



**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

March 13, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

315 Court Street, 5th Floor

Board of County Commissioners Conference Room

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 13, 2019**
- 3. ADVANTAGE PINELLAS TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES**
- 4. UPDATE ON ACTIVITY RELATED TO POLICY POSITIONS**
- 5. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**
- 6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

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FORWARD PINELLAS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY FEBRUARY 13, 2019

Committee Members in Attendance:

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

Also Present:

Whit Blanton, Executive Director
Sarah Caper, Principal Planner
Tina Jablon, Administrative Secretary
Linda Fisher, Principal Planner
Chelsea Hardy, County Attorney's Office
Brian Lowack, Intergovernmental Liaison, Pinellas County
Derek Kilborn, City of St. Petersburg, Planning
Robyn Keefe, City of St. Petersburg, Planning
Michael Dema, St. Petersburg City Attorney's Office
Christina Boussias, St. Petersburg City Attorney's Office
John Rodriguez, City of St. Petersburg, Government Affairs

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Eggers called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. and those present introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 9, 2019

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

3. UPDATE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA RIGHT TO FARM ACT

Whit Blanton introduced this item, mentioning it was presented at the Florida APA Public Policy Workshop last week. It was generally conceptually supported by those in attendance, however there was concern that time is running short to have a bill sponsored and this may need to be postponed to next year. Alternatively, the item could be amended onto an existing bill of similar nature that is making progress this year.

Robyn Keefe and Linda Fisher updated the group on the progress regarding the amendment since the last meeting. It was stated that the major change to the Florida Right to Farm Act being requested is to the definition of Urban Agriculture. The rationale for pursuing the amendments was detailed. The City of St. Petersburg has conducted extensive outreach to include:

- Florida APA
- 1000 Friends of Florida

- Florida League of Cities
- Florida Farm Bureau
- Local Committees of the Sierra Club
- Florida Food Policy Council

After query by Whit Blanton, the committee discussed the possibility and options for linking the amendments to the Florida Right to Farm Act to the Vegetable Gardens legislation (SB 82 and HB 145) which is already making its way through the legislative process. In response to a question from Mayor Kennedy, John Rodriguez, City of St. Petersburg Government Affairs, addressed the committee on the latest efforts being undertaken by the city to have the amendments added to an existing bill of related subject matter. Councilmember Gabbard offered to reach out to Representative Fetterhoff, the sponsor for HB 145.

4. LEGISLATIVE POLICY POSITIONS

Whit Blanton provided an overview of the draft letter and each of the proposed policy positions for consideration by the committee to recommend for adoption by the full Forward Pinellas Board. Proposed policy positions included:

- Support Urban Agriculture
- Protect Trust Funds
- Support Transportation Funding
- Stop Distracted Driving
- Maintain MPO Authority for Apportionment Structure
- Encourage Transportation Mobility
- Support Home Rule

After introduction by Councilmember Gabbard, John Rodriguez, City of St. Petersburg, Government Affairs, updated the group on a couple bills of particular interest to the city. Specifically discussed were HB 453 and SB 542 (Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters) as they relate to the use and regulation of electric scooters. It was suggested that Forward Pinellas support the bill if it allows for local government regulation, supporting and clarifying what was addressed in the proposed policy positions.

In response to question from Whit Blanton, Mayor Kennedy expressed satisfaction with the language on vacation rentals. At this time, no bills have been filed specifically addressing this topic.

Ultimately, the committee approved recommending the letter and proposed policy positions to the full board with the minor suggested edit to the position statements and correction of a scrivener's error.

5. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Whit Blanton updated the committee on state bills of interest and the members received the latest updates from the MPOAC and Florida APA. The members also received a letter from the Hillsborough MPO regarding its policy positions for the 2019 legislative session.

6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There being no additional items for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

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Legislative Committee – March 13, 2019
3. Advantage Pinellas Transportation Priorities



SUMMARY

Despite individual briefings with Pinellas Legislative Delegation members and distribution of our adopted transportation priorities, there appears to be a lack of understanding out the transportation project priorities for Pinellas County (and those of other MPOs in the region). There are other voices in the region that either do not understand the MPO process or deliberately misinform legislative officials about the leadership and value the MPOs bring to their respective communities and the regional mobility needs of Tampa Bay. With that in mind, the attached document has been drafted to succinctly highlight the transportation priorities of Pinellas County. If approved by the committee, Forward Pinellas will distribute this list to the Pinellas Legislative Delegation members and schedule follow-up meetings with them in coming weeks or months. This may also entail submittal of an Op-Ed piece to the Tampa Bay Times highlighting the leadership and coordination that occurs within the region as a result of the MPO planning process and actions.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- [Article on 2019 Legislative Session](#)
- Advantage Pinellas Transportation Priorities

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

The Advantage Pinellas Transportation Plan for Pinellas County
March 2019

Pinellas Planning Emphasis Areas: Enhance Beach Community Access, Gateway Master Plan, US 19 Corridor Vision

- **The three core Tampa Bay area MPOs, counties & major cities all agree on the No. 1 regional transportation priority: Reconstruct the I-275/SR 60 interchange in the Westshore district**
- **Make transportation investment the linchpin for inclusive economic and housing opportunity**
 - Direct growth to our core transit corridors
 - Reinforce our walkable downtowns and districts as mobility hubs for the county
 - Facilitate private market construction of attainable housing in transit corridors & mobility hubs
 - Foster mixed use, mixed income neighborhoods in transit corridors and mobility hubs
 - Revamp transit service to directly connect people to jobs and job training opportunities
 - Tailor first mile/last mile options and Complete Streets connectivity to transit corridors
- **Implement the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit project as a model for arterial BRT in the region**
- **Continue to develop and deploy smart, dynamic mobility strategies using technology**
- **Improve regional multimodal connectivity linking St. Petersburg, Gateway and Clearwater**
 - Extend I-275 managed toll lanes from Gandy to I-375 (through Tampa Bay Next) with “lane continuity” safety and mobility improvements
 - Operate fast, frequent and reliable transit between downtown St. Pete, Gateway, Tampa International Airport and other key centers in the region
 - Regional Rapid Transit running in managed toll lanes or a dedicated transit lane
 - Build an intermodal center in Gateway for regional connectivity and economic growth
 - Initiate regional express bus service on I-275, Gandy the Courtney Campbell Causeway/SR 60 and US 19 (PSTA Bus-on-Shoulder Pilot project underway for I-275)
 - Preserve and upgrade the CSX corridor for future transit use
 - Expand efficient transportation options between TPA, Clearwater and Clearwater Beach
- **Complete the 75-mile Pinellas Trail Loop and provide Regional Trail and Community Trail connections**
- **(Re)Invest in the US 19 Corridor**
 - Foster quality urban redevelopment to diversify land uses and create mobility hubs
 - Complete US 19 as a controlled access expressway in North Pinellas County through Tampa Rd
 - Retrofit existing and design future frontage roads to enhance safety and accessibility
 - Develop express transit in the US 19 corridor between New Port Richey, Gateway and St. Pete
- **Place Priority on Multimodal Safety and Accessibility**
 - Reduce severe crashes and fatalities of vulnerable road users by investing in
 - Complete Streets projects and protected bike lanes where feasible
 - Street lighting program and technology applications
 - Enable 20-Minute Neighborhoods through smart, micro-mobility strategies
 - Shared, electric and autonomous vehicles in districts and centers
 - Expand the walk/bike travel shed through safety, comfort and connectivity treatments
 - Sustain and expand waterborne transportation to improve mobility, connectivity and access

Legislative Committee – March 13, 2019

4. Legislative Policy Positions



SUMMARY

Following the February Legislative Committee & Board meetings, the 2019 policy positions were transmitted to the Pinellas Legislative Delegation. Staff will provide an update on state legislative activities related to those policy positions.

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

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

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February 18, 2019

Senator Darryl Rouson
535 Central Avenue
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St. Petersburg, FL 33701

RE: Forward Pinellas Policy Positions

Dear Senator Rouson:

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

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Representative Chris Sprowls
2364 Boy Scout Road
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Clearwater, FL 33763-0901

RE: Forward Pinellas Policy Positions

Dear Representative Sprowls:

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Senator Jeff Brandes
9800 4th Street North
Suite 200
St. Petersburg, FL 33702

RE: Forward Pinellas Policy Positions

Dear Senator Brandes:

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Senator Ed Hooper
3450 East Lake Road
Suite 305
Palm Harbor, FL 34685

RE: Forward Pinellas Policy Positions

Dear Senator Hooper:

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Representative Wengay Newton
541 49th Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33707-2660

RE: Forward Pinellas Policy Positions

Dear Representative Newton:

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Representative Nick Diceglie
1940 West Bay Drive
Suite 4
Largo, FL 33770-3024

RE: Forward Pinellas Policy Positions

Dear Representative Diceglie:

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Representative Chris Latvala
Suite 206
2963 Gulf to Bay Boulevard
Suite 2016
Clearwater, FL 33759-4200

RE: Forward Pinellas Policy Positions

Dear Representative Latvala:

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Representative Jennifer Webb
6798 Crosswinds Drive
Suite C-105
St. Petersburg, FL 33710-5477

RE: Forward Pinellas Policy Positions

Dear Representative Webb:

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Representative Ben Diamond
425 22nd Avenue North
Suite C
St. Petersburg, FL 33704-4322

RE: Forward Pinellas Policy Positions

Dear Representative Diamond:

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Representative James Grant
12972 North Dale Mabry Highway
Tampa, FL 33618-2806

RE: Forward Pinellas Policy Positions

Dear Representative Grant:

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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 appropriately exempt it from 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 address liability and ensure safety and compatibility with local conditions and procedures.*

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.

SUMMARY

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

ATTACHMENT(S):

- MPOAC Legislative Update
- APA Florida Bill Tracking Report
- APA Florida Legislative Reporter
- APA Florida Legislative Update

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



*Commissioner Nick Maddox
Chair*

Legislative Update for the week ending 03/08/2019

Overview

The legislature started the official session this week and so our 60-day clock begins. The legislature is constitutionally mandated to meet for 60 days and must complete their work within this timeframe. That does not always occur and sometimes the session is extended to complete the legislature’s work. The members aim to complete everything within the 60-day timeframe. The legislature is required to pass a budget and technically that is their only obligation. Each session brings about issues of importance that have a sense of urgency and some deadlines are placed upon the legislature by themselves, the governor or sometimes the courts. This year we have one of those situations. Due to a lawsuit filed related to allowing medical marijuana to be smoked, the governor has asked the legislature to pass a smokeable marijuana bill by March 15th. The lawsuit is on hold, so to speak, at the request of the Governor who asked that the litigants give the legislature a chance to make this correction. That is one week from today – Next Friday! This seems to be the most pressing issue at the moment, but there are other concerns of the legislature which were covered in previous editions of the MPOAC Legislative Newsletter. It is early in the session, let’s see where the next 60 or so days take us.

A bill of public interest, House Bill 75, is related to police use of drones and was debated in committee. Serious concerns were raised about the potential to overuse drones to “spy” on citizen by authorities and the privacy of citizens. Detractors of the bill are concerned that the language would give authorities too much latitude to use drones too liberally. This bill has potential to become contentious, watch this one and it’s Senate companion SB 132. Speaking of bills to watch, there are expanded descriptions of a couple of bills in this edition of your newsletter. See those additional details on Bills 385, 660, 681, 898, 905 and 1044.

This week’s newsletter includes a new feature, a listing of committee meetings next week that review transportation bills or are likely to review transportation bills. These committees will be listed each week and while the bills on the agenda for next week by these committees may have a general relation to transportation, the concern is that an amendment could be filed onto a bill being heard at the committee which dramatically affects MPOs and transportation.

One other feature this week, a couple of bills that are important to MPOAC membership have expanded descriptions in the last section of your newsletter. These bills need your attention and mine, in particular will be a need to watch both amendments to these bills and amendments to other bills that pick up the details of the bills with the expanded descriptions.

Monday was the last day for new bills to be filed, it may take a few days before they appear in the Florida Senate citator or the bill tracking system, but we should see few new bills shown in your newsletter going forward. The exceptions will be amendments to existing bills which affect MPOs and transportation, in which

case those bills will be added to the newsletter and then the tracking of amendments to bills already tracked by your newsletter. New bills, and changes to existing bills, are shown in **RED** in the last section of the newsletter. Your MPOAC Legislative Update will keep you apprised of newly filed bills and amendments.

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 Meetings Next Week of Interest to the Membership

Monday, March 11, 2019

- House Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee – House Office Building Rm 102 – 11:00AM
- Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee – Senate Office Building Rm 110 – 1:30PM

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

- Senate Community Affairs Committee – Senate Office Building Rm 301 – 4:00PM
- Senate Infrastructure and Security Committee – Senate Office Building Rm 110 – 4:00PM

Thursday, March 14, 2019

- No Senate Committee Meetings

Friday, March 15, 2019

- Both the House and Senate are not meeting

Legislation of interest to the membership

This is a summary of transportation related bills filed and published on the legislature's website as of March 08, 2019. The last day to file bills for introduction was on March 5th so this hopefully will be the last newsletter with new bills. However, amendments to existing bills may be filed which dramatically change the impact of a particular bill. Because of this, we may see new bills highlighted in your future weekly MPOAC legislative newsletters. 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. All updates to this section of the newsletter and bills shown below will be in **RED** so you can quickly distinguish between updates and old news.

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. On Committee Agenda – Infrastructure and Security, 02/19/2019, 4:30PM, Room 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development. **Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in 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. On Committee agenda-- Criminal Justice Subcommittee, 02/06/19, 9:00 am, Sumner Hall. Favorable by Criminal Justice Subcommittee, 14 Yeas, 1 Nay. On Committee agenda-- State Affairs Committee, 02/19/19, 3:00 pm, Morris Hall. Committee Substitute by State Affairs Committee, passed 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. **Passed Judiciary Committee; 17 Yeas, 1 Nay. Pending review of Committee Substitute. This bill has passed all House committees.**

SB 76: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Simpson; Co-Introducers: Passidomo; Hooper; Mayfield; Book; Rouson; Berman) – Similar to HB 107 (Toledo, Slosberg) and H 45 (Slosberg). Creating the "Florida Ban on Wireless Communications Devices While Driving Law"; prohibiting a person from operating a motor vehicle while listening or talking on a wireless communications device for the purpose of voice interpersonal communication; deleting a provision requiring that enforcement of this section be accomplished only as a secondary action, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/19/19, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Committee Substitute by Infrastructure and Security; passed with 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Innovation, Industry, and Technology Committee. **Passed Innovation, Industry, and Technology Committee; 9 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Judiciary.**

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. **On the Committee Agenda - Environment and Natural Resources, 03/12/2019, 4:00PM Room 37 Senate Office Building.**

HB 107: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Toledo; Slosberg; Co-Introducers: Beltran; Casello; Cortes; Duran; Eskamani; Gottlieb; Grieco; Hattersley; Killebrew; Massullo; McClure; Overdorf; Polo; Smith, C.; Stark; Stevenson; Thompson; Webb) – Similar to SB 76 (Simpson). Revises short title & legislative intent; prohibits person from operating motor vehicle while using wireless communications device for purpose of nonvoice or voice interpersonal communication; redefines term "wireless communications device" to include voice communications; requires deposit of fines into Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund; removes provision requiring that enforcement be accomplished only as secondary action. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee.

SB 116: Motor Vehicle Racing – (Stewart) – Identical to HB 611 (Mercado). 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. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/19/19, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Criminal Justice. **Favorable by Criminal Justice; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Judiciary.**

SB 132: Drones – (Rouson) – Similar to HB 75 (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. On Committee agenda – Criminal Justice, 02/11/19, 2:30PM Room 37 Senate Bldg. Committee Substitute by Criminal Justice; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Now in Infrastructure and Security.

SB 144: Impact Fees – (Gruters) – Similar to HB 207 (Donalds). 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. Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 02/05/19, 2:00 pm, 301 Senate Building --Temporarily Postponed. **Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Finance and Tax.**

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.

HB 207: Impact Fees – (Donalds) – Similar to SB 144 (Gruter). 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. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 02/20/19, 4:00 pm, 12 HOB. Committee Substitute by Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, Zero Nays. **Favorable by Commerce Committee; 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in 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. Withdrawn.

