



**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

February 14, 2018 – 11:30 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 January 10, 2018

3. LOCAL AGENCY COORDINATION

The committee will review efforts to date regarding local coordination.

4. FEDERAL LEGISLATION

The committee will discuss federal legislative efforts.

5. CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION

Discussion of the Constitution Revision Commission efforts.

6. UPDATES

Updates from the PSTA Legislative Committee, MPOAC, FAPA and other related items.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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Legislative Committee – February 14, 2018

2. Approval of Minutes of the January 10, 2018 Meeting



SUMMARY

The summary minutes from the January 10, 2018 meeting are attached for the committee's review and approval.

ATTACHMENT(S): Summary minutes of the January 10, 2018 Legislative Committee meeting

ACTION: Committee to review and approve the January 10, 2018 meeting minutes

**FORWARD PINELLAS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
JANUARY 10, 2018**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Commissioner John Morroni, Forward Pinellas Chairman
Councilmember Doreen Caudell, Forward Pinellas Vice-Chair
Councilmember Darden Rice, City of St. Petersburg
Councilmember Bill Jonson, City of Clearwater, representing the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) (alternate)

Also Present:

Whit Blanton, Executive Director
Sarah Caper, Principal Planner
Chelsea Hardy, County Attorney's Office
Darryl Henderson, Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce, VP Public Policy & Economic Development
Tatiana Zuniga, Intern with Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce
Josh Miller, Executive Aide to Commissioner John Morroni
Brian Lowack, Intergovernmental Liaison, Pinellas County

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 8, 2017

Councilmember Caudell moved, seconded by Councilmember Jonson that the summary from the December 13, 2017 meeting be approved (vote 4-0).

3. FOLLOW UP ON PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS

Whit Blanton reviewed the draft letter that was prepared for the Pinellas Legislative Delegation regarding proposed legislative positions as previously directed by the committee and full board.

He offered an overview of each of the position statements to include:

- To clarify the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority's role and responsibilities relative to the system planning and project priority-setting responsibilities of the metropolitan planning organizations.
- To develop and provide funding for a regional express transit network that provides competitive travel times to get workers to their destinations throughout Tampa Bay.

- To adapt existing state transportation funding sources to recognize the increasing need for transit in fast-growing or established urbanized areas.
- To make texting while driving a primary offense.
- To postpone any legislative changes to the organizational structure of metropolitan planning organizations until after this year to allow the Regional Best Practices Study now underway to proceed and develop its recommendations for consideration at the end of the 2018 calendar year.
- To support the continuation of Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs) as a local economic development tool.

Additionally, the committee discussed the possibility of adding language to the letter to address proposed legislation regarding dockless bike sharing.

Councilmember Rice advised that this legislation is being closely monitored by the City of St. Petersburg because it will negatively affect the city's bike share system. She advised that there are concerns this may also impact the City of Safety Harbor in similar fashion.

Initially it was decided to take a monitor and follow up as needed approach to the dockless bike share proposed legislation. However, later in the meeting it was moved, seconded, and passed that language be added to the letter to address this issue.

Councilmember Rice introduced the topic of the rescission of federal interim approval for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs). Whit Blanton further elaborated on the timeline of recent events concerning this and the effects on our local governments. The committee discussed whether to take any official action on this issue at present. It was decided to monitor the situation, follow up with the committee and take action as needed.

There was a brief conversation about the responsiveness of Pasco County and its legislative positions.

Councilmember Jonson brought to the committee's attention the limited funding for the Transportation Disadvantaged program. After brief discussion, Councilmember Rice agreed to reach out to Representative Ben Diamond on this topic.

At this time, Councilmember Caudell made a motion to recommend to the full board that the draft letter be approved with the additional language to address the dockless bike share proposed legislation and that the Executive Director be authorized to work with the Chairman to take necessary action regarding the RRFBs to avoid delays. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jonson and carried unanimously.

4. LOCAL AGENCY COORDINATION

Sarah Caper updated the committee on the draft positions received from local governments and chambers of commerce. No additional ones have been received

since the last meeting. The four received were reviewed for common issues or concerns that rose to the top. Among those were innovations in transportation technology, express transit service, the role of the community development areas, and promoting pedestrian and bicycle safety through projects and educational efforts. Staff will continue to monitor to ensure resources are aligned and there are no conflicts for funding that develop.

Mr. Blanton elaborated on the express bus project on SR 60 advising the committee of the positions of the chambers of commerce regarding the project. The Clearwater Regional Chamber and the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber have both called for express bus service, specifically in the SR 60 corridor. However, the Clearwater Beach Chamber has written a letter opposing such and expressing concerns about it. At this time he suggests that there is enough support for the project for Forward Pinellas to keep it on its priority list. However, there may be some issues/concerns regarding design options that need to be worked out with local area agencies.

Representing the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) perspective, Councilmember Jonson offered further clarification distinguishing between the express transit service from Tampa International Airport (TIA) to the beaches and the bus way. The City of Clearwater has responded to some of the concerns of the Clearwater Beach Chamber in the form of a letter which was provided to the Forward Pinellas Board. He also pointed out that the projects aren't funded at this time which will allow for further discussion as needed.

Councilmember Doreen Caudell updated the committee on the efforts by the City of Clearwater to reach out to the local business community regarding these projects. She clarified that a trolley type bus would be utilized for the bus way project, not a typical PSTA bus.

Mr. Blanton advised that both PSTA and the City of Clearwater would be presenting to the Forward Pinellas Board on this topic this month.

Councilmember Caudell also update the committee on the City of Clearwater's plans to enhance safety during Spring Break.

5. UPDATES

The committee received the latest legislative updates from the MPOAC and Florida APA. The Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association 2018 Legislative Priorities and other relevant correspondence regarding bills of interest were also distributed to the committee members. Mr. Blanton offered brief updates on the status of a few bills of interest. Brief discussion ensued.

6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Councilmember Caudell asked that an alternate attend the MPOAC meeting in February on her behalf as she is unable to attend. Commissioner Morroni pointed out that he would be in Tallahassee at the end of January and offered to meet as needed with members of the Pinellas Legislative Delegation. Mr. Blanton also offered to meet with members of the delegation as needed while attending the

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

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SUMMARY

As discussed at previous legislative committee meetings, Forward Pinellas staff reached out to local governments, chambers of commerce and other agency partners regarding their legislative positions. No new local agencies have provided information; however, the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce has finalized their legislative agency and asks. At the January committee meeting, the statements below addressing common positions were provided based on the information provided from local agencies and presented at the December legislative committee meeting (Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce draft, Pinellas County, the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber and the City of Largo).

- Continue to explore and expand Pinellas County's transportation system with innovations in transportation technology. This includes Pinellas County's request for appropriations of \$6 million towards a cooperative County/State project to implement a fully functional Connected Vehicle Arterial System that can be used for operational and original equipment manufacturer (OEM) testing of a wide range of smart city and connected vehicle technologies. It also incorporates the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce's draft positions that discuss the use of emerging technology.
- Implement express transit service from Tampa International Airport to the beaches. This is included in the draft Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce and Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce advocacy agenda. The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) has this service, specifically to Clearwater Beach, as one of its state legislative priorities.
- Support use of and improvements to Community Redevelopment Areas (CRAs). Both City of Largo and Pinellas County address the role and importance of CRAs in their legislative positions.
- Continue to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety, through projects and educational efforts. This is a priority of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber and relates to Pinellas County's monitoring of support for Pinellas County transportation projects.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce 2018 Legislative & Policy Agenda
- Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce 2018 Legislative Asks
- Tampa Bay Beaches Session Update

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



2018 LEGISLATIVE & POLICY AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING - Support adequate state funding for transportation projects. Also support sustaining multimodal infrastructure funding for projects that enhance regional mobility.

Tampa Bay Next: Tampa Bay Next is a program to modernize Tampa Bay's transportation infrastructure and prepare for the future. The program includes interstate modernization, transit, bicycle/pedestrian facilities, complete streets, transportation innovation and freight mobility.

Tampa Bay Next Priorities:

- Move people and goods safely and efficiently
- Build a comprehensive regional transportation system
- Create meaningful opportunities for public input
- Balance regional needs with community concerns
- Commit to sustainable infrastructure decisions

[RTFP Draft Plan Jan/Feb]-TB Next PowerPoint:** Regional Transportation Feasibility Plan (RTFP) – Potential to advocate for the Clearwater – Gateway – St. Pete Corridor as identified by the RTFP as one of the 5 most suitable for federal funding.

TRANSIT OPTIONS - Support increased transit options from Downtown to Clearwater Beach.

TRANSIT ALTERNATIVE STUDY - Monitor and advocate for the update to the 2010 Forward Pinellas Downtown Clearwater to Clearwater Beach Transit Alternative Study. **[**Forward Pinellas meeting 12/14/17] Forward Pinellas staff recommends the board approve the SR 60 Implementation Plan recommendations for further consideration and approval by the City of Clearwater, which will receive a formal presentation on the plan on January 16, 2018.)**

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY - Support regional cooperation for transportation solutions within the Tampa Bay Region including the possible merger of MPOs.

CLEARWATER BEACH TO TIA EXPRESS – Support PSTA's FDOT grant funding request of \$2.1M for TIA to Clearwater Beach Express service.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY - Advocate for emerging technologies and, to build a regional system that can solve today's problems and is ready for the challenges of the coming decades.

PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE (PFC) – Support legislation that would remove the Federal PFC cap which will allow airports to have the flexibility to invest locally generated funding into FAA approved capital improvement projects.

REGIONAL FARE BOX – Support funding for a regional fare system that will serve the entire Tampa Bay region.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ COMPETITIVE BUSINESS CLIMATE

REDEVELOPMENT - Support changes to local government ordinances to facilitate infill redevelopment and reflect the urban nature of our community.

DOWNTOWN CLEARWATER ULI RECOMMENDATIONS - Support implementation of Urban Land Institute Recommendations for Downtown Redevelopment

IMAGINE CLEARWATER- Monitor the progression of the Imagine Clearwater redevelopment plan and continue to support the project that ensures a vibrant downtown and waterfront.

DOWNTOWN POST OFFICE - Monitor the Progression of the Historic Downtown Post Office and continue to advocate for the proper adaptive reuse of the property.

NORTH MARINA MASTER PLAN – Monitor the progression of the North Marina Master Plan and advocate for a plan that ensures economic vitality in the area.

SALES TAX - Support the reduction or elimination of sales tax for commercial properties.

FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM - Support extending the reforms of the federal flood insurance program to business properties and owner-occupied second homes, ensuring that these properties receive the same relief already provided to residential properties and single-family homes.

DOL OVERTIME REGULATIONS – Advocate for a possible stall in the implantation of the new overtime regulations and advocate for a solution that includes a gradual increase in the overtime threshold.

WORKER’S COMPENSATION - Monitor the upcoming changes to worker’s compensation rates and advocate for possible legislative remediation.

WORKFORCE AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT

Support the business and training organizations, community based organization, private and for-profit training providers, community colleges and others to help increase the opportunity for technical and vocational training programs across our region.

Monitor and advocate for St. Petersburg College to be able to continue to offer bachelor’s degrees.

Increase funding of programs administered by Pinellas County Schools and local technical institutions that are focused on workforce development specifically Pinellas Technical College (PTC) programs and trade development programs.

- Extending the “High Tech Corridor” from Tampa through Clearwater – to include high-tech education and development locally.
- Partnering with FSU and USF to attract talent to the local business community.
- Working with SPC and PTC to provide ‘job-ready’ training and internship opportunities to local students.
- Connecting the business community with local high schools to generate awareness and interest in students for careers that do not require a traditional college education.

TOURISM

SUPPORT AND FACILITATE INCREASED TOURISM THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND COUNTY - Continue adequate state funding of Visit Florida to ensure our state's continued competitiveness in tourism-oriented marketing.

SPORTS TOURISM - Provide state and local incentives to encourage the growth and development of organized sporting events and competitions at all levels and the retention of baseball spring training in our community.

OFFSHORE DRILLING - Oppose any change to the existing federal or state laws that would expand offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.

BED TAX - Monitor and advocate for the appropriate allocation of bed tax funds that allows for the continued marketing of our destination as well as pertinent capital projects.

COMMUNITY INCLUSION

Create an environment in where all members of the community are active in state, county, and local government. Support an inclusive atmosphere that lets all members of a community participate in work force development, economic development, environmental concerns, transportation input, and any issues relating to the community.

ENVIRONMENT

Advocate for safe environmental practices such as water conservation, recycling and waste reduction, air quality, clean energy and protection of threatened and endangered species.

WATER CONSERVATION - Educate people on the ways they can reduce their water consumption while being indoors and outdoors.

RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION - Inform individuals on which materials can be recycled and advocate for that option when available to limit waste.

AIR QUALITY - Encourage carpooling and ridesharing options to reduce the pollution in the air.

CLEAN ENERGY - Explore renewable energy options to allow for clean energy alternatives.

PROTECTION OF THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES - Protect the animals and plants that are threatened with extinction.

2018 Legislative Priorities

Regional Transportation.

By the year 2040, our region is expected to grow by approximately 43 percent. As we grow, commute times, travel costs, and congestion will continue to increase exponentially. Compared to today, by 2040 traffic congestion is expected to nearly double; meaning a commute of 30 minutes today could be nearly 60 minutes in 2040. The Tampa metro area is ranked as having the 11th worst congestion levels in the US. Only large metropolitan areas like Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York experience more congestion according to the TomTom Traffic Index. Our area's rapid, sprawling growth has resulted in dispersed employment centers, predominantly suburban development, and a transportation system with few options. Residents often drive alone, overloading the roadways that link our suburban areas. Providing choices to travel around the region will improve mobility, resulting in more free time with our families and less time stuck in traffic.

Established by the Florida State Legislature in July 2007 and amended in June 2017, Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) serves the five counties of Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas, and any other contiguous county that is party to an agreement of participation. TBARTA develops a regional transit development plan that provides a vision for a regionally integrated transportation system. Planning for the region requires a strong partnership between TBARTA, transportation and planning agencies, and the Tampa Bay business community. Consensus among TBARTA and its partners is clear. **Now is the time for a single regional plan, moving forward with a regional transit vision, and implementing a cohesive and incremental transit system that balances the movement of passengers and freight.**

We ask that the Legislature:

Establish an organization with the authority and the funding to implement a Regional Transit Master Plan for the area including Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Manatee counties.

Key Talking Points:

1. TBARTA's vision is a world class transportation network for the Tampa Bay Region that will connect people and places, move goods and services, enhance the quality of life, and offer transportation options that are safe, sustainable, affordable, and efficient.
2. TBARTA will act as a catalyst for a vibrant economic future through leadership, collaboration, and partnerships.
3. Since 2007, TBARTA has worked tirelessly to provide regional vision, direction, leadership, collaboration, and seamless coordination – leading Tampa Bay's regional transportation discussion. Since its inception, TBARTA has played a vital role in the success of several accomplishments that have involved defining priorities, partnering with agencies, and providing a valuable regional information source.

Useful Sources:

<https://www.bizjournals.com/tampabay/news/2017/08/28/psta-eyes-express-route-from-tampa-international.html>

<http://tbregionaltransit.com/>

Amendment of the Special Act of 1925

Rep. Larry Ahern, R-Seminole, has sponsored a proposed bill for the 2018 Legislative session that would amend a 1925 law preventing the city from relocating its concert bandshell for its \$55 million Imagine Clearwater redevelopment plan. The 1925 Special Act, passed when the state granted Clearwater strips of uplands and submerged lands to construct the Causeway Memorial bridge, prohibits any "carnivals or shows of any character" in the 500 feet north of a boundary that runs by the bridge. That 500-foot stretch is nearly the exact location of the proposed site for the new bandshell. If the Legislature does not amend the Special Act of 1925, the bandshell cannot be relocated to the site.

We ask that the Legislature:

Support the proposed bill amending the Special Act of 1925 so that the Imagine Clearwater project can proceed.

Key Talking Points

1. Imagine Clearwater is a \$55 million waterfront redevelopment plan city consultants designed with community input and staff feedback projected to be completed in four years.
2. Voters will have to approve a referendum on the Nov. 7 ballot to allow for the development of the walkways, gardens and other structures below the Bluff.
3. Clearwater has a once in a lifetime opportunity to develop a transformative vision for its downtown waterfront.

Useful Sources:

<http://www.myclearwater.com/government/Imagine-clearwater>

<http://www.myclearwater.com/home/showdocument?id=3333>

<http://www.tampabay.com/opinion/editorials/times-recommends-yes-on-clearwater-referendum-to-improve-waterfront/2340004>

Visit Florida

VISIT FLORIDA, the state's official tourism marketing corporation, serves as Florida's official source for travel planning to visitors across the globe. As the Sunshine State's No. 1 industry, tourism was responsible for welcoming 112.3 million visitors in 2016. Based on the latest economic impact study, Florida visitors spent \$108.8 billion and supported 1.4 million Florida jobs. According to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research, for every \$1 the state invests in VISIT FLORIDA, \$3.20 in tax revenue is generated. Each year, the Florida Legislature appropriates public funding to be allocated for tourism marketing. VISIT FLORIDA facilitates tourism industry participation in domestic and international travel trade and consumer shows, as well as media missions to the top global visitor markets. VISIT FLORIDA also works closely with travel agents, tour operators, meeting and event planners, and is responsible for operating Florida's five Official Welcome Centers.

We ask that the Legislature:

Continue adequate state funding of Visit Florida to ensure our state's continued competitiveness in tourism-oriented marketing.

Key Talking Points:

1. As of August 15, 2017, a record-breaking 60.7 million tourists visited the state of Florida, a 4.1 percent increase over the first half of 2016.
2. In 2016, Florida drew a record 112 million visitors.
3. On average, visitors spend \$300 million per day in Florida.
4. Since 2011, international visitation has increased by 14 percent to 14.4 million visitors.
5. The annual impact of international visitor spend in Florida is \$25.7 billion.

Useful Sources:

<https://www.visitflorida.org/>

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/business/tourism/a-record-60-million-tourists-have-visited-florida-so-far-in-2017/2333813>

2018 Florida Legislative Session

Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber stance on current legislation:

Tourist Development Tax – **Oppose**

HB 585 – Randy Fine

SB 658 – Jeff Brandes

Summary: Expands the use of the Tourist Development Tax for sewer infrastructure, roads, bridges and other basic responsibilities of local government.

Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability – **Oppose**

HB 3 – Michael Grant

SB 1714 – Keith Perry

Summary: Overregulates our local organizations like Pinellas County Economic Development and Visit St. Pete/Clearwater.

Minimum Wage – **Oppose**

HB 1441 – Al Jacquet

SB 166 – Jose Rodriguez

Summary: State mandate increasing minimum wage to \$15.25 by 2023

Tax Exempt Income - **Support**

SB 58 – Dorothy Hukill

Summary: Increases the exemption from \$50,000 to \$75,000 for the Corporate Income Tax.

Business Rent Tax - **Support**

HB 939 – Jackie Toledo

SB 60 – Dorothy Hukill

Summary: Continues decreasing the business rent tax from 5.8 percent to 5 percent, with the goal of eventual repeal.

Assignment of Benefits – **Monitoring**

HB 7015 – Jay Trumbull

SB 62 – Dorothy Hukill

Summary: Fixes assignment of benefits fraud by addressing attorney fees while protecting consumers.

Small Business Saturday Tax Holiday - **Support**

HB 519 – Kamia Brown

SB 76 – Rene Garcia

Summary: Supports small businesses by creating a sales tax holiday for purchases at small businesses on Small Business Saturday.

Supermajority to Raise Taxes - **Support**

HB 7001 – Tom Leek

SB 1742 – Kelli Stargel

Summary: Creates a constitutional amendment on the ballot. If passed by voters, the amendment would require a two-thirds (supermajority vote) by legislators to increase taxes or remove a tax exemption.

Plastic Bags – **Oppose**

SB 348 – Kelli Stargel

Summary: Prohibits businesses from using plastic bags, even in the storage of perishable foods.

Vacation Rentals – **Monitoring**

HB 773 – Mike La Rosa

SB 1400 – Greg Steube

Summary: Protects the private property rights of owners by establishing a statewide framework for the use of short term vacation rentals

SUMMARY

The legislative committee has primarily focused on state legislative concerns and priorities; however, committee members have expressed interest in exploring federal issues.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- American Planning Association Legislative Priorities
- American Planning Association Infrastructure Principles

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



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APA Legislative Priorities

We believe in creating stronger and more just communities through access to opportunity, strategic investments in innovation, and broadly-shared prosperity.

