (Naval Support Activity Orlando, including Bugg Spring and Naval Ordnance Test Unit, and United States Southern Command) to the list of those that may exchange certain information with local governments regarding compatibility of land development;
- provides that a conservation easement, created to prevent encroachment to a military installation, survives a tax sale of property or the issuance of a tax certificate in foreclosure proceedings;
- authorizes the Department of Economic Opportunity to award grants on a competitive basis to support activities related to the Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant Program and the Florida Defense Infrastructure Grant Program which include marketing, advocacy, sponsorships, outreach, and military-related community support events; and
- adds to the list of prohibited activities on rural-lands protection easements and agricultural protection agreements the construction of structures or other activities that are incompatible with the mission of a military installation, if the land lies within an identified clear zone or an accident potential zone, or within Military Influence Planning Area 1 or 2 designated in the Joint Land Use Study of the installation.

The bill was reported favorably by the Military and Veterans Affairs and Space Committee on April 3, with minor amendments to the provisions related to servicemember benefits, and now moves to the Senate Innovation, Industry and Technology Committee, its second of three committees of reference. [CS/CS/HB 891](#) (Rep. Ponder), a similar bill, was

reported favorably by the House Education Committee on April 3 and moves to the House State Affairs Committee, its final committee of reference.

**Private Property Rights Protection:** [CS/HB 1383](#) (Rep. J. Grant), reported favorably by the House Commerce Committee on April 4, amends the Bert J. Harris, Jr., Private Property Rights Protection Act (Act).

The bill, as originally proposed, provided that when a claim involving at least one residential property is brought because of a local government's regulation or ordinance, any settlement or court order resulting in a modification or variance to the regulation or ordinance shall apply to all similarly-situated residential properties within the political subdivision.

The bill was amended by the House Commerce Committee to add s.70.001(4)(d)(3) to now provide that when a residential property owner submits a claim that is based on a governmental entity's application of a regulation or ordinance to more than one residential parcel, and the governmental entity reaches a settlement of such claim or the property owner secures a judgment declaring an inordinate burden under paragraph, there shall be a presumption that similarly situated residential properties, as evaluated on a parcel-by-parcel basis, have been inordinately burdened and are entitled to equivalent terms of settlement or a judicial determination of an inordinate burden. This presumption is rebuttable only by clear and convincing evidence. In such cases, the similarly situated residential property owners must submit the required appraisal not less than 120 days before a trial on the merits of the damages portion of the proceedings pursuant to paragraph (6)(b). During the 90-day-notice period of such claims, the governmental entity is encouraged to negotiate terms of settlement consistent with settlement agreements for similarly situated residential parcels.

Under the bill, settlement offers are presumed to protect the public interest. The bill would also:

- change the timeframe under which a claimant must notify the government before filing an action from 150 days to 90 days;
- expand the type of relief a government may offer a claimant to include any extraordinary relief;
- allow the claimant to have the court, rather than a jury, determine damages;
- remove the prohibition that the factfinder cannot consider business damages in making a determination of the claimant's damages; and
- change the process for attorney fees and costs by:
  - allowing a claimant to recover attorney fees and costs incurred from the time he or she files notice with the government instead of from the time he or she files suit;
  - allowing any prevailing claimant, regardless of the reasonableness of the settlement offer, to recover attorney fees and costs; and
  - removing the provision allowing a government to recover attorney fees and costs.

The bill also provides that if the government does not provide a mailed notice to the property owner when a law or regulation affects the property, the property owner may file suit immediately upon passage of the law or regulation without having to proceed through the normal application process, if doing so would be futile and a waste of resources.

The bill also would allow a property owner to bring action to declare a prohibited exaction involved in addition to recovering damages.

The committee also amended s.337.25, F.S., which deals with acquisition, lease and disposal of real and personal property. With respect to property that the Department of Transportation has determined is not needed, the bill states that the Department of Transportation must offer a right of first refusal to the previous property owner for the department's current estimate of value of the property.

HB 1383 bill now moves to the House Commerce Committee, its second of three committees of reference.