HB 309: Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings – (Duggan) – Similar to SB 608 by Bean. 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. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

HB 311: Autonomous Vehicles – (Fisher) – Co-Introducers: Rodriguez; Mayfield) – Similar to SB 932 by Brandes. 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. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee.

HB 341: Motor Vehicles and Railroad Trains – (LaMarca) – Identical to SB 1002 by Hutson. 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. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. CS by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays.

SB 350: Impact Fees – (Hutson) – Prohibiting local governments from charging impact fees for certain developments, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations. Committee Substitute Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Infrastructure and Security.

HB 385: Transportation – (Avila) – This bill had a strike-all amendment filed and passed at the last committee stop. The primary provisions of this bill are: Eliminates the MDX and assigns all assets and liabilities to the Florida Department of Transportation, restricts the expenditures of the half-penny sales tax to only being expended on capital improvements, restructures the Miami-Dade TPO Board, and prohibits the collection of an optional membership fee by the Miami-Dade TPO for use on non-federally eligible expenditures. As an editorial note, this bill is advancing rapidly and seems likely to pass. 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. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/13/19, 1:30 pm, Reed Hall. Committee Substitute by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays. Now in Ways and Means Committee. CS/CS by Ways and Means Committee; 17 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee.

HB 453: Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters – (Toledo) – Similar to SB 542 (Brandes). 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. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee.

HB 476: Child Restraint Requirements – (Perry) – Identical to HB 567 (Slosberg).

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. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Rules.

SB 542: Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters – (Brandes) – Similar to HB 453 (Toledo). 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. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

SB 544: Airports – (Brandes) – 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. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

SB 567: Child Restraint Requirements – (Slosberg) – Identical to SB 467 (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. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

HB 605: Tax Increment Revenues – (Casello) – Authorizes counties and municipalities to use increment revenues under specified conditions. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; State Affairs Committee.

SB 608: Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings – (Bean) – Similar to HB 309 by Duggan. 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. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

HB 611: Motor Vehicle Racing – (Mercado) – Identical to SB 116 (Stewart). Motor Vehicle Racing; Increases criminal penalty for third or subsequent violation related to motor vehicle racing within specified period after date of prior violation that resulted in conviction. Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee.

SB 612: Driving Under the Influence – (Baxley) – Similar to HB 929 by Antone; Plakon. Requiring that the monthly leasing fee for an ignition interlock device be discounted by specified percentages under certain circumstances when a person claims inability to pay; authorizing a court, upon agreement by a state attorney, to withhold adjudication of guilt for certain criminal violations relating to driving under the influence, under certain circumstances, etc. Not yet assigned to committees. Referred to Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice

SB 622: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Brandes; Co-Introducer: Diaz) – Similar to HB 6003 (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; repealing provisions relating to the authorization to use traffic infraction detectors, etc. Not yet assigned to committees. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

SB 660: Transportation – (Brandes) – Notes on this bill: This is a lengthy bill that covers many aspects of transportation. Some are not of interest to MPOs. Of interest to the MPO community: For express lanes on a tolled facility, if the travel speed falls below 40 MPH then the user must be charged the minimum express lane toll amount. Any toll facility that is to be transferred, sold or acquired by a local entity must be approved by the legislature. Requires the Department of Transportation to submit a report to the Governor, Senate President and Speaker of the House evaluating the current work program and its benefits to Florida. This report is currently evaluated by the Florida Transportation Commission only. The Florida Transportation Commission shall review revenue sources and the impacts which are expected to be felt by electric and hybrid vehicles. The report must include recommendations ensuring continued funding to meet transportation needs in Florida. This report shall be provided to the Governor and Legislature. 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. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

HB 681: Florida Transportation Commission – (Zika; Co-Introducer: Roach) – Editorial note: This bill eliminates the Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) and anywhere there is a reference to the FTC, the responsibilities are shifted the Florida Department of Transportation. The content of this bill looks as if someone did a search for “Florida Transportation Commission” and took those sections of Florida Statutes and included them in this bill. Removes requirement that Secretary of Transportation be nominated by FTC & that secretary provide assistance to FTC; removes provisions relating to creation, membership, duties, meetings, executive director & staff, & budget of FTC; removes requirement that FTC review certain transportation policy initiatives; repeals provisions relating to transportation performance & productivity standards; revises membership & member approval of Center for Urban Transportation Research advisory board; revises provisions relating to review & evaluation of DOT's tentative work program; requires DOT to determine certain average administrative costs

for expressway authorities; removes FTC rulemaking authority. Not yet assigned to committees. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

HB 693: Communications Services – (Fischer) – Reduces communications services tax rate on sales of communications services; revises authority for municipalities, and counties to impose permit fees on providers of communications services that use or occupy municipal or county roads or rights-of-way; deletes procedures, requirements, & limitations with respect to such fees. Not yet assigned to committees. Referred to Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Commerce

HB 725: Commercial Motor Vehicles – (Payne) – Repeals assistive truck platooning technology pilot project; revises provisions relating to platoon vehicle operation, commercial motor vehicle safety regulations & penalties, apportionable vehicle requirements, certain license plate fees, vehicles registered under International Registration Plan, & theft of certain commercial cargo; authorizes DHSMV to partner with tax collector to conduct Fleet Vehicle Temporary Tag pilot program. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.
Committee Substitute Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee.

SB 728: Growth Management – (Lee) – Authorizing sufficiently contiguous lands located within the county or municipality which a petitioner anticipates adding to the boundaries of a new community development district to also be identified in a petition to establish the new district under certain circumstances; providing requirements for the petition; providing notification requirements for the petition, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules. **On Committee Agenda – Community Affairs, 03/12/2019, 4:00PM, 301 Senate Office Building.**

SB 898: Transportation – (Diaz) – **Editorial Notes: This is the companion bill to HB 385 and among other things it revises the structure of the Miami-Dade TPO. This is the primary concern of MPOs. Given the rapid advancement of HB 385 and the positive remarks it has received by members of the House, this bill has the potential to advance quickly. Membership should watch this bill. Please see HB 385.** Revising the authorized uses of proceeds from charter county and regional transportation system surtaxes; revising the preservation goals of the Department of Transportation to include ensuring that all work on the State Highway System meets department standards; requiring the department to approve design plans for all transportation projects relating to department-owned rights-of-way under certain circumstances; prohibiting the department from using toll revenues from high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes to offset certain funding, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. **On Committee Agenda – Infrastructure and Security, 03/12/2019, 4:00PM, 110 Senate Office Building.**

HB 905: Department of Transportation – (Andrade) – Identical to SB 1044 by Albritton. **Editorial Notes: This bill eliminates the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation be selected from among three nominees chosen by the Florida Transportation Commission. The Secretary would be chosen directly by the Governor. Requires that 80% of the pavement in each DOT district meet DOT standards which is expected to reduce funding available for capacity expansion. Prohibits local governments from having aggregate materials specifications that are different than the DOTs. The big issue here is probably that state statutes are changed to require that 75% of the capacity expansion funds be spent on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). Currently state statute requires that at least 50% of any new discretionary capacity funds be spent**

on the SIS and by policy the DOT spends 75%. Policies can be changed more easily than state statutes, this would take away any flexibility of the department and make it more difficult for local units of government to access state transportation funds for capacity improvements. The bill requires the department to give priority to correcting or improving sections of the interstate system that experience unusually high accident rates. If a section of interstate has non-recurring congestion that accounts for more than 75% of the total congestion, then the DOT must begin PD&E studies within three years. Revises provisions related to DOT, including requirements for appointment of Secretary of Transportation, computation of mileage, pavement standards, construction contracts, use of toll revenue, allocation of transportation capacity funds, facility improvements, & project development & environmental studies. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 03/12/19, 12:30 pm, Reed Hall.

HB 929: Driving Under the Influence – (Antone; Plakon) – Similar to SB 612 by Baxley. Requires ignition interlock provider to discount monthly leasing fee for ignition interlock device by certain percentage for certain persons; exempts such person from paying costs of installation of device; authorizes court to withhold adjudication of guilt for certain DUI offenses; requires court to order adjudication of guilt if certain requirements are not met; authorizes person to petition court for withhold of adjudication 5 years after his or her conviction. Filed, not yet assigned to committees.

SB 932: Autonomous Vehicles – (Brandes) – Similar to HB 311 by Fischer. Exempting a fully autonomous vehicle being operated with the automated driving system engaged from a prohibition on the active display of television or video; exempting a motor vehicle operator who is operating an autonomous vehicle from a prohibition on the use of wireless communications devices; providing that a licensed human operator is not required to operate a fully autonomous vehicle; authorizing a fully autonomous vehicle to operate in this state regardless of whether a human operator is physically present in the vehicle, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

SB 952: Electronic Navigation Systems – (Taddeo) – Prohibiting electronic navigation systems, for certain purposes, from directing the operator of a vehicle to drive through adjacent residential areas when a school zone speed limit is in effect if the primary purpose of such direction is to avoid the school zone, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Rules.

SB 1002: Motor Vehicles and Railroad Trains– (Hutson) – Identical to HB 341 by LaMarca. Revising the definition of the term “railroad train”; requiring that, in the event of a crash involving a railroad train, the collection of certain information be at the discretion of the law enforcement officer having jurisdiction to investigate the crash; specifying that certain persons are not considered passengers for the purpose of making crash reports, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Criminal Justice; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/12/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building.

SB 1044: Department of Transportation – (Albritton) – Identical to HB 905 by Andrade.

Editorial Notes: This bill eliminates the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation be selected from among three nominees chosen by the Florida Transportation Commission. The Secretary would be chosen directly by the Governor. Requires that 80% of the pavement in each DOT district meet DOT standards which is expected to reduce funding available for capacity expansion. Prohibits local governments from having aggregate materials specifications that are different than the DOTs. The big issue here is probably that state statutes are changed to require that 75% of the capacity expansion funds be spent on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). Currently state statute requires that at least 50% of any new discretionary capacity funds be spent on the SIS and by policy the DOT spends 75%. Policies can be changed more easily than state statutes, this would take away any flexibility of the department and make it more difficult for local units of government to access state transportation funds for capacity improvements. The bill requires the department to give priority to correcting or improving sections of the interstate system that experience unusually high accident rates. If a section of interstate has non-recurring congestion that accounts for more than 75% of the total congestion, then the DOT must begin PD&E studies within three years. Providing that the Department of Transportation consists of a central office that establishes policies and procedures and districts that carry out certain projects; requiring certain preservation goals to include ensuring that a specified percentage of the pavement in each of the department's districts meet department standards by a specified year; prohibiting local governments from adopting standards or specifications that are contrary to the department standards or specifications for permissible use of aggregates and materials that have been certified for use, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

HB 1069: Expressway Tolls – (Rodriguez) – Identical bill to SB 1406 by Flores. Prohibiting a person operating a motor vehicle on an expressway from being charged a toll if the average speed of traffic on the expressway falls below 40 miles per hour; defining the term “expressway”, etc. Not yet assigned to committees.

HB 1235: Legal Notices – (Fine; Co-Introducer: Sabatini) – Similar bill to SB 1676 by Baxley. Removes provisions relating to publication of legal notices in newspapers; requires counties to publish legal notices on their websites; requires counties to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving notices; specifies form for affidavits of publication. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; State Affairs Committee.

SB 1406: Expressway Tolls – (Flores) – Identical bill to HB 1069 by Rodriguez. Prohibiting a person operating a motor vehicle on an expressway from being charged a toll if the average speed of traffic on the expressway falls below 40 miles per hour; defining the term “expressway”, etc. Not yet assigned to committees.

SB 1676: Legal Notices – (Baxley) – Similar bill to HB 1235 by Fine. Deleting provisions relating to publication of legal notices in newspapers; defining the term “publicly accessible website”; authorizing government agencies to publish legal notices on their websites; requiring government agencies to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving legal notices, etc. Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules.

SB 1710: Legal and Official Advertisements – (Diaz) – Authorizing the publication of legal and official advertisements on specified publicly accessible governmental websites in lieu of publication in a newspaper, etc. Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules.

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 (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.

HB 6017: Small-scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments – (Duggan) – Removes acreage limitations that apply to small-scale comprehensive plan amendments. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 02/13/19, 8:30 am, 12 HOB. Favorable by Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays. Now in Commerce Committee. **Favorable by Commerce Committee; 21 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee.**

HB 7007: OGSR/Toll Facilities – (General Bill by Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee; Andrade) – Removes scheduled repeal of exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information provided for purpose of paying, prepaying, or collecting tolls & associated administrative charges for use of toll facilities. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/13/19, 1:30 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. **Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. Placed on Calendar – Ready for a Full House Floor Vote.**

APA Florida Bill Tracking Report March 8 2019

Sorted by Bill Number

Bill Number	Bill Title	Author
HB 3	Preemption of Local Regulations	Grant (M)
	<p>Preemption of Local Regulations: Prohibits local governments from imposing or adopting new regulations on businesses & business entities on or after specified date; specifies certain regulations expire & may only be readopted or continue to be imposed after meeting specified criteria; preempts regulation & licensing of professions & occupations to state; prohibits local governments from imposing additional regulations unless specified conditions are met; specifies that local regulations that do not meet specified criteria do not apply; specifies certain specialty contractors are not required to register with Construction Industry Licensing Board; prohibits local governments from requiring certain specialty contractors to obtain license; specifies job scopes for which local jurisdiction may not require license. Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: State Affairs Committee</p> <p>2/22/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p> <p>2/27/2019 HOUSE Reference to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee removed; Reference to State Affairs Committee added; Remaining references: State Affairs Committee, Commerce Committee</p> <p>2/27/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee</p>	
HB 5	Discretionary Sales Surtaxes	DiCeglie
	<p>Discretionary Sales Surtaxes: Requires two-thirds vote of certain county governing boards to authorize discretionary sales surtax; requires local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on specified date; requires such referenda to be approved by specified percentage of voters for passage; revises requirements & procedures for discretionary sales surtax performance audits; requires OPPAGA, upon receiving certain notice, to procure certified public accountant for performance audit; requires supervisor of elections to verify petition signatures & retain signature forms in specified manner; provides that an initiative sponsor's failure to comply with specified requirements renders any referendum held void. Effective Date: on becoming a law</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Ways & Means Committee</p> <p>3/7/2019 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/08/19, 1:00 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)</p> <p>3/7/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p> <p>3/7/2019 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee</p>	
HB 9	Community Redevelopment Agencies	LaMarca
	<p>Community Redevelopment Agencies: Specifies ethics training requirements for community redevelopment agency commissioners; establishes procedures for appointing board of community redevelopment agency board members; requires referendum to create community redevelopment agency; establishes procurement procedures; provides reporting and boundary map requirements; provides termination dates for certain community redevelopment agencies; provides phase-out period for existing community redevelopment agencies; requires DEO to declare inactive certain community redevelopment agencies; requires DEO to maintain website identifying inactive community redevelopment agencies; specifies level of tax increment financing that governing body may establish; revises requirements for budgets of community redevelopment agencies; revises requirements for annual audit. Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Ways & Means Committee</p> <p>3/1/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 03/05/19, 1:00 pm, 12 H</p> <p>3/5/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 4 Nays</p> <p>3/5/2019 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee</p>	
HB 15	Local Government Fiscal Transparency	Burton
	<p>Local Government Fiscal Transparency: Revises Legislative Auditing Committee duties; specifies purpose of local government fiscal transparency requirements; requires local governments to post voting record information on websites; requires property appraisers & local governments to post property tax information & history on websites; requires public notices for public hearings & meetings prior to increases of local government tax levies; specifies noticing & advertising requirements; requires local governments to conduct debt affordability analyses under specified conditions; provides method for local governments to post certain required information. Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee</p> <p>2/19/2019 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>2/28/2019 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; State Affairs Committee</p> <p>2/28/2019 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee</p>	
HB 17	Tort Reform	Leek
	<p>Tort Reform: Provides procedures for use in specified products liability actions; specifies seller is not liable for unreasonable misuse of product; authorizes reduction of damage for misuse of products; provides trier of fact may apportion in such cases;</p>	

provides guidelines for determining when misused product may be considered to be defective; provides for calculation of damages; specifies that certain contracts are not subject to discovery or disclosure in certain actions; limits amount of damages in certain actions involving liens or subrogation claims by certain payors; limits noneconomic damages in civil actions; provides jury may not be informed of such limit. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Civil Justice Subcommittee

