



**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA**

**February 13, 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 January 9, 2019**
- 3. UPDATE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA RIGHT TO FARM ACT**
- 4. LEGISLATIVE POLICY POSITIONS**
- 5. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**
- 6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

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# **FORWARD PINELLAS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY JANUARY 9, 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

## Also Present:

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

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 11:05 a.m. and those present introduced themselves.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2018

A motion was made by Mayor Cookie Kennedy, which was seconded by Councilmember Brandi Gabbard and carried unanimously (3-0).

### 3. STATE BILLS OF INTEREST

Whit Blanton advised that the legislative process is now underway with some bills having already been filed. Sarah Caper identified those bills of interest to Pinellas County and the region and offered a brief overview of each. The bills discussed included:

- SB 68: Transportation Disadvantaged (Book)
- SB 70: State Funds (Passidomo)
- SR 76: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving (Simpson)
- SB 78: Public Financing of Construction Projects (Rodriguez)
- SR 82: Vegetable Gardens (Bradley)
- HB 45: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving (Slosberg)
- HB 107: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving (Toldeo with Grieco, Massullo, McClure, Stevenson)
- HB 145: Vegetable Gardens (Fetterhoff)

Upon request, Councilmember Gabbard elaborated on SB 70, which seeks to exempt the State Housing Trust Fund and Local Government Housing Trust Fund from a provision authorizing the Legislature to transfer unappropriated cash balances to the Budget Stabilization Fund and the General Revenue Fund. The bill has no House sponsor to date. After further discussion, Whit Blanton suggested that Forward Pinellas draft a letter with a focus on the Housing Trust Fund, but also addressing trust funds in general, rather than just this particular one. Darryl Henderson of the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce alerted the committee that this is one of the Chamber's top four priorities for this session. Cheryl Reed of the City of Largo advised the City is planning to address this bill as well. Councilmember Gabbard stated that the City of St. Petersburg, as well as the St. Petersburg Chamber, are also interested in this legislation.

The group discussed SB 76, which seeks to create a ban on wireless communication devices while driving, prohibiting a person from operating a motor vehicle while listening or talking on a wireless communications device for the purpose of voice interpersonal communication. There are currently multiple bills with slightly differing language circulating. The Forward Pinellas Citizen's Advisory Committee is recommending the board support a ban on wireless communication devices.

After brief discussion about the bills related to vegetable gardens, Linda Fisher updated the committee on the ongoing efforts, in conjunction with the City of St. Petersburg, to amend the language in the Florida Right to Farm Act to allow urban agriculture to be regulated at the local level. At the next Legislative Committee meeting, staff will bring the final proposed amendment for endorsement by the committee and a recommendation to the full board.

#### 4. UPDATE ON POTENTIAL STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Whit Blanton reminded the group of the items previously discussed as potential priorities for this legislative session which included indexing the local fuel tax to inflation, short-term vacation rentals, and enhancing the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) to allow more flexibility for funding transit and parallel corridors.

Upon request, Mayor Cookie Kennedy offered some draft language for the committee to consider submitting to amend the existing law on vacation rentals. Subsequently, there was extensive discussion concerning the vacation rentals and local issues surrounding them. To date, no bills have been filed regarding this topic. Ultimately, the group decided to wait and see what gets filed and go from there rather than craft something original that may not get any traction or could be in complete opposition to other bills filed. In the meantime, Chelsea Hardy is going to look into whether occupancy rate were included in the state regulation.

Whit Blanton further explained and answered questions regarding the potential changes to the SIS funding being considered by the committee to pursue as a priority. In response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Blanton advised that he believes FDOT District Seven would be supportive of this. Mayor Kennedy questioned whether anything had yet been filed this year and if the committee wished to take a wait and see approach to this topic as well. Mr. Blanton advised there was a bill filed last year that did not pass, but no bills have been filed to date for this session. However, this

is already a priority for the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) along with indexing of the local option fuel tax to inflation.

Whit Blanton queried the committee regarding its desire to develop a formal list of priorities, submit a letter of support, or simply respond accordingly as needed. It was decided that some conversation with the full board was needed first. The distracted driving and affordable housing topics already have bills filed and those will continue to be monitored. The other potential priorities will be looked at further at the next meeting and additional decisions will be made at that time.

Representatives from the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce, City of Largo and Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners provided a brief overview of their priorities for this session.

5. PINELLAS DELEGATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Those in attendance were provided a list of the committee assignments for the members of the Pinellas Legislative Delegation for this session.

6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There being no additional items for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

**3. Update on Proposed Amendments to the Florida Right to Farm Act**



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**SUMMARY**

In November 2018, the Legislative Committee received a presentation from City of St. Petersburg staff on an effort to amend the Florida Right to Farm Act. This effort is the latest step in a partnership between the City and Forward Pinellas to expand opportunities for local governments to allow and encourage urban agriculture.

One significant factor that discourages urban agriculture is the Florida Right to Farm Act ([Section 823.14, Florida Statutes](#)), which exempts commercial farms from most local land development regulation. The Act was created to protect rural farms from encroaching suburban development, fulfilling a necessary and beneficial purpose. However, the statute is so broadly written that it applies to all commercial farms, even new farms in established urban areas. Without the authority to apply reasonable land use regulation to commercial urban agriculture, many local governments will simply choose not to allow it.

City and Forward Pinellas staff have worked together to proposed an amendment to the Act that creates an exemption for urban agriculture, incorporating input from Florida Farm Bureau Federation, Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, 1000 Friends of Florida, and others. The draft amendment defines urban agriculture as food cultivation that takes place in a “dense urban land area” as identified by [Section 380.0651\(3\)\(a\), Florida Statutes](#), other than on land designated for agriculture as a principal use. This definition preserves the current protection for farmland used by traditional agriculture, while allowing densely developed communities the flexibility to permit and reasonably regulate urban farming.

City staff will give a presentation on the final draft amendment, with a request for the Legislative Committee to recommend endorsement by the Forward Pinellas Board at its February meeting.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- Draft amendments to the Florida Right to Farm Act
- Dense Urban Land Areas per Section 380.0651 (3)(a), Florida Statutes

**ACTION:** Legislative Committee to recommend endorsement to the Forward Pinellas Board

## ATTACHMENT A

### 823.14 Florida Right to Farm Act.—

(1) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section shall be known and may be cited as the “Florida Right to Farm Act.”