[SB 1720](#) (Sen. Lee) also makes amendments to the Act. It does not include all the changes in HB 1383 but would:

- provide that when a claim involving at least one residential property is brought because of a local government's regulation or ordinance, any settlement or court order resulting in a modification or variance to the regulation or ordinance shall apply to all similarly-situated residential properties within the political subdivision;
- allow the claimant to have the court, rather than a jury, determine damages;

- allowing a claimant to recover attorney fees and costs incurred from the time he or she files notice with the government instead of from the time he or she files suit;
- if the government does not provide a mailed notice to the property owner when a law or regulation affects the property, the property owner may file suit immediately upon passage of the law or regulation without having to proceed through the normal application process, if doing so would be futile and a waste of resources; and
- allow a property owner to bring action to declare a prohibited exaction invalid, as well as to recover damages.

SB 1720 is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 8. An [amendment](#) to the bill has been filed by Sen. Simmons which would delete the proposed language regarding settlements that result in a modification or variance must apply to all similarly-situated residential properties.

**Property Development:** [CS/HB 7103](#) (Rep. Fischer) amends s.125.01055, F.S., and s.166.04151, F.S., dealing with affordable housing, to add that a county may not adopt or impose a requirement in any form, including, without limitation, by way of a comprehensive plan amendment, ordinance, or land development regulation or as a condition of a development order or development permit, which has any of the following effects:

- a) mandating or establishing a maximum sales price or lease rental for privately produced dwelling units.
- b) requiring the allocation or designation, whether directly or indirectly, of privately produced dwelling units for sale or rental to any particular class or group of purchasers or tenants.
- c) requiring the provision of any on-site or off-site workforce or affordable housing units or a contribution of land or money for such housing, including, but not limited to, the payment of any flat or percentage-based fee, whether calculated on the basis of the number of approved dwelling units, the amount of approved square footage, or otherwise.

The bill provides that this does not limit the authority of a county to create or implement a voluntary density bonus program or any other voluntary incentive-based program designed to increase the supply of workforce or affordable housing units.

Additionally, the bill:

- requires that within 30 days after receiving a development order or permit application, the local government must review and issue a letter to the applicant indicating that either the application is complete or specifying deficiencies. If deficiencies are identified, the applicant has 30 days to submit the required additional information. Within 90 days after the initial application, or the supplemental submission, the local government must approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application;
- entitles either party of a development order challenge to invoke summary proceedings under s.51.011, F.S. However, if either party shows, by clear and convincing evidence, that summary procedure is inappropriate, the court may decline to apply summary procedure;
- expands the scope of services of a private provider (who can be hired to review building plans, perform building inspections, and prepare certificates of completion) by allowing them to approve plans and perform inspections for portions of a project that are not part of the building structure such as services involving the review of site plans and site work engineering plans;
- provides that a building official may not audit a private provider more than four times in a calendar year unless the building official determines the condition of a building constitutes an immediate threat to public safety and welfare;
- prohibits a building official from replicating the plan review or inspection performed by the private provider, unless expressly authorized;
- reduces the required minimum notification time to a local building official regarding the use of a private provider to two business days from seven business days prior to a scheduled inspection;
- reduces the timing of the permit application process from 30 business days to five days, for building officials to review an application from a private provider and either issue a permit, provide the applicant written notice of deficiencies, or deem the application approved as a matter of law;
- if the applicant submits revisions, the bill provides three business days, rather than the current five business days, from the date of resubmittal for the building official to either issue the requested permit or provide a second written notice stating the remaining deficiencies;



- provides that a building official’s review of a resubmitted permit application from a private provider is limited to the deficiencies cited in the written notice;
- private providers performing plans review must certify that the plans comply with the Building Code on a form adopted by the commission; the bill changes the form requirement to one “reasonably acceptable” to the commission; and
- allows the fee owner’s contractor, which requested use of a private provider, to petition the circuit court for a writ of injunctive relief or other equitable relief if they believe the building official is not complying with the alternate plan review and inspection provisions of the statute.