[Policy Strategies for Creating Stronger, More Just Communities \(/policy/strategies/\)](#)

APA Calls on Congress to:

1. Invest in infrastructure that builds strong and vibrant communities for all
2. Expand housing choice and affordability with policies that support inclusive growth and greater access to economic and social mobility
3. Provide high-quality federal data that supports effective local planning and decision making
4. Promote healthy and safe communities through good planning and strategic public investments

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INVEST IN THE NATION'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Well-planned infrastructure investments are a catalyst for economic vitality, long-term prosperity, improved public services, and access to opportunity. Today's bipartisan support for infrastructure holds the promise of not only new jobs and economic growth but also stronger communities and neighborhoods providing vital access to opportunity. At the same time, we need not just more investment, but smarter investment.

Any federal infrastructure program should be driven by key principles of good planning, such as considering the importance of the right location, helping communities fully leverage investments, and providing co-benefits for housing and economic development, and other important community goals.

[What Congress should do \(/policy/principles/infrastructure/\)](#)

EXPAND HOUSING CHOICE AND AFFORDABILITY WITH POLICIES THAT SUPPORT INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND GREATER ACCESS TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL MOBILITY

Housing is a major challenge in communities across the nation. While the challenges vary from region to region and market to market, the common goal in addressing them is to advance policies and funding that promote fairness, affordability, choice and opportunity rooted in vibrant neighborhoods.

Meeting our housing and community development needs is essential for expanding economic and social mobility. Inequality, stagnant growth and systemic barriers to community development have deep costs for individuals, families and communities. Planning can effectively and equitably engage the public and identify barriers to and opportunities for shared, inclusive growth. Federal and state policies should directly address social equity challenges and support efforts to create more prosperous and just communities.

What Congress should do (/policy/strategies/)

PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY FEDERAL DATA THAT SUPPORTS EFFECTIVE LOCAL PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING

Good planning is based on sound, comprehensive data, and the federal government is a key provider of this essential information. Federal census data and data resources are an integral part of effective planning and an accurate evaluation of planning outcomes.

In an era of frequent distrust of institutions and opinions posing as data, we need reliable and robust data sources to guide sound decision-making at the local, state and federal levels.

What Congress should do (/policy/strategies/)

PROMOTE HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES THROUGH GOOD PLANNING AND STRATEGIC PUBLIC INVESTMENTS

Federal policy should encourage and support efforts to improve the health of the nation's communities. The Farm Bill and the National Flood Insurance Program are due for reauthorization in 2018 and present important opportunities to use good planning to create healthier and safer communities.

What Congress should do (/policy/strategies/)



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Principles for New Federal Infrastructure Investment Policy

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Tell your representatives about our nine policy ideas for crafting an infrastructure package that will benefit people and places across the country.

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Now is the time for smarter investment in the nation's infrastructure. Not only should investments be made in transportation, but also systems that support communications, water management, and energy.

As President Trump and Congress begin working on an infrastructure package, APA stands ready to ensure that this needed investment program works to benefit people and places across the country.

We call on Congress and the Administration to use these principles to shape infrastructure policy:

- Serve multiple modes and types of infrastructure
- Driven by local visions and strong regional planning
- Address long-term funding sustainability
- Harness private sector investment and creativity to advance and protect the public interest
- Consider key factors of location and leverage
- Promote access
- Advance opportunity for all
- Embrace and support innovation
- Make communities safer and more resilient

What We Believe

We strongly believe that well-planned infrastructure projects strengthen communities, boost the economy, and expand opportunity. They also promote a return on the public investment, in contrast with unplanned infrastructure that can waste public funds, damage communities and the environment, and otherwise lead to inefficient growth.

Looking across the country and the globe we see that the cities and regions that are thriving are those investing in critical infrastructure such as roads, transit, sidewalks, parks and recreation, water, energy, freight, and communications that connect people and goods to economic and social opportunity. At the same time, we know that a poorly designed infrastructure program can inhibit the shared prosperity, economic growth, and community development that we all seek. In this area of policy, details matter as much as funding.

A New Federal Infrastructure Program Should:

SERVE MULTIPLE MODES AND TYPES OF INFRASTRUCTURE

The nation's infrastructure needs are as diverse as its communities and regions. It is essential that investment occur in a wide array of projects. Funding and investment programs should support not only road development and transportation but also other critical needs, such as water, energy, and communications. Broad flexibility and eligibility will ensure a greater impact and meet local needs.

DRIVEN BY LOCAL VISIONS AND STRONG REGIONAL PLANNING

The vision and values of local residents are best represented and advanced by shifting decision making to local communities and empowering local and regional planning for guiding investments and engaging citizens. Regional planning is at the heart of the federal transportation planning process. Productive federal policy would build on these regional institutions and support good planning.

ADDRESS LONG-TERM FUNDING SUSTAINABILITY

New legislation holds the promise of ensuring that federal infrastructure funding is put on a sustainable and predictable path. In spite of important advances in recent transportation legislation, the structural challenges to the federal gas tax and trust fund remain. Advances in technology and fuel efficiency are likely to make the current system unsustainable and insufficient for the nation's needs. If a new program is a component of tax reform, it provides a unique opportunity to meet our long-term needs. A thoughtful approach to tax reform can support long-term investment in infrastructure and provide tools to regions and communities that bring prosperity and access to opportunity.

HARNESS PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT AND CREATIVITY TO ADVANCE AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST

There is a clear and important role for private investment in addressing our infrastructure challenges. Public-private partnerships and innovative project finance strategies can be useful and vital tools in infrastructure development; however, such strategies need to recognize that true partnerships include equitable sharing of both risks and benefits. A new infrastructure package should include and expand opportunities for private investment that benefits communities and regions economically, but it must genuinely advance the right projects and the public interest. Policy should ensure that projects without a steady or obvious revenue stream get support, full public transparency is provided, and new tools expand the pool for investment without shifting costs to local communities.

CONSIDER KEY FACTORS OF LOCATION AND LEVERAGE

It is a truism in development that location matters. There are significant opportunities for communities to spur development associated with and connected to new infrastructure projects. Federal policy should consider the importance of location, help communities fully leverage investments, and connect infrastructure to related issues like housing and economic development. Good policy requires building on existing investments and communities, including support for repair and modernization.

PROMOTE ACCESS

Transportation infrastructure decisions have often been driven by the desire to promote mobility — often defined as moving people as quickly as possible. While mobility is a consideration, today the needs of access and connection are paramount in ensuring that infrastructure investment provides the biggest benefit to communities and the economy. Moreover, mobility considerations should focus on mobility for people, not just vehicles. Incorporating measures and standards of access to opportunity and connectivity into new infrastructure investment policy is vital.

ADVANCE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Too often in our past, infrastructure programs have exacerbated inequality, harmed low-income and minority neighborhoods, imposed disproportionate environmental impacts on vulnerable communities, and failed to advance broad-based prosperity. The legacy of some past infrastructure decisions continues to impose a social cost on many communities. A new program has the opportunity and the obligation to support social equity goals and advance economic and social opportunity for all. This requires robust public engagement and intentional strategies for incorporating equity.

EMBRACE AND SUPPORT INNOVATION

Recent years have seen the rapid emergence of new transportation technologies and businesses, advanced use of data analytics, and "smart" infrastructure. There seems little doubt that we will see autonomous vehicles and other new technologies implemented soon. These new services, systems, and

approaches will place new needs and demands on our infrastructure. Federal policy should foster innovation in design, planning, and implementation of "smart city" tools and fund these new infrastructure demands.

MAKE COMMUNITIES SAFER AND MORE RESILIENT

Communities across the country are focusing on minimizing and avoiding damage from natural disasters. Resilience and mitigation have become essential elements of local planning for infrastructure development. A new federal investment program should support efforts to advance hazard resilience and design safer infrastructure that meets the needs of all users. Safer communities will protect the investment and produce better projects and benefits. However, resilience is more than preparing for disasters. Resilience includes adaptation to changing economic and social structures and physical conditions for which investments in supportive infrastructure can be beneficial and cost effective.



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5. CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION



SUMMARY

The Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) activities were introduced at previous legislative committee meetings. The CRC convenes once every 20 years to examine the Florida Constitution and propose changes for voter consideration. The CRC is holding a public hearing in St. Petersburg on Tuesday, March 13, from 1-7 p.m. at the University of South Florida – St. Petersburg. Information on the public hearing is available on the CRC website, <http://flcrc.gov/Meetings/PublicHearings>.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- CRC Proposal 95, Florida Association of Counties
- CRC Proposal 95, Suncoast League of Cities

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

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Subject: Alert from the Florida Association of Counties- Proposal 95 of the Constitution Revision Commission.

Informational.

The Constitution Revision Commission will hear Proposal 95 (Lee) this Friday, January 26, at 9:00 am. Proposal is copied below:

ARTICLE VIII
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SECTION 6. Regulation of commerce, trade, or labor.-A county, municipality, or special district may only regulate commerce, trade, or labor occurring exclusively within the respective entity's own boundaries in a manner not prohibited by law. A regulation enacted by a county, municipality, or special district may not intrude upon or impede commerce, trade, or labor across the respective entity's boundaries.

See attached analysis from Florida Association of Counties (FAC) for impact information. Council members also received this action alert as members of FAC.

GrayRobinson will lobby our opposition, based on council's opposition to infringement on home rule authority.

Four "no" votes will kill the bill in this committee. FAC thinks that is possible. After this stop, there is one more committee.

Arlene

Proposal 95 would end home rule in Florida -

Constitution Revision Commission Proposal 95, sponsored by Commissioner Lee, will be heard by the Local Government Committee on Friday, January 26th at 9:00am. Proposal 95 would eliminate home rule in Florida as we know it.

Proposal 95 would create a constitutional prohibition against any county, municipality, or special district's regulation of any type of commerce, trade, or labor, unless such regulation operated exclusively within the respective entity's own boundaries in a manner not prohibited by law.

Additionally, Proposal 95 would prohibit any regulation enacted by a county, municipality, or special district from intruding upon, or impeding, commerce, trade, or labor across the respective entity's boundaries. The language contained in Proposal 95 is incredibly broad and the Proposal provides no definition for the terms "commerce", "trade", or "labor". This could lead to numerous legal challenges brought against not only local government ordinances and regulations, but also against legislation enacted by the Legislature.

Specifically, Proposal 95 would:

Affect fundamental local decision such as zoning, animal control, tree protection, and traffic flows
Force local leaders to navigate a network of approvals and appeals to tackle mundane administrative matters
Require local employers to engage in the state legislative process for minor matters that could easily be addressed at the local level

Please visit flcrc.gov and ask the members of the Constitutional Revision Commission to vote for localism and against Proposal 95.

FAC CONTACT:

For additional information, please feel free to contact Laura Youmans via email at lyoumans@fl-counties.com or Brian Sullivan at bsullivan@fl-counties.com.

Call CRC committee members
Email CRC committee members
Come to Tallahassee and testify this Friday

If you are planning to come to Tallahassee, please notify Tiffany Henderson or Davin Suggs of your arrangements.

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Subject: From the CRC: Legislative Alert — OPPOSE PROPOSAL 95 and SUPPORT PROPOSAL 61; Save the Date: SLC February Meeting

CRC Legislative Alerts:
OPPOSE Proposal 95 and SUPPORT Proposal 61
Save the Date for the SLC February Business Meeting
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Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) Legislative Alert

OPPOSE Proposal 95 and SUPPORT Proposal 61

On **Friday, January 26, at 9:00 a.m.**, the CRC Local Government Committee will consider two proposals that would directly impact municipalities.

It is very important that municipal officials contact members of the [CRC Local Government Committee](#) and express **OPPOSITION** to PROPOSAL 95 and **SUPPORT** for PROPOSAL 61!

Proposal 95 - Preempting the Regulation of Commerce, Trade, and Labor (Oppose)

Proposal 95 (Tom Lee) would create an extremely broad and vague preemption of local

government ability to regulate commerce, trade or labor. If broadly interpreted, Proposal 95 may prohibit a city regulation of an activity taking place within the city, even if the city established a reasonable nexus between the activity and its citizens' health, safety and welfare. From zoning to environmental protections, many local government regulations of business could be directly preempted by this. The FLC is strongly opposed to this proposal.

Please contact members of the Local Government Committee and urge them to Oppose Proposal 95!

Proposal 95 states: A county, municipality, or special district may only regulate commerce, trade, or labor occurring exclusively within the respective entity's own boundaries in a manner not prohibited by law. A regulation enacted by a county, municipality, or special district may not intrude upon or impede commerce, trade, or labor across the respective entity's boundaries.

Talking Points

- **IT'S BROAD AND VAGUE.** Due to its ambiguity, Proposal 95 (P95) is likely rife with unintended consequences. If broadly interpreted, it would cast companies into regulatory gray areas and leave local governments uncertain of their roles and responsibilities. Ultimately, business certainty and public welfare would both become casualties of this ill-conceived proposal.
- **IT'S IMMENSELY IMPRACTICAL.** P95 would not only exempt large companies with offices in 2 or more local jurisdictions (for example a city and the neighboring unincorporated area), or companies providing some manner of service or product in 2 or more local jurisdictions, from local laws, it could even prevent cities from regulating businesses within their boundaries. Many local businesses serve customers well beyond their home-city's jurisdiction. For example, a local pizza joint may deliver to nearby communities, a local florist may send flowers out of town and countless local retailers ship to far-flung destinations thanks to online sales. P95 would potentially bar cities from regulating such businesses in any manner.
- **THAT'S NOT FAIR TO SMALL BUSINESSES.** Ultimately, P95 creates a two-track system of regulation for like businesses within the same local jurisdiction: one for businesses that are regulated by local governments and one for businesses that are not. That creates more confusion and less certainty—ultimately, it may distort a company's business decisions in a way that's unhealthy for the economy and inconsistent with the free market and a level playing field.
- **THE CONTRACTOR CONUNDRUM.** With P95, contractors from other communities need not play by the same rules as their local competitors. If a contractor is based in a different town, neither their home-city nor the city in which they operate would be able to regulate their activities. That's a potential danger to the health, safety and welfare of Floridians.
- **LOCALISM.** Decisions made at local levels of government are more likely to be consensus decisions, given the shared values within most communities. When problems arise within communities, local leaders are typically well-suited to mediating the concerns of those affected by their decisions. In essence, they are accountable. P95 contorts a practical regulatory system into one that confusingly shifts jurisdiction or leaves some businesses in a regulatory gray area. That's bad for businesses, bad for cities and bad for citizens.

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Proposal 61 - A Transparent Preemption Process (Support)

Proposal 61 (Chris Smith) would create a transparent process for the legislature to preempt the Home Rule authority of municipalities. An amendment will be offered to Proposal 61 that would simply limit this proposal to require the Legislature to enact each preemption of Home Rule authority as a stand-alone bill, rather than tacked on to “must-pass” legislation during the final hours of the legislative session, without the benefit of a full debate in broad daylight.

Please contact members of the Local Government Committee and urge them to Support Proposal 61!

Talking Points

- **STRENGTHENS LOCAL DECISION-MAKING.** Proposal 61 is based on a simple idea: Local decisions should be made by local communities, not distant government. In a state as big and diverse as Florida, each city, town and village should be governed by residents who are elected by the citizenry.
- **EMPOWERS PEOPLE BY LIMITING GOVERNMENT.** Proposal 61 says the state must justify passing policies that concentrate power in Tallahassee at the expense of local cities and taxpayers. This is a sensible, balanced check against the aggressive expansion of state powers.
- **PROMOTES COMMONSENSE POLICYMAKING.** Proposal 61 says that any policy to restrict the rights of local communities should be considered on its own merits, as a standalone bill, and not be tacked on to “must-pass” legislation during the final hours of the legislative session, without the benefit of a full debate in broad daylight.

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6. UPDATES



SUMMARY

Updates will be provided on the PSTA Legislative Committee, the MPOAC legislative monitoring, APA legislative monitoring and other regional and countywide areas of interest.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1/27/2018 Florida Bicycle Association Update
- 2/2/2018 MPOAC Legislative Update
- 2/1/2018 Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association Update
- 2/2/18 APA Florida Bill Tracking Report

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

From: Florida Bicycle Association [<mailto:becky=floridabicycle.org@mail98.atl111.rsgsv.net>] **On Behalf Of** Florida Bicycle Association
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2018 FL Legislative Update #2

The Florida Bicycle Association supports statutory provisions to ensure the safety and rights of bicyclists. We invite our members to follow proposed bills and partake in the process.

House of Representatives

Senate



Filed bills of interest:

[HB 33](#) - Texting While Driving

[HB 117](#) - Bicycle and Pedestrian
Safety



Filed bills of interest:

[SB 90](#) - Use of Wireless
Communications Devices While Driving

[SB 116](#) - Operation of Vehicles

The 2018 Florida Legislative Session is off to a good start for public safety on public roads.

Texting while driving a primary offense: The bills are moving through both the House and Senate chambers. In addition to the Speaker of the House being supportive, the Governor also went public with his [support](#).

This could be the year a much needed and necessary public safety measure becomes law. However, during a Senate committee meeting this week, Senator Gibson proposed a strike-all amendment to change the bill to a Hand-held device ban. The amendment was defeated under the premise that it would derail current efforts to complete the baby step of making texting while driving a primary offense, and thus, nothing would be done this session. Certainly there is interest for a hand-held device ban for Florida and Senator Gibson was approached by advocates after the meeting. FBA left a note for Senator Gibson stating, 'How can we help?'

HB 33 and SB 90 each have only one more chamber committee to pass before making it to the floor. Once it passes the floor vote in each chamber, it goes to the Governor. This could become law before the session closes. Stay tuned.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Bill: As we stated in the previous blog, our adding vulnerable road users to the current Move Over law has changed to a bicycle and pedestrian safety bill. The committee substitution bill can be found here:

[CS/HB 117](#)

Please take a moment to read the new bill as we move forward in support. The good news is that the new language does incorporate the spirit of the current Move Over law to apply to people (bike/ped); the even better news is that it addresses crossing a double yellow line to pass a cyclist and a few other safety measures to help motorists, cyclists and pedestrians share the road.

Although HB 117 passed its first of two House committees, it remains stalled on the Senate side. We need SB 116 to be heard by the Senate Transportation Committee to get the bill moving and matched to the House bill.

Please take a moment to contact the [Senate Transportation Committee](#), especially those in District 2, to ask Chair Gainer to put SB 116 (companion bill to HB 117) on the agenda. SB 116 needs to be put on the agenda in order for an amendment to be filed that will match it up to HB 117.

We encourage our members to stay engaged, to keep asking elected officials for their support and most importantly, to thank them for their efforts.

You can follow the 2018 FL legislative session for yourself by visiting each chamber's website and utilizing the TRACKING feature:

[Florida Senate](#)

[Florida House](#)

Keep fighting the good fight with FBA!

For a more comprehensive legislative update, please go to our [membership website](#): [Documents/Legislative Platform/2018 FL Legislative Updates](#)

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Legislative Update for the week ending 02/02/2018

Overview

It is the fourth week of session and it was quiet week for transportation, that was until Friday when the Governor directed the Florida Department of Transportation to implement actionable items from a post hurricane Irma report. The Department will work with fuel suppliers to make more fuel available during evacuations, look at improving traffic flow on Interstate 75 from the Turnpike at Wildwood to the Georgia border and look at installing additional traffic cameras to allow the department to be better able to keep traffic flowing by responding to crashes and other events more quickly. Readers will be reminded that the evacuation was the largest in history, nearly 7 million persons were ordered to evacuate. Hurricane Irma received plenty of news as she came to Puerto Rico and Florida, actually the after effects of the hurricane are still in the news on a regular basis.

There were plenty of distractions from passing bills in the committees as members worked on budgets in each chamber and other topics occupied the hours and days of our legislators. To be fair, the only constitutionally required task the legislature has is to pass a budget, so that obviously needs to take precedence over any other task. Other than the budget, in the news this week were articles about statues, supreme court rulings, sexual harassment and child marriages. It seems as if news was coming from all corners. A big piece of news to readers of the MPOAC Legislative Update is House Bill 33 by Toledo and Slosberg, it passed it's final committee stop with 20 Yeas and no opposition! Congratulations to Representatives Toledo and Slosberg in successfully moving their bill through all committee stops, now onto the House floor. The Senate companion by Perry (SB 90) has one more committee stop before heading to the Senate floor for it's full vote. These bills are part of MPOAC's legislative priorities and so we are very pleased to see these two bills advancing. We certainly don't want to jinx the efforts so far, please keep supporting these two bills.