(2) **LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**—The Legislature finds that agricultural production is a major contributor to the economy of the state; that agricultural lands constitute unique and irreplaceable resources of statewide importance; that the continuation of agricultural activities preserves the landscape and environmental resources of the state, contributes to the increase of tourism, and furthers the economic self-sufficiency of the people of the state; and that the encouragement, development, improvement, and preservation of agriculture will result in a general benefit to the health and welfare of the people of the state. The Legislature further finds that agricultural activities conducted on farm land in urbanizing areas are potentially subject to lawsuits based on the theory of nuisance and that these suits encourage and even force the premature removal of the farm land from agricultural use. It is the purpose of this act to protect reasonable agricultural activities conducted on farm land from nuisance suits. The Legislature further finds that it is necessary to distinguish between farms on traditional rural farm land and the emerging trends towards urban agriculture. The Legislature acknowledges that the coming to the nuisance theory is reversed when agricultural uses come to already-established dense urbanized areas, and that municipalities should retain the right to reasonably regulate urban agriculture to protect existing urban land uses. The Legislature recognizes the benefits of urban agriculture to spur economic development, including the provision of fresh foods in cities, community revitalization, and adaptive reuse of vacant lands. Exempting urban agriculture from the protections of this Act will further the growth of farmland and promote the establishment of new farms and agricultural uses within dense urbanized areas of the State.

(3) **DEFINITIONS.**—As used in this section:

(a) “Farm” means the land, buildings, support facilities, machinery, and other appurtenances used in the production of farm or aquaculture products.

(b) “Farm operation” means all conditions or activities by the owner, lessee, agent, independent contractor, and supplier which occur on a farm in connection with the production of farm, honeybee, or apiculture products and includes, but is not limited to, the marketing of produce at roadside stands or farm markets; the operation of machinery and irrigation pumps; the generation of noise, odors, dust, and fumes; ground or aerial seeding and spraying; the placement and operation of an apiary; the application of chemical fertilizers, conditioners, insecticides, pesticides, and herbicides; and the employment and use of labor.

(c) “Farm product” means any plant, as defined in s. [581.011](#), or animal or insect useful to humans and includes, but is not limited to, any product derived therefrom.

(d) “Established date of operation” means the date the farm operation commenced. If the farm operation is subsequently expanded within the original boundaries of the farm land, the established date of operation of the expansion shall also be considered as the date the original farm operation commenced. If the land boundaries of the farm are subsequently expanded, the established date of operation for each expansion is deemed to be a separate and independent

established date of operation. The expanded operation shall not divest the farm operation of a previous established date of operation.

(e) “Urban agriculture” means any new or existing food cultivation land use, including but not limited to personal, recreational, residential, community, commercial, or not-for-profit gardening or farming that occurs within a dense urban land area as defined in s. 380.0651(3)(a), other than on land with a local land use or zoning designation for which agriculture is a principal use.

(4) FARM OPERATION NOT TO BE OR BECOME A NUISANCE.—

(a) No farm operation which has been in operation for 1 year or more since its established date of operation and which was not a nuisance at the time of its established date of operation shall be a public or private nuisance if the farm operation conforms to generally accepted agricultural and management practices, except that the following conditions shall constitute evidence of a nuisance:

1. The presence of untreated or improperly treated human waste, garbage, offal, dead animals, dangerous waste materials, or gases which are harmful to human or animal life.
2. The presence of improperly built or improperly maintained septic tanks, water closets, or privies.
3. The keeping of diseased animals which are dangerous to human health, unless such animals are kept in accordance with a current state or federal disease control program.
4. The presence of unsanitary places where animals are slaughtered, which may give rise to diseases which are harmful to human or animal life.

(b) No farm operation shall become a public or private nuisance as a result of a change in ownership, a change in the type of farm product being produced, a change in conditions in or around the locality of the farm, or a change brought about to comply with Best Management Practices adopted by local, state, or federal agencies if such farm has been in operation for 1 year or more since its established date of operation and if it was not a nuisance at the time of its established date of operation.

(5) WHEN EXPANSION OF OPERATION NOT PERMITTED.—This act shall not be construed to permit an existing farm operation to change to a more excessive farm operation with regard to noise, odor, dust, or fumes where the existing farm operation is adjacent to an established homestead or business on March 15, 1982.

(6) LIMITATION ON DUPLICATION OF GOVERNMENT REGULATION.—It is the intent of the Legislature to eliminate duplication of regulatory authority over farm operations as expressed in this subsection. Except as otherwise provided for in this section and s. [487.051\(2\)](#), and notwithstanding any other provision of law, a local government may not adopt any ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy to prohibit, restrict, regulate, or otherwise limit an activity of a bona fide farm operation on land classified as agricultural land pursuant to s. [193.461](#), where such activity is regulated through implemented best management practices or interim measures developed by the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, or water management districts and adopted under chapter 120 as part of a

statewide or regional program. When an activity of a farm operation takes place within a wellfield protection area as defined in any wellfield protection ordinance adopted by a local government, and the adopted best management practice or interim measure does not specifically address wellfield protection, a local government may regulate that activity pursuant to such ordinance. This subsection does not limit the powers and duties provided for in s. [373.4592](#) or limit the powers and duties of any local government to address an emergency as provided for in chapter 252.

(7) EXEMPTION FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE.— Urban agriculture as defined herein is exempt from the provisions of this section, and remains subject to land use, building, and all other local government regulation, regardless of agricultural classification pursuant to s. 193.461, where there is a land use or zoning regulation duly enacted to allow for urban agriculture, provided that the regulation designates existing farm operations, as defined by s.823.14(3)(b), present prior to such regulation’s adoption as legally non-conforming.

History.—s. 1, ch. 79-61; ss. 1, 2, ch. 82-24; s. 9, ch. 87-367; s. 75, ch. 93-206; s. 1279, ch. 97-102; s. 25, ch. 99-391; s. 39, ch. 2000-308; s. 13, ch. 2012-83.

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**604.40 Farm equipment.—**

(1) Notwithstanding any other law, ordinance, rule, or policy to the contrary, all power-drawn, power-driven, or self-propelled equipment used on a farm may be stored, maintained, or repaired by the owner within the boundaries of the owner's farm and at least 50 feet away from any public road without limitation.

(2) This section shall not apply to farm equipment that is used in urban agriculture as defined in s. 823.14.

History.—s. 50, ch. 2002-295.

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**604.50 Nonresidential farm buildings; farm fences; farm signs.—**

(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any nonresidential farm building, farm fence, or farm sign that is located on lands used for bona fide agricultural purposes, not including those lands used for urban agriculture, is exempt from the Florida Building Code and any county or municipal code or fee, except for code provisions implementing local, state, or federal floodplain management regulations. A farm sign located on a public road may not be erected, used, operated, or maintained in a manner that violates any of the standards provided in s. [479.11](#)(4), (5)(a), and (6)-(8).