The bill was amended by the House Judiciary Committee to include impact fee language like that found in CS/SB 1730. The bill prohibits any local government from collecting an impact fee any time prior to the date of issuance of the building permit for the property that is subject to the fee. The bill codifies the requirement for impact fees to be reasonably connected to, or have a rational nexus with, the need for additional capital facilities and the increased impact generated by the new residential or commercial construction. The bill requires the impact fee be reasonably connected to, or have a rational nexus with, the expenditures of the funds collected and the benefits accruing to the new residential or nonresidential construction. (Note that the Senate bill requires that impact fees be proportional in addition to being reasonably connected or having a rational nexus.)

The local government must specifically earmark funds collected under the impact fee for use in acquiring, constructing, or improving capital facilities to benefit new users. Revenues generated by the impact fee may not be used, in whole or in part, to pay existing debt or for previously approved projects unless the expenditure is reasonably connected to, or has a rational nexus with, the increased impact generated by the new residential or nonresidential construction.

The local government must credit against the collection of the impact fee any contributions related to public educational facilities, including, but not limited to, land dedication, site planning and design, and construction, whether provided in a proportionate share agreement or any other form of exaction. Any such contributions must be applied to reduce impact fees on a dollar-for-dollar basis at fair market value. If the local government adjusts the amount of impact fees, the unused credits must be adjusted accordingly. If a local government increases its impact fee or mobility fee rates, the holder of any impact fee or mobility fee credits is entitled to a proportional increase in the credit balance. If a local government does not provide the credits, it may not impose concurrency mitigation conditions on the project.

CS/HB 7103 was reported favorably by the House Judiciary Committee on April 3 and moves to the State Affairs Committee, its final committee of reference. [CS/SB 1730](#) (Sen. Lee), a similar bill which would also prohibit inclusionary zoning ordinances for affordable or workforce housing, is in the Senate Infrastructure and Security Committee, its second of three committees of reference. This bill does not currently include the changes related to private providers and to the building official time frames which are included in CS/HB 7103. CS/SB 1730 is in the Senate Infrastructure and Security Committee, its second of three committees of reference, which next meets on April 9.

**Property Rights:** SB 1400, as originally filed, would have prohibited a local government from enforcing an ordinance or regulation requiring a permit for the pruning, trimming, or removal of trees on residential property during certain weather conditions or declared state of emergency or upon proof from a certified arborist that the tree is damaged, diseased, pest-infested, or presents a danger to others. [CS/SB 1400](#) (Sen. Albritton), a strike-all amendment moved favorably by the Senate Community Affairs Committee on April 2, reduces the window and circumstances under which this prohibition would apply. The bill now states that from March 1 through June 1, a local government may not:

- 1) if the property owner has obtained documentation from an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture that the tree is a danger to persons or property and the tree is not a listed endangered species, enforce an ordinance or regulation governing the pruning or trimming of specimen, heritage, or patriarch trees, as defined by local ordinances or regulations, or the pruning, trimming, or removal of other trees on residential property which requires a permit, an application, the provision of notice, a fee, or a fine; or
- 2) authorize the removal of specimen, heritage, or patriarch trees, as defined by local ordinances or regulations.

A local government may enforce ordinances or regulations pertaining to the replanting of trees that have been removed in accordance with the above. The amended bill also states that this new section does not apply to the exercise of specifically delegated authority for mangrove protection.

The amended bill deletes previously proposed language dealing with the removal of tree debris and also deletes previously proposed language which would require county property appraisers to post a Property Owner Bill of Rights on the appraiser's website.

CS/SB 1400 (Sen. Albritton) is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Judiciary Committee, its second of three committees of reference, on April 8.

[HB 1159](#) (Rep. La Rosa), which is similar to SB 1400 as originally filed, was reported favorably by the House Commerce Committee on April 4. The bill prohibits local governments from requiring permits for the pruning, trimming, or removal of a damaged, diseased, pest infested, or dangerous tree on residential property during a tropical storm/hurricane watch, warning, or actual event, or a declared state of emergency, or upon documentation by a certified arborist that the tree is damaged, diseased, pest infested or presents a danger. It prohibits local governments from requiring a property owner to replant a tree that is maintained under the specified conditions. The bill also allows a property owner adjacent to an electric utility right-of-way to request an electric utility perform vegetation maintenance in the right-of-way without approval from the local government.