Not nearly as flashy but certainly newsworthy is the progression of the budget efforts in both the House and Senate. The two chambers are about \$100 Million dollars apart in their respective budget proposals which out of \$87 Billion is workable. The budget amounts are larger than the current year budget of \$84 Billion, lawmakers attribute the increase to a few items but the big one is hurricane spending. Where the big differences come into play are the member initiatives (read member projects). The amounts are roughly the same overall but the House budget has about half as many projects. In other words, the House budget includes larger priced items and the Senate budget has the money spread out to more projects. Members are conferring with each other to begin the process of resolving differences. Keep in mind that these projects are of all types, libraries, parks, water systems, etc. These member projects are not exclusive to transportation. In other budget details, senators want to spend nearly \$400 million more on state universities, but the House wants to reduce their budgets by \$216 million. The House budget sweeps \$397 million from single-purpose budget accounts known

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as trust funds, and the Senate would sweep \$124 million. Democrats are opposed to raids on two funds that build affordable housing.

Other happenings in the Capital city and around the Capitol itself included a proposal to replace the statue of a confederate general in the US Capitol with one of Mary McLeod Bethune. A judge ruled the Florida system to restore voting rights to felons is unconstitutional, legislators are still grappling with how to create rules for dealing with sexual harassment in state government. A sanctuary city bill appears to be stopped in the Senate and on the House side, the Speaker of the House agreed to a debate on the issue with Tallahassee Mayor and Gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum, the state's top health officials have been told they may not be paid their salaries until after they get some traction on applications for medical marijuana, legislation addressing child brides advanced, and Florida Forever funding (\$100 Million annually) advanced in the Senate – remember the 2014 voter referendum, Amendment 1, that overwhelmingly passed? And gambling issues, well the discussions between the state, the Seminole tribe, fantasy sports betting, and other interests is..... Well, it is hard to say where this is going to end up. Then there are the perennial gun bills, this week a bill which would allow guns in churches attached to schools had to be modified to get past the Senate Judiciary Committee.

That's a wrap for this week. Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy this edition of the MPOAC Legislative Update.

Important Dates for the 2018 Legislative Session

- August 01, 2017 – Deadline for filing claim bills
- November 17, 2017 - Deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills
- January 5, 2018 – Deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills
- January 9, 2018 - Regular Session convenes, deadline for filing bills for introduction
- February 24, 2018 - All bills are immediately certified, motion to reconsider made and considered the same day
- February 27, 2018 - 50th day, last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings
- March 9, 2018 - 60th day, last day of Regular Session

Legislation of interest to the membership

This is a summary of bills filed and published on the legislature's website as of February 02, 2018. 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 bill you are tracking.

Changes from last update are shown in RED

HB 33: Texting While Driving – (Toledo; Slosberg – Co-Introducers: Ahern; Burgess; Fitzenhagen; Jacobs; Metz; Stark; Altman; Asencio; Berman; Beshears; Boyd; Clemons; Cortes, J.; Cruz; Daniels; Diaz, M.; Donalds; Drake; Duran; Edwards-Walpole; Grant, M.; Gruters; Hager; Harrell; Harrison; Ingoglia; Killebrew; Leek; Mariano; McClain; McClure; Miller, M.; Moskowitz; Olszewski; Payne; Perez; Plasencia; Raschein; Russell; Smith; Spano; Stevenson; Stone; Watson, C.; White; Willhite; Williams) – Similar Bill SB 90. Revises legislative intent; requires law enforcement officer to inform motor vehicle operator of certain rights; prohibits certain actions by such officer; removes requirement that enforcement be accomplished as secondary action. The bill has added many cosponsors and gained the support of the Speaker of the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0, now in Judiciary Committee. Passed Judiciary Committee, 17 Yeas, 1 Nay. It now needs to pass Government Accountability and then can head to the House floor for a full vote. **Passed Government Accountability with 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now headed to the House floor for a full vote of the House. Please note, Speaker Corcoran has publicly stated his support for this bill.**

SB 72: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Garcia – Co-Introducers: Rodriguez; Mayfield;) – Withdrawn. Identical to SB 90.

CS/SB 90: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Perry – Co-Sponsor: Garcia; Mayfield; Rodriguez; Campbell; Baxley Stewart; Taddeo) – Identical to SB 72. Similar to HB 33. Revising the legislative intent relating to the authorization of law enforcement officers to stop motor vehicles and issue citations to persons who are texting while driving; requiring deposit of fines into the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund, etc. Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations Committee Substitute (amendment) and passed by Communications, Energy and Public Utilities (Yeas 7, Nays 1). This bill also picked up three more co-sponsors. Now in Transportation. The bill now has seven co-sponsors. The bill passed the Transportation Committee with a vote of 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. The bill now moves to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. On the Committee Agenda for Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 01/18/2018, 9:00AM 110 Senate Office Building. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development with 8 Yeas and 2 Nays. Now in Appropriations. After Appropriations Committee it will head to the Senate Floor for a full vote.

SB 116: Operation of Vehicles – (Baxley – Co-Introducers: Passidomo; Book) - Requiring drivers to vacate lanes closest to, or reduce speed and pass, vulnerable road users, authorized emergency, sanitation, and utility service vehicles or workers, and wrecker operators under certain circumstances, subject to certain requirements, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

HB 117: Operation of Vehicles – (Stone – Co-Introducers: Hahnfeldt; Jacobs; Killebrew; Stark) - Companion Bill to SB 116. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Committee Substitute passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on a

vote of 11 Yeas, 0 Nays. Pending review of Committee Substitute. Now in Government Accountability Committee.

HB 121: Texting While Driving – (Slosberg; Stark) – Similar to SB 72 and SB 90. Revises short title & legislative intent; revises penalties for violations of provisions re: texting while driving; provides enhanced penalties for violations committed in school zones & crossings; requires law enforcement agencies to adopt policies prohibiting racial profiling in enforcement; removes requirement that enforcement be accomplished as secondary action. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; Government Accountability Committee. This bill was withdrawn and the bill sponsor (Slosberg) is a cosponsor of the newly filed HB 33: Texting While Driving bill.

SB 176: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Hutson) – Similar to HB 6001 - 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, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

SB 182: Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program – (Rodriguez) – Similar Bill HB 567. Requiring the Department of Transportation to create a Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requiring the program to disburse grants using funds allocated to the department by the Legislature to certain qualified businesses for the purpose of maintaining the businesses during a construction project of the department, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. **On the Transportation Committee agenda for 02/06/2018 at 2:00PM in Room 401 of the Senate Office Building.**

SB 188: Public School Transportation – (Steube) – Companion bill is HB 1299. 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; requiring a district school superintendent to request a review of a hazardous walking condition upon receipt of a written request from a parent of a student, etc. Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations.

SB 206: Highway Memorial Markers – (Perry) – Requiring the Department of Transportation to establish a process, including the adoption of any forms deemed necessary by the department, for submitting applications for installation of a memorial marker; authorizing the department to install a certain sign at no charge to an applicant; authorizing an applicant to request an emblem of belief not specifically approved by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration for incorporation in a memorial marker, subject to certain requirements, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

HB 215: Autocycles – (Payne) – Related bill SB 504 (Perry). Defines "autocycle" & revises definition of "motorcycle"; requires safety belt usage by autocycle operator/passenger; authorizes autocycle operation without motorcycle endorsement; provides applicability. Definition of an autocycle: A three-wheeled motorcycle that has two wheels in the front and one wheel in the back; is equipped with a roll cage or roll hoops, a seat belt for each occupant, antilock brakes, a steering wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride it; and is manufactured in accordance with the applicable federal motorcycle safety standards provided in 49 C.F.R. part 571 by a manufacturer registered with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Not knowing from the description what an autocycle looks like, I thought it best to share with you a picture of one. The image of an autocycle is shown below. Bill referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Bill passed the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee (Yeas 12, Nays 2) and is now on the Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee agenda for 11/15/2017. Bill passed the Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, now in Government Accountability Committee. The bill passed the Government

Accountability Committee with 19 Yeas, 2 Nays. The Bill has now been placed on the Calendar for a full House vote on 01/24/2018. Passed the House with 105 Yeas and 1 Nay. **Received by the Senate and assigned to Committees – Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; Appropriations.**



HB 243: Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax – (Avila; Perez) – Companion Bill is SB 688. Requires certain counties to use surtax proceeds for specified purposes related to fixed guideway rapid transit systems & bus systems; authorizes use of surtax proceeds for refinancing existing bonds; prohibits use of such proceeds for certain purposes. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee. The bill was amended by the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee to define eligible uses of surtax monies. The bill as written does not allow for surtax monies to be used for salaries or other personnel expense. The bill passed 12 Yeas, Zero Nays. The bill has passed the Ways and Means Committee with a vote of 14 Yeas, 6 Nays. It is now in the Government Accountability Committee.

SB 272: Local Tax Referenda - (Brandes) – Companion bill HB 317. Revises the voter approval threshold required to pass a referendum to adopt or amend local government discretionary sales surtaxes when the referendum is held at any date other than a general election. During a general election a simple majority would be required to pass a change to a sales tax, in a non-general election the threshold would be 60 percent. Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations; and Rules. Passed Community Affairs, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax. On the Committee agenda for 01/16/2018 at 10:00AM in room 401 Senate Office Building. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax with an amendment, 6 Yeas, Zero Nays, now in Appropriations.

HB 317: Local Tax Referenda – (Ingoglia) – Companion bill SB 272. Requires local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on specified dates & approved by specified percentage of voters. During a general election a simple majority would be required to pass a change to a sales tax, in a non-general election the threshold would be 60 percent. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. Bill is now in Ways and Means Committee. Bill passed Ways and Means Committee, 18 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Government Accountability Committee. An amended version of the bill passed Government Accountability Committee with 17 Yeas, 3 Nays. The amendment removes the ability to hold a local tax referenda item on a non-general election ballot. The bill is on the House Calendar to be heard (and voted upon) 01/31/2018. **Passed the full House vote with 84 Yeas, 27 Nays.**

SB 346: Motorcycle and Moped Riders – (Perry) – Increasing the age (from age 16 to age 21) at which persons who are operating or riding upon a certain motorcycle are exempt from protective headgear requirements, etc. Bill referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 11/14/2017. Passed Transportation Committee, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development.

HB 353: Autonomous Vehicles – (Fisher; Brodeur – Co-introducers: Jacobs; Payne) – Related to SB 712. Authorizes person to operate, or engage autonomous technology to operate, autonomous vehicle in autonomous mode; provides that autonomous technology is deemed operator of autonomous vehicle operating in autonomous mode; provides construction & applicability; defines "human operator." Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, now in Appropriations Committee. On Appropriations Committee agenda for 01/22/2018, 3:00PM, Webster Hall. Passed Appropriations Committee with 20 Yeas and Zero Nays. Next stop is Government Accountability Committee.

SB 384: Electric Vehicles – (Brandes) – Companion bill is HB 981. Requiring the Florida Transportation Commission to review all sources of revenue for transportation infrastructure and maintenance projects and prepare a report to the Governor and the Legislature when the commission determines that electric vehicles make up a certain percentage or more of the total number of vehicles registered in this state; requiring a long-range transportation plan to consider infrastructure and technological improvements necessary to accommodate the increased use of autonomous technology and electric vehicles, etc. Bill referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Bill was amended to add hybrid vehicles, when hybrid and electric vehicles comprise 2% of the total number of vehicles registered in the state, the Florida Transportation Commission must conduct a study of the fiscal impact to transportation funding. Bill as amended passed Transportation Committee 7 Yeas, Zero Nays.

SB 504: Autocycles – (Perry) – Related bill HB 215 (see HB 215 for an image of an autocycle). Defining the term "autocycle"; requiring safety belt or, if applicable, child restraint usage by an operator or passenger of an autocycle; including an autocycle in the definition of the term "motorcycle"; authorizing a person to operate an autocycle without a motorcycle endorsement, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On agenda for Transportation Committee 11/14/2017. Passed Transportation Committee, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development.

HB 525: High-Speed Passenger Rail – (Grall; Magar) – Similar bill SB 572. Requires railroad companies operating high-speed passenger rail system to be responsible for certain maintenance, improvement, & upgrade costs; specifies that governmental entity is not responsible for such costs unless it consents in writing. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee.

HB 535: Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority – (Avila) – Companion bill is SB 1200. Please see the 11/17/2017 MPOAC Legislative Update Newsletter Overview for more information on this bill. Renames Florida Rail Enterprise as Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority; revises annual allocations for Transportation Regional Incentive Program; specifies annual allocations to TBARTA & authority for certain purposes; provides requirements for use of funds provided to authority; requires enterprise contracts to remain with authority; provides requirements for funding requests & county matching funds; revises & provides definitions; replaces powers & duties of enterprise re: high-speed rail system with powers & duties of authority re: alternative transportation system; exempts proposed projects funded under authority from certain development requirement. The bill was referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Bill was amended by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, passed 13 Yeas, Zero Nays.

SB 542: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (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 publish such studies on its website, subject to certain conditions, etc. Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations.

SB 544: Procurement Procedures – (Brandes) – Specifying the applicability of procedures for the resolution of protests arising from the contract solicitation or award process for certain procurements by specified transportation, expressway, and bridge authorities, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 11/14/2017. Was Temporarily Postponed. Passed Transportation, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development.

SB 548: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Campbell) – Companion Bill is HB 6001. Repealing provisions relating to the definitions of “local hearing officer” and “traffic infraction detector,” respectively and 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 that cap fines and provide for the deposit and use of fines, and the distribution of specified penalties, respectively, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

HB 567: Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program – (Richardson) – Similar Bill SB 182. Requires DOT to create Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requires disbursement of grants to qualified businesses; limits grant amount; provides application & eligibility requirements; requires assistance by DEO; provides for award prioritization; requires report & rulemaking. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Bill was amended by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, passed 12 Yeas, Zero Nays.

SB 572: High-Speed Passenger Rail – (Mayfield; Co-Introducer: Gainer) – Similar bill HB 525. Designating the "Florida High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety Act"; providing powers and duties of the Florida Department of Transportation; requiring the Florida Division of Emergency Management to offer, under certain circumstances, the local communities and local emergency services located along the rail corridor training specifically designed to help them respond to an accident involving rail passengers or hazardous materials; requiring a railroad company operating a high-speed passenger rail system to be solely responsible for certain maintenance, improvement, and upgrade costs, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 11/14/2017. Passed Transportation Committee 6 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Community Affairs. The bill will be presented in a workshop forum at the Community Affairs Committee on 01/23/2018 at 5:00PM, Room 301, Senate Office Building.

HB 575: Metropolitan Planning Organizations – (Beshears) – Revises MPO voting membership requirements according to population; prohibits entire county commission from being members of governing board; revises percentage of membership which may be composed of county commissioners; requires adoption of certain bylaws; revises member reappointment provisions; requires compliance with certain provisions by specified date. MPOs with an urbanized population under 500,000 must have a board of between 5 and 11 members, MPOs with an urbanized population over 500,000 must have a board of between 5 and 15 members. The bill does not affect the Miami-Dade TPO. The bill bans weighted voting and places term limits on Governing Board Members. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee with 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Local, Federal and Veteran Affairs

Subcommittee. The bill passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee with a vote of 13 Yeas, 1 Nay. The bill now moves to the Government Accountability Committee.

HB 633: Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program – (Fischer; Co-Introducer: Jacobs) – Companion bill is SB 852. Creates Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program within DOT; provides program goals & grant eligibility requirements; requires DOT to issue request for proposals; provides proposal requirements, grant award requirements, & requirements for use of grant funds; requires reports; requires administrative support by DOT; provides appropriation. Annual amount: \$15,000,000.00. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. On the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee agenda, 01/23/2018 at 9:00AM, Reed Hall. The bill passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee with 13 Yeas and Zero Nays. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee.

SB 688: Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax – (Garcia) – Companion bill is HB 243. Requiring counties, except under certain circumstances, to use surtax proceeds only for specified purposes; prohibiting the use of such proceeds for non-transit purposes, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations. Passed Community Affairs with 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax. On the agenda for Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, 01/29/2018 at 1:30PM in Room 401, Senate Office Building. **Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax with 6 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Committee.**

SB 712: Autonomous Vehicles – (Brandes) – Related to HB 353. Exempting an autonomous vehicle being operated in autonomous mode from a certain prohibition on the operation of a motor vehicle if the vehicle is actively displaying certain content that is visible from the driver's seat while the vehicle is in motion; authorizing a fully autonomous vehicle to operate in this state regardless of whether a licensed human operator is physically present in the vehicle; authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to enroll the state in any federal pilot program or project for the collection and study of data for the review of automated driving systems, etc. Referred to Transportation; Banking and Insurance; Rules. Passed Transportation with 7 Yeas and Zero Nays. The next stop is Banking and Insurance.

SB 782: Bollards Grant Program – (Rodriguez) - Requiring the Department of Transportation to develop the Bollards Grant Program in order to provide grants to municipalities and counties for the installation of bollards in their jurisdictions; requiring a county or municipality to specify in its application the area, which may include private property, where it intends to install bollards and why the installation is needed, etc. Annual amount: \$250,000.00. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

HB 807: Metropolitan Planning Organizations – (Diamond) – Companion Bill is SB 984. Allows MPOs designated after July 01, 2018 as the result of a merger of two or more existing MPOs to have at least 5 Governing Board members. The bill does not place an upper limit on the number of Governing Board members for MPOs designated after July 01, 2018 as a result of the merger of two or more existing MPOs. Assigned to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. On the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee agenda for 01/23/2018 at 9:00AM, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee with 13 Yeas and Zero Nays. On the Committee Agenda for Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on 01/29/2018 at 3:00PM in Room 12 of the House Office Building.

HB 815: County and Municipal Public Officers and Employees – (Avila; Co-Introducers: La Rosa) - Companion bill is SB 1180. This bill does a number of things, of importance to MPOs are two requirements related to travel in the bill. First, out of state travel for public officials must be approved by the full governing body of the county or municipality at a publicly noticed meeting and must be on the meeting agenda with an

itemized list detailing all anticipated travel expenses. The public official travel must be approved by a majority vote of the governing body. This may create problems for MPO board members to attend events/conferences and USDOT led events given that short notice travel would be virtually impossible to be approved in advance. The second issue for MPOs is the cap of lodging expenses in excess of \$120 per night. For MPOs that are administratively housed within a County or Municipality, the lodging cap of \$120 per night would apply to you. Foreign travel by county or municipal officers cannot be paid by their government body. Travel expenses incurred by public officers and employees may only be paid for if it is incurred 24 hours before, during and after the event necessitating the travel. Travel expenses outside those timeframes cannot be paid for by the government entity. The bill has been referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Public Integrity and Ethics Committee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee with 12 Yeas and 2 Nays. Now in Public Integrity and Ethics Committee.

SB 852: Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program – (Brandes; Co-Introducer: Taddeo) – Companion bill is HB 633. Creates Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program within DOT; provides program goals & grant eligibility requirements; requires DOT to issue request for proposals; provides proposal requirements, grant award requirements, & requirements for use of grant funds; requires reports; requires administrative support by DOT; provides appropriation. Annual amount: \$15,000,000.00. Referred to Transportation; Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Appropriations. On the Transportation Committee agenda for 01/18/2018 at 10:00AM in Room 401 of the Senate Office Building. Passed Transportation Committee with 7 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development.

HB 981: Electric Vehicles – (Olszewski) – Companion bill is SB 384. Requiring the Florida Transportation Commission to review all sources of revenue for transportation infrastructure and maintenance projects and prepare a report to the Governor and the Legislature when the commission determines that electric vehicles make up a certain percentage or more of the total number of vehicles registered in this state; requiring a long-range transportation plan to consider infrastructure and technological improvements necessary to accommodate the increased use of autonomous technology and electric vehicles, etc. Bill referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability. Bill passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Transportation and Tourism Subcommittee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 01/29/18, 3:00 pm, Reed Hall.

SB 984: Metropolitan Planning Organizations – (Brandes) – Companion Bill is HB 807. Allows MPOs designated after July 01, 2018 as the result of a merger of two or more existing MPOs to have at least 5 Governing Board members. The bill does not place an upper limit on the number of Governing Board members for MPOs designated after July 01, 2018 as a result of the merger of two or more existing MPOs. The bill has been filed but not yet assigned to committees.

SB 1012: Alligator Alley Toll Road – (Passidomo) – Requiring fees generated from tolls to be used to reimburse, by interlocal agreement effective for a specified period of time, a county or another local governmental entity for the direct actual costs of operating a specified fire station, which may be used by a county or another local governmental entity to provide fire, rescue, and emergency management services to the public, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 01/18/2018 at 10:00AM in room 401 of the Senate Office Building. Passed Transportation Committee with 7 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development.