2/28/2019 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee
 3/4/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 03/06/19, 8:00 am, 404 H
 3/6/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 5 Nays

[HB 27](#) Deregulation of Professions and Occupations Ingolia
 Deregulation of Professions and Occupations: Removes regulations on specified DBPR professions, including labor organizations, hair braiders, hair wrappers & body wrappers, & boxing timekeepers & announcers; revises certain requirements for barbers, nail specialists, business organizations that provide architecture services and interior design, landscape architects, & geologists. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 3/3/2019 HOUSE Filed

[HB 51](#) Property Tax Exemptions Sirois
 Property Tax Exemptions: Increases property tax exemption for residents who are widows, widowers, blind, or totally and permanently disabled. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
 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)

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

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

[HB 57](#) Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve Constitutional Amendment or Revision Roth
 Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve Constitutional Amendment or Revision: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase percentage of elector votes required to approve amendment or revision to State Constitution from 60 percent to 66 & 2/3 percent.
 Current Committee of Reference: Civil Justice Subcommittee
 11/28/2018 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

[HB 61](#) Small Business Road Construction Mitigation Grant Program Duran
 Small Business Road Construction Mitigation Grant Program: Requires DOT to create Small Business Road Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requires disbursement of grants to qualified businesses; limits grant amount; provides eligibility requirements; requires assistance by DEO; provides for award prioritization; requires report & rulemaking. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
 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

HB 63 Property-Assessed Clean Environment Rodrigues (R)

Property-Assessed Clean Environment: Provides findings; amends definition to include sewage treatment improvements as qualifying improvements; adds registered septic tank contractors to list of contractors authorized to make or install a qualifying improvement; revises contract language provided to prospective purchaser if qualifying improvement has been made on property. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

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

SB 66 Drinking Water in Public Schools Cruz

Drinking Water in Public Schools; Defining the term "drinking water source"; requiring each school district to locate all drinking water sources in certain schools, install a barcode on each source, and install filters that meet certain specifications on all such sources, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Education

11/20/2018 SENATE Filed
 12/13/2018 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

SB 68 Transportation Disadvantaged Book

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

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: Rules

1/28/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Ethics and Elections, 02/05/19, 2:00 pm, 412 K
 2/5/2019 SENATE Favorable by Ethics and Elections; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays
 2/6/2019 SENATE Now in Rules

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
 3/7/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environment and Natural Resources, 03/12/19, 4:00 pm, 37 S

[SB 82](#) Vegetable Gardens Bradley
 Vegetable Gardens; Prohibiting local governments from regulating vegetable gardens on residential properties except as otherwise provided by law; specifying that such regulations are void and unenforceable, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Rules
 3/1/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 03/06/19, 9:00 am, 110 S
 3/6/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Rules; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays
 3/7/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

[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
 2/12/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government, 02/20/19, 10:00 am, 110 S
 2/20/2019 SENATE Subcommittee Recommendation: Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; 9 Yeas, 1 Nay
 2/22/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations

[HB 95](#) C-51 Reservoir Project Jacobs
 C-51 Reservoir Project: Revises portions of C-51 reservoir project for which South Florida Water Management District may negotiate; revises water storage & use requirements for project; specifies funding sources for Phase II of project; authorizes district to enter into certain agreements & request waiver for certain loan repayment; authorizes DEP to waive loan repayment under certain conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 3/5/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays
 3/6/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
 3/7/2019 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

[HB 105](#) Domestic Wastewater Collection System Assessment and Maintenance Jacobs
 Domestic Wastewater Collection System Assessment and Maintenance: Establishes Blue Star Collection System Assessment & Maintenance Program within DEP for domestic wastewater utilities; provides defensible expectation that certified utilities complied with state water quality standards; directs DEP to issue certain permits to certified utilities; authorizes DEP to reduce penalty amounts; provides that certain utilities are eligible to participate in Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program & receive Small Community Sewer Construction Assistance Grants. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
 2/27/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
 3/5/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, 03/07/19, 12:00 pm, 17 H
 3/7/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

[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

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

[HB 127](#) Permit Fees Williamson
 Permit Fees: Requires governing bodies of counties & municipalities to post their permit & inspection fee schedules & building permit & inspection utilization reports on their websites; requires governing bodies of local governments to create building permit & inspection utilization reports & post reports on their websites by specified date; provides requirements for such governing bodies & reports. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 3/5/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays
 3/6/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 3/7/2019 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

[SB 134](#) Florida Black Bears Stewart
 Florida Black Bears; Creating the "Florida Black Bear Protection Act"; prohibiting the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission from allowing the recreational hunting of Florida black bears mothering cubs that weigh less than 100 pounds under a Florida black bear hunting permit; specifying a penalty for the unlawful harvesting of saw palmetto berries on state lands; prohibiting prescribed burns in certain designated habitats during specified times, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 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

[HB 141](#) Water Quality Improvements Fine
 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

[SB 142](#) Permit Fees Perry
 Permit Fees; Requiring the governing bodies of counties and municipalities to post their permit and inspection fee schedules and building permit and inspection utilization reports on their websites; requiring certain governing bodies of local governments to 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: Innovation, Industry, and Technology
 3/1/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Innovation, Industry, and Technology, 03/06/19, 10:30 am, 110 S
 3/6/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Innovation, Industry, and Technology; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays
 3/7/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

[SB 144](#) Impact Fees Gruters
 Impact Fees; Revising the minimum requirements for impact fees adopted by a local government; exempting water and sewer connection fees from the Florida Impact Fee Act, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Finance and Tax
 2/28/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/05/19, 2:30 pm, 301 S
 3/5/2019 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
 3/6/2019 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax

[HB 145](#) Vegetable Gardens Fetterhoff
 Vegetable Gardens: Prohibits local governments from regulating vegetable gardens on residential properties except as otherwise provided by law; specifies that such regulations are void & unenforceable; specifies exceptions. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
 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 local government that performs project using its own services, employees, & equipment to disclose actual costs of project after completion to Auditor General; requires Auditor General to review such disclosures as part of his or her routine audits of local governments; requires estimated total construction project costs for certain projects to include specified costs. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Business & Professions Subcommittee

2/20/2019

HOUSE Favorable with CS by Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

2/20/2019

HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

2/25/2019

HOUSE Now in Business & Professions 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: Finance and Tax

2/28/2019

SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/05/19, 2:30 pm, 301 S

3/5/2019

SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

3/6/2019 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax

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: State Affairs Committee		
3/1/2019	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Commerce Committee, 03/05/19, 4:30 pm, 212 K	
3/5/2019	HOUSE Favorable by Commerce Committee; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays	
3/5/2019	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee	
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	
HB 215	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	
SB 216	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	
3/7/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Environment and Natural Resources, 03/12/19, 4:00 pm, 37 S	
SB 222	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	
SB 232	Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve an Amendment or a Revision	Baxley
Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve an Amendment or a Revision; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the percentage of elector votes required to approve an amendment or a revision to the State Constitution from 60 percent to 66 and 2/3 percent, etc.		
Current Committee of Reference: Ethics and Elections		
1/3/2019	SENATE Filed	
1/22/2019	SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Rules	

HB 233	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
HB 239	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
HB 249	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: State Affairs Committee	
	2/13/2019	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 1 Nay
	2/14/2019	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
	2/15/2019	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee
SB 250	Pilot State Workforce Housing Tax Credit	Flores
	State Housing Tax Credits; Authorizing the Department of Revenue to provide information on taken state workforce housing tax credits to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; replacing provisions relating to the State Housing Tax Credit Program with provisions relating to the State Workforce Housing Tax Credit Program; providing for an insurance premium and retaliatory tax credit to certain workforce housing developments; authorizing certain taxpayers to claim a credit against the premium tax and retaliatory tax, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Finance and Tax	
	2/15/2019	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
	2/15/2019	SENATE Now in Finance and Tax
	2/21/2019	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/22/19, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
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: State Affairs Committee	
	2/6/2019	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 02/13/19, 4:00 pm, 404 H
	2/13/2019	HOUSE Favorable by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 1 Nay
	2/14/2019	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee
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 267	Budgets of County Constitutional Officers	Sabatini

Budgets of County Constitutional Officers: Provides criteria for submission of tentative & final budgets by county constitutional officers; requires tentative budget of county constitutional officer to be posted on county's website; provides criteria for submission of tentative & final budgets by property appraiser & tax collector; requires tentative & final budgets to be posted on website of property appraiser or tax collector. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Ways & Means Committee

2/13/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
 2/13/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 2/15/2019 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

[HB 279](#) Professional Geology Stevenson

Professional Geology: Revises membership of the Board of Professional Geologists; revises geologist-in-training registration requirements; revises documents that require the signature, date, & seal of professional geologists; revises applicant requirements for licensure by endorsement; provides requirements for licensure renewal; authorizes the board to adopt a continuing education program; prohibits submission of documents for public record by certain persons in order to maintain exemption; exempts certain persons practicing professional geology from specified requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

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: Commerce Committee

2/13/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 02/20/19, 4:00 pm, 12 H
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 4 Nays
 2/21/2019 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee

[SB 294](#) Educational Facilities Montford

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

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: Finance and Tax
 2/11/2019 SENATE Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 3 Yeas, 0 Nays
 2/12/2019 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax
 3/7/2019 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/08/19, 1:00 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

[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 & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee
 3/4/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee, 03/06/19, 3:00 pm, 102 H
 3/6/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays
 3/6/2019 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Tourism Appropriations 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: Innovation, Industry, and Technology
 2/13/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
 2/14/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 2/15/2019 SENATE Now in Innovation, Industry, and Technology

[HB 317](#) Homestead Tax Exemption Rodriguez (Ant)
 Homestead Tax Exemption: Proposes amendment to Section 6 of Article VII & creation of new section in Article XII of State Constitution to authorize Legislature, by general law, to provide homestead tax exemption from school district levies to persons age 65 or older who have legal or equitable title to homestead property & who have maintained permanent residence thereon for at least 25 years.
 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: State Affairs Committee
 3/1/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, 03/05/19, 1:00 pm, 17 H
 3/5/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
 3/6/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

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
 3/7/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Innovation, Industry, and Technology, 03/12/19, 1:30 pm, 110 S

SB 336 Local Tax Referenda Brandes
 Local Tax Referenda; Providing that a referendum to adopt or amend a local discretionary sales surtax must be held at a general election, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
 Current Committee of Reference: Finance and Tax
 2/13/2019 SENATE Favorable by Ethics and Election; 5 Yeas, 2 Nays
 2/13/2019 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax
 2/21/2019 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/22/19, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

SB 344 Homestead Property Assessments/Prohibition on Increases Diaz
 Homestead Property Assessments/Prohibition on Increases; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit increases in the assessed value of homestead property, for school district levy purposes, if the legal or equitable title to the property is held by a person who is 65 years of age or older and if he or she has held such title and maintained permanent residence on the property for at least 25 years, and to provide an effective date, etc.
 Current Committee of Reference: Finance and Tax
 3/5/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
 3/7/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 3/7/2019 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax

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: Infrastructure and Security

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

HB 353 Housing Trust Funds Polsky
 Housing Trust Funds: Requires certain agencies to provide report to Legislature relating to use of specified transferred funds; requires repayment of funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee
 1/18/2019 HOUSE Filed
 1/30/2019 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee
 1/30/2019 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

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

SB 368 Land Acquisition Trust Fund Harrell
 Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Providing an appropriation for certain projects related to the Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to make grants for such projects, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 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
 3/7/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environment and Natural Resources, 03/12/19, 4:00 pm, 37 S

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

HB 385 Transportation Avila
 Transportation: Requires certain authority members to comply with financial disclosure requirements; revises authorized uses of certain surtaxes; revives rebuilt motor vehicle inspection program; revises provisions relating to DOT design plan approval, transportation project programs, toll collection & use, & M.P.O. membership; repeals Florida Expressway Authority Act & Osceola County Expressway Authority Law. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Ways & Means Committee
 3/4/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Ways & Means Committee; 03/06/19, 12:00 pm, 17 H
 3/6/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Ways & Means Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays
 3/7/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

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: Appropriations

2/12/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 02/20/19, 1:30 pm, 110 S
2/20/2019	SENATE Subcommittee Recommendation: Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays
2/21/2019	SENATE Now in Appropriations

[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: Ways & Means Committee

3/5/2019	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 1 Nay
3/6/2019	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
3/7/2019	HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

[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

1/30/2019	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
2/13/2019	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/15/19, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

[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: Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment and General Government
 2/28/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environment and Natural Resources, 03/05/19, 2:30 pm, 37 S
 3/5/2019 SENATE Favorable by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
 3/6/2019 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

[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: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
 3/4/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee, 03/06/19, 3:00 pm, 102 H
 3/6/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays
 3/6/2019 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs 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: Governmental Oversight and Accountability	
	1/24/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/8/2019	SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Rules

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

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: Governmental Oversight and Accountability	
	1/24/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/8/2019	SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Rules

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: Education	
	1/24/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/8/2019	SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

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: Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment and General Government	
	3/5/2019	SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
	3/7/2019	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
	3/7/2019	SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
SB 542	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: Infrastructure and Security	
	1/25/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/8/2019	SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
SB 544	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: Infrastructure and Security	
	1/25/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/8/2019	SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
HB 551	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
HB 555	Land Acquisition Trust Fund	Drake
	Land Acquisition Trust Fund: Requires that certain funds distributed into Land Acquisition Trust Fund be used for conservation & management projects in certain counties; provides types of projects for which DEP may use such funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	
	1/24/2019	HOUSE Filed
	2/6/2019	HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
	2/6/2019	HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee
SB 562	Homestead Exemptions	Diaz
	Homestead Exemptions; Providing an additional homestead exemption from school district levies for certain persons age 65 or older; authorizing persons entitled to and receiving a certain homestead exemption to apply for and receive the additional exemption; requiring a property appraiser who makes a certain determination to serve upon the owner a notice of intent to record a tax lien against the property, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 344 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the general election held in November 2020	

Current Committee of Reference: Finance and Tax
 3/5/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
 3/7/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 3/7/2019 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax

[SB 568](#) 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: Community Affairs
 1/29/2019 SENATE Filed
 2/8/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations
 3/7/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/12/19, 4:00 pm, 301 S

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

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

[SB 588](#) Preemption of Local Regulations 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: Community Affairs
 3/4/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Commerce and Tourism; 3 Yeas, 1 Nay
 3/5/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 3/7/2019 SENATE Now in Community Affairs

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

[SB 596](#) Regional Rural Development Grants Albritton
 Regional Rural Development Grants; Specifying that the concept of building the professional capacity of a regional economic development organization includes the hiring of professional staff to perform specified services; increasing the maximum percentage of total infrastructure project costs for which the department may award a grant; providing that improving access to and availability of broadband Internet service may be included in a project that is eligible for rural infrastructure grant funds, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Innovation, Industry, and Technology

2/19/2019 SENATE Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays
 2/19/2019 SENATE Now in Innovation, Industry, and Technology
 3/7/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Innovation, Industry, and Technology, 03/12/19, 1:30 pm, 110 S

[SB 608](#) Railroad-highway Grade Crossings Bean
 Railroad-highway Grade Crossings; Prohibiting a railroad train from blocking a public highway, street, or road at a railroad-highway grade crossing for more than a specified time; exempting certain persons from liability for violations under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Infrastructure and Security
 1/30/2019 SENATE Filed
 2/15/2019 SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

[SB 616](#) Engineering Perry
 Engineering; Authorizing the Board of Professional Engineers to establish standards of practice and responsibility rules for the profession of engineering; revising the prerequisites for a person to take an examination that determines whether she or he is qualified to practice in this state as an engineer; requiring that structural inspections on a threshold building be performed during new construction or during certain repair or restoration projects, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Innovation, Industry, and Technology
 1/30/2019 SENATE Filed
 2/15/2019 SENATE Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Community Affairs; Rules

[SB 620](#) Military Affairs Broxson
 Military Affairs; Prohibiting a landlord from requiring a prospective tenant who is a servicemember to deposit or advance more than a certain amount of funds; providing an additional circumstance under which a servicemember may terminate a rental agreement; prohibiting certain construction or activities that are incompatible with the mission of a military installation on certain land under a rural-lands-protection easement, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Military and Veterans Affairs and Space
 1/30/2019 SENATE Filed
 2/15/2019 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs and Space; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Rules