Finally, the bill requires county property appraisers to post a Property Owner Bill of Rights on their websites, which lists a property owner's right to acquire, possess, and protect property; use and enjoy property; exclude others from property; dispose of property; due process; just compensation for property taken for a public purpose; and relief when a new state or local government law, rule, regulation, or ordinance unfairly affects property. The website must state the Bill of Rights is not comprehensive and does not represent all property rights under Florida law.

HB 1159 now moves to the House State Affairs Committee, its final committee of reference.

**Vacation Rentals:** [CS/HB 987](#) (Rep. Grant) was reported favorably by the House Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee on April 1 and moves to the House Commerce Committee, its last committee of reference. The bill preempts to the state the regulation of vacation rentals, including, but not limited to, inspection, licensing, and occupancy limits, to the state.

The bill provides the following legislative findings:

- Property owners who use their residential property as a vacation rental have constitutionally protected property rights and other rights that must be protected, including the right to use their residential property as a vacation rental.
- Vacation rentals play a significant, unique, and critical role in the state's tourism industry, and that role, including the factors related to the ownership and operation of such rentals, is different from other types of public lodging establishments.
- Vacation rentals are residential in nature, residential in use, and allowed in residential neighborhoods.

The bill is retroactive and makes the following changes:

- preempts to the state the regulation of vacation rentals, including, but not limited to, inspection, licensing, and occupancy limits;
- allows local governments to regulate activities that arise when a residential property is used as a vacation rental as long as the regulations apply uniformly to all residential properties;
- adds occupancy limits, inspections, and licensing to the list of prohibited local laws, ordinances, or regulations;
- clarifies that the court determines compliance when a local government is sued for an alleged violation of these prohibitions, and requires that the local government establish by clear and convincing evidence that the ordinance complies
- requires an applicant for a vacation rental license to register a contact person with the division and make the person available to administer complaints;
- requires the division to make vacation rental license information, and the information of the contact person, available on its website; and
- removes the grandfather provision for those regulations adopted on or prior to June 1, 2011.
- allow local government to regulate advertising platforms provided by or through a company that is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List and any associated companies.

[SB 824](#) (Sen. Diaz), a similar bill, was scheduled to be heard in the Senate Innovation, Industry and Technology Committee on March 26 but was not heard. The committee is scheduled to next meet on April 10.

**Vegetable Gardens:** [CS/HB 145](#) (Rep. Fetterhoff) prohibits a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state from regulating vegetable gardens on residential properties. The bill defines “vegetable garden” as a plot of ground where herbs, fruits, flowers, or vegetables are cultivated for human ingestion. Any local ordinance or regulation regarding vegetable gardens on residential properties is void and unenforceable. However, local governments may still adopt a local ordinance or regulation of a general nature which does not specifically regulate vegetable gardens, including, but not limited to, regulations and ordinances relating to water use during drought conditions, fertilizer use, or control of invasive species.

The bill was reported favorably by the House Commerce Committee on April 4 and moves to the House State Affairs Committee, its last committee of reference. [CS/SB 82](#) (Sen. Bradley), an identical bill, was passed by the Senate on March 21 and is in the House in Messages.

## **Affordable Housing**

**Property Development:** [CS/HB 7103](#) (Rep. Fischer) and [CS/SB 1730](#) (Sen. Lee) would both prohibit local governments from adopting or imposing a requirement in any form, including, without limitation, by way of a comprehensive plan amendment, ordinance, or land development regulation or as a condition of a development order or development permit, which has any of the following effects:

- d) mandating or establishing a maximum sales price or lease rental for privately produced dwelling units.
- e) requiring the allocation or designation, whether directly or indirectly, of privately produced dwelling units for sale or rental to any particular class or group of purchasers or tenants.
- f) requiring the provision of any on-site or off-site workforce or affordable housing units or a contribution of land or money for such housing, including, but not limited to, the payment of any flat or percentage-based fee, whether calculated on the basis of the number of approved dwelling units, the amount of approved square footage, or otherwise.