HB 1033: Dockless Bicycle Sharing – (Toledo) – Companion bill is SB 1304 by Young. Providing insurance requirements for a bicycle sharing company; providing requirements for dockless bicycles made available for reservation by such company, etc. Bill referred to Careers and Competition Subcommittee; Commerce

Committee. On the agenda for Careers and Competition Subcommittee for 01/16/2018 at 3:00PM in room 216 in the Capitol Building. Amended version passed Careers and Competition Subcommittee with 13 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in Commerce Committee.

SB 1180: County and Municipal Public Officers and Employees – (Steube) – Companion bill is HB 815. This bill does a number of things, of importance to MPOs are two requirements related to travel in the bill. First, out of state travel for public officials must be approved by the full governing body of the county or municipality at a publicly noticed meeting and must be on the meeting agenda with an itemized list detailing all anticipated travel expenses. The public official travel must be approved by a majority vote of the governing body. This may create problems for MPO board members to attend events/conferences and USDOT led events given that short notice travel would be virtually impossible to be approved in advance. The second issue for MPOs is the cap of lodging expenses in excess of \$120 per night. For MPOs that are administratively housed within a County or Municipality, the lodging cap of \$120 per night would apply to you. Foreign travel by county or municipal officers cannot be paid by their government body. Travel expenses incurred by public officers and employees may only be paid for if it is incurred 24 hours before, during and after the event necessitating the travel. Travel expenses outside those timeframes cannot be paid for by the government entity. The bill has been referred to Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; Rules.

SB 1188: Strategic Intermodal System – (Rouson) – Companion Bill is HB 1277. Specifies that the Strategic Intermodal System and the Emerging SIS shall include existing or planned corridors that are managed lanes of transit. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules.

SB 1200: Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority – (Young; Co-Introducer: Galvano) – Companion bill is HB 535. Please see the 11/17/2017 MPOAC Legislative Update Newsletter Overview for more information on this bill. Renames Florida Rail Enterprise as Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority; revises annual allocations for Transportation Regional Incentive Program; specifies annual allocations to TBARTA & authority for certain purposes; provides requirements for use of funds provided to authority; requires enterprise contracts to remain with authority; provides requirements for funding requests & county matching funds; revises & provides definitions; replaces powers & duties of enterprise re: high-speed rail system with powers & duties of authority re: alternative transportation system; exempts proposed projects funded under authority from certain development requirement. The bill was referred to Transportation; Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Appropriations. **On Transportation Committee agenda for 02/06/2018 at 2:00PM in Room 401 of the Senate Office Building.**

HB 1277: Strategic Intermodal System – (Willhite) – Companion Bill is HB 1188. Specifies that the Strategic Intermodal System and the Emerging SIS shall include existing or planned corridors that are managed lanes of transit. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability.

HB 1299: Public School Transportation – (Raburn) – Companion bill is HB 188. 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; requiring a district school superintendent to request a review of a hazardous walking condition upon receipt of a written request from a parent of a student, etc. Referred to PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education. Passed PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee with 10 Yeas and Zero Nays. Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee.

SB 1304: Dockless Bicycle Sharing – (Young) – Companion bill is HB 1033 by Toledo. Providing insurance requirements for a bicycle sharing company; providing requirements for dockless bicycles made available for reservation by such company, etc. Bill referred to Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; Rules. **On the Banking and Insurance Committee Agenda for 02/06/2018 at 11:00AM in Room 110 of the Senate Office Building.**

SB 1350: Airports – (Perry) – Increasing eligibility for certain funding by the DOT to include airports that have fewer than a specified number of commercial passenger enplanements annually. Bill referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

SB 1516: Metropolitan Planning Organizations – (Perry) – This is a companion bill to HB 575, at this time the two bills are identical – HB 575 is likely to undergo revisions. Revises MPO voting membership requirements according to population; prohibits entire county commission from being members of governing board; revises percentage of membership which may be composed of county commissioners; requires adoption of certain bylaws; revises member reappointment provisions; requires compliance with certain provisions by specified date. MPOs with an urbanized population under 500,000 must have a board of between 5 and 11 members, MPOs with an urbanized population over 500,000 must have a board of between 5 and 15 members. The bill does not affect the Miami-Dade TPO. The bill bans weighted voting and places term limits on Governing Board Members. The bill was filed on 01/04/2018, on 01/12/2018 it was referred to Transportation, Community Affairs and Rules.

HB 6001: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Avila; Ingoglia) – Similar to SB 176. Companion Bill is SB 548. Repeals provisions relating to installation & use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when driver fails to stop at traffic signal, provisions that authorize DHSMV, county, or municipality to use such detectors, & provisions for distribution of penalties collected for specified violations. Referred to Appropriations Committee, on the Committee agenda for 10/10/2017. Bill passed Appropriations Committee (Yeas 16, Nays 10). Bill has been placed on Calendar for Full House Vote. The Bill passed the full House on a vote of 83 Yeas, 18 Nays. This bill has been sent to the Senate.



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To: 2018 BeachWatch Members

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Update Week 4: House and Senate Budgets and SB 174 (Coastal Management)

Yesterday (Wednesday 1/31) was a pivotal day for beaches, and we did remarkably well in advancing the cause. Going forward our advocacy agenda gets more transparent and targeted, but with fewer opportunities to adjust.

The separate budgets of the House and Senate were amended and voted out of their full appropriations committees. Now they are headed to floor votes next week. Then we wait until final revenue estimating numbers are released, allocations made, and we will begin a frantic Appropriations Conference process. The good news is there is far more clarity in our conference objectives than is the norm, and there are far fewer issues to resolve. Unfortunately, the two main issues are significant, and even a unified strategy may fall short of influencing the outcome—but we will certainly put forth, with you and your in-house and contract lobbying team, our best effort.

What follows are the highlights. If you need more information, just ask.

Appropriations bills going forward are HB 5001 and SB 2500, since this is a House year to host the conference process, the Final Conference Report (General Appropriations Act) will be HB 5001.

There are differences in approaches and content within the two budgets, but far more similarities than usual.

The House version, as previously discussed, includes a total of \$79.5M for beaches in two separate line-items, with a mix of revenue sources. The traditional program, statewide beach

management, (line-item 1597) provides \$54,493,889. It is all from Amendment 1 LATF funds; however, **only \$29.5M is in recurring dollars**, ensuring its inclusion in future base budgets. House proviso provides full funding for Projects 1-20 (DEP's, Local Government Funding Requests priority list). It funds the entire Inlet list, and all post-construction monitoring requests, are to be cost shared equally. With remaining funds, it picks up four feasibility studies, all falling below Project 20. Finally, it provides \$1,365,503 for HB 3715, that went through the House member projects appropriations process (St. Joe Beach Restoration Project, highly ranked by DEP and funded in the current year, but exceeded cost estimates).

There is a separate appropriation line-item of non-recurring General Revenue of \$25,000,000 for Hurricane Irma Beach Recovery in the House budget. No list, no direction other than the proviso, which follows, that was included in the Governor's budget recommendation, with the only substantive addition being the proviso requirement to hold the funds in reserves until October 1.

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1594 are provided for the purpose of implementing beach and dune repair and restoration projects in response to the damages caused by Hurricane Irma. These funds shall be placed in reserve until October 1, 2018, when they will be available as state match to federal funds. The department is authorized to submit budget amendments on or after October 1, 2018, to request the release of funds pursuant to the provisions of chapter 216, Florida Statutes.

The funds shall be used as necessary state match to federal funds, or otherwise provide for up to 50 percent of the beach and dune restoration costs where federal assistance is not provided. Counties impacted by Hurricane Irma that are interested in receiving this funding must submit a detailed scope of work to the Beach Management Funding Assistance Program before October 1, 2018. In evaluating this funding, the Department shall prioritize state match to federal funds and proportionately distribute the remaining funds among the areas most critically impacted by Hurricane Irma.

This at least puts the issue and funding into the conference process, given there was no reasoned list of projects, and no direction regarding how to prioritize at a minimum \$200M in possible projects with very preliminary and unreliable cost estimates. First, we must see if the Senate is open to considering this non-recurring GR storm-related funding before we get down into the weeds. I can only assume the Legislature will want a role or at least blueprint from the department regarding projects and funding distribution. Time may be helpful in this case to have a better feel regarding the Congressional Hurricane Supplemental which is likely to have substantial funding for the federal shore-protection program and FEMA Cat G.

Line-item 1597 in the pending Senate Appropriations Bill (SB 2500) includes the words we all have worked so hard and waited to see in print!

“From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1597, \$50,000,000 in **recurring** funds from the **Land Acquisition Trust Fund** is provided for the Department of Environmental Protection’s Beach Management Funding Assistance Program (BMFAP) Local Government Funding Requests for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 pursuant to section 161.101, Florida Statutes, for Beach Restoration/Nourishment and Inlet Sand Bypassing/Inlet Management Plan Implementation Projects Lists.”

The short version of the Senate line-item is funding gets into beach Project 20 in priority order— inlet projects, like last year, will receive funds based on the amount of inlet funding requested as a percentage of the total funding requested— and like the House all post-construction monitoring requests will be equally cost shared.

There are separate nonrecurring GR appropriations for two member projects totaling \$450,000.

The similarities and generous funding in both House and Senate versions hopefully will play out in Conference without project-specific differences.

As previously noted, and the reasons discussed, there is **no Irma storm damage recovery funding in the Senate bill.**

Usually, we take the next few weeks to refine a Conference strategy and share with you and your advocacy team— and will do so. But for the time being, our two priorities seem most obvious. The importance of getting the House to increase recurring LATF for the statewide program to the Senate position can’t be overstated. It means going from their current \$29.5M in recurring trust funds that is in this year’s base to \$50M. Yes, a \$20.5 M increase is substantial, but hopefully not in comparison to other proposed increases being considered this session. Please focus your efforts, especially in the House, on this goal! And of course, expressing to Senate leadership, including the Appropriations Chairs (Senator Book and Senator Bradley) your appreciation.

A little less certain is how to address the hurricane beach recovery. Until we have a better idea of the impact of House funding, and how it will be used, we will focus on a handful of Senators that have an expressed interest in this funding to craft our BeachWatch position going forward.

Surprises in this process are not unique, but this one was off the radar screen. All I thought we might get to in the Senate with regard to the Coastal Management Legislation (SB 174, Hukill) was pulling out Section 5 (which was the \$50M in recurring Amendment 1 Land Acquisition Trust Funds (LATF), and getting it considered in any late-session Ch. 375 negotiations. Then last Friday evening when the calendar was released for this week, there it was on the agenda of

yesterday's Senate Appropriations Committee along with SB 2500, the proposed budget. I had heard recent rumblings, but once in print I alerted your BeachWatch representatives in Tallahassee, in-house and contract. Our new sponsor, Senator Hukill, was brief, a great number of our counties, several member cities, FAC, and the League of Cities all waived in support of the bill, and it passed again unanimously its last Senate committee stop for 2018. No fanfare, but SB 174 is headed to the floor. Section 5 referencing an LATF annual allocation from the LATF pursuant to Chapter 375 was removed, the only amendment; however, the \$50M in recurring LATF funding in SB 2500, the General Appropriations Act, was specifically noted by the Chair, Senator Bradley.

The Coastal Management bill's statutory reference to Ch. 375 funding (Sec. 5) would have continued to be a non-starter in the House, where the companion bill is for all purposes dead—especially with House substantive subcommittees ending this week. Can we get there? If leadership on both sides wants to make it happen. There is widely-expressed agreement that this bill is “good policy”—not to mention eight committee stops this Session and last without a single negative vote. This may not be enough, but certainly warrants our continued efforts and encouragement. Together, we need to keep beaches in the forefront of any discussions or negotiations involving the statutory (Ch. 375) allocations of doc stamps— bringing the House up to the Senate's \$50M in recurring LATF— and the merits of this substantive legislation (SB 174) aimed at ensuring that increased program funding goes to the beach and inlet management projects representing the best investment of limited state matching dollars.

After passage of Senate and House budgets next week, we will prepare a budget conference side-by-side for you. Then we all can get to work.

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HB 3	Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability	Grant (M)
<p>Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability: Authorizes & requires Auditor General to conduct certain audits; provides transparency & accountability provisions applicable to economic development agencies & tourism promotion agencies; provides penalties; requires county governing board to review certain proposed contracts & certifications. Effective Date: October 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>1/25/2018 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed</p> <p>1/31/2018 SENATE In Messages</p> <p>2/1/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations; Rules</p> <p>Similar</p>		
SB 1714	Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability (Perry)	

HB 7	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 certain voting record information on websites; requires property appraisers & local governments to post certain property tax information & history on websites; requires public notices for public hearings & meetings prior to certain 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 that do not operate website to post certain required information. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>1/12/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 91 Yeas / 12 Nays)</p> <p>1/24/2018 SENATE In Messages</p> <p>1/30/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations; Rules</p> <p>Similar</p>		
SB 1426	Local Government Fiscal Transparency (Lee (T))	

HB 11	Government Accountability	Metz
<p>Government Accountability: Requires Governor & Commissioner of Education, or their designees, to notify Legislative Auditing Committee of entity's failure to comply with certain auditing & financial reporting requirements; excludes water management districts from certain audit requirements; revises reporting requirements applicable to Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation; revises certain lodging rates for purpose of reimbursement to specified employees; provides requirements for statewide travel management system; revises responsibilities of specified entities to include establishment & maintenance of certain internal controls; revises auditing requirements for certain agencies, councils, & state schools; requires the Legislative Auditing Committee to determine whether governmental entity should be subject to state action under certain circumstances; requires counties & municipalities to maintain certain budget documents on entities' websites for specified period; provides annual financial audit requirements for Florida Virtual School. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>1/12/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 101 Yeas / 1 Nay)</p> <p>1/24/2018 SENATE In Messages</p> <p>1/30/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations; Rules</p> <p>Compare</p>		
HB 1019	Financial Reporting (La Rosa)	
HB 1279	School District Accountability (Sullivan)	
SB 1804	School District Accountability (Stargel)	
HB 5203	Statewide Travel (Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee)	
<p>Similar</p>		
SB 354	Government Accountability (Stargel)	

HB 13	Sports Franchise Facilities	Avila
<p>Sports Franchise Facilities: Prohibits sports franchise from constructing, reconstructing, renovating, or improving facility on leased public land; requires lease of facility on public land by sports franchise or sale of public land for sports franchise facility be at fair market value; provides requirements for contract to fund construction, reconstruction, renovation, or improvement of facility; specifies act does not impair certain contracts. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p>		

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 75 Yeas / 27 Nays)

1/24/2018 SENATE In Messages

1/30/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

Similar

[SB 352](#) Sports Franchise Facilities (Garcia)

[HB 15](#) Deregulation of Professions and Occupations Beshears

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, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 74 Yeas / 28 Nays)

1/24/2018 SENATE In Messages

1/30/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations; Rules

Similar

[SB 526](#) Deregulation of Professions and Occupations (Brandes)

[HB 17](#) Community Redevelopment Agencies Raburn

Community Redevelopment Organizations: Provides reporting requirements; revises requirements for operating community redevelopment agencies; prohibits creation of community redevelopment agencies after date certain; provides phase-out period; creates criteria for determining whether community redevelopment agency is inactive; provides hearing procedures; authorizes certain financial activity from inactive community redevelopment agencies; revises requirements for use of redevelopment trust fund proceeds; revises county & municipal government reporting requirements; revises criteria for finding that county or municipality failed to file report; requires DFS to provide report to DEO concerning community redevelopment agencies with no revenues, no expenditures, & no debts. Effective Date: October 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 72 Yeas / 32 Nays)

1/24/2018 SENATE In Messages

1/30/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations; Rules

Similar

[SB 432](#) Community Redevelopment Agencies (Lee (T))

[HB 53](#) Coral Reefs Jacobs

Coral Reefs: Establishes Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/31/2018 SENATE In Messages

1/31/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

2/1/2018 SENATE Withdrawn from Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 0232; Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 02/07/18

Identical

[SB 232](#) Coral Reefs (Book)

[HB 65](#) 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: Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

8/21/2017 HOUSE Filed

8/30/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Rules & Policy Committee; Public Integrity & Ethics Committee

8/30/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

Identical

[SB 978](#) Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve an Amendment or a Revision (Baxley)

[SB 66](#) Prohibited Discrimination Rouson
 Prohibited Discrimination; Creating the "Florida Competitive Workforce Act"; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments; revising the purposes of the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 to conform to changes made by the act, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Governmental Oversight and Accountability
 8/9/2017 SENATE Filed
 8/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; Rules
 Similar

[HB 347](#) Prohibited Discrimination (Diamond)
 Identical

[SB 698](#) Prohibited Discrimination (Book)

[HB 79](#) Public Meetings Roth
 Public Meetings: Specifies conditions under which members of board or commission of state agency or authority or of agency or authority of county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision may participate in fact-finding exercises or excursions. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
 Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee
 1/25/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 01/29/18, 3:00 pm, 12 H
 1/29/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 8 Yeas, 2 Nays
 1/29/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee
 Similar

[SB 192](#) Public Meetings (Baxley)

[SB 84](#) Municipal Conversion of Independent Special Districts Lee (T)
 Municipal Conversion of Independent Special Districts; Adding a minimum population standard as a criteria that must be met before qualified electors of an independent special district commence a certain municipal conversion proceeding, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
 Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs
 8/9/2017 SENATE Filed
 8/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Ethics and Elections; Rules
 Compare

[SB 1244](#) Growth Management (Lee (T))

[SB 110](#) Language Requirements for State Agency Websites and Advertisements Campbell
 Language Requirements for State Agency Websites and Advertisements; Requiring specified information to be published on state agency websites in certain languages; requiring state agencies to disseminate certain advertisements to the public in languages other than English through specified media outlets in certain counties; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to publish certain information on its website, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Governmental Oversight and Accountability
 8/9/2017 SENATE Filed
 8/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations; Rules

[HB 131](#) Coastal Management Peters
 Coastal Management: Revises criteria for state & local participation in authorized projects & studies relating to beach management & erosion control; revises procedures for prioritizing & funding beach restoration, beach management, & inlet management projects; requires certain funds from Land Acquisition Trust Fund be used for beach preservation & restoration projects. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee
 9/1/2017 HOUSE Filed
 9/14/2017 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee
 9/14/2017 HOUSE Now in Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee
 Identical

[SB 174](#) Coastal Management (Hukill)

SB 156	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 black bear hunting permit; prohibiting prescribed burns in certain designated habitats during specified times, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation	
	8/16/2017	SENATE Filed
	8/28/2017	SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations
	Identical	
	HB 559	Florida Black Bears (Olszewski)
SB 158	Florida Communities Trust	Brandes
	Florida Communities Trust; Revising the permissible activities and projects that may be undertaken, coordinated, or funded by the Florida Communities Trust to include flood mitigation projects; specifying the purpose of flood mitigation projects under the trust; specifying a maximum grant award for such projects; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to establish by rule an application process for such grants, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation	
	8/16/2017	SENATE Filed
	8/28/2017	SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations
	Identical	
	HB 1097	Florida Communities Trust (Stevenson)
SB 170	Rural Economic Development Initiative	Grimsley
	Rural Economic Development Initiative; Revising the duties, responsibilities, and membership of the Rural Economic Development Initiative; deleting a provision limiting the number of rural areas of opportunity that may be designated; deleting a provision listing the economic development incentives for which the Governor may waive criteria requirements or similar provisions, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law	
	Current Committee of Reference: Rules	
	1/25/2018	SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 01/30/18, 10:00 am, 401 S
	1/30/2018	SENATE Favorable by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
	1/30/2018	SENATE Now in Rules
	Similar	
	HB 1403	Rural Economic Development Initiative (Avila)
SB 174	Coastal Management	Hukill
	Coastal Management; Revising the criteria to be considered by the Department of Environmental Protection in determining and assigning annual funding priorities for beach management and erosion control projects; requiring that certain projects be considered separate and apart from other specified projects; revising requirements for the comprehensive long-term management plan; requiring certain funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to be used for projects that preserve and repair state beaches, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations	
	10/26/2017	SENATE Now in Appropriations
	1/26/2018	SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 01/31/18, 1:00 pm, 412 K
	1/31/2018	SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays
	Identical	
	HB 131	Coastal Management (Peters)
HB 175	School District Best Financial Management Practices	Daniels
	School District Best Financial Management Practices: Requires school districts to annually perform specified self-assessment; requires district school superintendents to provide certain recommendations & district school boards to receive & discuss self-assessment results & recommendations at a publicly noticed meeting; provides reporting requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	
	10/3/2017	HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee
	10/3/2017	HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee

11/13/2017 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

SB 182	Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program	Rodriguez (J)
	Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; Requiring the Department of Transportation to create a Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requiring the program to disburse grants using funds allocated to the department by the Legislature to certain qualified businesses for the purpose of maintaining the businesses during a construction project of the department, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: Transportation	
	8/21/2017	SENATE Filed
	8/28/2017	SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
	2/1/2018	SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 02/06/18, 2:00 pm, 401 S
	Similar	
HB 567	Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program (Duran)	

SB 188	Public School Transportation	Steube
	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; requiring a district school superintendent to request a review of a hazardous walking condition upon receipt of a written request from a parent of a student, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: Education	
	8/21/2017	SENATE Filed
	8/28/2017	SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations
	Similar	
HB 1299	Public School Transportation (Raburn)	

SB 192	Public Meetings	Baxley
	Public Meetings; Specifying conditions under which members of any board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision may participate in fact-finding exercises or excursions, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	
	1/24/2018	SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 01/31/18
	1/31/2018	SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays)
	2/1/2018	HOUSE In Messages
	Similar	
HB 79	Public Meetings (Roth)	

SB 204	Land Acquisition Trust Fund	Bradley
	Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Revising the specified appropriation for spring restoration, protection, and management projects; requiring a specified appropriation for certain projects related to the St. Johns River and its tributaries or the Keystone Heights Lake Region, etc. APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	
	1/19/2018	SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
	1/30/2018	SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/01/18
	2/1/2018	SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 02/07/18

HB 207	Growth Management	McClain
	Growth Management: Requires local governments to address protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans; requires comprehensive plan to include private property rights element; requires counties & municipalities to adopt or amend land development regulations consistent with private property rights element; provides deadlines; requires state land planning agency to approve private property rights element if it is substantially in specified form. Effective Date: July 1, 2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee	
	9/28/2017	HOUSE Filed
	10/12/2017	HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee
	10/12/2017	HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee
	Similar	
SB 362	Growth Management (Perry)	

SB 216	Schools of Hope	Book
	Schools of Hope; Revising enrollment requirements for a hope operator to receive a loan under the Schools of Hope Revolving Loan Program; requiring hope operators to employ school administrators and instructional and noninstructional personnel who meet specified certification requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: Education	
	8/24/2017	SENATE Filed
	9/22/2017	SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations
SB 232	Coral Reefs	Book
	Coral Reefs; Establishing the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	
	1/19/2018	SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
	1/30/2018	SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/01/18
	2/1/2018	SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0053; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0053
	Identical	
	HB 53	Coral Reefs (Jacobs)
HB 237	Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment	Peters
	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 Appropriations Subcommittee	
	10/5/2017	HOUSE Filed
	10/12/2017	HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee
	10/12/2017	HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
	Compare	
	SB 834	Well Stimulation (Farmer)
	Identical	
	SB 462	Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment (Young)
HB 243	Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax	Avila
	Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax: Requires certain counties to use surtax proceeds for specified purposes related to fixed guideway rapid transit systems & bus systems; authorizes use of surtax proceeds for certain purposes; prohibits use of such proceeds for certain purposes. Effective Date: July 1, 2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee	
	1/5/2018	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Ways & Means Committee, 01/09/18, 4:30 pm, 17 H
	1/9/2018	HOUSE Favorable by Ways & Means Committee; 14 Yeas, 6 Nays
	1/9/2018	HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee
	Similar	
	SB 688	Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax (Garcia)
SB 272	Local Tax Referenda	Brandes
	Local Tax Referenda; Revising the voter approval threshold required to pass a referendum to adopt or amend local government discretionary sales surtaxes when the referendum is held at any date other than a general election, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations	
	1/11/2018	SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, 01/16/18, 10:00 am, 401 S
	1/16/2018	SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays
	1/18/2018	SENATE Now in Appropriations
	Compare	
	HB 317	Local Tax Referenda (Ingoglia)
HB 273	Public Records	Rodrigues (R)
	Public Records: Prohibits agency that receives request to inspect or copy record from responding to such request by filing civil action against individual or entity making request. Effective Date: July 1, 2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	
	1/25/2018	HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 108 Yeas / 0 Nays)

1/31/2018 SENATE In Messages
 2/1/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Judiciary; Rules
 Identical
[SB 750](#) Public Records (Perry)

[SB 292](#) 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 and who produce renewable energy from that device and provide and sell such renewable energy to users on that property, under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities
 9/18/2017 SENATE Filed
 9/29/2017 SENATE Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Community Affairs; Rules

[HB 317](#) Local Tax Referenda Ingoglia
 Local Tax Referenda: Provides that a referendum to adopt or amend a local discretionary sales surtax must be held at a general election. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 1/23/2018 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
 1/25/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 01/31/18
 1/31/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 84 Yeas / 27 Nays)
 Compare
[SB 272](#) Local Tax Referenda (Brandes)

[SB 324](#) Impact Fees Young
 Impact Fees; Revising the minimum requirements for impact fees, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations
 1/24/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, 01/29/18, 1:30 pm, 401 S
 1/29/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays
 1/31/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations
 Similar
[HB 697](#) Impact Fees (Miller)

[HB 337](#) Community Development Districts Cortes (J)
 Community Development Districts: Requires community development districts to obtain a valuation before acquiring certain property. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
 10/16/2017 HOUSE Filed
 10/26/2017 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee
 10/26/2017 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
 Identical
[SB 1686](#) Community Development Districts (Torres, Jr.)

[HB 339](#) Land Acquisition Trust Fund Harrell
 Land Acquisition Trust Fund: Provides appropriation for certain projects related to Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation & Management Plan; authorizes DEP to make grants for such projects; directs DEP to submit annual report to Governor & Legislature. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
 10/16/2017 HOUSE Filed
 10/26/2017 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee
 10/26/2017 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
 Similar
[SB 786](#) Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Mayfield)

[HB 347](#) Prohibited Discrimination Diamond
 Prohibited Discrimination: Provides that sexual orientation & gender identity are impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments & public food service establishments; revises provisions of Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 and Fair Housing Act to include sexual orientation & gender identity; provides exception for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Careers & Competition Subcommittee

10/16/2017 HOUSE Filed
 10/26/2017 HOUSE Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; Commerce Committee
 10/26/2017 HOUSE Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 66](#) Prohibited Discrimination (Rouson)

[SB 698](#) Prohibited Discrimination (Book)

[SB 348](#) Disposable Plastic Bags Rodriguez (J)

Disposable Plastic Bags; Defining the term "coastal community"; authorizing certain municipalities to establish pilot programs to regulate or ban disposable plastic bags; directing participating municipalities to collect data and submit reports to the municipal governing bodies and the Department of Environmental Protection, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation

9/25/2017 SENATE Filed

10/16/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; Rules

[SB 352](#) Sports Franchise Facilities Garcia

Sports Franchise Facilities; Prohibiting a sports franchise from constructing, reconstructing, renovating, or improving a facility on leased public land; requiring that a lease of a facility on public land by a sports franchise or a sale of public land for a sports franchise facility be at fair market value, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Commerce and Tourism

9/26/2017 SENATE Filed

10/16/2017 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

Similar

[HB 13](#) Sports Franchise Facilities (Avila)

[HB 353](#) Autonomous Vehicles Fischer

Autonomous Vehicles: Provides applicability; 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 in autonomous mode; authorizes Florida Turnpike Enterprise to fund & operate test facilities; preempts regulation to state; revises registration requirements for autonomous vehicles; provides insurance requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee

1/22/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Committee; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/25/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/26/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee

Similar

[SB 712](#) Autonomous Vehicles (Brandes)

[SB 354](#) Government Accountability Stargel

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; revising the responsibilities of the Justice Administrative Commission, each state attorney, each public defender, the criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, the capital collateral regional counsel, and the Guardian Ad Litem Program, to include the establishment and maintenance of certain internal controls; prohibiting a board or commission from requiring an advance copy of testimony or comments from a member of the public as a precondition to being given the opportunity to be heard at a public meeting, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations

11/7/2017 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

11/8/2017 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

11/9/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations

Compare

[HB 1019](#) Financial Reporting (La Rosa)

[HB 1279](#) School District Accountability (Sullivan)

[SB 1804](#) School District Accountability (Stargel)

[HB 5203](#) Statewide Travel (Government Operations & Technology Appropriations)

	Subcommittee)
Similar	
HB 11	Government Accountability (Metz)

SB 362	Growth Management	Perry
	Growth Management; Requiring local governments to address the protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans; requiring the comprehensive plan to include a private property rights element that sets forth principles, guidelines, standards, and strategies to achieve certain objectives; providing a deadline by which each local government must adopt a private property rights element; requiring the state land planning agency to approve the private property rights element adopted by each local government if it is substantially in a specified form, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs	
	9/28/2017 SENATE Filed	
	10/16/2017 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Rules	
	Similar	
	HB 207	Growth Management (McClain)

SB 370	Land Acquisition Trust Fund	Bradley
	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. APPROPRIATION: \$100,000,000.00 Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	
	1/24/2018 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 01/31/18	
	1/31/2018 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays)	
	2/1/2018 HOUSE In Messages	
	Compare	
	HB 7063	Natural Resources (Government Accountability Committee)
	Similar	
	HB 1353	Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Beshears)

SB 378	Parking Garages	Steube
	Parking Garages; Prohibiting a county, municipality, or other local governmental entity from adopting or maintaining in effect an ordinance or a rule which has the effect of prohibiting a driver from, or authorizing the issuance of a citation to a driver for, back-in parking a motor vehicle in a parking space located in a parking garage; providing that any such ordinance or rule in effect on a specified date is void, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs	
	10/2/2017 SENATE Filed	
	10/25/2017 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Transportation; Rules	

SB 384	Electric Vehicles	Brandes
	Electric Vehicles; Requiring the Florida Transportation Commission to review all sources of revenue for transportation infrastructure and maintenance projects and prepare a report to the Governor and the Legislature when the commission determines that electric vehicles make up a certain percentage or more of the total number of vehicles registered in this state; requiring a long-range transportation plan to consider infrastructure and technological improvements necessary to accommodate the increased use of autonomous technology and electric vehicles, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development	
	12/5/2017 SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays	
	12/6/2017 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed	
	12/13/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development	
	Identical	
	HB 981	Electric and Hybrid Vehicles (Olszewski)

SB 388	Anchoring Limitation Areas	Farmer
	Anchoring Limitation Areas; Revising the anchoring limitation areas within the state to include additional specified areas, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation	
	10/3/2017 SENATE Filed	
	10/25/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Rules	

Similar

[HB 1001](#) City of Hollywood, Broward County (Geller)

[HB 405](#)

Linear Facilities

Williamson

Linear Facilities: Revises definition of "development" to exclude certain utility work on rights-of-way or corridors & creation or termination of distribution & transmission corridors; requires DEP to consider certain variance standard for certification of power plants & transmission corridors; specifies PSC authority to locate transmission lines underground. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/25/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 105 Yeas / 2 Nays)

1/31/2018 SENATE In Messages

2/1/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Community Affairs

Identical

[SB 494](#) Linear Facilities (Lee (T))

[SB 432](#)

Community Redevelopment Agencies

Lee (T)

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 community redevelopment agencies to adopt rules to govern the registration of lobbyists; requiring ethics training for community redevelopment agency commissioners, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

10/30/2017 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 11/07/17, 10:00 am, 301 S

11/7/2017 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 1 Nay

11/8/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

Similar

[HB 17](#) Community Redevelopment Agencies (Raburn)

[HB 439](#)

Public Meetings and Records

Donalds

Public Meetings and Records: Expands exemption from public meetings requirements to allow specified entities to meet in private with attorney to discuss imminent litigation if certain conditions are met; specifies when litigation is considered imminent; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee

1/17/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/17/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/18/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee

Similar

[SB 560](#) Public Meetings and Records/Imminent Litigation (Steube)

[HB 459](#)

Public Records

Massullo, Jr.

Public Records: Provides that certain information related to agency contracts is not confidential or exempt from public records requirements; removes or revises numerous provisions relating to exemptions from public records requirements for trade secrets. Effective Date: upon becoming a law if CS/HB 461 or similar legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law

Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee

1/17/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/18/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/19/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee

Compare

[SB 958](#) Public Records/Trade Secrets (Mayfield)

Similar

[SB 956](#) Public Records (Mayfield)

Linked

[HB 461](#) Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency (Massullo, Jr.)

[HB 461](#)

Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency

Massullo, Jr.

Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency: Provides exemption from public record requirements for trade secret held by agency; provides notice requirements; provides process for responding to public record requests; provides exception to exemption; provides that agency employee is not liable for release of records in compliance with act;

provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 459 or similar legislation takes effect

Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee

1/17/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/18/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/19/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee

Compare

[SB 956](#) Public Records (Mayfield)

Similar

[SB 958](#) Public Records/Trade Secrets (Mayfield)

Linked

[HB 459](#) Public Records (Massullo, Jr.)

[SB 462](#) Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment Young

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: Environmental Preservation and Conservation

10/9/2017 SENATE Filed

10/25/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

1/31/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 02/05/18, 4:30 pm, 37 S

Compare

[SB 834](#) Well Stimulation (Farmer)

Identical

[HB 237](#) Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment (Peters)

[SB 464](#) Little Wekiva River Bracy

Little Wekiva River; Requiring a specified annual appropriation to the St. Johns River Water Management District from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for certain purposes related to the Little Wekiva River; reducing such appropriation by a specified amount for debt service; requiring an appropriation to acquire certain lands associated with the Little Wekiva River, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$15,000,000.00 Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

10/25/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

11/17/2017 SENATE Withdrawn from Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

11/17/2017 SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction

[SB 494](#) Linear Facilities Lee (T)

Linear Facilities; Revising the definition of the term "development" to exclude work by certain utility providers on utility infrastructure on certain rights-of-way or corridors; requiring the consideration of a certain variance standard when including conditions for the certification of an electrical power plant; clarifying that the Public Service Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to require underground transmission lines, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/11/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 01/16/18, 4:00 pm, 301 S

1/16/2018 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 4 Yeas, 1 Nay

1/17/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

Identical

[HB 405](#) Linear Facilities (Williamson)

[SB 506](#) 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

10/11/2017 SENATE Filed

10/26/2017 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

[HB 511](#) Charter Schools Shaw

Charter Schools: Requires charter schools that receive capital outlay funding used for certain purposes to ensure that new facilities comply with State Requirements for Educational Facilities of the Florida Building Code. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

11/8/2017 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee

11/8/2017 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee

11/14/2017 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

Identical

[SB 1554](#) Charter Schools (Rodriguez (J))

[HB 521](#) Tree, Timber, and Vegetation Trimming and Removal Edwards-Walpole

Tree, Timber, and Vegetation Trimming and Removal: Prohibits regulation of tree, timber, & vegetation trimming & removal performed by certain governmental entities; provides applicability. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee

1/30/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/31/2018 HOUSE Reference to Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee removed; Remaining reference: Government Accountability Committee

1/31/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee

Compare

[SB 574](#) Tree and Timber Trimming, Removal, and Harvesting (Steube)

[HB 525](#) High-Speed Passenger Rail Grall

High-Speed Passenger Rail: Requires railroad company operating high-speed passenger rail system to be responsible for certain maintenance, improvement, & upgrade costs; specifies that governmental entity is not responsible for such costs unless it consents in writing. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

11/3/2017 HOUSE Filed

11/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee

11/15/2017 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 572](#) High-speed Passenger Rail (Mayfield)

[SB 526](#) Deregulation of Professions and Occupations Brandes

Deregulation of Professions and Occupations; Repealing provisions relating to licensure and permit requirements for business agents; prohibiting a business organization from engaging in certain practices until it is qualified by a qualifying agent; authorizing the executive director or the chair of the board to authorize a temporary qualifying agent for a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; requiring the board to allow an applicant to qualify one or more business organizations or to operate using a fictitious name under certain circumstances, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Commerce and Tourism

1/24/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Regulated Industries; 5 Yeas, 4 Nays

1/25/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/29/2018 SENATE Now in Commerce and Tourism

Similar

[HB 15](#) Deregulation of Professions and Occupations (Beshears)

[HB 535](#) Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority Avila

Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority: Adds alternative transportation authority as part of operations of DOT; provides requirements for operation & fund expenditure; exempts authority from certain departmental policies; revises State Transportation Trust Fund allocations for Transportation Regional Incentive Program; specifies annual allocations to TBARTA & Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority for certain purposes; requires matching funds for TBARTA; removes provision authorizing department, through Florida Rail Enterprise, to use specified funds for certain purposes; creates Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority; provides requirements for use of specified funds; provides requirements for county funding requests; requires matching funds for certain distributions; prohibits use of funds to subsidize certain projects. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

12/6/2017 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

12/8/2017 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

12/11/2017 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 1200](#) Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority (Young)

[SB 542](#) 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 publish such studies on its website, subject to certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation
 10/18/2017 SENATE Filed
 11/2/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

[HB 559](#) Florida Black Bears Olszewski
 Florida Black Bears: Prohibits FWCC from allowing recreational hunting of certain Florida black bears; provides penalty for certain harvesting of saw palmetto berries; authorizes FWCC to designate certain habitats; prohibits prescribed burns in such habitats during specified times. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee
 11/7/2017 HOUSE Filed
 11/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee
 11/15/2017 HOUSE Now in Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee
 Identical

[SB 156](#) Florida Black Bears (Stewart)

[SB 560](#) Public Meetings and Records/Imminent Litigation Steube
 Public Meetings and Records/ Imminent Litigation ; Expanding an exemption from public meetings requirements to allow specified entities to meet in private with attorneys and technical experts to discuss imminent litigation if certain conditions are met; requiring the transcript of a private meeting concerning imminent litigation to be made public upon the occurrence of a certain circumstance; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 1/25/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Rules; 10 Yeas, 2 Nays
 1/29/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 1/29/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

Similar

[HB 439](#) Public Meetings and Records (Donalds)

[SB 572](#) High-speed Passenger Rail Mayfield
 High-speed Passenger Rail; Designating the "Florida High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety Act"; providing powers and duties of the Florida Department of Transportation; requiring the Florida Division of Emergency Management to offer, under certain circumstances, the local communities and local emergency services located along the rail corridor training specifically designed to help them respond to an accident involving rail passengers or hazardous materials; requiring a railroad company operating a high-speed passenger rail system to be solely responsible for certain maintenance, improvement, and upgrade costs, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs
 11/27/2017 SENATE Now in Community Affairs
 1/18/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 01/23/18, 3:30 pm, 301 S - Workshop
 1/23/2018 SENATE Workshopped by Community Affairs

Similar

[HB 525](#) High-Speed Passenger Rail (Grall)

[SB 574](#) Tree and Timber Trimming, Removal, and Harvesting Steube
 Tree and Timber Trimming, Removal, and Harvesting; Preempting to the state the regulation of the trimming, removal, or harvesting of trees and timber on private property; prohibiting local governments from prohibiting the burial of vegetative debris on certain properties, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs
 10/20/2017 SENATE Filed
 11/2/2017 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Rules
 2/1/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 02/06/18, 11:00 am, 301 S

Compare

[HB 521](#) Tree, Timber, and Vegetation Trimming and Removal (Edwards-Walpole)

[HB 575](#) Metropolitan Planning Organizations Beshears
 Metropolitan Planning Organizations: Revises M.P.O. voting membership requirements according to population; prohibits entire county commission from being members of governing board; revises percentage of membership which may be composed of county commissioners; requires adoption of certain bylaws; revises member reappointment provisions; requires compliance with certain provisions by specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee
 1/8/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 01/10/18, 3:30 pm, 12 H
 1/10/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 1 Nay
 1/10/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee

Compare

[HB 807](#) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Diamond)

[SB 984](#) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Brandes)

Identical

[SB 1516](#) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Perry)

[HB 585](#) Tourist Development Tax Fine
 Tourist Development Tax: Authorizes counties imposing tax to use tax revenues for specified purposes. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Commerce Committee
 1/18/2018 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee
 1/30/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Commerce Committee, 02/01/18, 12:00 pm, 212 K
 2/1/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; 18 Yeas, 6 Nays

Similar

[SB 658](#) Tourist Development Tax (Brandes)

[HB 589](#) Public Meetings Newton
 Public Meetings: Specifies that certain boards and 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, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

11/8/2017 HOUSE Filed

11/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee

11/15/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 1092](#) Public Meetings (Rader)

[HB 593](#) Homestead Exemptions Porter
 Homestead Exemptions: Requires Legislature to appropriate moneys, beginning in specified fiscal year, to offset reductions in ad valorem tax revenue experienced by rural communities within rural area of opportunity which result from specified additional exemption; specifies how moneys are to be distributed; specifies mechanism for reversion of funds in specified situations. Effective Date: on the effective date of House Joint Resolution 7105 (2017)

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Committee

11/8/2017 HOUSE Filed

11/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to Appropriations Committee; Ways & Means Committee

11/15/2017 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

Similar

[SB 772](#) Homestead Exemption Implementation (Grimsley)

[HB 611](#) 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, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

11/8/2017 HOUSE Filed

11/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee

11/15/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

Identical

[SB 1380](#) Regional Agency and Regional Planning Council Meetings (Rodriguez (J))

[HB 613](#) 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 & Administration Subcommittee

11/8/2017 HOUSE Filed

11/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Rules & Policy Committee; Government Accountability Committee

11/15/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

Identical

[SB 1702](#) Legislation by Initiative (Torres, Jr.)