(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) “Bona fide agricultural purposes” has the same meaning as provided in s. [193.461](#)(3)(b).

(b) “Farm” has the same meaning as provided in s. [823.14](#).

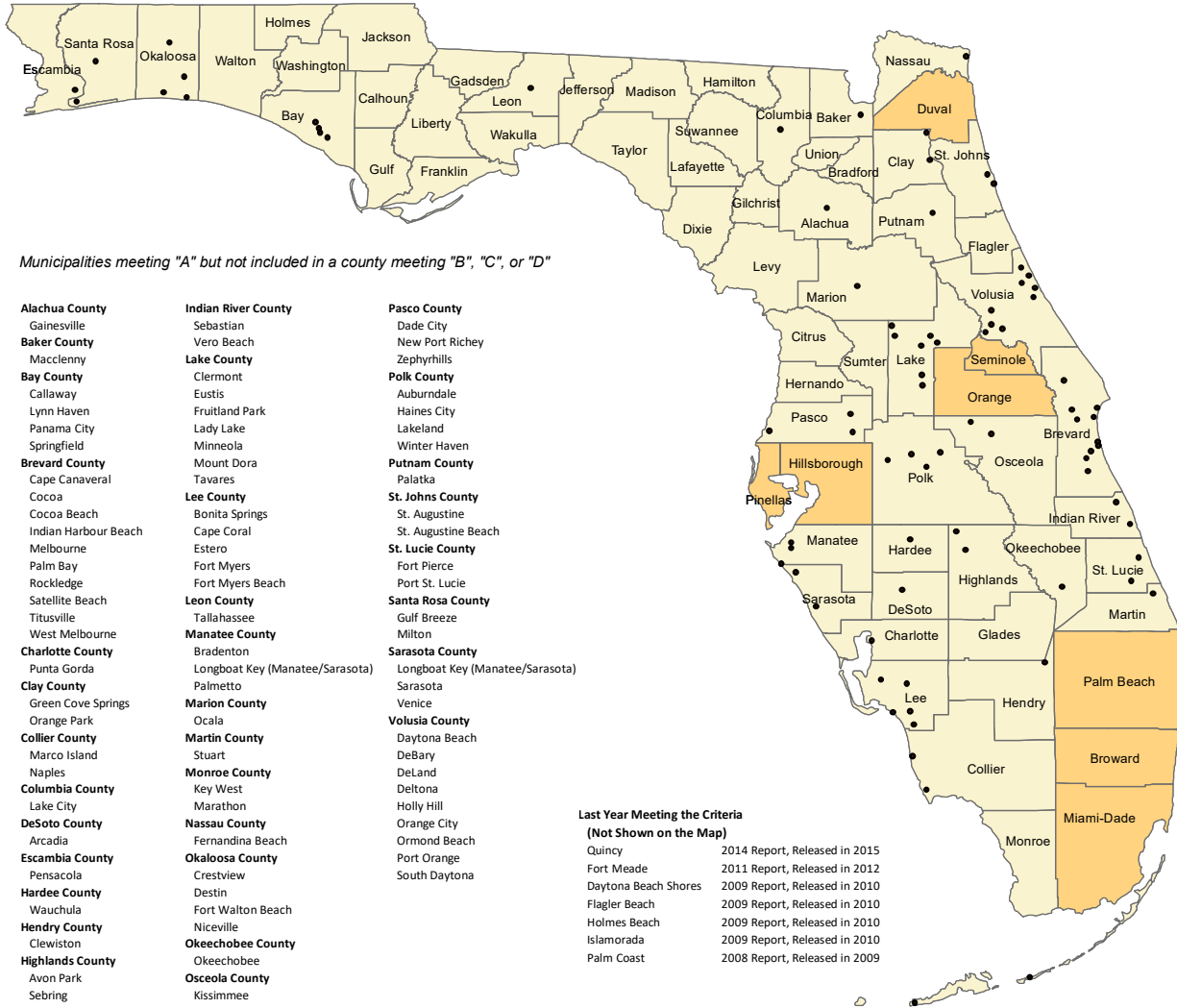
(c) “Farm sign” means a sign erected, used, or maintained on a farm by the owner or lessee of the farm which relates solely to farm produce, merchandise, or services sold, produced, manufactured, or furnished on the farm.

(d) “Nonresidential farm building” means any temporary or permanent building or support structure that is classified as a nonresidential farm building on a farm under s. [553.73](#)(10)(c) or that is used primarily for agricultural purposes, is located on land that is an integral part of a farm operation or is classified as agricultural land under s. [193.461](#), and is not intended to be used as a residential dwelling. The term may include, but is not limited to, a barn, greenhouse, shade house, farm office, storage building, or poultry house.

(e) “Urban agriculture has the same meaning as provided in s.823.14.

History.—s. 13, ch. 98-396; s. 19, ch. 2002-293; s. 51, ch. 2002-295; ss. 6, 9, ch. 2011-7; HJR 7103, 2011 Regular Session; s. 75, ch. 2012-5; s. 12, ch. 2012-83; s. 2, ch. 2013-239.

## Jurisdictions that Meet the Population and Density Criteria Related to Exemptions for Dense Urban Land Areas as per s. 380.0651 (3)(a), F.S.



*Municipalities meeting "A" but not included in a county meeting "B", "C", or "D"*


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- Last Year Meeting the Criteria  
(Not Shown on the Map)**
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| Quincy               | 2014 Report, Released in 2015 |
| Fort Meade           | 2011 Report, Released in 2012 |
| Daytona Beach Shores | 2009 Report, Released in 2010 |
| Flagler Beach        | 2009 Report, Released in 2010 |
| Holmes Beach         | 2009 Report, Released in 2010 |
| Islamorada           | 2009 Report, Released in 2010 |
| Palm Coast           | 2008 Report, Released in 2009 |

Based on 2017 population estimates

- "A" - Municipality that has an average of at least 1,000 people per square mile of land area and a minimum total population of at least 5,000
- "B" - County, including the municipalities located in the county, that has an average of at least 1,000 people per square mile of land area
- "C" - County, including the municipalities located therein, which has a population of at least 900,000, that has an average of at least 1,000 people per square mile of land area
- "D" - County, including the municipalities located therein, which has a population of at least 1 million

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## Legislative Committee – February 13, 2019

### 4. Legislative Policy Positions



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#### **SUMMARY**

Over the past several meetings, the Legislative Committee has set the groundwork for 2019 state legislative policy positions. Based on these discussions, staff has developed the draft 2019 policy positions, attached, for the committee to review and approve to send to the full board at its February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** 2019 Policy Positions and transmittal letter to Pinellas Legislative Delegation

**ACTION:** Legislative Committee to approve the 2019 Policy Positions for full board review

DATE

ADDRESS

Dear <Pinellas Legislative Delegation Member>:

As the countywide land use and transportation planning agency for Pinellas County, Forward Pinellas is acutely aware of the strong relationship that development and mobility decisions have on economic growth, affordability and quality of life. The Forward Pinellas Board adopted the attached policy positions at its meeting on February 13, 2019 with respect to the current state legislative session.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me or Forward Pinellas Executive Director Whit Blanton if further information is needed.