See the discussion above in the Growth Management section.

## **Constitution Revision**

**Constitutional Amendments:** [SB 7096](#) was reported favorably as a committee bill on April 1. The bill amends the regulations dealing with the citizen initiatives to propose a constitutional amendment. The bill:

- requires a compensated “petition gatherer” to register with the Secretary of State, attesting that he or she has been Florida resident for at least 29 days before registering;
- disqualifies petitions from counting toward the number of petitions required for an initiative amendment to appear on the ballot if they are collected by:
  - an unregistered petition gatherer; or
  - a petition gatherer or entity who is compensated on a per-signature basis;
- prohibits compensation to petition gatherers on a per-signature basis;
- requires the ballot for an initiative amendment to include:
  - a bold-print statement describing the financial impact of the initiative on both the state and local economies if the Financial Impact Estimating Conference (FIEC) determines that the measure will increase costs, decrease revenue, or have an indeterminate fiscal impact.
  - the name of the amendment’s sponsor and the percentage of contributions received by the sponsor from in-state persons, excluding political parties, affiliated party committees, or political committees.
- allow an interested person to file a position statement on an initiative amendment with the Secretary of State to published on that website; and
- require each county supervisor of elections to include the FIEC’s financial summaries in the publication or mailing for sample ballots, and include the amendment text in the voting booth.

The bill would become effective upon becoming law and would apply to all initiative amendments proposed for the 2020 ballot and beyond. The bill is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Committee, its first of two committees, on April 9.

A similar bill, [HB 7111](#), was filed by the House Judiciary Committee and is in the House State Affairs Committee, its only committee of reference.

## **Fiscal Transparency**

**Local Government Financial Reporting:** [HB 861](#) (Rep. Roach) requires counties and municipalities to post their annual budgets to their respective websites for at least two years and tentative budgets to their websites for at least 45 days.

Beginning Oct. 15, 2019, the bill requires each county and municipal budget officer to file an annual report to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR), in a format and on forms prescribed by EDR, including information concerning:

- government spending per resident, including the rate for the five preceding fiscal years;
- government debt per resident, including the rate for the five preceding fiscal years;
- median income within the county or municipality;
- average county or municipal employee salary;
- percent of the entity's budget spent on salaries and benefits for the entity's employees; and
- number of special taxing districts that are located wholly or partially within the county or municipality.

The bill requires EDR to develop the format and forms for reporting the information by July 15, 2019.

HB 861 was reported favorably by the House Appropriations Committee on April 2 and is scheduled to be heard in the House State Affairs Committee, its final committee of reference, on April 8. [SB 1616](#) (Sen. Baxley), an identical bill, is in the Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee, its second of three committees of reference.

## **Economic Development/Redevelopment**

**Rural Businesses:** CS/SB 298 (Sen. Montford) (see pp. 20 at this [link](#)) is a strike all amendment moved favorably by Senate Finance and Tax Committee on April 4. The bill would create the "Florida Rural Job and Business Recovery Act" to encourage investment in rural communities by allowing investors to earn state insurance premium tax credits equal to their investment in certified growth funds. The amended bill made some changes to the definitions and the growth fund process created in the bill. Among the changes, the amended bill requires growth funds to give priority to business within counties included in the FEMA emergency declaration for Hurricane Michael. The bill now moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee, its final committee of reference. [CS/HB 739](#) (Rep. Hill), a similar bill, is in the House Ways and Means Committee, its second of three committees of reference.

## **Permits, Fees, Taxes**

**Discretionary Sales Surtax:** [CS/CS/HB 5](#) (Rep. DiCeglie) requires any referendum to levy a discretionary sales surtax be held at a general election. Upon adoption of an ordinance or resolution by a county or school district to hold a discretionary sales surtax referendum on or after Jan. 1, 2020, the bill requires the county or school district holding a referendum to notify the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) of the proposed referendum and provide a copy of the final ordinance or resolution calling for the referendum at least 180 days before the referendum is held. The bill declares void any discretionary sales surtax referendum if the county or school district fails to provide notice to OPPAGA or fails to publish the results of the performance audit.