[SB 658](#) Tourist Development Tax

Brandes

Tourist Development Tax; Authorizing counties imposing the tax to use the tax revenues, under certain circumstances, for specified purposes and costs relating to public facilities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

12/5/2017 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

12/5/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

1/31/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, 02/05/18, 4:30 pm, 401 S

Similar

[HB 585](#) Tourist Development Tax (Fine)

[SB 688](#) Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax

Garcia

Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax; Requiring counties, except under certain circumstances, to use surtax proceeds only for specified purposes; prohibiting the use of such proceeds for nontransit purposes, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations

1/24/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, 01/29/18, 1:30 pm, 401 S

1/29/2018 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/30/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations

Similar

[HB 243](#) Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax (Avila)

[HB 697](#) Impact Fees

Miller

Impact Fees: Revises minimum requirements for adoption of impact fees. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee

1/17/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Ways & Means Committee; 15 Yeas, 1 Nay

1/19/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

1/23/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee

Similar

[SB 324](#) Impact Fees (Young)

[SB 698](#) Prohibited Discrimination

Book

Prohibited Discrimination; Creating the "Florida Competitive Workforce Act"; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination with

respect to the sale or rental of housing, provision of brokerage services, financing of housing or in residential real estate transactions, and land use decisions and in permitting of development, respectively, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

10/30/2017 SENATE Filed

11/1/2017 SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction

Similar

[HB 347](#) Prohibited Discrimination (Diamond)

Identical

[SB 66](#) Prohibited Discrimination (Rouson)

[HB 703](#) Water Management District Surplus Lands Burgess
 Water Management District Surplus Lands: Revises circumstances when water management districts must publish intention to sell surplus lands; revises process for selling certain lower valued surplus lands. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
 12/4/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee, 12/06/17, 2:00 pm, 12 H
 12/6/2017 HOUSE Favorable by Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
 12/6/2017 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
 Compare
[SB 808](#) Public Records/Surplus Lands (Baxley)
 Similar
[SB 806](#) Water Management District Surplus Lands (Baxley)
 Linked
[HB 705](#) Pub. Rec./Water Management District Surplus Lands (Burgess)

[HB 705](#) Pub. Rec./Water Management District Surplus Lands Burgess
 Pub. Rec./Water Management District Surplus Lands: Provides exemption for certain records relating to sale of surplus lands; authorizes disclosure of such records under certain circumstances; provides for future legislative review & repeal. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 703 or similar legislation takes effect
 Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee
 1/10/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 1 Nay
 1/10/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
 1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee
 Compare
[SB 806](#) Water Management District Surplus Lands (Baxley)
 Similar
[SB 808](#) Public Records/Surplus Lands (Baxley)
 Linked
[HB 703](#) Water Management District Surplus Lands (Burgess)

[SB 712](#) Autonomous Vehicles Brandes
 Autonomous Vehicles; Exempting an autonomous vehicle being operated in autonomous mode from a certain prohibition on the operation of a motor vehicle if the vehicle is actively displaying certain content that is visible from the driver's seat while the vehicle is in motion; authorizing a fully autonomous vehicle to operate in this state regardless of whether a licensed human operator is physically present in the vehicle; authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to enroll the state in any federal pilot program or project for the collection and study of data for the review of automated driving systems, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Banking and Insurance
 1/25/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays
 1/26/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 1/29/2018 SENATE Now in Banking and Insurance
 Similar
[HB 353](#) Autonomous Vehicles (Fischer)

[HB 725](#) Permit Fees Williamson
 Permit Fees: Requires certain counties & governing bodies of municipalities to post their permit & inspection fee schedules & inspection utilization reports on their websites; requires certain governing bodies of local governments to post their building permit & inspection utilization reports on their websites by specified date; provides reporting requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee

1/24/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee

1/30/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Accountability Committee, 02/01/18, 12:00 pm, 17 H

2/1/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Accountability Committee; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays

Similar

[SB 1144](#) Permit Fees (Perry)

[SB 726](#) Smoking Marijuana for Medical Use Farmer

Smoking Marijuana for Medical Use; Redefining terms to authorize the production, processing, transportation, sale, possession, and administration of marijuana in a form for smoking for medical use, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Health Policy

11/2/2017 SENATE Filed

11/15/2017 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations; Rules

[HB 727](#) Property Tax Exemptions Grall

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: Ways & Means Committee

11/27/2017 HOUSE Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee

11/27/2017 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

12/7/2017 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 12/08/17, 9:30 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

Identical

[SB 934](#) Property Tax Exemptions (Hukill)

[HB 743](#) Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-related Causes Abruzzo

Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-related Causes: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to authorize Legislature by general law to grant to counties and municipalities the right to grant by ordinance partial or full ad valorem tax relief on homestead property of parent or parents of an unmarried veteran who died from combat-related causes while on active duty as member of the United States Armed Forces. Effective Date: Not Specified

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

11/17/2017 HOUSE Filed

12/8/2017 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee

12/8/2017 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

Compare

[SB 1638](#) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions (Rader)

Identical

[SB 1636](#) Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-Related Causes (Rader)

Linked

[HB 745](#) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions (Abruzzo)

[HB 745](#) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions Abruzzo

Homestead Property Tax Exemptions: Authorizes counties or municipalities to grant ad valorem tax exemption on homestead property of certain parent or parents of unmarried veterans who died from combat-related causes while on active duty as members of U.S. Armed Forces. Effective Date: the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 743 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose

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

11/17/2017 HOUSE Filed

12/8/2017 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee

12/8/2017 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

Compare

[SB 1636](#) Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-Related Causes (Rader)

Identical

SB 1638	Homestead Property Tax Exemptions (Rader)
Linked	
HB 743	Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-related Causes (Abruzzo)

SB 750	Public Records	Perry
Public Records; Prohibiting an agency that receives a request to inspect or copy a record from responding to such request by filing a civil action against the individual or entity making the request, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Judiciary		
1/11/2018	SENATE Now in Judiciary	
1/12/2018	SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 01/18/18, 10:00 am, 110 S	
1/18/2018	SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Judiciary	
Identical		
HB 273	Public Records (Rodrigues (R))	

HB 765	Truth in Millage Notices	Ingoglia
Truth in Millage Notices: Authorizes property appraiser to make proposed property tax & non-ad valorem assessment notices available on property appraiser's website; requires that property appraiser's website provide option for taxpayer to request & receive e-mail notification when such notices are posted on website; requires property appraiser to mail postcard containing specified information for first 3 years in which he or she implements web-based noticing system. Effective Date: July 1, 2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Ways & Means Committee		
1/10/2018	HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee	
1/12/2018	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Ways & Means Committee, 01/17/18, 4:00 pm, 17 H	
1/17/2018	HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by Ways & Means Committee	

SB 772	Homestead Exemption Implementation	Grimsley
Homestead Exemption Implementation; Requiring the Legislature to appropriate moneys, beginning in a specified fiscal year, to offset reductions in ad valorem tax revenue experienced by rural communities within a rural area of opportunity which result from a specified additional exemption; requiring each rural community to apply to the Department of Revenue each year to participate in the distribution of the appropriation and provide documentation supporting the region's estimated reduction in ad valorem tax revenue, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 7105 (2017), if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the general election held in November 2018, and shall apply to the 2019 tax roll		
Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs		
11/6/2017	SENATE Filed	
11/17/2017	SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations	
Similar		
HB 593	Homestead Exemptions (Porter)	

HB 773	Vacation Rentals	La Rosa
Vacation Rentals: Requires uniform application of local law, ordinance, or regulation relating to vacation rental; revises applicability to include certain amendments to local law, ordinance, or regulation. Effective Date: upon becoming a law		
Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee		
11/21/2017	HOUSE Filed	
12/8/2017	HOUSE Referred to Government Accountability Committee; Commerce Committee	
12/8/2017	HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee	
Compare		
SB 1400	Vacation Rentals (Steube)	
SB 1640	Vacation Rentals (Simmons)	

HB 777	K-12 Student Safety	Moskowitz
K-12 Student Safety: Revises provisions relating to Level 2 background screenings, district school board duties, examination security, recension of student certificates & grades, school district employment criteria, educator certification, certified educator responsibilities, & Education Practices Commission. Effective Date: July 1, 2018		
Current Committee of Reference: PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee		
11/21/2017	HOUSE Filed	
12/8/2017	HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee	

12/8/2017 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee
Compare

[HB 1391](#) Sexual Offenses Against Students (Rodrigues (R))
[SB 1616](#) Education (Hukill)
[HB 7055](#) Education (Education Committee)

Similar

[SB 1548](#) K-12 Student Safety (Book)

[SB 778](#) Sports Development Lee (T)

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: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Commerce and Tourism

11/6/2017 SENATE Filed

11/17/2017 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations; Rules

Similar

[HB 6005](#) Sports Development (Avila)

[HB 785](#) Military Affairs Ingram

Military Affairs: Prohibits landlord from requiring prospective tenant who is servicemember to deposit or advance certain amount of funds; authorizes tenant who is servicemember to terminate rental agreement under certain circumstances; provides that title to certain lands remains subject to easement for specified purposes; transfers certain duties from DEO to Florida Defense Support Task Force; prohibits certain construction or activities incompatible with mission of military installation on certain land under rural-lands-protection easement. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

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

11/21/2017 HOUSE Filed

12/8/2017 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee

12/8/2017 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 1864](#) Military Affairs (Broxson)

[SB 786](#) Land Acquisition Trust Fund Mayfield

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: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation

11/7/2017 SENATE Filed

11/17/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

Similar

[HB 339](#) Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Harrell)

[HB 789](#) Listings for Vacation Rental Property Stevenson

Listings for Vacation Rental Property: Requires person engaged in leasing, renting, letting, or granting of licenses for use of vacation rentals to display valid certificate of registration number in each rental listing or advertisement; provides penalties for noncompliance. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Careers & Competition Subcommittee

11/21/2017 HOUSE Filed

12/8/2017 HOUSE Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

12/8/2017 HOUSE Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee

Compare

[SB 1640](#) Vacation Rentals (Simmons)

[SB 790](#) Lieutenant Governor Lee (T)

Lieutenant Governor; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require the Lieutenant Governor to serve as the Secretary of State, to specify the secretary's duties, and to authorize the Lieutenant Governor to cast tiebreaking votes on any measure on which the Senate is equally divided, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Ethics and Elections
 11/7/2017 SENATE Filed
 11/17/2017 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Rules

[HB 791](#) Regulatory Reform Diaz
 Regulatory Reform: Establishes Red Tape Reduction Advisory Council within EOG; requires Administrative Procedures Committee to establish regulatory baseline of agency rules; provides that new rule may not cause the total number of rules to exceed regulatory baseline; requires agency proposing new rule to submit rule replacement request to committee; provides that rule replacement request or exemption request may not be approved until initial regulatory baseline has been reduced by specified amount. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Committee
 1/26/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 01/30/18, 8:30 am, 17 H
 1/30/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; 7 Yeas, 3 Nays
 1/30/2018 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee
 Similar
[SB 1268](#) Regulatory Reform (Perry)

[SB 792](#) Chief Financial Officer Lee (T)
 Chief Financial Officer; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to revise the duties and responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer, etc.
 Current Committee of Reference: Judiciary
 2/1/2018 SENATE Reference to Appropriations added; Remaining references: Judiciary, Appropriations, Rules
 2/1/2018 SENATE Now in Judiciary
 2/1/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 02/06/18, 2:00 pm, 110 S
 Similar
[HB 1421](#) Duties of the Chief Financial Officer (Stevenson)

[SB 806](#) Water Management District Surplus Lands Baxley
 Water Management District Surplus Lands; Revising the circumstances when a water management district must publish its intention to sell surplus lands; revising the process for selling certain lower valued surplus lands, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Rules
 1/18/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 01/23/18, 3:30 pm, 401 S
 1/23/2018 SENATE Favorable by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays
 1/24/2018 SENATE Now in Rules
 Compare
[HB 705](#) Pub. Rec./Water Management District Surplus Lands (Burgess)
 Similar
[HB 703](#) Water Management District Surplus Lands (Burgess)
 Linked
[SB 808](#) Public Records/Surplus Lands (Baxley)

[HB 807](#) Metropolitan Planning Organizations Diamond
 Metropolitan Planning Organizations: Provides voting membership requirements for certain metropolitan planning organizations designated on or after specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee
 1/25/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 01/29/18, 3:00 pm, 12 H
 1/29/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays
 1/29/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee
 Compare
[HB 575](#) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Beshears)
[SB 1516](#) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Perry)
 Similar
[SB 984](#) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Brandes)

[SB 808](#) Public Records/Surplus Lands Baxley
 Public Records/Surplus Lands; Providing an exemption for valuations, certain records, and sales offers for sales related to surplus lands; authorizing disclosure of such records under certain circumstances; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 806 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: Environmental Preservation and Conservation

- 1/11/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 01/16/18, 10:00 am, 37 S
- 1/16/2018 SENATE Temporarily Postponed with Amendment Adopted by Environmental Preservation and Conservation
- 1/31/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 02/05/18, 4:30 pm, 37 S

Compare

[HB 703](#) Water Management District Surplus Lands (Burgess)

Similar

[HB 705](#) Pub. Rec./Water Management District Surplus Lands (Burgess)

Linked

[SB 806](#) Water Management District Surplus Lands (Baxley)

[SB 828](#)

Prohibition Against Hydraulic Fracturing and Other Forms of Well Stimulation Farmer

Prohibition Against Hydraulic Fracturing and Other Forms of Well Stimulation; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to establish public policy against certain types of well stimulation in order to protect the state's water resources and to prohibit extreme well stimulation, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation

- 11/9/2017 SENATE Filed
- 11/29/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

[SB 834](#)

Well Stimulation Farmer

Well Stimulation; Citing this act as the "Stop Fracking Act"; prohibiting persons from engaging in extreme well stimulation; prohibiting the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing permits that authorize extreme well stimulation; prohibiting the department from authorizing certain permitholders to engage in extreme well stimulation on or after a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation

- 11/9/2017 SENATE Filed
- 11/29/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

Compare

[HB 237](#) Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment (Peters)

[SB 462](#) Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment (Young)

[HB 883](#)

Community Development Districts Ingoglia

Community Development Districts: Authorizes certain lands located within one county or municipality which petitioner anticipates adding to boundaries of community development district to be identified in petition to establish new district; provides requirements; provides procedures for adding to boundaries; provides requirements for petitioning for addition; authorizes county or municipality to process all such petitions even if addition exceeds specified acreage; provides notice requirements; provides amendment of district by addition of parcel does not alter transition from landowner voting to qualified elector voting; provides construction. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee

- 1/16/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
- 1/17/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
- 1/18/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee

Identical

[SB 1348](#) Community Development Districts (Perry)

[SB 884](#)

Public Lodging Steube

Public Lodging; Prohibiting transient lodging establishments from requiring minimum stays of greater than one night; authorizing the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to adopt rules, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

- 11/14/2017 SENATE Filed
- 11/17/2017 SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction

Similar

[SB 1138](#) Public Lodging Minimum-stay Requirements (Steube)

[SB 934](#)

Property Tax Exemptions Hukill

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: Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

1/11/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 01/16/18, 4:00 pm, 301 S

1/16/2018 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/17/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

Identical

[HB 727](#) Property Tax Exemptions (Grall)

[SB 956](#) Public Records Mayfield

Public Records; Providing that certain information related to agency contracts is not confidential or exempt from public records requirements; deleting provisions exempting certain information from public records requirements under the Florida Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act; deleting provisions relating to a public records exemption for trade secrets held by Space Florida; deleting a requirement that certain trade secret information submitted to the Agency for Health Care Administration be clearly designated as such, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 958 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: Governmental Oversight and Accountability

11/17/2017 SENATE Filed

12/4/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations; Rules

Compare

[HB 461](#) Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency (Massullo, Jr.)

Similar

[HB 459](#) Public Records (Massullo, Jr.)

Linked

[SB 958](#) Public Records/Trade Secrets (Mayfield)

[SB 958](#) Public Records/Trade Secrets Mayfield

Public Records/Trade Secrets; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for a trade secret held by an agency; providing that an agency employee is not liable for the release of records in compliance with the act; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 956 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: Governmental Oversight and Accountability

11/17/2017 SENATE Filed

12/4/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations; Rules

Compare

[HB 459](#) Public Records (Massullo, Jr.)

Similar

[HB 461](#) Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency (Massullo, Jr.)

Linked

[SB 956](#) Public Records (Mayfield)

[SB 984](#) Metropolitan Planning Organizations Brandes

Metropolitan Planning Organizations; Requiring the voting membership of a metropolitan planning organization (M.P.O.) that is designated before a specified date to consist of a certain number of apportioned members, subject to certain requirements; requiring the voting membership of an M.P.O. designated on or after a specified date as a result of a combination or merger of previously separate M.P.O.'s to consist of a certain number of members, subject to certain requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation

11/21/2017 SENATE Filed

12/13/2017 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules

Compare

[HB 575](#) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Beshears)

[SB 1516](#) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Perry)

Similar

[HB 807](#) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Diamond)

[HB 987](#) Affordable Housing Cortes (B)

Affordable Housing; Prohibits local governments for a specified time from imposing certain fees related to

affordable housing in excess of amounts established by law; specifying the amount to be assessed for such fees for specified dwellings; provides for appropriations. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

1/17/2018 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

1/18/2018 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 01/19/18, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

1/24/2018 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 01/26/18, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

Similar

[SB 1328](#) Affordable Housing (Perry)

[SB 990](#) Rural Communities Montford

Rural Communities; Designating the "Florida Rural Community Jobs and Business Resiliency Act"; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to accept an application seeking approval as a rural growth fund; prohibiting the department from reducing the investment authority of an application or denying an application for reasons other than the ones listed; providing that a taxpayer who makes an investor contribution is vested with a credit against state premium tax liability; specifying that an out-of-state business relocating employees to this state must satisfy a specific definition within a certain timeframe before a new principal place of business operations is recognized, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

1/17/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/19/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

1/24/2018 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 01/26/18, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

Similar

[HB 1415](#) Rural Communities (Beshears)

[SB 992](#) C-51 Reservoir Project Book

C-51 Reservoir Project; Revising requirements related to the operation of water storage and use for Phase I and Phase II of the C-51 reservoir project if state funds are appropriated for such phases; authorizing the South Florida Water Management District to enter into certain capacity allocation agreements and to request a waiver for repayment of certain loans; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to waive such loan repayment under certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation

11/21/2017 SENATE Filed

12/13/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

1/31/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 02/05/18, 4:30 pm, 37 S Compare

[HB 7063](#) Natural Resources (Government Accountability Committee)

[SB 1006](#) Disaster Response and Preparedness Montford

Disaster Response and Preparedness; Modifying requirements for the state comprehensive emergency management plan and statewide public awareness programs administered by the Division of Emergency Management; authorizing any individual to bring a service animal or comfort animal to a special needs shelter; requiring Florida College System institutions and state universities that provide transportation assistance in an emergency evacuation to coordinate the use of vehicles and personnel with local emergency management agencies, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

11/27/2017 SENATE Filed

12/13/2017 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

Identical

[HB 1443](#) Disaster Response and Preparedness (Alexander)

[SB 1014](#) Recyclable Materials Stewart

Recyclable Materials; Deleting a preemption of local law relating to regulation of auxiliary containers, wrappings, or disposable plastic bags, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

11/28/2017 SENATE Filed
 12/13/2017 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Rules
 Identical

[HB 6039](#) Auxiliary Containers, Wrappings, and Disposable Plastic Bags Used by Retail Establishments (Richardson)

[HB 1023](#) Public Educational Facilities Duran
 Public Educational Facilities: Provides requirements for determining capacity of facilities in certain schools as reported in Florida Inventory of School Houses; requires Commissioner of Education to grant exemption from State Requirements for Educational Facilities to district school board under certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee
 12/15/2017 HOUSE Filed
 1/3/2018 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee
 1/3/2018 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee
 Similar

[SB 1656](#) Public Educational Facilities (Lee (T))

[HB 1033](#) Dockless Bicycle Sharing Toledo
 Dockless Bicycle Sharing: Provides insurance requirements for bicycle sharing company; provides requirements for dockless bicycles made available for reservation by such company; provides company responsibilities; provides for preemption. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Commerce Committee
 1/16/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Careers & Competition Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays
 1/23/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 1/24/2018 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee
 Similar

[SB 1304](#) Dockless Bicycle Sharing (Young)

[HB 1053](#) Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities DuBose
 Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities: Permits licensed medical marijuana retail facilities to dispense medical marijuana & marijuana delivery devices under certain conditions; requires DOH to issue licenses to such facilities. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
 Current Committee of Reference: Health Quality Subcommittee
 12/21/2017 HOUSE Filed
 1/3/2018 HOUSE Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee
 1/3/2018 HOUSE Now in Health Quality Subcommittee
 Similar

[SB 1336](#) Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities (Thurston, Jr.)