Sincerely,

Dave Eggers  
Chair

Attachment

cc: Pinellas Delegation Members  
Forward Pinellas Board  
Brian Lowack, Pinellas County Intergovernmental Liaison  
Brad Miller, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority CEO  
Carl Mikyska, MPOAC Executive Director  
Beth Alden, Hillsborough MPO Executive Director  
John Villeneuve, Pasco MPO Manager



## **Policy Positions - 2019**

Adopted February 13, 2019

**Support Urban Agriculture.** Local governments are discouraged from allowing urban agriculture because the Florida Right to Farm Act (Section 823.14, Florida Statutes) exempts commercial farms from most local land development regulation. This protects rural farms from encroaching suburban development, a necessary and beneficial purpose. However, the statute is broadly written and so applies to commercial farms in urban areas, which bring value to communities from a health, economic development and affordability standpoint, and where reasonable regulation is required to protect adjacent development. *Forward Pinellas supports proposed bill language amending the Florida Right to Farm Act to define urban agriculture and exempt it from appropriate restrictions on local land development regulation.*

**Protect Trust Funds.** Trust funds such as the State Housing Trust Fund, the State Transportation Trust Fund and Local Government Housing Trust Fund are established with a clear purpose. These trust funds should be protected and not subject to transfers to the Budget Stabilization Fund and the General Revenue Fund. *Forward Pinellas specifically supports Senate Bill 70, protecting funding intended for affordable housing from being transferred to other sources.*

### **Support Transportation Funding.**

- Taxes on fuel are a primary source of transportation funding for local governments. Increasing fuel efficiency, more electric vehicles in the fleet, and rising roadway maintenance and operating costs are placing pressure on local governments to search for additional funding. Local fuel taxes are not indexed to the Consumer Price Index to account for inflation, as state fuel taxes are, and therefore, revenues are declining at a faster rate. *Forward Pinellas supports the Legislature permitting the indexing of local fuel taxes for inflation to better keep pace with transportation needs like it has done for state fuel tax revenues.*
- The Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) receives the vast majority of state transportation funding. As our highway network continues to mature in urban areas like Pinellas County, and reaches a point where expansion is not a feasible or affordable option, *Forward Pinellas supports increased flexibility for SIS funds for premium or express transit operating on the SIS roadway, but not necessarily on its own fixed guideway.* This is consistent with the legislative position of the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council.

**Stop Distracted Driving.** Texting while driving and related distractions pose a threat to the safety of motorists and non-motorized users. Forward Pinellas is committed to a Vision Zero initiative to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways. In 2017, there were 106 serious injury and 8 fatal crashes in Pinellas County due to distracted driving (Forward Pinellas 2018 Countywide Trends and Conditions Report). SB 76 and HB 107 authorize law enforcement officers to stop motor vehicles and issue citations to persons who are using a wireless communications device while driving. Forward Pinellas supports

legislation that prohibits distracted driving by addressing the use of wireless communications devices with clear definitions and clarification on what it means to be stationary and operating.

**Maintain MPO Authority for Apportionment Structure.** State-mandated changes to metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), such as HB 385 this year and HB 575 last year, are a recurring concern to Forward Pinellas and other MPOs statewide. Attempts like HB 385, which is aimed at one county, could easily be revised to apply to other MPOs. Forward Pinellas opposes one-size-fits all changes that would usurp local authority to determine the most appropriate structure of MPOs consistent with federal law and consultation with the Governor.

**Encourage Transportation Mobility.** Forward Pinellas supports micromobility options, such as electric bicycles and scooters as described in HB 453 and SB 542, and encourages first and last mile transportation options to reduce driving. These new micromobility options should be subject to appropriate and reasonable local regulations to ensure safety and compatibility with local conditions.

**Support Home Rule.** Florida is a diverse state characterized by unique communities. Pinellas County is an example of that with its many downtowns, beach communities and neighborhoods. Home rule allows local governments to align the values of a community to its ordinances and other governing elements. Forward Pinellas supports home rule and opposes bills that erode the ability of local governments to reflect the wishes and desires of their communities. A few examples:

- Many of Florida's local governments, including those in Pinellas County, are still struggling with the effects of previous legislation, such as those amending Section 509.032(7)(b) that limit the ability of local governments to address vacation rentals. The preemption of local laws, ordinances or regulations to regulate the duration or frequency of vacation rentals limits the ability of local governments to respond to the negative impacts that may occur with vacation rentals.
- HB 385 restricts the ability of local governments to use the charter county and regional transportation system surtax on system operations, an ongoing expense.
- SB 588 and HB 603 would preempt regulation of single-use plastic straws to the state.
- SB 336 would require that a referendum to adopt or amend a local discretionary sales surtax be held at a general election, replacing the current ability of governing bodies to set a time at its discretion.

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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):**

- Email request
- MPOAC legislative update
- Florida APA legislative update
- Hillsborough MPO letter

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



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**Subject:** Pinellas County Pedestrian Safety

Dear Pinellas County Commissioners:

Did you know that the Tampa / St. Pet / Clearwater Metro area was rated as the #9 deadliest metro area for Pedestrians in the entire Nation (2019 Complete Streets Dangerous By Design Report)?

This is because the State controls too many of the Local Roads. In order for Florida to improve its deadly roads, Local Authorities need control Local Roads.

I am asking the County to Endorse and give their support for two Pedestrian Safety Compliance Bills in the Florida Legislature. The "Jessica, Lillia, Isabel, Axexis Pedestrian Safety Bill would shift control of Local Roads from the State to Local Authorities. This Bill is named after four Pedestrians killed in the Tampa area.

The Sidewalk Obstruction Compliance Bill would mandate the State comply with FHWA Clear Zone Standards.