[SB 628](#) Water Resources Albritton
 Water Resources; Revising requirements for the Office of Economic and Demographic Research's annual assessment of this state's water resources and conservation lands; requiring the office to consult with the Department of Environmental Protection; requiring the assessment to be submitted to the Legislature by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources
 1/31/2019 SENATE Filed
 2/15/2019 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations

[HB 641](#) Community Development District Bond Financing Andrade
 Community Development District Bond Financing: Requires district boards to authorize bonds by two-thirds majority vote. Effective Date: October 1, 2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Ways & Means Committee
 3/1/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 03/05/19, 1:00 pm, 12 H
 3/5/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 1 Nay
 3/5/2019 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

[HB 645](#) Disaster Recovery Trumbull
 Disaster Recovery: Authorizes specified counties to levy discretionary sales surtax; authorizes political subdivisions to declare local emergency irrespective of number of political subdivisions it affects; revises number of days each state of emergency is effective; specifies conditions & areas in which certain counties or their authorized collectors may remove debris as result of declared local or state emergency. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
 Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
 2/13/2019 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; State Affairs Committee
 2/13/2019 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
 2/21/2019 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/22/19, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

SB 660	Transportation	Brandes
	<p>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</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Infrastructure and Security</p> <p>2/1/2019 SENATE Filed</p> <p>2/15/2019 SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations</p>	
SB 662	Fees/Electronic ID/Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles	Brandes
	<p>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</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Infrastructure and Security</p> <p>2/1/2019 SENATE Filed</p> <p>2/15/2019 SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations</p>	
SB 664	Fees/Validation Sticker/International Registration Plan	Brandes
	<p>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</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Infrastructure and Security</p> <p>2/1/2019 SENATE Filed</p> <p>2/15/2019 SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations</p>	
HB 671	Regional Rural Development Grants	Clemons
	<p>Regional Rural Development Grants: Specifies what concept of building professional capacity includes; revises entities that may apply for specified grant funds; provides that matching grants may be used to provide for certain purposes; specifies entities that are not eligible to participate in matching grant program; revises provisions addressing certain grant funding & rural infrastructure grant funding. Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee</p> <p>3/5/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee, 03/07/19, 9:15 am, 12 H</p> <p>3/7/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 2 Nays</p> <p>3/7/2019 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee</p>	
HB 675	Public School Transportation	Beltran
	<p>Public School Transportation: Requires district school boards to provide transportation to certain students; revises requirements for determination of hazardous walking condition; requires district school superintendent to request review of hazardous walking condition under certain circumstances & requires school district to initiate specified proceedings. Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee</p> <p>2/6/2019 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>2/13/2019 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee</p> <p>2/13/2019 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee</p>	
HB 679	Legislative Review of Proposed Regulation of Unregulated Functions	Hage
	<p>Legislative Review of Proposed Regulation of Unregulated Functions: Provides that certain requirements must be met before adoption of regulation of unregulated profession or occupation or substantial expansion of regulation of regulated profession or occupation; requires first legislative committee to which such legislation is referred to evaluate legislation & make certain</p>	

determinations; requires state agency to provide certain information to Legislature within certain time period. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Commerce Committee

3/4/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee, 03/06/19, 8:00 am, 17 H
 3/6/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays
 3/6/2019 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee

[HB 681](#) Florida Transportation Commission Zika

Florida Transportation Commission: Removes requirement that Secretary of Transportation be nominated by FTC & that secretary provide assistance to FTC; removes provisions relating to creation, membership, duties, meetings, executive director & staff, & budget of FTC; removes requirement that FTC review certain transportation policy initiatives; repeals provisions relating to transportation performance & productivity standards; revises membership & member approval of Center for Urban Transportation Research advisory board; revises provisions relating to review & evaluation of DOT's tentative work program; requires DOT to determine certain average administrative costs for expressway authorities; removes FTC rulemaking authority. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

2/6/2019 HOUSE Filed
 2/13/2019 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
 2/13/2019 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

[HB 691](#) Special Neighborhood Improvement Districts Newton

Special Neighborhood Improvement Districts: Revises number of directors allowed for boards of special neighborhood improvement districts; requires local planning ordinances to specify director number & provide for staggered terms; requires that directors be landowners in proposed area & be subject to certain taxation. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

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

2/7/2019 HOUSE Filed
 2/13/2019 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; State Affairs Committee
 2/13/2019 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

[SB 694](#) Disposable Plastic Bags Rodriguez (J)

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

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

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

[SB 696](#) Budgets of County Constitutional Officers Hutson

Budgets of County Constitutional Officers; Including property appraisers to the list of county constitutional officers who must submit a tentative budget to the board of county commissioners; requiring the tentative budget of a county constitutional officer to be separately identified from the tentative budget of the county as a whole when posted to the county's website, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

2/4/2019 SENATE Filed
 2/15/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

[HB 715](#) Florida Building Code Enforcement Robinson

Florida Building Code Enforcement: Prohibits local government from carrying forward more than specified amount of unexpended revenue; revises requirements for expenditure of certain unexpended revenue. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

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

2/7/2019 HOUSE Filed
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Business & Professions Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

[SB 728](#) Growth Management Lee

Growth Management; Authorizing sufficiently contiguous lands located within the county or municipality which a petitioner

anticipates adding to the boundaries of a new community development district to also be identified in a petition to establish the new district under certain circumstances; providing requirements for the petition; providing notification requirements for the petition, etc.

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

2/5/2019 SENATE Filed
 2/15/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules
 3/7/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/12/19, 4:00 pm, 301 S

[HB 737](#) Water Pollution Operation Permits Good

Water Pollution Operation Permits: Provides condition for exemption from requirement to obtain water pollution permit for application of herbicides to state waters; revises requirements for water pollution operation permits. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

2/11/2019 HOUSE Filed
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

[HB 739](#) Rural Communities Hill

Rural Communities: Requires DEO to accept an applications seeking approval as growth fund; specifies application criteria; requires department to certify an applicant that has his or her application approved; requires growth fund to collect contributions & investments requires growth fund to send documentation of contributions & investments to DEO; requires DEO to provide tax credit certificate; specifies how a certification may lapse; vests taxpayers with credit against state premium tax liability; provides restrictions on credit; provides requirements regarding tax certificates; provides mechanism to exit program; requires growth fund to submit report to department annually. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee

2/11/2019 HOUSE Filed
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Referred to Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Commerce Committee
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Now in Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee

[HB 767](#) Mineral Rights Robinson

Mineral Rights: Releases mineral rights reserved by local governments, water management districts, or other agencies of state for specified parcels of property. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

2/13/2019 HOUSE Filed
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

[HB 771](#) Collection of Residential Recyclable Material Overdorf

Collection of Residential Recyclable Material: Requires counties & municipalities to address contamination of recyclable material in specified contracts; prohibits counties & municipalities from requiring collection or transport of contaminated recyclable material by residential recycling collectors; specifies required contract provisions in residential recycling collector & materials recovery facility contracts with counties & municipalities. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

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

2/13/2019 HOUSE Filed
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

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

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

7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Innovation, Industry, and Technology

3/1/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Innovation, Industry, and Technology, 03/06/19, 10:30 am, 110 S
 3/6/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Innovation, Industry, and Technology; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays
 3/7/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

HB 799	Dredge and Fill Permitting Program	Overdorf
	Dredge and Fill Permitting Program: Urges Congress to direct U.S. EPA to issue memorandum of agreement so Florida may complete assumption of section 404 dredge & fill permitting program under federal Clean Water Act. Effective Date: Not Specified	
	Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee	
	2/13/2019	HOUSE Filed
	2/20/2019	HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
	2/20/2019	HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
HB 801	Tiny Homes	Eskamani
	Tiny Homes: Requires Florida Building Commission to adopt certain regulations & standards; provides for incorporation of certain codes into Florida Building Code. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Business & Professions Subcommittee	
	2/13/2019	HOUSE Filed
	2/20/2019	HOUSE Referred to Business & Professions Subcommittee; Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee
	2/20/2019	HOUSE Now in Business & Professions Subcommittee
SB 802	Public School Transportation	Perry
	Public School Transportation; Requiring district school boards to provide transportation to certain students; revising the speed and road conditions that meet the requirements for a hazardous walking condition, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Education	
	2/6/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/15/2019	SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations
SB 806	Local Government Public Construction Works	Perry
	Local Government Public Construction Works; Requiring the governing board of a local government to consider estimated costs of certain projects using generally accepted cost-accounting principles that account for specified costs when making a specified determination; requiring that a local government that performs projects using its own services, employees, and equipment disclose the actual costs of the project after completion to the Auditor General; requiring estimated total construction project costs for certain projects to include specified costs, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs	
	2/6/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/15/2019	SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules
	3/7/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/12/19, 4:00 pm, 301 S
SB 812	Vacation Rentals	Simmons
	Vacation Rentals; Requiring persons engaged in certain public lodging-related transactions to display a valid certificate of registration number in rental listings or advertisements; revising the inspection responsibilities of the Division of Hotels and Restaurants regarding vacation rentals; specifying the conditions under which a notice to depart a premises is effective; revising the classification of "vacation rental", etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect October 1, 2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Innovation, Industry, and Technology	
	2/6/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/15/2019	SENATE Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Community Affairs; Appropriations
SB 814	Fees/Hosting Platforms/Transient Public Lodging Establishments	Simmons
	Fees/Hosting Platforms/Transient Public Lodging Establishments; Requiring the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to adopt by rule a schedule of fees for hosting platforms that wish to advertise or list transient public lodging establishments, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 812 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law	
	Current Committee of Reference: Innovation, Industry, and Technology	
	2/6/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/15/2019	SENATE Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Community Affairs; Appropriations
SB 816	Environmental Regulation	Perry
	Environmental Regulation; Requiring counties and municipalities to address the contamination of recyclable material in specified contracts; prohibiting counties and municipalities from requiring the collection or transport of contaminated recyclable material by residential recycling collectors, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources	

2/6/2019 SENATE Filed
 2/15/2019 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Community Affairs; Appropriations

[SB 824](#) Private Property Rights of Homeowners Diaz
 Private Property Rights of Homeowners; Preempting the regulation of vacation rentals to the state; requiring each person applying for a vacation rental license to provide the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation with specified information, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Innovation, Industry, and Technology
 2/7/2019 SENATE Filed
 2/15/2019 SENATE Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Community Affairs; Appropriations

[HB 829](#) Attorney Fees and Costs Sabatini
 Attorney Fees and Costs: Provides that local governments may enact legislation on any subject unless expressly preempted to state; provides for award of attorney fees & costs in successful actions challenging local legislation as preempted to state; provides for withdrawal of motion for attorney fees if challenged legislation is withdrawn or corrected within specified period. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Civil Justice Subcommittee
 2/13/2019 HOUSE Filed
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

[SB 854](#) Special Neighborhood Improvement Districts Gruters
 Special Neighborhood Improvement Districts; Revising the number of directors allowed for the boards of special neighborhood improvement districts; requiring local planning ordinances to specify director term lengths and provide for staggered terms; requiring that directors be landowners in, rather than residents of, the proposed area and be subject to certain taxation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs
 2/7/2019 SENATE Filed
 2/19/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Rules

[HB 861](#) Local Government Financial Reporting Roach
 Local Government Financial Reporting: Requires county & municipality budget officers to submit certain information to EDR within specified timeframe; requires adopted budget amendments & final budgets to remain posted on each entity's official website for specified period of time; requires EDR to create form by specified date. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
 Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
 2/15/2019 HOUSE Filed
 2/28/2019 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee
 2/28/2019 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

[SB 868](#) Local Business Taxes Hutson
 Local Business Taxes; Revising the authority of a governing body of a county to levy business taxes; deleting exceptions from certain apportionment and distribution requirements for certain counties; reducing the maximum fees for certain receipt transfers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs
 2/7/2019 SENATE Filed
 2/19/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

[HB 889](#) Educational Facilities Buchanan
 Educational Facilities: Authorizes school districts to use specified fund for construction of certain facilities & certain capital outlay purposes; revises provisions relating to cost per student stations & construction funding; directs OEDR to update a certain report. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
 Current Committee of Reference: PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee
 2/18/2019 HOUSE Filed
 2/28/2019 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee; Appropriations Committee
 2/28/2019 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

[SB 898](#) Transportation Diaz

Transportation; Revising the authorized uses of proceeds from charter county and regional transportation system surtaxes; revising the preservation goals of the Department of Transportation to include ensuring that all work on the State Highway System meets department standards; requiring the department to approve design plans for all transportation projects relating to department-owned rights-of-way under certain circumstances; prohibiting the department from using toll revenues from high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes to offset certain funding, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Infrastructure and Security

2/8/2019 SENATE Filed
 2/19/2019 SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
 3/7/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Infrastructure and Security, 03/12/19, 4:00 pm, 110 S

[SB 902](#) Open and Expired Building Permits Perry

Open and Expired Building Permits; Specifying conditions under which a building permit is considered an open permit, expired permit, or closed permit; authorizing an open or expired permit to be closed on by or on behalf of the current property owner if certain requirements are met; authorizing the owner of a home for sale to assume the role of an owner-builder in order to resolve an open permit under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

2/8/2019 SENATE Filed
 2/19/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Rules
 3/7/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/12/19, 4:00 pm, 301 S

[HB 905](#) Department of Transportation Andrade

Department of Transportation: Revises provisions related to DOT, including requirements for appointment of Secretary of Transportation, computation of mileage, pavement standards, construction contracts, use of toll revenue, allocation of transportation capacity funds, facility improvements, & project development & environmental studies. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

2/19/2019 HOUSE Filed
 2/28/2019 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
 2/28/2019 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

[HB 913](#) Powers and Duties of District School Boards Daniels

Powers and Duties of District School Boards: Requires school district to publish on its website certain information related to collective bargaining within specified time period. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee

2/28/2019 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee
 3/5/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee, 03/07/19, 9:00 am, 212 K
 3/7/2019 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee

[HB 921](#) Apalachicola Stewardship Newton

Apalachicola Stewardship: Appropriates sum annually for identified period of time from Land Acquisition Trust Fund to specified area of critical state concern for specified purposes; provides additional principles for guiding development within Apalachicola Area of Critical State Concern to include projects that protect & improve water quality. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

2/19/2019 HOUSE Filed
 2/28/2019 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
 2/28/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

[SB 928](#) Rebuilt Motor Vehicle Inspection Program Diaz

Rebuilt Motor Vehicle Inspection Program; Revising the definition of the term "rebuilt inspection services"; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to oversee a pilot program in Miami-Dade County for rebuilt inspection services offered by private sector participants; requiring, by a specified date, the department to expand the pilot program to include Broward County and Hillsborough County; authorizing the department to solicit and receive proposals and select up to two qualified participants per county to provide rebuilt inspection services, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Infrastructure and Security

2/11/2019 SENATE Filed
 2/19/2019 SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

SB 932	Autonomous Vehicles	Brandes
	Autonomous Vehicles; Exempting a fully autonomous vehicle being operated with the automated driving system engaged from a prohibition on the active display of television or video; exempting a motor vehicle operator who is operating an autonomous vehicle from a prohibition on the use of wireless communications devices; providing that a licensed human operator is not required to operate a fully autonomous vehicle; authorizing a fully autonomous vehicle to operate in this state regardless of whether a human operator is physically present in the vehicle, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Infrastructure and Security	
	2/11/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/19/2019	SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
SB 934	High-performing Charter Schools	Diaz
	High-performing Charter Schools; Revising requirements for a high-performing charter school; revising the facility capacity measurement used when a high-performing charter school increases its student enrollment; revising the number of charter schools that a high-performing charter school may establish in any year from two to one, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Education	
	2/11/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/19/2019	SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations
SB 944	Land Acquisition Trust Fund	Stewart
	Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Requiring a specified annual appropriation to the Florida Forever Trust Fund; prohibiting moneys from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund from being used for specified costs, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources	
	2/11/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/19/2019	SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations
	3/7/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Environment and Natural Resources, 03/12/19, 4:00 pm, 37 S
HB 973	Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems	Payne
	Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems: Transfers Onsite Sewage Program in DOH to DEP; removes provisions relating to DOH technical review & advisory panel & research & review advisory committee; directs DEP to appoint technical advisory committee, initiate rulemaking, & adopt rules; directs county health departments to coordinate with DEP to administer evaluation programs; directs WMDs to submit consolidated annual reports to OEDR; directs DEP to submit certain cost estimates to OEDR. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	
	2/28/2019	HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee
	3/4/2019	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee, 03/06/19, 3:00 pm, 12 H
	3/6/2019	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
HB 987	Vacation Rentals	Grant (J)
	Vacation Rentals: Preempts to state regulation of vacation rentals, with exception; revises application requirements for vacation rental licensure; requires Division of Hotels & Restaurants of DBPR to make certain vacation rental license information available on its website. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Business & Professions Subcommittee	
	2/20/2019	HOUSE Filed
	2/28/2019	HOUSE Referred to Business & Professions Subcommittee; Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee
	2/28/2019	HOUSE Now in Business & Professions Subcommittee
HB 995	Regional Agency and Regional Planning Council Meetings	Geller
	Regional Agency and Regional Planning Council Meetings: Provides requirements for establishing quorum for meetings of certain agencies & councils when voting member appears via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication; requires notice of intent to appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication by specified time. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee	
	2/21/2019	HOUSE Filed
	2/28/2019	HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