[HB 1077](#) Open and Expired Building Permits Diamond
 Open and Expired Building Permits: Authorizes Construction Industry Licensing Board to take specified actions against certain entities; provides requirements related to open and expired permits, including expiration, uncompleted permitted projects, penalties, amendment of Florida Building Code, powers of local governmental entities, applications, & notice requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Careers & Competition Subcommittee
 12/21/2017 HOUSE Filed
 1/3/2018 HOUSE Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee
 1/3/2018 HOUSE Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee
 Identical

[SB 1322](#) Open and Expired Building Permits (Powell)

[SB 1092](#) 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; providing that a member of the public has the right to speak at a public meeting of a board or commission; requiring a board or commission to prescribe a form on which members of the public wishing to exercise their right to speak must provide certain information; repealing provisions relating to the reasonable

opportunity to be heard at public meetings, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Governmental Oversight and Accountability
 12/5/2017 SENATE Filed
 12/13/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Rules
 Similar
[HB 589](#) Public Meetings (Newton)

[HB 1097](#) Florida Communities Trust Stevenson
 Florida Communities Trust: Revises activities & projects that may be undertaken, coordinated, & funded by Florida Communities Trust to include specified flood mitigation projects; provides for maximum grant award & exceptions, application process & priority ranking, & reporting requirements; requires grant recipient reports to be publicly available. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee
 12/28/2017 HOUSE Filed
 1/7/2018 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee
 1/7/2018 HOUSE Now in Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee
 Identical
[SB 158](#) Florida Communities Trust (Brandes)

[HB 1103](#) Regional Rural Development Grants Albritton
 Regional Rural Development Grants: Provides that regional rural development grants may be used to hire regional economic development organization professional staff; provides maximum amount of grant funding that specified economic development organizations may receive in year; revises amount of required matching funds; requires certain contracts to include certain information & be placed on certain websites; provides that improving access to & availability of broadband Internet service may be included in project that is eligible for rural infrastructure grant funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee
 1/19/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee, 01/23/18, 9:00 am, 12 H
 1/23/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
 1/23/2018 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee
 Compare
[HB 1193](#) Rural Economic Development (Latvala)
[SB 1496](#) Rural Economic Development (Gainer)
 Similar
[SB 1646](#) Regional Rural Development Grants (Montford)

[HB 1121](#) Annexation of Property Silvers
 Annexation of Property: Revises term "enclave"; revises when vote of electors of area proposed to be annexed is not required; provides procedure for municipality to annex certain property; specifies municipalities that may annex certain enclaves when two or more municipalities provide services to enclave. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
 1/2/2018 HOUSE Filed
 1/7/2018 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee
 1/7/2018 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
 Similar
[SB 1722](#) Annexation of Property (Torres, Jr.)

[SB 1130](#) Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of State Powell
 Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of State; Re-creating the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of State without modification; abrogating provisions relating to the termination of the trust fund, to conform, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 1/26/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 01/31/18, 1:00 pm, 412 K
 1/31/2018 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays
 2/1/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
 Similar
[HB 7033](#) Trust Funds/Re-creation/Land Acquisition Trust Fund/DOS (Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee)

[SB 1134](#) Department of Health Responsibilities Related to the Medical Use of Marijuana Rouson
 Department of Health Responsibilities Related to the Medical Use of Marijuana; Requiring the department to adopt rules to allow qualified patients to change qualified physicians; revising a requirement that the department license one applicant who is a member of a certain class to exclude a requirement that the applicant also be a member of the Black Farmers and Agriculturalist Association-Florida Chapter, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations
 1/24/2018 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Appropriations
 1/26/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 01/31/18, 1:00 pm, 412 K
 1/31/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 19 Yeas, 1 Nay
 Similar

[HB 6049](#) Medical Marijuana Growers (Jones)

[SB 1138](#) Public Lodging Minimum-stay Requirements Steube
 Public Lodging Minimum-stay Requirements; Prohibiting hotels and motels from requiring minimum stays of greater than one night; authorizing the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to adopt rules, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Regulated Industries
 12/6/2017 SENATE Filed
 12/18/2017 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; Rules
 Similar

[SB 884](#) Public Lodging (Steube)

[SB 1144](#) Permit Fees Perry
 Permit Fees; Requiring the governing body of certain counties to post its permit and inspection fee schedules and a link to the annual building permit and inspection report on its website; requiring the governing body of a local government, before making any adjustment to a fee schedule, to publish a building permit and inspection report and post it on the local government's website, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax
 1/17/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 1/19/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax
 1/31/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, 02/05/18, 4:30 pm, 401 S
 Similar

[HB 725](#) Permit Fees (Williamson)

[HB 1149](#) Environmental Regulation Payne
 Environmental Regulation: Provides examples of reclaimed water use that may create impact offset; revises required provisions of water resource implementation rule; requires DEP & water management districts to develop & enter into certain memorandum of agreement; requires counties & municipalities to address contamination of recyclable material in specified contracts; prohibits counties & municipalities from requiring certain collection & transport of contaminated recyclable material; requires specified provisions in contracts between residential recycling collectors & materials recovery facilities & counties & municipalities; provides that local government may not require further verification from department for certain projects; revises types of dock & pier replacements & repairs that are exempt from such verification & certain permitting requirements. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
 Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
 1/23/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 1 Nay
 1/25/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 1/26/2018 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
 Identical

[SB 1308](#) Environmental Regulation (Perry)

[HB 1151](#) Developments of Regional Impact La Rosa
 Developments of Regional Impact: Repeals, creates, and revises provisions for statewide guidelines, standards, & requirements for developments of regional impact relating to authorizations to develop; applications for approval of development; concurrent plan amendments; preapplication procedures; preliminary development agreements; conceptual agency reviews; local notice & regional reports; developments inside & outside areas of critical state concern; local government development orders; construction of mitigation facilities; impact fee & exaction credits; comprehensive development applications & master plan development orders; abandonment of developments;

dense urban land area exemptions; Florida Quality Developments & Quality Developments Review Board; Administration Commission guidelines & standards; state land planning agency agreements; Florida Land & Water Adjudicatory Commission requirements; local government permit approvals & extensions, reviews & certifications; uniform reviews of developments by state land planning agency & regional planning agencies. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Commerce Committee

1/25/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 01/29/18, 3:00 pm, 12 H

1/29/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/29/2018 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee

Similar

[SB 1244](#) Growth Management (Lee (T))

[HB 1173](#) Lands Used for Governmental Purposes Raschein

Lands Used for Governmental Purposes: Provides for acquisition, lease, & conveyance of lands used to buffer military installations; immediate acquisition of lands that prevent or satisfy private property rights claims within areas of critical state concern; land authorities to contribute tourist impact tax revenues to counties for certain affordable housing. Effective Date: upon becoming a law.

Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee

1/29/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Ways & Means Committee, 01/31/18, 9:00 am, 17 H

1/31/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Ways & Means Committee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/31/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee

Similar

[SB 1622](#) Lands Used for Governmental Purposes (Flores)

[SB 1188](#) The Strategic Intermodal System Rouson

Strategic Intermodal System; Specifying that the Strategic Intermodal System and the Emerging Strategic Intermodal System include existing or planned corridors that are managed lanes of transit, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation

12/7/2017 SENATE Filed

12/18/2017 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules

Identical

[HB 1277](#) Strategic Intermodal System (Willhite)

[HB 1193](#) Rural Economic Development Latvala

Rural Economic Development: Increases maximum grant amount under Regional Rural Development Grants Program for organizations in rural areas of opportunity; revises amount of grant which organizations in rural areas of opportunity are required to match. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee

1/4/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/7/2018 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

1/7/2018 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee

Compare

[HB 1103](#) Regional Rural Development Grants (Albritton)

[SB 1646](#) Regional Rural Development Grants (Montford)

Identical

[SB 1496](#) Rural Economic Development (Gainer)

[SB 1200](#) Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority Young

Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority; Adding an alternative transportation authority as part of the operations of the Department of Transportation; requiring the responsibility for expending certain funds to be delegated by the department secretary to the executive director of the authority, subject to certain requirements; beginning in a specified timeframe, revising annual allocations in the State Transportation Trust Fund for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program; repealing provisions relating to fund participation and the Florida Rail Enterprise, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation

12/8/2017 SENATE Filed

12/18/2017 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

2/1/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 02/06/18, 2:00 pm, 401 S
 Similar

[HB 535](#) Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority (Avila)

[HB 1203](#) Cannabis Smith

Cannabis: Provides that possession of personal use quantity of cannabis or cannabis accessory by adult or minor is civil violation; provides for fines or community service; requires minor violators to perform community service, attend drug awareness program, or both; prohibits arrests; limits collateral use of violation; prohibits state or local penalties or obligations other than specified penalties or obligations; prohibits additional state or local penalties or obligations for having cannabinoids or cannabinoid metabolites in tissue or fluid of body; provides for distribution of revenue from civil penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Criminal Justice Subcommittee

1/4/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/7/2018 HOUSE Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

1/7/2018 HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 1602](#) Cannabis (Bracy)

[SB 1244](#) Growth Management Lee (T)

Growth Management; Adding a minimum population standard as a criteria that must be met before qualified electors of an independent special district commence a certain municipal conversion proceeding; revising the statewide guidelines and standards for developments of regional impact; specifying that amendments to a development order for an approved development may not alter the dates before which a development would be subject to downzoning, unit density reduction, or intensity reduction, except under certain conditions; requiring local governments to file a notice of abandonment under certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
 Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

1/24/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/26/2018 SENATE Reference to Rules added; Remaining references: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations; Rules

1/26/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

Compare

[SB 84](#) Municipal Conversion of Independent Special Districts (Lee (T))

Similar

[HB 1151](#) Developments of Regional Impact (La Rosa)

[HB 1247](#) Offshore Oil and Natural Gas Drilling Cruz

Offshore Oil and Natural Gas Drilling: Urges Congress to oppose President Trump's executive order lifting moratoria prohibiting oil & natural gas drilling activities off the coast of Florida, to refrain from supporting or co-sponsoring legislation authorizing such activities, & to vote in opposition of such legislation.

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

1/5/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

[SB 1268](#) Regulatory Reform Perry

Regulatory Reform; Establishing the Red Tape Reduction Advisory Council within the Executive Office of the Governor; requiring the Administrative Procedures Committee to establish a regulatory baseline of agency rules; providing that a proposed rule may not cause the total number of rules to exceed the regulatory baseline; requiring an agency proposing a rule to submit a rule replacement request to the committee; providing that a rule replacement request or an exemption request may not be approved until the initial regulatory baseline has been reduced by a specified amount, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Governmental Oversight and Accountability

12/15/2017 SENATE Filed

1/11/2018 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations

Similar

[HB 791](#) Regulatory Reform (Diaz)

[HB 1277](#) Strategic Intermodal System Willhite

Strategic Intermodal System: Specifies that Strategic Intermodal System & Emerging Strategic Intermodal System include existing or planned corridors that are managed lanes of transit. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

1/7/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

Identical

[SB 1188](#) The Strategic Intermodal System (Rouson)

[HB 1279](#) School District Accountability Sullivan

School District Accountability: Revises duties of Auditor General; revises provisions relating to Office of Inspector General, district school boards, school district superintendents, Commission on Ethics, & DOE duties & responsibilities; provides appropriation. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Education Committee

1/30/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/30/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

1/31/2018 HOUSE Now in Education Committee

Compare

[HB 11](#) Government Accountability (Metz)

[SB 354](#) Government Accountability (Stargel)

[SB 1534](#) Government Integrity (Mayfield)

[HB 7003](#) Local Government Ethics Reform (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee)

[HB 7055](#) Education (Education Committee)

Similar

[SB 1804](#) School District Accountability (Stargel)

[HB 1299](#) Public School Transportation Raburn

Public School Transportation: Requires district school boards to provide transportation to certain students; revises speed & road conditions that meet hazardous walking condition criteria; requires district school superintendent to request review of hazardous walking condition under certain circumstance; requires school district to initiate specified proceedings. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

1/19/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee, 01/23/18, 9:00 am, 306 H

1/23/2018 HOUSE Favorable by PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/23/2018 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 188](#) Public School Transportation (Steube)

[SB 1304](#) Dockless Bicycle Sharing Young

Dockless Bicycle Sharing; Dockless Bicycle Sharing; Providing insurance requirements for a bicycle sharing company; providing requirements for dockless bicycles made available for reservation by such company, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Banking and Insurance

12/19/2017 SENATE Filed

1/11/2018 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; Rules

2/1/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Banking and Insurance, 02/06/18, 11:00 am, 110 S

Similar

[HB 1033](#) Dockless Bicycle Sharing (Toledo)

[SB 1308](#) Environmental Regulation Perry

Environmental Regulation; Revising the required provisions of the water resource implementation rule; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection and the water management districts to develop and enter into a memorandum of agreement providing for a coordinated review of any reclaimed water project requiring a reclaimed water facility permit, an underground injection control permit, and a consumptive use permit; requiring counties and municipalities to address 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: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

1/26/2018 SENATE Reference to Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources removed;

Reference to Community Affairs added; Remaining references: Community Affairs; Appropriations
 1/26/2018 SENATE Now in Community Affairs
 2/1/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 02/06/18, 11:00 am, 301 S
 Identical

[HB 1149](#) Environmental Regulation (Payne)

[SB 1322](#)

Open and Expired Building Permits

Powell

Open and Expired Building Permits; Authorizing the Construction Industry Licensing Board to take specified actions against any certificateholder or registrant if a contractor, a financially responsible officer, or a certain business organization is found guilty of failing to properly close any permit or satisfy any applicable permit requirement; requiring the Florida Building Commission to adopt rules and amend the applicable Florida Building Code to enact procedures designed to encourage property owners and contractors to close permits properly; providing that failure to receive written notice does not relieve the contractor or property owner from taking the necessary actions to legally close a permit, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Regulated Industries

12/21/2017 SENATE Filed

1/11/2018 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Rules

Identical

[HB 1077](#) Open and Expired Building Permits (Diamond)

[SB 1328](#)

Affordable Housing

Perry

Affordable Housing; Revising the criteria that counties and municipalities must use when evaluating real property as part of their inventory for disposal of lands; prohibiting local governments from charging certain impact fees for a specified period; creating the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program to provide funds for specified purposes related to affordable housing; providing a process for certain entities to dispose of surplus lands for use for the construction of affordable housing, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

1/25/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 01/30/18, 10:00 am, 301 S

1/30/2018 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/30/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

Similar

[HB 987](#) Affordable Housing (Cortes (B))

[SB 1336](#)

Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities

Thurston, Jr.

Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities; Revising definitions of the terms "edibles," "low-THC cannabis," "marijuana," and "marijuana delivery device" to include items that are dispensed by a medical marijuana retail facility; prohibiting qualified physicians and caregivers from being employed by or having an economic interest in a medical marijuana retail facility; revising provisions to authorize medical marijuana retail facilities to dispense marijuana, marijuana delivery devices, and edibles under certain conditions; requiring the Department of Health to license medical marijuana retail facilities, beginning on a specified date, for a specified purpose, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Health Policy

12/21/2017 SENATE Filed

1/11/2018 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations

Similar

[HB 1053](#) Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities (DuBose)

[SB 1348](#)

Community Development Districts

Perry

Community Development Districts; Authorizing sufficiently contiguous lands located within the county or municipality which a petitioner anticipates adding to the boundaries of a new community development district to also be identified in a petition to establish the new district under certain circumstances; providing that the amendment of a district by the addition of a parcel does not alter the transition from landowner voting to qualified elector voting; requiring the petitioner to cause to be recorded a certain notice of boundary amendment upon adoption of the ordinance expanding the district, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Rules

1/30/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Judiciary; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/31/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

2/1/2018 SENATE Now in Rules

Identical

[HB 883](#) Community Development Districts (Ingoglia)

[HB 1353](#) Land Acquisition Trust Fund Beshears

Land Acquisition Trust Fund: Requires specified annual appropriation to Florida Forever Trust Fund. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

1/8/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

Compare

[HB 7063](#) Natural Resources (Government Accountability Committee)

Similar

[SB 370](#) Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Bradley)

[HB 1375](#) Ad Valorem Taxation Eagle

Ad Valorem Taxation: Authorizes certain property damaged or destroyed Hurricane Irma to receive abatement of certain property taxes; specifies procedures to use in applying for abatement of taxes; provides property appraiser & tax collector duties relative to investigating statements & determining amount of disaster relief credit; requires tax collector to reduce taxes in specified manner; provides retroactive applicability & expiration date. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Ways & Means Committee

1/8/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

Compare

[SB 1600](#) Ad Valorem Taxation (Passidomo)

[SB 1380](#) Regional Agency and Regional Planning Council Meetings Rodriguez (J)

Regional Agency and Regional Planning Council Meetings; Providing requirements for establishing a quorum for meetings of certain agencies and councils when a voting member appears via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication; requiring notice of intent to appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication by a specified time, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

12/27/2017 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Transportation; Rules

Identical

[HB 611](#) Regional Agency and Regional Planning Council Meetings (Geller)

[SB 1400](#) Vacation Rentals Steube

Vacation Rentals; (THIS BILL COMBINES S1400 & 1640) Creating the "Florida Vacation Rental Act"; preempting certain regulation and control of vacation rentals to the state; specifying authority of the Division of Hotels and Restaurants over regulation of vacation rentals; requiring vacation rentals to obtain a license; specifying that vacation rentals are to be treated as transient rentals regarding certain landlord and tenant provisions; requiring the division to inspect vacation rentals when necessary to respond to emergencies and epidemiological conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Regulated Industries

1/30/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 4 Yeas, 2 Nays; CS combines this bill with SB 1640

2/1/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

2/1/2018 SENATE Now in Regulated Industries

Compare

[HB 773](#) Vacation Rentals (La Rosa)

[HB 1403](#) Rural Economic Development Initiative Avila

Revises legislative intent; redefines term "rural area of opportunity"; revises duties, responsibilities, & membership of REDI; deletes provision limiting number of rural areas of opportunity that may be designated; deletes provision listing economic development incentives for which Governor may waive criteria requirements or similar provisions; deletes requirement that certain catalyst projects be identified as such by Enterprise Florida, Inc. Effective Date: upon becoming a law.

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee

1/9/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 170](#) Rural Economic Development Initiative (Grimsley)

[HB 1415](#) Rural Communities

Beshears

Rural Communities: Cites act as "Florida Rural Community Jobs & Business Resiliency Act"; requires DEO to accept application seeking approval as rural growth fund; prohibits DEO from approving more than certain amount of investment authority or investor contributions; requires DEO to provide tax credit certificate; provides that taxpayer who makes investor contribution is vested with credit against state premium tax liability; provides for revocation of tax credit certificate; provides for rural growth fund to exit program; requires report. Effective Date: July 1, 2018.