Can the County contact local Congressional Representatives and ask them to Sponsor or Co-Sponsor these Bills? Can the County Post their support for this Life Saving Legislation on the County Facebook Page? Could you please discuss this with the other County Commissioners?

For Background Information and to read the Legislation Drafts please visit the below Link.

<https://www.pedestriansmatter.org>

(Exposes FDOT Pedestrian Safety Compliance Violations and recommends Pedestrian Safety Legislation.)

Please support and endorse this Life Saving Legislation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Redding  
Pedestrian Safety Advocate  
Lifetime Member Blinded Veterans Association  
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*Commissioner Nick Maddox  
Chair*

## **Legislative Update for the week ending 01/25/2019**

### **Overview**

Greetings and welcome to the first MPOAC legislative update of the 2019 Florida legislative session. While the session officially begins March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the capitol is busy with activities which will lead us into the session. Some of the anticipated issues that we are likely to see coming up during session will include hurricane recovery, education, water quality, school safety, deregulation and certainly a few others will come up. There will be committee meetings in the next few months and of course bills are being filed for the upcoming session.

Below are the dates of events for the 2019 legislative session, and included in this legislative update is a listing of bills filed thus far in the session. Updates will occur on an as needed basis until the official start of the 2019 legislative session, then your MPOAC updates will be issued weekly.

The new Governor is off to a very busy start and has accomplished a lot in his first few weeks, he has stated it is his intention to keep this furious pace going. His efforts have impressed many and hopefully that will help his priorities make their way through the legislature. The Governor recently announced the selection of Kevin Thibault as the new Florida Department of Transportation Secretary. He has an extensive transportation background and previously worked in senior leadership at Florida DOT so he will be able to hit the ground running. We extend a hearty welcome to Secretary Thibault and look forward to working with him to advance Florida's mobility solutions.

After this initial newsletter, all updates to bills shown below will be shown in **RED** so you can quickly distinguish between updates and old news. A few bills have been filed, many more will be filed over the coming months. Your MPOAC Legislative Update will keep you apprised of newly filed bills.

Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy this edition of the MPOAC Legislative Update.

### **Important Dates for the 2019 Legislative Session**

- January 25, 2019 - deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills
- March 1, 2019 - Deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills
- March 5, 2019 - Regular Session convenes, deadline for filing bills for introduction
- April 20, 2019 - All bills are immediately certified, motion to reconsider made and considered the same day
- April 23, 2019 - Last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings
- May 3, 2019 - Last day of Regular Session

**Committee Meeting schedule prior to the official  
Legislative Session beginning on March 5th**

January 2019 - Week of the 7th  
January 2019 - Week of the 22nd  
February 2019 - Week of the 4th  
February 2019 - Week of the 11th  
February 2019 - Week of the 18th

**Legislation of interest to the membership**

This is a summary of transportation related bills filed and published on the legislature's website as of January 25, 2019. More bills will be filed during the 2019 session and as they are made available the newly filed transportation bills will be added to this list. The bills are listed in numerical order for your convenience. As the session and bills progress, this ordering of bills will make it easier to follow the status of any particular bill you are tracking.

**SB 68: Transportation Disadvantaged – (Book)** - 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. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

**HB 71: Traffic Offenses – (McClain; Co-Introducers: Stevenson; Stone)** – Identical to SB 158 by Baxley. Provides criminal penalties for person who commits moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to or death of vulnerable road user; requires person to pay specified fine, serve minimum period of house arrest, & attend driver improvement course; requires court to revoke person's driver license for minimum specified period; defines "vulnerable road user". Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

**SB 72: Alligator Alley Toll Road – (Passidomo; Co-Introducers: Hooper)** – Identical to HB 6011 by Rommel. Requiring specified fees to be used indefinitely, instead of temporarily, to reimburse a local governmental entity for the direct actual costs of operating a specified fire station, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

**HB 75: Expanded Uses of Unmanned Aircraft – (Yarborough; Co-Introducers: Grieco; Killebrew)** – Similar to SB 132 by Rouson. Permits use of drones by law enforcement agencies & other specified entities for specified purposes. Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee.

**SB 78: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Rodriguez)** – Identical to HB 169 by Fernandez. 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. Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations.

**SB 116: Motor Vehicle Racing – (Stewart)** – Increasing the criminal penalty for a third or subsequent violation related to motor vehicle racing within a specified period after the date of a prior violation that resulted in a conviction, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules.

**SB 132: Drones – (Rouson)** – Similar to HB 75 by Yarborough. Defining the terms “dangerous or deadly weapon” and “large-scale event”; authorizing the use of a drone by a law enforcement agency to prepare for or monitor safety and security at a large-scale event; prohibiting a law enforcement agency using a drone in an authorized manner from equipping it with specified attachments or using it to fire projectiles, etc. Referred to Criminal Justice; Infrastructure and Security; Rules.

**SB 158: Traffic Offenses – (Baxley)** – Identical to HB 71 by McClain. Citing this act as the "Vulnerable Road User Act"; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring that the person pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring that the court revoke the person’s driver license for a minimum specified period, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations.

**HB 169: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Fernandez)** – Identical to SB 78 by Rodriguez. 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. Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee.

**SB 306: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Brandes)** – Similar to HB 6003 by Sabatini. Repealing provisions relating to the installation and use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal, provisions that authorize the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a county, or a municipality to use such detectors, and the distribution of penalties collected for specified violations; amending provisions relating to distribution of proceeds, enforcement by traffic infraction enforcement officers using such detectors, procedures for disposition of citations, preemption of additional fees or surcharges, compliance, amount of penalties, registration and renewal of license plates, and points assessed for certain violations, to conform provisions to changes made by the act, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

**HB 311: Autonomous Vehicles – (Fisher) – Co-Introducers: Rodriguez; Mayfield) -**

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. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

**HB 341: Motor Vehicles and Railroad Trains – (LaMarca) -** Requires that, in event of crash involving railroad train, collection of certain information be at discretion of law enforcement officer having jurisdiction to investigate crash; specifies that certain persons are not considered passengers for purpose of making crash reports. Not yet assigned to committees.

**HB 385: Transportation – (Avila) –** Requires certain authority members to comply with financial disclosure requirements; limits levy of & revises authorized uses of certain surtaxes; revives Pilot Rebuilt motor vehicle inspection program; revises provisions relating to DOT design plan approval, transportation project programs, toll collection & use, & M.P.O. membership; repeals pts. I & V of ch. 348, F.S., related to Florida Expressway Authority Act & Osceola County Expressway Authority Law. Not yet assigned to committees.