2/28/2019 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee

SB 998	Public Notification of Pollution	Montford
	Public Notification of Pollution; Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to publish certain notices received from a governmental entity on a website accessible to the public; requiring a governmental entity to notify the owner or operator of an installation and the department of certain releases or discharges within a specified timeframe, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources	
	2/13/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/22/2019	SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Community Affairs; Rules
SB 1022	Onsite Treatment and Disposal Systems	Albritton
	Onsite Treatment and Disposal Systems; Transferring the onsite sewage program of the Department of Health to the Department of Environmental Protection by a type two transfer; defining the term "department" as it relates to onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems provisions; requiring the department to convene a technical advisory committee by a specified date; requiring county health departments to coordinate with the department to administer certain programs, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources	
	2/13/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/22/2019	SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations
SB 1028	School Funding	Hutson
	School Funding; Requiring that district school boards receive certain funds approved by voter referendum, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Education	
	2/14/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/22/2019	SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations
SB 1054	Community Redevelopment Agencies	Lee
	Community Redevelopment Agencies; Prohibiting a person from lobbying a community redevelopment agency until he or she has registered as a lobbyist with that agency; authorizing an agency to establish an annual lobbyist registration fee, not to exceed a specified amount; requiring ethics training for community redevelopment agency commissioners; revising the list of projects that are prohibited from being financed by increment revenues; specifying the level of tax increment financing that a governing body may establish for funding the redevelopment trust fund, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs	
	2/14/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/22/2019	SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
SB 1056	Florida Disaster Resilience Task Force	Rodriguez (J)
	Florida Disaster Resilience Task Force; Establishing the task force adjunct to the Department of Environmental Protection; providing the purpose and membership of the task force; requiring the appointees to be experts from specified subject areas, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources	
	2/14/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/22/2019	SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Rules
HB 1089	Charter Schools	Goff-Marcil
	Charter Schools: Prohibits charter schools from operating as, or being operated by, certain for-profit entities; prohibits charter school from entering into subcontract to avoid certain requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee	
	2/26/2019	HOUSE Filed
	3/4/2019	HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee
	3/4/2019	HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee
SB 1100	Water Testing for Pollution	Montford
	Water Testing for Pollution; Authorizing specified persons or businesses that suspect contamination of their private water system or multifamily water system or certain public water systems to request that the Department of Health or its agents test such system for pollution, under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	

Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources

2/15/2019

SENATE Filed

2/22/2019

SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations

[HB 1101](#) Hurricane Michael Funding Trumbull

Hurricane Michael Funding: Requires certain sales & use taxes be transferred to trust fund for specified years; authorizes Governor to transfer funds to certain entities for specified purposes; requires Governor to review & make recommendations for funding certain relief & recovery activities; authorizes Auditor General to audit entities receiving funds; specifies procedures to be used if funds are improperly spent; providing for reversion of funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Ways & Means Committee

2/26/2019

HOUSE Filed

3/4/2019

HOUSE Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Appropriations Committee

3/4/2019

HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

[HB 1103](#) State Funds Silvers

State Funds: Exempts State Housing Trust Fund & Local Government Housing Trust Fund from provision authorizing Legislature, in General Appropriations Act, to transfer unappropriated cash balances from specified trust funds to Budget Stabilization Fund & General Revenue Fund. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

2/26/2019

HOUSE Filed

3/4/2019

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

3/4/2019

HOUSE Now in Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

[HB 1129](#) Public Lodging Establishments LaMarca

Public Lodging Establishments: Defines term "hosting platform"; requires certain public lodging establishments to display license number in all advertising for rentals; requires hosting platforms to designate agent for service of process, develop & maintain report listing specified information about rentals, & remove advertisements or listings if they fail to display valid license number; provides civil penalties; requires Division of Hotels & Restaurants of DBPR to adopt rules & authorizes division to revoke, or refuse to issue or renew, vacation rental license. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Current Committee of Reference: Business & Professions Subcommittee

2/27/2019

HOUSE Filed

3/4/2019

HOUSE Referred to Business & Professions Subcommittee; Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

3/4/2019

HOUSE Now in Business & Professions Subcommittee

[HB 1135](#) Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative Grant (M)

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

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

2/28/2019

HOUSE Filed

3/4/2019

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

3/4/2019

HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

[HB 1139](#) Inspections and Permits Plakon

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

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

2/28/2019

HOUSE Filed

3/4/2019

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

3/4/2019

HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

SB 1140	Attorney Fees and Costs	Hutson
	Attorney Fees and Costs; Waiving the sovereign immunity of local governments for liability for certain attorney fees and costs; providing for award of attorney fees and costs and damages in successful civil actions challenging local ordinances as being preempted by the State Constitution or state law; prohibiting an award of attorney fees and costs under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Judiciary	
	2/18/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/28/2019	SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules
HB 1155	Affordable Housing	Plasencia
	Affordable Housing: Requires that certain data relating to impact fees be included in annual financial reports for specified entities; provides local permit approval process; creates Community Workforce Housing Loan Program in the place of the Community Workforce Housing Innovation Pilot Program; authorizes Florida HFC to provide loans under the program; requires corporation to establish a certain loan application process; specifies projects that receive priority consideration for funding; specifies interest rate & term. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee	
	2/28/2019	HOUSE Filed
	3/4/2019	HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
	3/4/2019	HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
HB 1159	Private Property Rights	La Rosa
	Private Property Rights: Prohibits local governments from requiring permits, fees, or other notices for certain tree activity on residential property under specified conditions; deletes provision that authorizes electric utilities to perform certain right-of-way tree maintenance only after certain local government approval; creates Property Owner Bill of Rights; requires county property appraisers to provide specified information on their websites. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee	
	2/28/2019	HOUSE Filed
	3/4/2019	HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee; State Affairs Committee
	3/4/2019	HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
SB 1162	Northwest Florida Rural Inland Affected Counties Recovery Fund	Gainer
	Northwest Florida Rural Inland Affected Counties Recovery Fund; Creating the Northwest Florida Rural Inland Affected Counties Recovery Fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity; requiring certain payments to be appropriated annually to the fund; requiring the department to grant awards to organizations and local governments for specified infrastructure projects and workforce programs, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Commerce and Tourism	
	2/18/2019	SENATE Filed
	2/28/2019	SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
	3/6/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 03/11/19, 1:30 pm, 110 S
SB 1196	Vacation Rentals	Mayfield
	Vacation Rentals; Requiring licenses issued by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to be displayed conspicuously to the public; requiring the operator of a vacation rental or specified public lodging establishment to display its license number in advertisements; revising the criteria for a public lodging establishment to be classified as a vacation rental, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2020	
	Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs	
	2/19/2019	SENATE Filed
	3/4/2019	SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Appropriations
HB 1197	Charter Schools	Fischer
	Charter Schools: Authorizes state universities & Florida College System institutions to sponsor charter schools; revises reporting & accountability requirements; provides for funding; authorizes career & professional academy to be offered by charter school. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	

3/1/2019 HOUSE Filed

SB 1198	School Board Fiscal Transparency	Stargel
	School Board Fiscal Transparency; Expanding provisions with which charter schools are required to comply; revising requirements for school districts' reports to the Department of Education on certain costs; revising the requirements for data and information that district school boards must post on their respective websites; deleting a requirement that superintendents reduce certain expenditures under specified circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: Education	
	2/19/2019	SENATE Filed
	3/4/2019	SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations
	3/7/2019	SENATE On Committee agenda - Education, 03/12/19, 1:30 pm, 412 K
HB 1199	Water Resources	Jacobs
	Water Resources: Revises requirements for Office of Economic & Demographic Research's annual assessment of this state's water resources & conservation lands; requires office to consult with DEP; requires assessment to be submitted to Legislature by specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	
	3/1/2019	HOUSE Filed
HB 1205	Homestead Exemptions	Rodriguez (Ant)
	Homestead Exemptions: Provides homestead assessment limitation from school district levies for certain persons age 65 or older; authorizes persons receiving certain homestead exemption & persons holding joint title with right of survivorship to receive limitation; provides procedures for use by property appraiser in limitation granted inappropriately; provides lien requirements. Effective Date: on the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 317	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	
	3/1/2019	HOUSE Filed
HB 1211	Affordable Housing Tax Reduction	Fernández
	Affordable Housing Tax Reduction: Provides tax reduction to certain entities that provide affordable housing to identified groups; provides criteria for receiving such reduction; provides formula for determining amount of reduction; requires taxpayer to submit covenant for recording that provides specified information; requires each taxpayer who receives tax reduction to file annual report; provides specifications for such report; provides penalties for falsification of reports; requires certain counties to post specified maps on their websites; requires FHFC to adopt specified rules; requires taxpayer to pay back taxes, penalties, & interest; provides exceptions. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	
	3/1/2019	HOUSE Filed
HB 1233	Structurally Sound and Accessible School Facilities	Eskamani
	Structurally Sound and Accessible School Facilities: Provides that students have certain rights relating to attending schools that meet specific standards; requires that certain new school facilities be constructed in compliance with public shelter design criteria; provides duties for certain educational entities; provides for preemption & rulemaking. Effective Date: July 1, 2019	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	
	3/1/2019	HOUSE Filed
HB 1235	Legal Notices	Fine
	Legal Notices: Removes provisions relating to publication of legal notices in newspapers; requires counties to publish legal notices on their websites; requires counties to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving notices; specifies form for affidavits of publication. Effective Date: July 1, 2020	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	
	3/1/2019	HOUSE Filed
HB 1241	Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems	Brown
	Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems: Removes exemption from legislative ratification for specified rules; directs DEP & DOH, by specified date, to select national third-party certification organization to develop program for issuing innovative system permits; requires counties to establish onsite sewage treatment & disposal system inspection programs; specifies inspection requirements; requires systems to attain certain level of certification by specified date. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	
	3/1/2019	HOUSE Filed
SB 1250	Community Development Districts	Torres, Jr.

Community Development Districts; Requiring community development districts to obtain a just valuation before acquiring property that includes land or is permanently affixed to land, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

2/20/2019

SENATE Filed

3/4/2019

SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

[SB 1256](#) Apalachicola Bay Area of Critical State Concern Montford

Apalachicola Bay Area of Critical State Concern; Appropriating a sum annually for a specified timeframe from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to a specified area of critical state concern for specified purposes; providing additional principles for guiding development within the Apalachicola Bay Area of Critical State Concern to include projects that protect and improve water quality, etc. APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources

2/20/2019

SENATE Filed

3/4/2019

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

3/7/2019

SENATE On Committee agenda - Environment and Natural Resources, 03/12/19, 4:00 pm, 37 S

[HB 1263](#) Little Wekiva River Goff-Marcil

Little Wekiva River: Directs St. Johns River Water Management District to conduct specified study & submit report to Acquisition & Restoration Council & Board of Trustees of Internal Improvement Trust Fund by specified date & to develop plan & submit plan to Governor & Legislature; directs council to make certain determinations; prohibits approval & issuance of permits for certain development projects & commencement of certain permitted development projects. Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

3/3/2019

HOUSE Filed

[SB 1268](#) Tiny Homes Book

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

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

2/21/2019

SENATE Filed

3/4/2019

SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules

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

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

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

3/3/2019

HOUSE Filed

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

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

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

3/3/2019

HOUSE Filed

[SB 1278](#) Biosolids Management Mayfield

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

Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources

2/21/2019

SENATE Filed

3/4/2019

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

3/7/2019

SENATE On Committee agenda - Environment and Natural Resources, 03/12/19, 4:00 pm, 37 S

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

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

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

2/22/2019 SENATE Filed
 3/4/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

[HB 1341](#) Land Acquisition Trust Fund Ausley
 Land Acquisition Trust Fund: Requires specified annual appropriation to Florida Forever Trust Fund; prohibits moneys from Land Acquisition Trust Fund from being used for specified costs. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 3/4/2019 HOUSE Filed

[HB 1343](#) Stormwater Management Systems Good
 Stormwater Management Systems: Clarifies duty of DEP to adopt, in coordination with water management districts, rules; directs water management districts, with DEP oversight, to adopt rules for specified design & performance standards relating to new development & redevelopment projects; directs DEP to incorporate such rules by reference for use within each water management district & amend such rules into applicant's handbook; provides rebuttable presumption that certain systems do not cause or contribute to violations of applicable state water quality standards; revises permitting requirements for construction of certain stormwater management systems. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 3/4/2019 HOUSE Filed

[SB 1344](#) Statewide Environmental Resource Permitting Rules Cruz
 Statewide Environmental Resource Permitting Rules; Clarifying the duty of the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt, in coordination with the water management districts, specified statewide environmental resource permitting rules; directing the water management districts, with department oversight, to adopt rules for specified design and performance standards relating to new development and redevelopment projects, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources
 2/22/2019 SENATE Filed
 3/4/2019 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

[SB 1350](#) Local Government Fiscal Transparency Hutson
 Local Government Fiscal Transparency; Expanding the scope of the Legislative Auditing Committee review to include compliance with local government fiscal transparency requirements; providing procedures for the Auditor General and local governments to comply with the local government fiscal transparency requirements; revising reporting requirements for certain local government economic development incentives, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs
 2/25/2019 SENATE Filed
 3/4/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations

[HB 1369](#) Florida Climate and Resiliency Research Program Diamond
 Florida Climate and Resiliency Research Program: Establishes program within Office of Resilience & Coastal Protection; provides program purpose & participants; requires program submit Florida Resiliency Plan to Governor & Legislature at specified intervals. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 3/4/2019 HOUSE Filed

[HB 1383](#) Private Property Rights Protection Grant (J)
 Private Property Rights Protection: Revises notice of claim requirements for property owners; revises procedures for determination of compensation; requires that certain settlements of claims apply to all similarly situated residential properties within political subdivision under certain circumstances; authorizes property owners to bring claims against governmental entities in certain circumstances; provides that property owners are not required to submit formal development applications or proceed through formal application processes to bring such claims; authorizes property owners to bring actions to declare prohibited exactions invalid. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 3/5/2019 HOUSE Filed

[HB 1387](#) Local Business Tax Donalds
 Local Business Tax: Authorizes county or municipality to continue to levy business tax if resolution or ordinance was adopted by specified date; provides maximum amount of business tax county or municipality may impose; removes notice requirements; deletes county's and municipality's authority to increase its business tax rates or impose additional business taxes; reduces maximum amount of transfer fees county or municipality may impose; removes exemption from apportionment requirements for

certain counties and municipalities. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 3/5/2019 HOUSE Filed