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee

1/9/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Commerce Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 990](#) Rural Communities (Montford)

[SB 1426](#) Local Government Fiscal Transparency

Lee (T)

Local Government Fiscal Transparency; Expanding the scope of the Legislative Auditing Committee review to include compliance with local government fiscal transparency requirements; creating the "Local Government Fiscal Transparency Act"; requiring local governments to post certain voting record information on their websites, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations

1/25/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 01/30/18, 10:00 am, 301 S

1/30/2018 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/30/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations

Similar

[HB 7](#) Local Government Fiscal Transparency (Burton)

[HB 1443](#) Disaster Response and Preparedness

Alexander

Disaster Response and Preparedness: Directs Division of Emergency Management to include specified persons in state emergency management plan & public awareness programs, provide guidance regarding Federal Government reimbursements, develop specified informational materials & evacuation strategies, & establish & maintain certain registry; requires certain shelters to accept service & comfort animals; requires FCS institutions & state universities to participate in emergency management activities under certain conditions; excludes certain students from school performance calculations & provides for payment of school district salaries during state of emergency. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

1/9/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

Identical

[SB 1006](#) Disaster Response and Preparedness (Montford)

[SB 1470](#) Construction of Housing Along the State Highway System

Gibson

Construction of Housing Along the State Highway System; Requiring that the construction of certain multiple housing developments be considered a single construction project, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation

1/3/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules

Similar

[HB 1085](#) Construction of Housing Within a Certain Distance of the State Highway System (Watson (B))

SB 1496	Rural Economic Development	Gainer
<p>Rural Economic Development; Increasing the maximum grant amount under the Regional Rural Development Grants Program for organizations in rural areas of opportunity; revising the amount of a grant which organizations in rural areas of opportunity are required to match, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 Current Committee of Reference: Commerce and Tourism 1/3/2018 SENATE Filed 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations</p>		
Compare		
HB 1103	Regional Rural Development Grants (Albritton)	
SB 1646	Regional Rural Development Grants (Montford)	
Identical		
HB 1193	Rural Economic Development (Latvala)	
SB 1506	Water Management	Farmer, Jr.
<p>Water Management; Requiring district water management plans for districts including Outstanding Florida Springs to include certain maximum sustainable groundwater withdrawal estimates; revising the criteria for determining whether certain water supply development projects are given first consideration for funding assistance to include consideration of whether a project maximizes water conservation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation 1/3/2018 SENATE Filed 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations</p>		
SB 1516	Metropolitan Planning Organizations	Perry
<p>Metropolitan Planning Organizations; Revising voting membership requirements for metropolitan planning organizations according to population; requiring metropolitan planning organizations to comply with certain provisions by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 Current Committee of Reference: Transportation 1/4/2018 SENATE Filed 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules</p>		
Compare		
HB 807	Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Diamond)	
SB 984	Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Brandes)	
Identical		
HB 575	Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Beshears)	
SB 1534	Government Integrity	Mayfield
<p>Government Integrity; Requiring the Chief Inspector General and each agency inspector general, respectively, to determine within a specified timeframe whether reasonable cause exists to believe that fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, or misconduct in government has occurred; authorizing the Department of Management Services to adopt certain rules relating to individuals or groups of employees who initiate a complaint under the Whistle-blower's Act; requiring certain ethics training for governing board members of special districts and water management districts; prohibiting statewide elected officers and legislators from soliciting employment offers or investment advice arising out of official or political activities, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2018 Current Committee of Reference: Ethics and Elections 1/4/2018 SENATE Filed 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules</p>		
Compare		
HB 1279	School District Accountability (Sullivan)	
SB 1804	School District Accountability (Stargel)	
HB 7003	Local Government Ethics Reform (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee)	
HB 7007	Ethics Reform (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee)	
Linked		
SB 1536	Local Government Lobbyist Registration System Trust Fund/Commission on Ethics (Mayfield)	
SB 1548	K-12 Student Safety	Book

K-12 Student Safety; Prohibiting certain teachers from receiving bonuses related to specified FTE student membership calculations; requiring certified educators to inform their employers within a specified time period after being arrested for, rather than convicted of, certain offenses, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Criminal Justice

1/24/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/26/2018 SENATE Now in Criminal Justice

2/1/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice, 02/06/18, 9:00 am, 37 S

Compare

[HB 1391](#) Sexual Offenses Against Students (Rodrigues (R))

[SB 1616](#) Education (Hukill)

[HB 7055](#) Education (Education Committee)

Similar

[HB 777](#) K-12 Student Safety (Moskowitz)

[SB 1554](#) Charter Schools Rodriguez (J)

Charter Schools; Requiring charter schools that receive capital outlay funding used for certain purposes to ensure that new facilities comply with the State Requirements for Educational Facilities of the Florida Building Code, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Education

1/4/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations

Identical

[HB 511](#) Charter Schools (Shaw)

[SB 1600](#) Ad Valorem Taxation Passidomo

Ad Valorem Taxation; Providing for certain property damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster in 2017 to receive an abatement of certain property taxes; providing duties of the tax collector relating to determining the amount of the disaster relief credit, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

1/5/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations

Compare

[HB 1375](#) Ad Valorem Taxation (Eagle)

[SB 1602](#) Cannabis Bracy

Cannabis; Providing that possession of a personal use quantity of cannabis or a cannabis accessory by an adult is a civil violation punishable by a civil penalty or community service, or, if the offender is under 18 years of age, community service or completion of a drug awareness program; prohibiting state or local penalties or obligations other than specified penalties or obligations concerning possession of personal use quantities of cannabis or cannabis accessories; specifying that political subdivisions may enact ordinances concerning public consumption of cannabis, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Criminal Justice

1/5/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations; Rules

Similar

[HB 1203](#) Cannabis (Smith)

[SB 1614](#) Education Hukill

Education; Requiring the Department of Education to suspend specified payments to private schools that fail, rather than knowingly fail, to meet certain scholarship program accountability standards; providing that the failure of, rather than the inability of, private schools to meet such standards constitutes the basis for ineligibility for participation in a scholarship program, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Education

1/5/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations

Compare

[SB 1756](#) School Accountability (Simmons)

[SB 1616](#) Education Hukill

Education; Requiring school districts to conduct a security risk assessment at each public school site within the district; requiring school districts to use a format prescribed by the Department of Education for such assessments and for self-assessments of current safety and security practices, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Education

1/5/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations Compare

[HB 777](#) K-12 Student Safety (Moskowitz)

[SB 1548](#) K-12 Student Safety (Book)

[HB 7055](#) Education (Education Committee)

[SB 1622](#) Lands Used for Governmental Purposes

Flores

Lands Used for Governmental Purposes; Specifying the authority of the Division of State Lands within the Department of Environmental Protection to acquire lands from an annual list provided by the Department of Economic Opportunity and the Florida Defense Support Task Force for the purpose of buffering military installations against encroachment; authorizing land authorities to contribute tourist impact tax revenues to counties for the construction, redevelopment, and preservation of certain affordable housing, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation

1/5/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations

1/31/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 02/05/18, 4:30 pm, 37 S

Similar

[HB 1173](#) Lands Used for Governmental Purposes (Raschein)

[SB 1636](#) Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-Related Causes

Rader

Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-Related Causes; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature by general law to allow counties and municipalities to grant by ordinance partial or full ad valorem tax relief on homestead property of a parent or parents of an unmarried veteran who died from combat-related causes while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

1/5/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations

Compare

[HB 745](#) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions (Abruzzo)

Identical

[HB 743](#) Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-related Causes (Abruzzo)

Linked

[SB 1638](#) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions (Rader)

[SB 1638](#) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions

Rader

Homestead Property Tax Exemptions; Authorizing counties and municipalities to exempt from taxation homestead property of certain parent or parents of certain unmarried veterans who died from combat-related causes while on active duty as members of the United States Armed Forces; authorizing the tax exemption to carry over or transfer under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 1636 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 2018 or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

1/5/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations

Compare

[HB 743](#) Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-related Causes (Abruzzo)

Identical

[HB 745](#) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions (Abruzzo)

Linked

[SB 1636](#) Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-Related Causes (Rader)

[SB 1640](#)

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; authorizing the division to refuse to issue or renew or to suspend or revoke the license of a public lodging establishment subject to a local final order directing the establishment to cease operations, 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, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Regulated Industries; Appropriations

1/25/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 01/30/18, 10:00 am, 301 S - PCS

1/30/2018 SENATE CS combines this bill with SB 1400; Original bill laid on Table, refer to combined SB 1400

Compare

[HB 773](#) Vacation Rentals (La Rosa)

[HB 789](#) Listings for Vacation Rental Property (Stevenson)

[SB 1646](#)

Regional Rural Development Grants

Montford

Regional Rural Development Grants; Providing that regional rural development grants may be used to hire regional economic development organization professional staff; authorizing the use of matching grant funds to provide technical assistance to certain entities; requiring that contracts or agreements involving the expenditure of grant funds be placed on a certain website for a specified time period; requiring that a plain language version of certain contracts or agreements be placed on a certain website; 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: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

1/29/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Commerce and Tourism; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/30/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

2/1/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

Compare

[HB 1193](#) Rural Economic Development (Latvala)

[SB 1496](#) Rural Economic Development (Gainer)

Similar

[HB 1103](#) Regional Rural Development Grants (Albritton)

[SB 1656](#)

Public Educational Facilities

Lee (T)

Public Educational Facilities; Providing requirements for determining the capacity of facilities in certain schools as reported in the Florida Inventory of School Houses; authorizing a district school board to submit an application to the Commissioner of Education for an exemption for a facility from the State Requirements for Educational Facilities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Education

1/5/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations

Similar

[HB 1023](#) Public Educational Facilities (Duran)

[SB 1664](#)

Basin Management Action Plans

Simmons

Basin Management Action Plans; Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection and other entities, as part of a basin management action plan, to develop onsite sewage treatment and disposal system remediation plans under certain conditions; specifying requirements for the installation, repair, modification, or upgrade of certain onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems; providing criteria for the prioritization of funding for wastewater treatment facilities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources

1/22/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/23/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/26/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources

SB 1672	Charter Schools	Farmer, Jr.
<p>Charter Schools; Revising the fiscal responsibility requirements for the charter school application and review process; requiring private property taken by eminent domain for a public school purpose or use to be used only for traditional public schools; authorizing, rather than requiring, a school district to distribute specified funding to eligible charter schools in its district, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 Current Committee of Reference: Education 1/5/2018 SENATE Filed 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations Compare</p>		
SB 1434	K-12 Education Enhancements (Passidomo)	
HB 5101	K-12 Education (PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee)	
SB 1686	Community Development Districts	Torres, Jr.
<p>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: 7/1/2018 Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs 1/5/2018 SENATE Filed 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules Identical</p>		
HB 337	Community Development Districts (Cortes (J))	
SB 1714	Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability	Perry
<p>Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability; Authorizing the Auditor General to audit certain accounts and records; requiring the Auditor General to conduct certain audits and report to certain persons if certain violations are found; requiring the governing board of a county to review certain proposed contracts and certifications relating to potential conflicts of interest and mitigation plans, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2018 Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development 1/29/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Commerce and Tourism; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays 1/31/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 2/1/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Similar</p>		
HB 3	Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability (Grant (M))	
SB 1722	Annexation of Property	Torres, Jr.
<p>Annexation of Property; Revising the definition of the term "enclave"; prohibiting an area from being annexed if more than a specified percent of the land in the area is owned by individuals, corporations, or legal entities, unless the owners of more than a specified percent of the land in the area consent to such annexation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs 1/5/2018 SENATE Filed 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Rules Similar</p>		
HB 1121	Annexation of Property (Silvers)	
SB 1732	School Garden Programs	Torres, Jr.
<p>School Garden Programs; Requiring the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to annually provide to school districts certain information relating to school garden programs; authorizing schools that establish a school garden program to allow certain students to select and receive produce from the garden on a specified day each week, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture 1/5/2018 SENATE Filed 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Agriculture; Education; Appropriations</p>		
SB 1756	School Accountability	Simmons
<p>School Accountability; Revising the private schools to which the Department of Education is required to provide technical assistance and authorized staff; revising requirements for private schools that participate in the Gardiner Scholarship Program; revising the purpose of department site visits at private schools participating in the John M.</p>		

McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program; requiring a private school to employ or contract with teachers who meet certain qualifications and provide information about such qualifications to the department and parents, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education

1/22/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Education; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/24/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/26/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education

Compare

[SB 1172](#) Hope Scholarship Program (Galvano)

[SB 1614](#) Education (Hukill)

[SB 1776](#) Vegetable Gardens Bradley

Vegetable Gardens; Prohibiting local governments from regulating vegetable gardens on residential properties except as otherwise provided by law, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

1/5/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Rules

2/1/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 02/06/18, 11:00 am, 301 S

[SB 1794](#) Kiosks and Pushcarts Rodriguez (J)

Kiosks and Pushcarts; Authorizing kiosks and pushcarts, including advertising displayed on such kiosks and pushcarts, to be installed within the right-of-way limits of any municipal, county, or state road, except a limited access highway, subject to certain requirements and restrictions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

1/5/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Transportation; Rules

[SB 1804](#) School District Accountability Stargel

School District Accountability; Prohibiting former appointed district school superintendents from conducting certain lobbying activities; requiring the governing body of a district school board to take specified actions under such circumstances; requiring the Office of Inspector General to investigate certain allegations and reports made by specified individuals; requiring a district school board to limit certain expenditures by a specified amount if certain financial conditions exist for a specified period of time, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Education

1/5/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations; Rules

Compare

[HB 11](#) Government Accountability (Metz)

[SB 354](#) Government Accountability (Stargel)

[SB 1534](#) Government Integrity (Mayfield)

[HB 7003](#) Local Government Ethics Reform (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee)

Similar

[HB 1279](#) School District Accountability (Sullivan)

[SB 1864](#) 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 that the title to certain lands remains subject to an easement to prevent encroachment of military installations after a tax sale or the issuance of a tax certificate in foreclosure proceedings; providing that the president of Enterprise Florida, Inc., is the executive director of the Florida Defense Support Task Force, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

1/5/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

Similar

[HB 785](#) Military Affairs (Ingram)

[HB 2499](#) St. Cloud Downtown Revitalization Phase I La Rosa

St. Cloud Downtown Revitalization Phase I: Provides an appropriation for the St. Cloud Downtown Revitalization Phase I. APPROPRIATION: \$2,200,000.00 Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Committee

1/16/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 01/18/18, 01:00 pm, 404 H

1/18/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/19/2018 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

[HB 5203](#) Statewide Travel Government Operations & Technology
Appropriations Subcommittee

Statewide Travel: Revises certain lodging rates for the purpose of reimbursement to specified employees; authorizes employee to expend his or her own funds for certain lodging expenses; provides DMS rulemaking authority; creates the statewide travel management system; provides system reporting requirements; requires specified entities to use statewide travel management system for certain purposes; requires DMS to make travel information available to public by specified date; provides appropriation & positions; provides statement of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/31/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Appropriations Committee; 27 Yeas, 0 Nays

2/1/2018 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

2/1/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/07/18

Compare

[HB 11](#) Government Accountability (Metz)

[SB 354](#) Government Accountability (Stargel)

[SB 2500](#) Appropriations (Appropriations)

[HB 6005](#) Sports Development Avila

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, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Careers & Competition Subcommittee

8/22/2017 HOUSE Filed

8/30/2017 HOUSE Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

8/30/2017 HOUSE Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 778](#) Sports Development (Lee (T))

[HB 6039](#) Auxiliary Containers, Wrappings, and Disposable Plastic Bags Used by Retail Establishments Richardson

Auxiliary Containers, Wrappings, and Disposable Plastic Bags Used by Retail Establishments: Removes state preemption on regulation of certain auxiliary containers, wrappings, & disposable plastic bags. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

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

11/28/2017 HOUSE Filed

12/8/2017 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee

12/8/2017 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

Identical

[SB 1014](#) Recyclable Materials (Stewart)

[HB 7001](#) Supermajority Vote for State Taxes or Fees Ways & Means Committee

Supermajority Vote for State Taxes or Fees: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to prohibit a state tax or fee from being imposed or raised except through legislation approved by two-thirds of each house of legislature; requires a state tax or fee imposed or raised to be contained in separate bill that contains no other subject.

Effective Date: Not Specified

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/25/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 80 Yeas / 29 Nays)

1/31/2018 SENATE In Messages

2/1/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations

Compare

[SB 1742](#) Supermajority Vote Required to Increase State Tax Revenues by Increasing Taxes (Stargel)

HB 7003	Local Government Ethics Reform	Public Integrity & Ethics Committee
<p>Local Government Ethics Reform: Provides that contractual relationships held by business entities are deemed held by public officers or employees in certain situations; provides ethics training requirements; prohibits certain governing board members from voting in official capacity on specified matters; requires certain members of municipality governing body to file disclosure; provides for future repeal of provisions relating to local government authority to enact rule or ordinance requiring lobbyists to register with local government; provides for future repeal of provisions relating to registration & reporting for lobbying water management districts; requires Commission on Ethics to create Local Government Lobbyist Registration System; requires lobbyists to register with commission before lobbying specified governmental entities; provides responsibilities of Governor; provides civil penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 1/12/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 100 Yeas / 2 Nays) 1/24/2018 SENATE In Messages 1/30/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules Compare</p>		
HB 1279	School District Accountability (Sullivan)	
SB 1534	Government Integrity (Mayfield)	
SB 1804	School District Accountability (Stargel)	
Linked		
HB 7005	Trust Funds/Creation/Local Government Lobbyist Registration System	Trust Fund (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee)

HB 7007	Ethics Reform	Public Integrity & Ethics Committee
<p>Ethics Reform: Repeals provisions relating to state, state university, & community college employee lobbyists; prohibits certain public service announcements; prohibits public officer/agency employee from soliciting specified employment/contractual relationships; authorizes Commission on Ethics to investigate certain disclosures; prohibits certain compensated representation for specified period following vacation of office; deletes provision prohibiting former legislators from acting as lobbyists before certain entities & persons for specified period following vacation of office; prohibits certain officers & employees from soliciting employment/contractual relationships from or negotiating same with certain employers; requires lobbyist to electronically register with commission; revises lobbyist registration, compensation report, principal designation cancellation, & investigation requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 Current Committee of Reference: Public Integrity & Ethics Committee 1/16/2018 HOUSE Now in Public Integrity & Ethics Committee 1/30/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Public Integrity & Ethics Committee, 02/01/18, 12:00 pm, 404 H 2/1/2018 HOUSE Favorable with 2 Amendments by Public Integrity & Ethics Committee; 16 Yeas. 0 Nays Compare</p>		
SB 1534	Government Integrity (Mayfield)	

HB 7063	Natural Resources	Government Accountability Committee
<p>Natural Resources; Revises, creates, & repeals various provisions relating to acquisition, management, & disposition of conservation lands; water supply facilities, public water systems, & domestic wastewater systems; water resource development & capital improvement projects; distribution & use of funds from Florida Forever Trust Fund & Land Acquisition Trust Fund; rural-lands-protection easement programs; reservoir projects; & beneficial use of stormwater resulting from road construction; provides statement of important state interest. APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate Effective Date: 7/1/2018. Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee 1/29/2018 HOUSE Filed (formerly PCB GAC2) 1/30/2018 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee 1/30/2018 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee Compare</p>		
SB 370	Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Bradley)	
SB 992	C-51 Reservoir Project (Book)	
HB 1353	Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Beshears)	

PIE1	State Ethics Reform	Public Integrity & Ethics Committee
<p>PCB PIE 18-01 -- State Ethics Reform Current Committee of Reference: Public Integrity & Ethics Committee 11/3/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Public Integrity & Ethics Committee, 11/07/17, 2:00 pm, 404 H 11/7/2017 HOUSE Submitted as Committee Bill with 1 Amendment by Public Integrity & Ethics Committee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays</p>		

11/9/2017 HOUSE Committee Bill Filed as H 7007

[PIE2](#)

Local Government Ethics Reform

Public Integrity & Ethics Committee

PCB PIE 18-02 -- Local Government Ethics Reform

Current Committee of Reference: Public Integrity & Ethics Committee

11/3/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Public Integrity & Ethics Committee, 11/07/17, 2:00 pm, 404 H

11/7/2017 HOUSE Submitted as Committee Bill with 1 Amendment by Public Integrity & Ethics Committee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays

11/9/2017 HOUSE Committee Bill filed as HB 7003

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