If the proposal to adopt a discretionary sales surtax is by initiative, the bill requires the petition sponsor, at least 180 days before the proposed referendum, to:

- provide a copy of the proposed referendum to the governing body of the county for posting on the county's website;
- notify OPPAGA of the proposed referendum; and
- file the initiative petition, including the required signatures, with the supervisor of elections.

The bill has moved out of committee and has been placed on the House Special Order Calendar for April 10. [CS/SB 336](#) (Sen. Brandes), which also requires that requires any referendum to levy a discretionary sales surtax be held at a general election, is in the Senate Rules Committee, its final committee of reference. This bill does not currently contain any of the other provisions found in the House bill.

**Impact Fees:** [SB 144](#) (Sen. Gruters) was read for the third time on April 4, substituted for [CS/HB 207](#) (which was passed by the House on March 27) and laid on the table. The Senate then passed CS/HB 207. This bill prohibits local governments from requiring the payment of impact fees prior to issuing a property’s building permit. The bill also codifies the ‘dual rational nexus test’ for impact fees, as articulated in case law. This test requires an impact fee to have a reasonable connection, or rational nexus, between 1) the proposed new development and the need and the impact of additional capital facilities, and 2) the expenditure of funds and the benefits accruing to the proposed new development.

Additionally, the bill requires any impact fee ordinance earmark impact fee funds for capital facilities that benefit new residents and prohibits the use of impact fee revenues to pay existing debt unless specific conditions are met. The bill provides that these requirements related to impact fees do not apply to water and sewer connection fees. The effective date in the bill is July 1, 2019.

**Taxation Transparency:** [CS/CS/HB 7053](#) (Rep. Avila) renames select state government levies as taxes and requires local governments to rename select local government levies as taxes under specific circumstances. With respect to local government levies, the bill requires, on a prospective basis, any new impositions or rate increases, or proposed impositions or rate increases, in the following levies by counties, municipalities, or special districts to be titled as and represented to the public as “taxes” as follows:

- a new or increased special assessment or non-ad valorem assessment must be titled and represented to the public as a “special benefit tax”;
- a new or increased impact fee or mobility fee must be titled and represented to the public as a “development impact tax”;
- a new or increased franchise fee must be titled and represented to the public as a “franchise tax”; and
- a new or increased charge to pay the cost of regulation must be titled and represented to the public as a tax in a manner reasonably consistent with the type of regulation and charge in question.

The bill was amended in the House State Affairs Committee on April 4 to clarify that changes made by the bill are not a repeal of the existing authority of counties municipalities and special districts to levy special assessments, impact fees, mobility fees, or franchise fees, as the power to impose those levies exists on Jan. 1, 2020. (This is the proposed effective date of the bill.) Additionally, the bill was amended to provide that the legislature does not intend the provisions of the bill to affect case law interpreting the legal nature or character of state or local impositions, as that case law exists on Jan. 1, 2020.

The bill was reported favorably by the House State Affairs Committee, its last committee of reference on April 4. The Senate Finance and Tax Committee filed [SB 7104](#), a similar proposed committee bill on April 1; this bill was to be heard in committee on April 4 but was temporarily postponed.

## Schools

**Educational Facilities:** The House Pre-K-12 Appropriations Subcommittee reported favorably a committee substitute for HB 889 (Rep. Buchanan) on April 1. [CS/HB 889](#) requires the Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR), in conjunction with local school districts, to review and revise the Review of Florida’s Cost per Student Station report issued in January 2017. The updated report must include recommendations for modification by the legislature of the cost per student station model or implementation of a cost per-square-foot model for new school construction. The report also must include at least the following: a transparent and replicable categorization of costs, the use of an index or process that reflects changes in construction costs, and the development of a system that may be used to forecast costs of new construction over time. The updated report by the EDR shall be provided to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by Dec. 1, 2019.