**HB 453: Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters – (Toledo) -** 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; exempts micromobility device or motorized scooter from certain requirements; provides that person is not required to have valid driver license to operate micromobility device or motorized scooter; authorizes parking on sidewalk; removes requirements for sale of motorized scooters; exempts micromobility devices & motorized scooters from certain emblem requirements. Not yet assigned to committees.

**HB 476: Child Restraint Requirements – (Perry) -** Increasing the age of children for whom operators of motor vehicles must provide protection by using a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device; increasing the age of children for whom a separate carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may be used, etc. Not yet assigned to committees.

**HB 6001: Alligator Alley Toll Road – (Rommel) –** Identical bill to SB 72 by Passidomo. Requires specified fees to be used indefinitely to reimburse local governmental entity for direct actual costs of operating specified fire station. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

**HB 6003: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Sabatini – Co-Introducers: Grieco; Hill; Jacobs; Sirois) –** Similar bill to SB 306 by Brandes. 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. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, 12 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in Appropriations Committee.

# APA Florida Bill Tracking Report February 4 2019

Sorted by Bill Number		
<a href="#">HB 51</a>	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	
	Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee	
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)	
<a href="#">HB 53</a>	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.	
	Current Committee of Reference: Civil Justice Subcommittee	
11/27/2018	HOUSE Filed	
1/3/2019	HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee	
1/3/2019	HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee	
<a href="#">SB 54</a>	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	
	Current Committee of Reference: Judiciary	
11/20/2018	SENATE Filed	
12/13/2018	SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Environment and Natural Resources; Rules	
<a href="#">HB 61</a>	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	
	Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee	
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	
<a href="#">HB 63</a>	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	
	Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee	
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	
<a href="#">SB 66</a>	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	
	Current Committee of Reference: Education	
11/20/2018	SENATE Filed	
12/13/2018	SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations	
<a href="#">SB 68</a>	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

Current Committee of Reference: Infrastructure and Security

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

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

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.

Current Committee of Reference: Ethics and Elections

1/22/2019 SENATE Favorable by Judiciary; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/23/2019 SENATE Now in Ethics and Elections

1/28/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Ethics and Elections, 02/05/19, 2:00 pm, 412 K

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

Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources

11/20/2018 SENATE Filed

12/13/2018 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

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

Current Committee of Reference: Rules

12/20/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 01/08/19, 4:30 pm, 301 S

1/8/2019 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/8/2019 SENATE Now in Rules

HB 85 Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems Robinson

Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems: Directs DOH to identify certain information for onsite sewage treatment & disposal systems, update database of such systems, & submit report to Governor & Legislature; requires periodic inspection of such systems; directs DOH to administer onsite sewage treatment & disposal system inspection program & adopt rules; provides inspection requirements; provides exceptions; requires owners to pay costs of inspections & pump-outs; requires that inspections & pump-outs be performed by certain registered contractors; provides notice requirements; requires system disclosure summary for certain properties & acknowledgement of such disclosures by purchaser before or at execution of contract for sale. Effective Date: October 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

12/11/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/3/2019 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

1/3/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources 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.

Current Committee of Reference: Judiciary

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

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

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

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment and General Government

1/22/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 1/23/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 1/25/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

[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

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

1/23/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 1/24/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 1/28/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

[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 that certified utilities are presumed to comply 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

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

12/17/2018 HOUSE Filed  
 1/3/2019 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee  
 1/3/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

[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

Current Committee of Reference: Infrastructure and Security

11/30/2018 SENATE Filed  
 1/10/2019 SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations



<a href="#">SB 118</a>	Election of Secretary of State/Membership of Cabinet 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. Current Committee of Reference: Ethics and Elections 12/3/2018 SENATE Filed 1/10/2019 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Rules	Bean
<a href="#">HB 127</a>	Permit Fees 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 post their building permit & inspection utilization reports on their websites by specified date; provides requirements for such governing bodies; provides reporting requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2019 Current Committee of Reference: Business & Professions Subcommittee 1/16/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 01/23/19, 10:30 am, 12 H 1/23/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays 1/23/2019 HOUSE Now in Business & Professions Subcommittee	Williamson
<a href="#">SB 134</a>	Florida Black Bears 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 Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources 12/6/2018 SENATE Filed 1/10/2019 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Agriculture; Criminal Justice; Rules	Stewart
<a href="#">HB 141</a>	Water Quality Improvements Water Quality Improvements: Provides appropriation for certain projects related to Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation & Management Plan; authorizes DEP, with other specified entities, to provide grants for such projects; directs DEP to submit an annual report; requires each wastewater facility that unlawfully discharges sewage into waterway or aquifer to notify its customers; provides penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2019 Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee 12/28/2018 HOUSE Filed 1/9/2019 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee 1/9/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	Fine
<a href="#">SB 142</a>	Permit Fees 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 post their building permit and inspection utilization reports on their websites by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019 Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs 12/12/2018 SENATE Filed 1/10/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Rules 1/28/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 02/05/19, 2:00 pm, 301 S	Perry
<a href="#">SB 144</a>	Impact Fees 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 Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs 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) 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) 1/28/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 02/05/19, 2:00 pm, 301 S	Bean
<a href="#">HB 145</a>	Vegetable Gardens Vegetable Gardens: Prohibits local governments from regulating vegetable gardens on residential properties except as otherwise	Fetterhoff

provided by law; specifies that such regulations are void & unenforceable; specifies exceptions. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 Current Committee of Reference: Commerce Committee  
 1/23/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 1 Nay  
 1/24/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 1/28/2019 HOUSE Now in Commerce 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  
 Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources  
 12/13/2018 SENATE Filed  
 1/10/2019 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Appropriations

[HB 151](#) Community Development Districts Cortes  
 Community Development Districts: Requires community development districts to obtain a valuation before acquiring certain property. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee  
 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

[SB 154](#) Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities Thurston, Jr.  
 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  
 Current Committee of Reference: Health Policy  
 12/14/2018 SENATE Filed  
 1/10/2019 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; Rules

[SB 156](#) State Taxes or Fees Thurston, Jr.  
 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  
 Current Committee of Reference: Health Policy  
 12/14/2018 SENATE Filed  
 1/10/2019 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

[HB 157](#) Fertilizers Thompson  
 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  
 Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee  
 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

[HB 167](#) Local Government Public Construction Works Andrade  
 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 estimated total construction project costs for certain projects to include specified costs. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee  
 1/3/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 1/16/2019 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee; Business & Professions Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee  
 1/16/2019 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee

[HB 169](#) Public Financing of Construction Projects Fernández  
 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  
 Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee  
 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

[HB 191](#) 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  
 Current Committee of Reference: Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee  
 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

[SB 202](#) 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  
 Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs  
 12/20/2018 SENATE Filed  
 1/10/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations  
 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 207](#) Impact Fees Donalds  
 Impact Fees: Revises minimum requirements for adoption of impact fees by specified local governments; authorizes prevailing party to recover attorney fees under certain circumstances; exempts water & sewer connection fees from Florida Impact Fee Act. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee  
 1/16/2019 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee; State Affairs Committee  
 1/16/2019 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee  
 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)

[SB 214](#) 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  
 Current Committee of Reference: Health Policy  
 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	
	Current Committee of Reference: PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee	
	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; Providing an appropriation for certain projects related to the Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan; requiring each wastewater facility that unlawfully discharges sewage into a waterway or aquifer to notify its customers within a specified period; providing penalties for wastewater treatment facilities that unlawfully discharge sewage into designated areas, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources	
	1/2/2019	SENATE Filed
	1/22/2019	SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations
<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	
	Current Committee of Reference: Innovation, Industry, and Technology	
	1/3/2019	SENATE Filed
	1/22/2019	SENATE Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Infrastructure and Security; Community Affairs; Rules
<a href="#">HB 233</a>	Sports Development	Beltran
	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	
	Current Committee of Reference: Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee	
	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
<a href="#">HB 239</a>	Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment	Fitzenhagen
	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	
	Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	
	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
<a href="#">HB 249</a>	Repeal of Constitution Revision Commission	Drake
	Repeal of Constitution Revision Commission: Proposes amendments to State Constitution to repeal establishment, membership selection & composition, & duties of Constitution Revision Commission.	
	Current Committee of Reference: Civil Justice Subcommittee	
	1/11/2019	HOUSE Filed
	1/23/2019	HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee
	1/23/2019	HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee
<a href="#">SB 250</a>	Pilot State Workforce Housing Tax Credit	Flores
	Pilot State Workforce Housing Tax Credit; Providing a credit, within a specified timeframe, against the corporate income tax for certain taxpayers owning interests in eligible workforce housing developments; requiring the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to make agency awards of the credit; creating the State Workforce Housing Tax Credit Program; requiring that state workforce housing tax credits be allowed against the insurance premium tax and retaliatory tax after applying certain deductions and credits, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

1/8/2019

SENATE Filed

1/22/2019

SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

[HB 251](#) Constitution Revision Commission Drake

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

Current Committee of Reference: Civil Justice Subcommittee

1/11/2019

HOUSE Filed

1/23/2019

HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee

1/23/2019

HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

[HB 265](#) Public Meetings Newton

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

Current Committee of Reference: Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee

1/14/2019

HOUSE Filed

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 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

Current Committee of Reference: Business & Professions Subcommittee

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

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

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.

Current Committee of Reference: Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee

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. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

1/15/2019

HOUSE Filed

1/23/2019

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

1/23/2019

HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

[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

Current Committee of Reference: Education

1/11/2019

SENATE Filed

1/25/2019

SENATE Referred to Education; Community Affairs; Appropriations

[SB 296](#) Charter School Capital Outlay Funding Montford

Charter School Capital Outlay Funding; Increasing the maximum number of years for which a specified millage may be levied, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Education

1/11/2019

SENATE Filed

1/25/2019

SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

[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

Current Committee of Reference: Commerce and Tourism

1/11/2019

SENATE Filed

1/25/2019

SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

[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

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

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

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

1/17/2019

HOUSE Filed

1/23/2019

HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

1/23/2019

HOUSE Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

[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

Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources

1/14/2019 SENATE Filed

1/25/2019 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Appropriations

[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.  
 Current Committee of Reference: Ways & Means Committee  
 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  
 Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee  
 1/17/2019 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

[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  
 Current Committee of Reference: Education  
 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  
 Current Committee of Reference: Innovation, Industry, and Technology  
 1/15/2019 SENATE Filed  
 1/25/2019 SENATE Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations; Rules

[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  
 Current Committee of Reference: Ethics and Elections  
 1/15/2019 SENATE Filed  
 1/25/2019 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Finance and Tax; Rules

[SB 344](#) Homestead Tax Exemption Diaz  
 Homestead Tax Exemption; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to provide a homestead tax exemption from school district levies to persons 65 years of age or older who have legal or equitable title

to homestead property and who have maintained permanent residence thereon for at least 25 years, and to provide an effective date, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

1/16/2019

SENATE Filed

1/25/2019

SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

[SB 350](#) Impact Fees Hutson

Impact Fees; Prohibiting local governments from charging impact fees for certain developments, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

1/16/2019

SENATE Filed

1/25/2019

SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations

[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.

Current Committee of Reference: Judiciary

1/17/2019

SENATE Filed

1/25/2019

SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

1/28/2019

SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 02/04/19, 4:00 pm, 110 S

[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

Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources

1/17/2019

SENATE Filed

1/25/2019

SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

[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, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources

1/18/2019

SENATE Filed

1/25/2019

SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

[HB 385](#) Transportation Avila

Transportation: Requires certain authority members to comply with financial disclosure requirements; limits levy of & revises authorized uses of certain surtaxes; revives Pilot Rebuilt motor vehicle inspection program; revises provisions relating to DOT design plan approval, transportation project programs, toll collection & use, & M.P.O. membership; repeals pts. I & V of ch. 348, F.S., related to Florida Expressway Authority Act & Osceola County Expressway Authority Law. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

1/30/2019

HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; State Affairs Committee

1/30/2019

HOUSE Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

1/30/2019

Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/01/19, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

[HB 405](#) St. Johns River Upper Basin Watershed Pollutant Control Program Grall

St. Johns River Upper Basin Watershed Pollutant Control Program: Provides that St. Johns River Upper Basin Watershed Pollutant Control Program consists of St. Johns River Upper Basin Watershed Basin Management Action Plan; requires implementation of specified regulations, best management practices, & alternative technologies for pollutant reduction; provides that certain projects are eligible for grants; requires plan to include certain assessments & recommendations; prohibits DEP from authorizing disposal of domestic wastewater biosolids within watershed; directs DOH to require certain entities to develop & submit agricultural use plans; direct DACS & St. Johns River Water Management District to initiate specified rulemaking. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee



1/22/2019 HOUSE Filed  
 1/30/2019 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee  
 1/30/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