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| <u>HB 1395</u> | Water Quality Improvements | Raschein |
| Water Quality Improvements: Transfers onsite sewage program of DOH to DEP by type two transfer; prohibits local government from approving certain building permits; requires DEP to develop agricultural remediation plan as part of each basin management action plan; establishes wastewater grant program within DEP; revises requirements for basin management action plan; requires estimated nutrient load reductions in such plans to exceed specified amount; requires each local government to develop wastewater treatment plan that meets certain requirements; requires local government to create onsite sewage treatment & disposal system remediation plan as part of basin management action plan; prohibits facilities for sanitary sewage disposal from disposing of any waste in Indian River Lagoon without first providing advanced waste treatment. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
3/5/2019 HOUSE Filed | | |
| <u>SB 1398</u> | Legislation by Initiative | Torres, Jr. |
| Legislation by Initiative; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to authorize the proposal and enactment of legislation by initiative and to provide for Supreme Court review of initiative petitions proposing legislation, etc.
Current Committee of Reference: Ethics and Elections
2/26/2019 SENATE Filed
3/4/2019 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Rules | | |
| <u>SB 1400</u> | Private Property Rights | Albritton |
| Private Property Rights; Prohibiting certain local government ordinances or regulations from requiring a permit, application, notice, fee, or fine for certain activities regarding trees on residential property; establishing a property owner bill of rights; providing that such bill of rights does not provide a cause of action, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs
2/26/2019 SENATE Filed
3/4/2019 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Rules | | |
| <u>SB 1408</u> | Opportunity Zones | Powell |
| Opportunity Zones; Renaming the Florida Enterprise Zone Act as the Florida Opportunity Zone Act; providing an approval procedure allowing certain opportunity zones to receive certain state incentives; requiring a county or municipality to create an opportunity zone development agency; authorizing local governments to review their ordinances to encourage the economic viability and profitability of business and commerce in opportunity zones, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
Current Committee of Reference: Commerce and Tourism
2/26/2019 SENATE Filed
3/4/2019 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; Appropriations | | |
| <u>SB 1424</u> | Small Business Microfinancing | Powell |
| Small Business Microfinancing; Renaming the Florida Advisory Council on Small and Minority Business Development; establishing the Florida Microfinancing Tax Credit Program; requiring the Department of Revenue, the Department of Management Services, and the council to develop a cooperative agreement to administer the program; providing for a credit against the oil and gas production tax for program contributions for certain eligible microfinancing organizations, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
Current Committee of Reference: Commerce and Tourism
2/27/2019 SENATE Filed
3/4/2019 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations | | |
| <u>SB 1448</u> | Florida Transportation Commission | Gruters |
| Florida Transportation Commission; Removing the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation be nominated by the Florida Transportation Commission; removing the requirement that the secretary provide assistance to the commission; repealing a provision relating to transportation performance and productivity standards, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
Current Committee of Reference: Infrastructure and Security
2/27/2019 SENATE Filed
3/4/2019 SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations | | |
| <u>SB 1470</u> | Charter Schools | Diaz |
| Charter Schools; Revising requirements for the annual reports that charter school sponsors are required to submit to the Department of Education; requiring the Charter School Appeal Commission, which is renamed the Charter School Commission, to | | |

recommend denial of a charter school application if the school does not propose a certain reading curriculum; specifying the entities from which the commission may receive and consider applications; requiring the commission to submit recommendations for approval of charter school applications to the state board, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Education

2/27/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

[SB 1494](#) Small-scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments Perry

Small-scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments; Removing the acreage limitations that apply to small-scale comprehensive plan amendments, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

2/27/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules

[SB 1504](#) Housing Trust Funds Berman

Housing Trust Funds; Requiring certain agencies to provide a report to the Legislature relating to the use of specified transferred funds; requiring the repayment of certain funds within a specified timeframe, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

2/28/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

[SB 1506](#) Education Lee

Education; Deleting a requirement that a district school board conduct a cost-benefit analysis before voting on a resolution to implement one or more exceptions to the educational facilities construction requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Education

2/28/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

[SB 1534](#) Assistance for Micro Businesses Rodriguez (J)

Assistance for Micro Businesses; Authorizing certain local governments to set aside up to a specified percentage of funds for procuring personal property and services for the purpose of entering into contracts with micro businesses; providing eligibility for micro businesses under the Microfinance Loan Program; providing eligibility for micro businesses under the Department of Transportation's highway project business development program, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Innovation, Industry, and Technology

2/28/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

SENATE Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations

[SB 1552](#) Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative Gruters

Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative; Establishing the Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative; requiring the initiative to submit an annual 8 report by a specified date to the Governor, the Legislature, the Secretary of Environmental Protection, and the executive director of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; establishing the Initiative Technology Advisory Council, etc. APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources

2/28/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

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

[SB 1554](#) Regulation of Oil and Gas Resources Rodriguez (J)

Regulation of Oil and Gas Resources; Prohibiting the Division of Resource Management within the Department of Environmental Protection from granting permits for a gas or oil well within the Everglades Protection Area; prohibiting the department from issuing a permit for a structure intended for the drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products within the Everglades Protection Area, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources

2/28/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

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

[SB 1568](#) Discharge of Domestic Wastewater Rodriguez (J)

Discharge of Domestic Wastewater; Prohibiting the construction of new deep injection wells for domestic wastewater discharge or the expansion of existing wells; limiting the discharge capacity of domestic wastewater deep well injection; prohibiting the discharge of domestic wastewater through ocean outfalls and deep injection wells after specified dates, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Environment and Natural Resources

2/28/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

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

SB 1586 Tax Exemption for Use of Real Property Gruters

Tax Exemption for Use of Real Property; Providing an exemption, under certain circumstances, from the sales tax on commercial real property rentals; specifying the determination of annual adjustments to a just value threshold under the exemption, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Commerce and Tourism

3/1/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

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

SB 1610 Emergency Mitigation and Response Montford

Emergency Mitigation And Response; Creating the Hurricane Michael Recovery Task Force adjunct to the Division of Emergency Management of the Executive Office of the Governor to make recommendations to the Legislature regarding additional assistance needed in the response to, recovery from, and mitigation of the effects of Hurricane Michael in certain areas; requiring the task force to review the effectiveness of local, state, and federal activities in those areas, as well as the availability of resources and any additional assistance needed, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$315,285,000.00 Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Infrastructure and Security

3/1/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

SB 1616 Local Government Financial Reporting Baxley

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

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

3/1/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

SB 1640 Deregulation of Professions and Occupations Albritton

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

Current Committee of Reference: Infrastructure and Security

3/1/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Commerce and Tourism; Rules

SB 1648 Florida Building Code Albritton

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

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

3/1/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules

SB 1668 School Choice Hutson

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

Current Committee of Reference: Education

3/1/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

[SB 1670](#) Administrative Procedures Mayfield

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

Current Committee of Reference: Governmental Oversight and Accountability

3/1/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

[SB 1672](#) Legislative Review of Proposed Regulation of Unregulated Functions Perry

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

Current Committee of Reference: Innovation, Industry, and Technology

3/1/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

SENATE Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

[SB 1676](#) Legal Notices Baxley

Legal Notices; Deleting provisions relating to publication of legal notices in newspapers; defining the term "publicly accessible website"; authorizing government agencies to publish legal notices on their websites; requiring government agencies to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving legal notices, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Current Committee of Reference: Judiciary

3/1/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

[SB 1698](#) Legislative Preemption Berman

Legislative Preemption; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require a supermajority vote of each house of the Legislature to enact a general law preempting a subject of legislation to the state, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

3/1/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Rules

[SB 1710](#) Legal and Official Advertisements Diaz

Legal and Official Advertisements; Authorizing the publication of legal and official advertisements on specified publicly accessible governmental websites in lieu of publication in a newspaper, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: Judiciary

3/1/2019

SENATE Filed

3/8/2019

SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

[SB 1720](#) Property Rights Lee

Property Rights; Providing applicability relating to claims that involve one or more residential properties which are brought as a result of certain regulations or ordinances; authorizing a property owner to waive a jury and request that the court make a determination of compensation; authorizing a property owner to bring an action to declare a prohibited exaction invalid, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

3/1/2019

SENATE Filed

[SB 1730](#) Growth Management Lee

Growth Management; Prohibiting a county from adopting or imposing a requirement in any form relating to affordable housing which has specified effects; requiring that a county review the application for completeness and issue a certain letter within a specified period after receiving an application for approval of a development permit or development order; requiring a local government to credit certain contributions, constructions, expansions, or payments toward any other impact fee or exaction imposed by local

ordinance for public educational facilities, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 3/1/2019 SENATE Filed

[SB 1748](#) Preemption of Local Regulations Perry
 Preemption of Local Regulations; Prohibiting certain local governments from imposing or adopting certain regulations on businesses and business entities on or after a specified date; specifying that certain regulations expire and may only be readopted or continue to be imposed after meeting specified criteria; specifying that specified specialty contractors are not required to register with the Construction Industry Licensing Board, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 3/1/2019 SENATE Filed

[SB 1752](#) Inspections and Permits Perry
 Inspections and Permits; Requiring a county or municipality that imposes inspection fees to establish an expedited inspection process that provides priority processing for such inspections; requiring a local government that imposes permit fees to establish an expedited permitting process that provides priority processing for such permits; specifying that certain procedures apply to building permit applications for any nonresidential buildings, instead of nonresidential buildings less than a specified size, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 3/1/2019 SENATE Filed

[SB 1758](#) Water Quality Improvements Mayfield
 Water Quality Improvements; Citing this act as the "Clean Waterways Act"; transferring the onsite sewage program of the Department of Health to the Department of Environmental Protection by a type two transfer; establishing a wastewater grant program within the Department of Environmental Protection; revising requirements for a basin management action plan; requiring a wastewater treatment plant to notify customers of unlawful discharges of raw or partially treated sewage into any waterway or aquifer within a specified timeframe, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 3/1/2019 SENATE Filed

[SB 1770](#) Housing Trust Funds Torres, Jr.
 Housing Trust Funds; Prohibiting the transfer of money deposited to the State Housing Trust Fund and Local Government Housing Trust Fund; adding programs for which the Florida Housing Finance Corporation shall administer funds from the Local Government Housing Trust Fund, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 3/1/2019 SENATE Filed

[SB 1772](#) Little Wekiva River Bracy
 Little Wekiva River; Directing the St. Johns River Water Management District to conduct a specified study and submit a report to the Acquisition and Restoration Council and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund by a specified date and to develop a specified plan and submit the plan to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 3/1/2019 SENATE Filed

[SB 1776](#) Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems Bracy
 Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems; Removing the exemption from legislative ratification for specified rules; directing the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Health, by a specified date, to select a national third-party certification organization to develop a program for issuing innovative system permits; requiring counties to establish onsite sewage treatment and disposal system inspection programs; specifying program requirements, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 3/1/2019 SENATE Filed

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

1/23/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 1 Nay
 1/23/2019 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

[HB 6017](#) Small-scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments Duggan
 Small-scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments: Removes acreage limitations that apply to small-scale comprehensive plan amendments. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
 Current Committee of Reference: State Affairs Committee
 3/1/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Commerce Committee, 03/05/19, 4:30 pm, 212 K
 3/5/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Commerce Committee; 21 Yeas, 0 Nays
 3/5/2019 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

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

[HB 6071](#) Education Antone
 Education: Removes requirement that district school board conduct cost-benefit analysis before voting on resolution to implement one or more exceptions to educational facilities construction requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 3/4/2019 HOUSE Filed

[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; requiring each school district, Florida College System institution, and state university to establish and maintain certain internal controls, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Rules
 3/5/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
 3/7/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 3/7/2019 SENATE Now in Rules

[HB 7029](#) Fracking Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee
 Fracking: Prohibits fracking; provides applicability of permits to drill & operate wells; requires well operators to provide written notice to DEP before performing specified activities. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
 Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
 2/14/2019 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB ANRS1)
 2/18/2019 HOUSE Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
 2/18/2019 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

[HB 7035](#) Government Accountability Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee
 Government Accountability: Specifies that Governor, Commissioner of Education may notify Legislative Auditing Committee of entity's failure to comply with certain auditing & financial reporting requirements; revises provisions relating to audits; requires certain entities to establish & maintain internal controls; requires certain entities to maintain certain budget documents on entities' websites; specifies applicable standards as to employee background screening & investigations of Florida College System & State University System personnel. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
 Current Committee of Reference: Public Integrity & Ethics Committee
 2/18/2019 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB OTM7)
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Referred to Public Integrity & Ethics Committee; State Affairs Committee
 2/20/2019 HOUSE Now in Public Integrity & Ethics Committee

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March 8 Legislative Reporter

The legislative session began this week on March 5 and is scheduled to end on May 3. Gov. DeSantis delivered his first [State of the State Address](#), focusing on the economy, environment, education and public safety.

The most recent Bill Tracking Report, dated March 8, can be viewed [here](#). If at any point there is a bill you would like to add to this report or if you have a question related to a bill, simply email the Chapter Office at fapa@floridaplanning.org with the request.

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

Growth Management

Growth Management: [SB 1730](#) (Sen. Lee) was filed on March 1. The bill amends s.125.01055 F.S. and s.166.04151 F.S., dealing with affordable housing, to add that a county may not adopt or impose a requirement in any form, including, without limitation, by way of a comprehensive plan amendment, ordinance, or land development regulation or as a condition of a development order or development permit, which has any of the following effects:

- (a) Mandating or establishing a maximum sales price or lease rental for privately produced dwelling units.
 - (b) Requiring the allocation or designation, whether directly or indirectly, of privately produced dwelling units
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for sale or rental to any particular class or group of purchasers or tenants.

(c) Requiring the provision of any on-site or off-site workforce or affordable housing units or a contribution of land or money for such housing, including, but not limited to, the payment of any flat or percentage-based fee, whether calculated on the basis of the number of approved dwelling units, the amount of approved square footage, or otherwise.

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

The bill also would amend s.125.022 F.S. and s.166.033 F.S. to apply to development orders as well as development permits and identify timeframes in which action needs to be taken. A county must review an application within 30 days and issue a letter indicating if the application is complete or additional information is required. The applicant has 30 days to provide additional information. Within 90 days of the initial submission or supplemental submission, whichever is later, the county must act on the development permit or development order.

The bill would also amend s.163.3180 (6)(h) 2(b) related to school concurrency to provide that a credit for public education facilities must be based on the total impact fee assessed and not upon the impact fee for any particular type of school.

The bill amends s.163.31801 F.S. dealing with impact fees and now provides that this section also applies to mobility fees adopted pursuant to s.163.3180(5)(i). The bill includes provisions that the collection of an impact fee may not be required to occur earlier than the date of issuance of the building permit and includes language similar to that in SB 144 and CS/HB 207 regarding rational nexus requirements for impact fees. (See the discussion under the Permit/Fees/Taxes section.) The bill also indicates that a local government must credit contributions related to public educational facilities on a dollar-for-dollar basis at fair market value. If the local government does not provide this credit, then no concurrency conditions of any kind can be imposed upon the project. It also provides that if the holder of impact fee or mobility fee credits granted by a local government uses these credits in lieu of the actual payment of an impact fee or mobility fee, the holder of those credits must, whenever they are utilized, receive the full value of the credit as of the date on which it was first established based on the impact fee or mobility fee rate that was in effect on such date.

The bill also provides several other changes related to impact fees including:

- Providing the government's failure to provide the dollar-for-dollar credit for contributions related to public educational facilities can be challenged and the burden of proof lies with the governmental entity
- In any action challenging an impact fee, the court may award attorney fees and costs to the prevailing party
- The court must award them if the court determines that the impact fee is not
 1. Reasonably connected to, or does not have a rational nexus with, the need for additional capital facilities and the increased impact generated by the new residential nonresidential construction;
 2. Reasonably connected to, or does not have a rational nexus with, the expenditures of the funds collected and the benefits accruing to the new residential or nonresidential construction; or
 3. Proportionate to and exceeds the impacts of the proposed 338 use that the governmental entity seeks to avoid, minimize, or mitigate.
- Beginning July 1, 2019, a local government may not charge an impact fee for the development or construction of housing that is affordable as defined in s.420.9071.

Preemption of Local Regulations: [CS/HB 3](#) (Rep. Grant), a strike-all amendment, was moved favorably by the House Business & Professions Subcommittee on Feb. 22. The effect of the amendment was to include an

exemption for local regulations expressly authorized by general law from the requirements of the bill.