The amended bill does not include provisions in the original bill that dealt with adjusting cost/per student station maximums, certain cost that could be included in calculation of cost per student station and use of local capital outlay funds.

This bill now moves to the House Education Committee, its second of three committees of reference. [SB 294](#) (Sen. Montford), which is identical to HB 886 as originally filed, has been referred to three committees of refence but not yet heard in committee.

**Drinking Water in Schools:** [SB 66](#) (Senator Cruz) requires each school district to filter drinking water at each source for any school built before 1986. Specifically, for such schools the bill requires each school district to:

- install a barcode on all school drinking water sources;
- install a filter that meets specified standards to reduce lead at each school water source;
- post a conspicuous sign near each non-drinking-water source warning that such source should not be used for human consumption; and
- publish on the school district's website information about filters for each drinking water source and actions necessary to comply with requirements.

The bill was reported favorably by the Senate Education Committee on April 2 and now moves to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, its second of three committees of reference. A similar bill, [HB 545](#) (Rep. Jenne) has been referred to three committees of reference but not yet heard.

**Funding for School Districts:** [SB 520](#) (Sen. Montford) was reported favorably by the Senate Education Committee on April 2. The bill provides that in order to hold harmless school districts impacted by Hurricane Michael from a loss of revenue due to a decrease in student enrollment, a special one-time appropriation based on the enrollment difference in FTE students in the October FTE survey and the February FTE survey will be provided to those school districts. The bill specifies the special one-time appropriation is for the Bay County, Calhoun County, Franklin County, Gadsden County, Gulf County, Holmes County, Jackson County, Liberty County, and Washington County school districts. The bill further specifies that the funds calculated shall support a nonrecurring appropriation which is separate from the appropriation for the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) for the affected districts.

SB 520 now moves to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, its second of three committees of reference. There is no House companion bill to date.

## Transportation

**Transportation:** [CS/CS/SB 932](#) (Sen. Brandes) revises various provisions related to autonomous vehicles. Among these, the bill prohibits a local government from imposing any tax, fee, for-hire vehicle requirement, or other requirement on automated driving systems, autonomous vehicles, or on a person who operates an autonomous vehicle. The bill also authorizes the Florida Turnpike Enterprise within the FDOT to enter into one or more agreements to fund, construct, and operate facilities for the advancement of autonomous and connected innovative transportation technology solutions for specified purposes. The bill provides similar but not identical authorization within provisions relating to autonomous vehicles and their operation, with additional authority to fund, construct, and operate test facilities and undertake research and development projects for the same purposes.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development, amended the bill to require that fully autonomous vehicles that are operating as part of an on-demand network would have to carry specified levels of insurance which are the same as currently required for transportation network companies. The bill was also amended to allow a fully autonomous vehicle to operate in the state regardless of whether a human operator is in the vehicle.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development reported this amended bill favorably on April 4 and it now moves to the Senate Appropriation Committee, its final committee of reference.

[CS/HB 311](#) (Rep. Fischer), which also deals with autonomous vehicles, does not include the local government above prohibition discussed above; it was reported favorably the House State Affairs Committee, its last committee of reference, on April 4.

**Transportation:** CS/CS/SB 898 (Sen. Diaz) contains various provisions relating to transportation issues in South Florida. This strike-all amendment, (see pp. 24 at this [link](#)), was moved favorably by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development on April 4. The amended bill notably creates a new Greater Miami Expressway Agency in s.380.0301, F.S., as opposed to the previously proposed repealing of the Miami-Dade County Expressway Authority (MDX) and transfer of operations and control to the Florida Department of Transportation. The amended bill also deletes previously proposed language regarding a requirement that tolls from the turnpike system in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties must stay in those counties. It also deletes previously proposed language dealing with restrictions on an existing half-penny sales tax.

CS/CS/898 was reported favorably by the Senate Appropriation Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development on April 4 and moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee, its last committee of reference. [CS/CS/ HB 385](#) (Rep. Avila), a strike-all amendment that is similar to the Senate strike-all, was reported favorably by the House State Affairs, its last committee of reference, on April 4.

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