[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  
 Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee  
 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

[SB 414](#) 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  
 Current Committee of Reference: Commerce and Tourism  
 1/22/2019 SENATE Filed  
 2/1/2019 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

[SB 428](#) 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  
 Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs  
 1/22/2019 SENATE Filed  
 2/1/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Rules

[HB 437](#) Community Development Districts Buchanan  
 Community Development Districts: Specifies procedure for establishing & adding parcels to new community development districts; provides noticing & filing requirements; specifies that expansion of district's boundaries does not alter voting methods; authorizes use of existing procedures for adding parcels to community development districts. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee  
 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

[HB 443](#) Assessment of Property Rodriguez (Ant)  
 Assessment of Property: Authorizes local governments to enter into agreements with certain property owners to record specified restrictive covenants over their properties related to affordable housing; authorizes such covenants to contain resale restrictions & to be changed & updated; requires property owners to consider such restrictive covenants in arriving at just value of such properties; specifies that such restrictive covenants & changes & updates to & resale restrictions in covenants are deemed land use regulation; revises requirements that allow property appraisers to exempt certain property from tangible personal property tax. Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee  
 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

[SB 446](#) 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

Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources

1/23/2019

SENATE Filed

2/1/2019

SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

[HB 447](#) Open and Expired Building Permits Diamond

Open and Expired Building Permits: Provides requirements related to open & expired permits, including permit requirements, closing of permits, amendment of Florida Building Code, powers of local governmental entities, applicability, & notice requirements. Effective Date: October 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Business & Professions Subcommittee

1/22/2019

HOUSE Filed

1/30/2019

HOUSE Referred to Business & Professions Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

1/30/2019

HOUSE Now in Business & Professions Subcommittee

[HB 453](#) 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; exempts micromobility device or motorized scooter from certain requirements; provides that person is not required to have valid driver license to operate micromobility device or motorized scooter; authorizes parking on sidewalk; removes requirements for sale of motorized scooters; exempts micromobility devices & motorized scooters from certain emblem requirements. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

1/22/2019

HOUSE Filed

1/30/2019

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

1/30/2019

HOUSE Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

[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

Current Committee of Reference: Health Quality Subcommittee

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

Current Committee of Reference: Health Quality Subcommittee

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

Current Committee of Reference: Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee

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

Current Committee of Reference: Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee

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

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/24/2019

SENATE Filed

[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

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/24/2019

SENATE Filed

[SB 518](#) 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

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/24/2019

SENATE Filed

[SB 520](#) 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

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/24/2019

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[HB 521](#) Wetland Mitigation McClure

Wetland Mitigation: Providing applicability. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

1/22/2019

HOUSE Filed

1/30/2019

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

1/30/2019

HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

[SB 532](#) Wetland Mitigation Lee

Wetland Mitigation; Revising the conditions under which a governmental entity may create or provide mitigation for a project other than its own under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/25/2019

SENATE Filed

<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 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 1/25/2019 SENATE Filed	
<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 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 1/25/2019 SENATE Filed	
<a href="#">HB 551</a>	Public Nuisances	McClain
	Public Nuisances: 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 Current Committee of Reference: Civil Justice Subcommittee 1/24/2019 HOUSE Filed 1/30/2019 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee 1/30/2019 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee	
<a href="#">HB 555</a>	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 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 1/24/2019 HOUSE Filed	
<a href="#">SB 562</a>	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 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 1/28/2019 SENATE Filed	
<a href="#">SB 568</a>	Assessment of Property	Diaz
	Assessment of Property; Authorizing local governments to enter into agreements with certain property owners to authorize the local governments to record specified restrictive covenants related to affordable housing; authorizing such covenants to contain resale restrictions and to be amended or supplemented under certain circumstances; requiring property appraisers to consider such restrictive covenants in arriving at the just value of such properties, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 1/29/2019 SENATE Filed	
<a href="#">SB 584</a>	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 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 1/29/2019 SENATE Filed	

<a href="#">SB 586</a>	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 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 1/29/2019 SENATE Filed	
<a href="#">SB 588</a>	Single-use Plastic Straws	Hutson
	Single-use Plastic Straws; Providing that a food service establishment may distribute a single-use plastic straw to a customer only if requested to do so by the customer; providing exceptions; providing that a food service establishment may make single-use plastic straws available through self-serve straw dispensers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 1/29/2019 SENATE Filed	
<a href="#">SB 596</a>	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 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 1/29/2019 SENATE Filed	
<a href="#">SB 608</a>	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 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 1/30/2019 SENATE Filed	
<a href="#">SB 616</a>	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 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 1/30/2019 SENATE Filed	
<a href="#">SB 620</a>	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 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 1/30/2019 SENATE Filed	
<a href="#">SB 628</a>	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 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 1/31/2019 SENATE Filed	
<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

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee  
2/1/2019 SENATE Filed

[SB 662](#) 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  
Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee  
2/1/2019 SENATE Filed

[SB 664](#) 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  
Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee  
2/1/2019 SENATE Filed

[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  
Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee  
1/23/2019 HOUSE Filed  
1/30/2019 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee; State Affairs Committee  
1/30/2019 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs 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, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019  
Current Committee of Reference: Governmental Oversight and Accountability  
1/28/2019 SENATE Filed  
1/28/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 02/05/19, 10:00 am, 301 S



## Hillsborough MPO Metropolitan Planning for Transportation

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The Honorable Sen. Darryl Rouson, Chairman  
Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation  
535 Central Ave, Suite 302  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Dear Senator Rouson:

The Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) voted on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, to support the following positions for the 2019 legislative session:

- We strongly support FDOT District 7's request for full funding of the I-275/SR 60 interchange reconstruction, an essential crossroads of the Tampa Bay region;
- We strongly oppose legislation that restricts citizen participation in key decisions, by eliminating seats on our MPO board, or by restricting the use of voter-approved Charter County Transportation Surtax proceeds to a narrow set of eligible expenditures;
- We urge the Legislature to take all possible steps to reduce Florida's high traffic death rate, such as statute changes that allow officers to enforce existing laws about cell phone use while driving, that increase penalties for injuring pedestrians or for repeat drag-racing, or that allow local governments to appropriately regulate motorized scooters;
- We support raising the standards for determining school hazardous walking conditions, and urge the State to continue to share the cost burden of the required school bus service.

Please contact me or MPO Executive Director Beth Alden if further information is needed. Best wishes for a successful session.

Sincerely,

Hillsborough County Commissioner Lesley "Les" Miller, Jr.  
Chairman, Hillsborough MPO

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