The bill now would prohibit a local government from adopting or imposing any new regulation that is not expressly authorized by general law on a business or business entity after July 1, 2019 unless the local government has:

a) determined and publicly stated that the regulation is justified because:

- it is necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare from significant and discernible harm or damage;
- it is regulated in a manner that does not unnecessarily restrict entry into the business or adversely affect the availability of the business' services to the public; and
- the regulation is done in the least restrictive and most cost-effective manner.

b) required that the regulation sunset two years after the date of adoption and cannot be readopted without meeting these requirements;

c) passed the regulation by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the governing body, except when the regulation concerns zoning regulations, regulations that increase building costs by less than \$750, nuisance ordinances, and ordinances related to alcohol or tobacco; and

d) completed and published a statement of estimated regulatory costs 14 days prior to any vote on the regulation, and has determined that the regulatory costs on the business or business entity could not be reduced by the adoption of a less costly alternative. The bill lays out nine items that must be considered and included in this statement.

Any regulation of a business or business entity adopted or imposed before July 1, 2019 expires on July 1, 2021 and can only be readopted after meeting the above criteria unless the regulation is expressly authorized by general law. The bill also specifically preempts the regulation and licensing of professions and occupations to the state. Any such local regulations existing before July 1, 2019 sunset on July 1, 2021. Any regulation expressly authorized by general law or ratified by the Legislature before July 1, 2021, is exempt from the preemption and will not sunset. The bill also specifically prohibits local governments from requiring a license for a person whose job scope does not substantially correspond to a contractor type licensed by the Construction Industry Licensing Board, and specifically precludes local governments from requiring a license for: painting, flooring, cabinetry, interior remodeling, driveway or tennis court installation, and decorative stone, tile, marble, granite, or terrazzo installation, plastering, and stuccoing.

The bill now moves to the House State Affairs Committee, its second of three committees of reference. An identical bill, [SB 1748](#) (Sen. Perry), was filed on March 1.

Vegetable Gardens: [CS/SB 82](#) (Sen. Bradley), which prohibits a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state from regulating vegetable gardens on residential properties, was moved favorably by the Senate Rules Committee on March 6. The committee amended the bill to define a vegetable garden as a plot of ground where herbs, fruits, flowers, or vegetables are cultivated for human ingestion. This was the bill's last committee of reference. A similar bill, [CS/HB 145](#) (Rep. Fetterhoff), is in the House Commerce Committee, its second of three committees of reference.

Property Rights: HB 1383 (Rep. Grant), filed on March 5, makes changes to the Bert Harris Act. Language is added to state that the Legislature recognizes that it is in the public interest to ensure that all similarly situated residential properties are subject to the same rules and regulations. The bill would now:

- Require that a property owner must present a claim in writing to the local government within 90 days of filing an action, as opposed to the current 150 days.
 - State that if the claim involves one or more residential properties and is brought as a result of the enactment, or proposed enactment, of a political subdivision's regulation or ordinance that applies to
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residential property, any settlement offer that includes a modification or variance to the regulation or ordinance shall apply to all similarly situated residential properties within the political subdivision.

- State that settlement offers made pursuant to s.70.001(4)(c) shall be presumed to protect the public interest.
- Allow a property owner to retain the option to forego a jury and elect the court to determine the compensation
- Delete existing language that states that “In determining the award of compensation, consideration may not be given to business damages relative to any development, activity, or use that the action of the governmental entity or entities, considering the settlement offer together with the statement of allowable uses has restricted, limited or prohibited.”
- State that when the claim involves one or more residential properties and is brought as a result of the enactment, or proposed enactment, of a political subdivision's regulation or ordinance that applies to residential property, if the court finds that a modification or variance is the appropriate remedy, that finding shall apply to all similarly situated residential properties within the political subdivision.
- Allow a property owner to recover reasonable costs and attorney fees from the date of the claim with the governmental entity, rather than the currently specified date of filing of the circuit court action, if the property owner prevails and deletes the current requirement of a court determination that a settlement offer did not constitute a bona fide offer which would reasonably resolve the claim.
- Delete language that currently allows governmental entities to recover reasonable costs and attorneys fees if they prevail.
- Add language related to the existing required notice to inform the property owner or registered agent that the law or regulation may impact the property owner's existing property rights and that the property owner may have only one year from receipt of the notice to pursue any rights. The bill adds that if the notice is not provided to the property owner, the property owner may bring a claim against the governmental entity after the enactment of the law or regulation if the impact of the law or regulation on the real property is clear and unequivocal in its terms. In such cases, the property owner is not required to submit a formal application for development or proceed through formal application processes if such actions would be futile and a waste of resources.

The bill also makes amendments to s.70.45,F.S., dealing with Governmental Exactions. A definition of imposition or imposed is added to mean the time at which the property owner must comply with the prohibited exaction or condition of approval. The bill would also now allow a property owner to bring action in court to declare a prohibited exaction invalid in addition to recovering damages caused by a prohibited exaction.

[SB 1720](#) (Sen. Lee), filed on March 1, also deals with property rights but is not as inclusive as HB 1383. SB 1720 includes the language regarding the Legislature recognizing that that it is in the public interest to ensure that all similarly situated residential properties are subject to the same rules and regulations. It also would:

- State that if the claim involves one or more residential properties and is brought as a result of the enactment of a government entity's regulation or ordinance that applies to residential property, any settlement offer that includes a modification or variance to the regulation or ordinance shall apply to all similarly situated residential properties subject to regulation by the governmental entity. (It does not include proposed enactment of a regulation or ordinance, as does HB 1383.)
 - Allow a property owner to retain the option to forego a jury and elect the court to determine the compensation
 - Allow a property owner to recover reasonable costs and attorney fees from the date of the claim with the governmental entity, rather than the current filing of the circuit court action, if the property owner prevails and deletes the current requirement of a court determination that a settlement offer did not constitute a bona fide offer that would reasonably resolve the claim.
 - Retain the current language allowing a governmental entity to recover reasonable costs and attorney fees.
 - Adds language related to the existing required notice to inform the property owner or registered agent that the law or regulation may impact the property owner's existing property rights and that the property owner may have only one year from receipt of the notice to pursue any rights. The bill adds
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that if the notice is not provided to the property owner, the property owner may bring a claim against the governmental entity after the enactment of the law or regulation if the impact of the law or regulation on the real property is clear and unequivocal in its terms. In such cases, the property owner is not required to submit a formal application for development or proceed through formal application processes if such actions would be futile and a waste of resources.

- Make amendments to s.70.45, F.S., dealing with Governmental Exactions to now allow a property owner to bring action in court to declare a prohibited exaction invalid in addition to recovering damages caused by a prohibited exaction.

Economic Development/Redevelopment

Community Redevelopment Agencies: [HB 9](#) (Rep. LaMarca) was moved favorably by the House Local, Federal, & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on March 5. The bill provides that the creation of new CRAs on or after Oct. 1, 2019, may only occur upon approval at a countywide referendum held during a primary or general election and approved by two-thirds of the qualified electors. It provides for the phase-out of existing CRAs at the earlier of the expiration date stated in the agency's charter or on Sept. 30, 2039, with the exception of those CRAs with any outstanding bond obligations. However, the governing board of a creating local government entity may prevent the phase-out of a CRA by a two-thirds vote to retain the agency. The bill provides a process for the Department of Economic Opportunity to declare a CRA inactive if it has reported no revenues, no expenditures, and no debt for three consecutive fiscal years.

The bill also increases accountability and transparency for CRAs by:

- Requiring the governing board members of a CRA to undergo four hours of ethics training annually;
- Requiring each CRA to use the same procurement and purchasing processes as the creating county or municipality;
- Expanding the annual reporting requirements for CRAs to include audit information and performance data and requiring the information and data to be posted on the agency website;
- Providing that moneys in the redevelopment trust fund may only be expended pursuant to an annual budget adopted by the board of commissioners of the CRA, and only for those purposes specified in current law, beginning Oct. 1, 2019;
- Authorizing the local governing body creating the CRA to adjust the level of tax increment financing available to the CRA;
- Requiring a CRA created by a municipality to provide its budget and any amendments to the board of county commissioners for the county in which the CRA is located by a time certain; and
- Requiring counties and municipalities to include CRA data in their annual financial report.

HB 9 now moves to the House Ways & Means Committee, its second of three committees of reference. [SB 1054](#) (Sen. Lee), which also deals with community redevelopment agencies, includes a similar termination clause of community redevelopment agencies to that in HB 9 except that retention only requires a majority vote of the governing body. SB 1054 is in the Senate Community Affairs Committee, its first of three committees of reference.

Community Development Districts: [CS/HB 437](#) (Rep. Buchanan) was moved favorably as amended by the House Local, Federal, & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on March 5. The bill provides that the petition to a county government to create a community development district (CDD) may include a list of parcels adjacent to the district within the same county or municipality that the petitioner expects to include in the district boundaries within ten years. The petition must include the legal description of the parcels, the name of the current landowners, the acreage of each parcel, and the current land use designation of each parcel. Current landowners must receive notice of the filing of the petition, the date and time of the public hearing on the petition, and the name and address of the petitioner at least 14 days period to the public hearing concerning the creation of the CDD. A parcel may only be included with written consent of the landowner.

The original bill was amended by the House Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee to provide that a CDD may merge with a special district. Approval of the merger agreement by the board of supervisors of the

CDD constitutes consent of the landowners within the CDD.

The bill also creates a procedure for expanding the boundaries of a CDD to include parcels listed in the petition to create the district. The petitioner is required to provide a copy of the petition to the district and each landowner of a parcel to be included in the district before the petition is filed with the county commission. If the petition requirements are met, the county commission would be required to amend the ordinance creating the district to include the new parcels. The additional parcels may be added to the boundaries of the district even if the merged district would have been required to receive FLWAC approval if the district were being newly created.

The bill now moves to the House Ways & Means Committee, its second of three committees of reference. [SB 728](#) (Sen. Lee,) a similar bill, is in the Senate Community Affairs Committee, its first of three committees of reference.

Regional Rural Development Grants: [HB 671](#) (Rep. Clemons) was moved favorably by the House Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee on March 7 and now is in the House Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, its second of three committees of reference. The bill amends the Regional Rural Development Grants Program to clarify how regional economic development organizations may build their professional capacity, expand grant use for technical assistance, increase the annual grant awards for regional economic development organizations, and reduce match requirements. It also defines a "regional economic development organization" to mean an economic development organization located within a rural area of opportunity. The bill increases to \$1 million the maximum expenditure of funds for the program each fiscal year, the current maximum is \$750,000.

The bill amends the Rural Infrastructure Fund by revising grant award percentages, expanding eligible projects and uses to include broadband Internet service, and requiring a review of the grant program and procedures by September 1, 2020. In addition, the bill requires contracts or agreements for both the Regional Rural Development Grants Program and the Rural Infrastructure Fund to contain certain specific provisions and be posted online at least 14 days before execution.

A similar bill, [SB 596](#) (Sen. Albritton), is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Innovation, Industry and Technology Committee, its second committee of reference, on March 12.

Emergency Management/Disaster Preparedness

Emergency Mitigation and Response: [SB 1610](#) (Sen. Montford), filed on March 1, is a relief bill for those areas impacted by Hurricane Michael. The bill would do several things including:

- Create the Hurricane Michel Recovery Task Force to make recommendations to the legislature regarding additional assistance needed in the areas designated in the federal disaster declaration DR-4399. The task force shall report its findings and recommendations by Dec. 15, 2019.
 - Appropriate \$85,000 for the 2019-20 fiscal year to the Division of Emergency Management to prepare an after-action report on shelter operations that took place during Hurricane Michael and determine if there is sufficient shelter space in the applicable regional planning council regions. The report is due by Dec. 15, 2019.
 - Require the Department of Economic Opportunity to include a program to retrofit or repair hurricane evacuation shelters in any action plan submitted to HUD for use of certain funds.
 - Appropriate \$200,000 for the 2019-20 fiscal year to the Division of Emergency Management to conduct a study of facilities used as emergency operations centers and make recommendations as to how the state may best address communities needs for these centers and the necessary changes to exiting centers. The report is due by Dec. 15, 2019.
 - Create Hurricane recovery programs in s.420.57 F.S. to provide funds to local governments for their affordable housing recovery efforts, with the Florida Housing Finance Corporation designated to administer the program.
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- Require the Department of Economic Opportunity to include a program to repair, renovate or replace single family housing in any action plan submitted to HUD for the use of grant funds appropriated in response to Hurricane Michael.
- Require the Florida Building Commission and other stakeholders to make recommendations to strengthen and enhance the design, construction and life safety provisions of the Florida Building Code, especially as they are applied in the Florida Panhandle. Specific issues that must be addressed in the recommendations are identified and the report must be submitted by Sept. 1, 2019.
- Establishes a Public Facilities Hurricane Restoration Cash Flow Loan Program for the 2019-20 fiscal year to assist counties, municipalities and district school boards that need assistance with cash flow in order to make timely payments to contractors and suppliers in restoring facilities damaged by a named hurricane or tropical storm during the 2019 hurricane season. An appropriation of \$300 million from the nonrecurring funds in the Budget Stabilization Fund is included to fund this program which will be administered by the Department of Economic Opportunity.
- Appropriate \$15 in non-recurring funds to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to fund the Agriculture Economic Development Program for disaster loans, grants and aid. Applicants applying for a loan related to the impacts of Hurricane Michael must submit the application by Dec. 1, 2019.
- Waive the statewide, standardized assessment requirements for a standard high school diploma for grade 12 high school students in their senior year during the 2018-19 school year and waive the standardized assessment for grade 3 promotion; applies only in Holmes, Washington, Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Liberty, Gadsden, Franklin, Wakulla, Leon and Taylor Counties.

Environment/Natural Resources

C-51 Reservoir Project: [CS/CS/HB 95](#) (Rep. Jacobs) was moved favorably with one amendment by the House State Affairs Committee, its last committee of reference, on March 5. The bill allows the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to negotiate with the owners of any portion of the C-51 reservoir project (Phase I or II) not committed to utilities for alternative water supply purposes, instead of just Phase II. To the extent practicable, the bill requires the SFWMD to operate the reservoir project to maximize the reduction of high-volume Lake Okeechobee regulatory releases to the St. Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries and to maximize the reduction of harmful discharges to the Lake Worth Lagoon. However, the bill provides that the operation of Phase I of the C-51 reservoir project must be in accordance with any operation and maintenance agreement approved by the SFWMD. (The committee amended this requirement to read “approved” versus the previous wording of “adopted”.)

The bill further requires that water made available by Phase I or Phase II be used for natural systems in addition to any permitted, rather than allocated, amounts for water supply. The bill provides that water received from Lake Okeechobee may only be available to support consumptive use permits if such is in accordance with the SFWMD rules. It also provides that Phase II may be funded by appropriation. Finally, the bill authorizes the SFWMD to enter into a capacity allocation agreement with any water supply entity for a pro rata share of unreserved capacity in the C-51 reservoir project and provides that the district may request the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to waive repayment of all or a portion of the loan issued through the water storage facility revolving loan fund. It authorizes DEP to waive repayment if DEP determines it has received reasonable value for such waiver. The bill specifies that the SFWMD is not responsible for repaying any portion of a loan that is waived by DEP.

A similar bill, [CS/SB 92](#) (Sen. Book), is in the Senate Appropriations Committee, its last committee of reference.

Coastal Management: [HB 325](#) (Rep. La Marca), which makes a number of changes related to beach management projects and inlet management projects, was moved favorably the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee on March 5. It now moves to the House State Affairs Committee, its last committee of reference. As it relates to beach management projects, the bill revises and provides more detail on the criteria DEP must consider when ranking beach management projects for funding consideration and requires DEP to adopt rules that divide the criteria into a four-tier scoring system. DEP must assign each tier a certain percentage of overall point value, and DEP must weigh the criteria equally within each tier. The

bill changes how DEP may utilize surplus funds and the procedures that must be followed. For inlet management projects, the bill:

- Revises and updates the criteria that DEP must consider when ranking inlet management projects for funding consideration, and requires DEP to weigh each criterion equally;
- Authorizes DEP to pay up to 75 percent of the construction costs of an initial major inlet management project component, and allows DEP to share the costs of the other components of inlet management projects equally with the local sponsor;
- Requires DEP to rank the inlet monitoring activities for inlet management projects as one overall subcategory request for funding separate from the beach management project funding requests; and
- Eliminates the requirement for the Legislature to designate one of the three highest ranked inlet management projects on the priority list as the Inlet of the Year.

The bill updates how DEP must develop and maintain a Comprehensive Long-Term Beach Management Plan that requires DEP to include the following, at a minimum: a strategic beach management plan, a critically eroded beaches report, and a statewide long-range budget plan that includes a three-year work plan that identifies beach nourishment and inlet management projects viable for implementation during the ensuing fiscal years.

SB 446 (Sen. Mayfield), a similar bill, was moved favorably by the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee on March 5 and now moves to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment and General Government, its second of three committees of reference.

Land Acquisition Trust Fund: CS/SB 376 (Sen. Montford) creates a statutorily required distribution from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund of an annual appropriation of \$50 million through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for conservation and management projects in Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington counties, which were heavily impacted by Hurricane Michael. The bill authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to use the funds, and distribute funds to the appropriate agency to use, for projects related to reforestation; ecosystem management; fire control measures; debris removal; pollution mitigation; beach nourishment and coastal or shore protection structures. The bill was amended by the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee to delete wastewater treatment facilities projects from the list and add land acquisition. The bill requires the annual distribution to be reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid annually on bonds issued for such purposes after July 1, 2019.

The bill is now in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment and General Government, its second of three committees of reference. A similar bill, **HB 555** (Rep. Drake), is in the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee, its first committee of reference. HB 555 does not reflect the amendment made to SB 376 described above.

Wetland Mitigation: CS/532 (Sen. Lee) was moved favorably by the Senate Community Affairs Committee on March 5. The bill, as originally filed, would amend current law provisions relating to wetland mitigation banking to allow a governmental entity to provide mitigation for a project other than its own if the mitigation credits available from such mitigation are only sold or used when alternative mitigation credits are not available. The committee amended the bill language so it now to authorizes a local government, when state and federal mitigation credits are not available to offset the adverse impacts of a project, to allow permittee-responsible mitigation consisting of the restoration or enhancement of lands purchased and owned by a local government for conservation purposes, and such mitigation must conform to the permitting requirements for mitigation banks.

The bill now moves to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment and General Government, it second to three committees of reference.

Little Wekiva River: SB 1772 (Sen. Bracy) and **HB 1263** (Rep. Goff-Marcil), filed on March 1 and March 3

respectively, are identical bills that define the headwaters of the Little Wekiva River. The bill requires the St. Johns River Water Management District to conduct a study of the impact of these headwaters and surrounding wetlands on the Wekiva River system, the St. Johns River and the Floridan Aquifer. The district must submit its report to the Acquisition and Restoration Council and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund before Oct. 1, 2020. At the next scheduled meeting after receiving the report, the council shall determine if the lands related to these headwaters and other areas within the Wekiva River System should be included in the existing Wekiva-Ocala Connector Project and if any lands related to the Little Wekiva headwaters constitute a new project under the Florida Forever program.

Until the council makes its determination, any permit for development projects on wetlands related to the Little Wekiva River headwaters and the Wekiva River System may not be approved or issued, and permitted development projects on wetlands related to the Little Wekiva River headwaters and the Wekiva River System for which construction has not begun may not begin. Based on their findings, the district must develop a plan to purchase and restore wetlands related to the Little Wekiva River headwaters and the Wekiva River System and must submit the plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House Representatives before Jan. 1, 2021.

Permits/Fees/Taxes

Impact Fees: [CS/SB 350](#) (Sen. Hutson) is a strike-all amendment that was moved favorably by the Senate Community Affairs Committee on March 5. The bill, as originally filed, amends s.163.31801, F.S., to prohibit local governments from charging an impact fee for the development or construction of housing that is affordable as defined in s.420.9071, F.S., beginning on July 1, 2019. The bill was amended to delete the prohibition and instead to state that a county, municipality or special district may provide an exception or waiver to the impact fee. Additionally the bill was amended to incorporate the bill language also found in [HB 1155](#) (Rep. Plasencia) that requires that certain data relating to impact fees be included in annual financial reports for specified entities; provides a local permit approval process for affordable housing; creates Community Workforce Housing Loan Program in the place of the Community Workforce Housing Innovation Pilot Program to provide workforce housing and authorizes the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to provide loans to applicants for the construction of workforce housing with certain projects to receive priority consideration for funding.

The bill now moves to the Senate Infrastructure and Security Committee, its second of three committees of reference. HB 1155 is in the House Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, its first of three committees of reference.

[SB 144](#) (Sen. Gruters) also deals with impact fees. It amends s.163.31801, F.S., to require that the collection of an impact fee occur no earlier than the date of issuance of the building permit for the property that is subject to the fee. The bill also codifies a dual rational nexus test. Specifically, the bill requires that an impact fee be reasonably connected to, or have a rational nexus with:

- The need for additional capital facilities and the increased impact generated by the new residential or commercial construction; and
- The expenditures of the funds collected and the benefits accruing to the new residential or commercial construction.

The local government also must specifically earmark funds collected pursuant to the impact fees for use in acquiring, constructing, or improving capital facilities to benefit the new users. In addition, the bill prohibits the use of impact fee revenues to pay existing debt or for prior approved projects unless the expenditure is reasonably connected to, or has a rational nexus with, the increased impact generated by the new residential or commercial construction. Lastly, the bill provides that water and sewer connection fees are excluded from the statutory provisions related to impact fees contained in s.163.31801, F.S.

The bill was moved favorably by the Senate Community Affairs Committee on March 5 and now moves to the

Senate Finance and Tax Committee, its second of three committees of reference. A similar bill, [CS/HB 207](#) (Rep. Donalds), was moved favorably by the House Commerce Committee on March 5. This bill now moves to the House State Affairs Committee, its final committee of reference.

Property Tax Exemptions: [SB 202](#) (Sen. Wright), which would increase the existing property tax exemption or Florida residents who are widows, widowers, blind or totally and permanently disabled from \$500 to \$5,000, was moved favorably by the Senate Community Affairs Committee on March 5. It is now in the Senate Finance and Tax Committee, its second of three committees of reference. An identical bill, [HB 51](#) (Rep Sirois), is in the House Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, its first of three committees of reference.

Permit Fees: [CS/HB 127](#) (Rep. Williamson) requires the governing body of a local government to post its building permit and inspection fee schedules on its website. The bill also requires that by Dec. 31, 2020, the governing body will post a newly required building permit and inspection utilization report. The report will include costs incurred and revenues derived from the enforcement of the Florida Building Code. After Dec. 31, 2020, a local government must update the utilization report prior to amending its building permit and inspection fee schedule.

The bill was amended by the House State Affairs Committee to clarify the type of information regarding direct and indirect costs incurred by implementing the Florida Building Code that is required to be included in the utilization report. It was moved favorably by the committee, its last committee of reference, on March 5.

[CS/SB 142](#) (Sen. Brandes) was amended by the Senate Innovation, Industry, and Technology Committee to reflect the revised language in the House bill on March 6 and now moves to the Senate Rules Committee, its last committee of reference.

Local Tax Referenda: [CS/HB 5](#) (Rep. DiCeglie) was amended through a proposed committee substitute by the House Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on March 5. The amended bill requires any referendum to levy a discretionary sales surtax to be held at a general election and requires approval by two-thirds of the electors voting on the ballot measure. Upon adoption of an ordinance by a county or school district to hold a discretionary sales surtax referendum on or after Jan. 1, 2020, the bill requires the county or school district holding a referendum to notify the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) at least 180 days before the referendum is held. The bill declares void any discretionary sales surtax referendum if the county or school district fails to provide notice to OPPAGA or fails to publish the results of the performance audit.

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

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

The bill provides that the failure of an initiative sponsor to comply with these requirements renders any referendum held void.

The bill now moves to the House Ways & Means Committee, its second of three committees of reference. [SB 336](#) (Sen. Brandes) would also require that a proposal to adopt or amend a discretionary sales surtax be held at a general election. This bill is in the Senate Finance and Tax Committee, its second committee of reference.

Transportation

Autonomous Vehicles: [HB 311](#) (Rep. Fischer), which amends existing law related to autonomous vehicles, was moved favorably by the House Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee on March 6 and now moves

to the House Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, its second of three committees of reference. In general, the bill:

- Replaces the term “Autonomous Vehicle” with “Automated Driving System”, defined as the hardware and software that performs the dynamic driving task of an autonomous vehicle.
- Provides a definition for “On-Demand Autonomous Vehicle Network”, as a passenger transportation network that uses a digital means to connect passengers to fully autonomous vehicles for-hire.
- Removes the requirement for a person to possess a valid driver license to operate a fully autonomous vehicle. Additionally, the bill provides that an “automated driving system”, rather than a person, is deemed the operator of an autonomous vehicle operating with the automated driving system engaged.
- Specifies that certain provisions of law do not apply to fully autonomous vehicles operating with the automated driving system engaged if, in the event of a crash involving the vehicle, the vehicle owner, a person on behalf of the vehicle owner, or the autonomous vehicle, promptly contacts law enforcement to report the crash. Similarly, the bill specifies statutory provisions relating to unattended motor vehicles, wireless communication devices, and television receivers do not apply to autonomous vehicles operating with the automated driving system engaged.
- Allows the Florida Turnpike Enterprise to fund, construct, and operate test facilities for the advancement of autonomous and connected innovative transportation technology solutions.
- Requires that autonomous vehicles must comply with applicable federal law and regulations.
- Allows an on-demand autonomous vehicle network to operate pursuant to state laws.
- Requires the automated driving system of a fully autonomous vehicle to be capable of achieving a minimal risk condition if a failure of the system occurs. Provides a definition for “minimal risk condition.”
- Creates an exemption to driver licensing requirements when an autonomous vehicle is operated with the automated driving system engaged without a human operator physically present in the vehicle.
- Makes several conforming changes replacing the term “autonomous technology” with “automated driving system.”
- Makes other technical conforming changes.

A similar bill, [SB 932](#) (Sen. Brandes), is in the Senate Infrastructure and Security Committee, its first of three committees of reference.

Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters: [HB 453](#) (Rep. Toledo) was moved favorably by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on March 6. It now moves to the House Local, Federal, and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, its second of three committees of reference.

The bill creates a definition for “micromobility device,” and amends the definition of “motorized scooter.” The bill authorizes a county or municipality to regulate the operation of micromobility devices and for-hire motorized scooters as long as the regulation does not conflict with statute or federal law and is not more restrictive than the county’s or municipality’s regulation of bicycles. Additionally, the bill authorizes a county or municipality to require companies offering micromobility devices or for-hire motorized scooters to be licensed.

The bill specifies that except as provided in statute, state and federal law exclusively controls regulation of micromobility devices and for-hire motorized scooters. Additionally, the bill authorizes micromobility devices and motorized scooters to drive on sidewalks and bicycle paths as long as bicycles are permitted to do so. The bill requires that the operator of a micromobility device or motorized scooter have all the rights and duties applicable to the rider of a bicycle. Additionally, a micromobility device or motorized scooter is not required to be registered and insured like a motor vehicle; an operator does not have to have a valid driver license to operate a micromobility device or motorized scooter; and an operator may park a micromobility device or motorized scooter on a sidewalk as long as it does not impede pedestrian traffic.

Finally, the bill removes motorized scooters from the requirements for sale of miniature motorcycles and

clarifies that micromobility devices and motorized scooters are not required to display slow-moving vehicle emblems.

[SB 542](#) (Sen. Brandes), a similar bill, has been referred to three committees of reference but not yet heard in committee.

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Subject: Legislative Update March 1 2019

The legislative session begins next Tuesday, March 5. There were no interim committee meetings held this week but those will start up in earnest next week.

The most recent Bill Tracking Report, dated March 1, is attached. If at any point there is a bill you would like to add to this report or if you have a question related to a bill, simply email the Chapter Office at fapa@floridaplanning.org with the request.

[Legislative updates](#) are also posted on our website on Friday afternoons so remember to check back there periodically.

Many bills of interest were filed over the past week which would do the following:

Growth Management:

- Remove the acreage limitations that apply to **small-scale comprehensive plan amendments** ([SB 1494](#) which is identical to the previously filed [HB 6017](#)).
- **Waive sovereign immunity for local governments** for liability for attorney fees and costs in civil actions challenging the adoption or enforcement of a local ordinance on the grounds that it is preempted by the State Constitution or state law; the bill would apply retroactively to all cases pending or commenced on or after July 1, 2019 ([SB 1140](#) which is similar to the previously filed [HB 829](#)).
- Delineate several items that local governments must do to improve **fiscal transparency** ([SB 1350](#) which is similar to the previously filed [HB 15](#)).
- Prohibit a local government from enforcing an ordinance or regulation governing the **pruning, trimming or removal of trees** when certain circumstances are met, and requires each property appraiser office to post a specific **property owner's bill of rights** on its website ([SB 1400](#) and [HB 1159](#)).

- Create requirements for hosting platforms which facilitate bookings for **vacation rentals** or transient/nontransient apartments ([HB 1129](#) which is similar to the previously filed [SB 1196](#)).

Affordable Housing:

- Provide a tax reduction in operating taxes to taxpayers who build an **affordable housing project, elderly housing project, or workforce housing project** that is located in counties with a population of at least 825,000 and located within one-half mile of a mass transit station or within one-quarter mile of a transit corridor, and which meets specific criteria ([SB 1314](#)).
- Exempt certain **housing trust funds** from provisions allowing transfer to the General Revenue Fund or Budget Stabilization Fund ([HB 1103](#) which is identical to the previously filed [SB 70](#)).
- Create a **local permit approval process for affordable housing** with specific timeframes ([HB 1155](#)).

Environment/Natural Resources:

- Require water management districts to adopt rules that include design and performance standards that **increase the removal of nutrients from stormwater discharge** from all new development and redevelopment projects and require the Department of Environmental Protection to incorporate these standards by reference for use to ensure that new pollutant loadings are not discharged into impaired water bodies ([SB 1344](#)).
- Create the **Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative**, a partnership between the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute and Mote Marine Laboratory, to lead development of innovative technologies and approaches to address the control and mitigation of red tide and its impacts, and appropriate \$3 million per year from fiscal year 2019-2020 through 2024-2025 to fund this effort ([SB 1552](#) and [HB 1135](#)).
- Prohibit the issuance of permits to drill a gas or oil well on any portion of the **Everglades Protection Area** ([SB 1554](#)).
- Prohibit the construction of **new deep injection wells** for domestic wastewater discharge or the expansion of existing wells, and prohibit the discharge of domestic wastewater through existing ocean outfalls after December 31, 2020 and discharge through existing deep injection wells after December 31, 2022 ([SB 1568](#)).

Economic Development/Redevelopment:

- Provide for the use of sales tax accruing to the General Revenue Fund as a result of **Hurricane Michael** to fund certain types of projects in Bay, Calhoun, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Liberty and Washington Counties from fiscal years 2019-2020 through 2023-2024 ([HB 1101](#)).

- Revive and amend the Florida Enterprise Zone Act as the **Florida Opportunity Zone Act**, and define an opportunity zone as any low-income tract certified by the US Department of Treasury on June 14, 2018 as a qualified opportunity zone under Internal Revenue Code section 1400Z-1(b)(1)(B) ([SB 1408](#) which is similar to the previously filed [HB 481](#)).
- Create the **Florida Microfinancing Tax Credit program** to expand economic opportunities and improve the ability of minority persons to access capital to open or expand small businesses ([SB 1424](#)).
- Create the **Northwest Florida Rural Inland Affected Counties Recovery Fund**, a long-term source for funding, using specified monies from the BP settlement, for economic recovery and enhancement in certain counties ([SB 1162](#) which is similar to the previously filed [HB 191](#)).
- Enable any county, municipality, community college, or district school board to set aside a percent of the total amount of funds allocated for the procurement of personal property and services for the purpose of entering into contracts with **micro businesses**, defined as an independently owned and operated for-profit business entity, including any affiliates, which is located in this state and which has 10 or fewer full-time employees or full-time equivalent employees ([SB 1534](#)).

Permits/Fees:

- Require local governments which impose inspection and permit fees for building permits to establish an **expedited inspection process and expedited permitting process** for certain applications including any sized non-residential building ([HB 1139](#)).

Schools:

- Prohibit charter schools from operating as, or being operated by, certain for-profit entities ([HB 1089](#) which is identical to the previously filed [SB 584](#)).

Transportation:

- Eliminate the **Florida Transportation Commission** ([SB 1448](#) which is identical to the previously filed [HB 681](#)).

Other:

- Propose amendments to the State Constitution to authorize the proposal and enactment of **legislation by initiative** ([SJR 1398](#) which is identical to the previously filed [HJR 285](#)).