



## 2025 Legislative Session Weekly Update- Week 1

### State of the State by Governor Ron DeSantis

Governor Ron DeSantis' 2025 State of the State address emphasized Florida's leadership in economic growth, immigration enforcement, and conservative governance. He highlighted the state's strong economy, ranking #1 in GDP growth among large states, record tourism numbers, and a commitment to maintaining low taxes and reducing government spending. DeSantis praised legislative actions to curb illegal immigration, enforce law and order, and expand school choice, while reaffirming Florida's stance against what he called "noxious ideologies" in education. He also underscored efforts to stabilize the insurance market and provide tax relief for homeowners.

Additionally, the governor addressed environmental conservation, disaster response, and social programs like Hope Florida, which aims to reduce dependency on government assistance. He celebrated Florida's progress in Everglades restoration and wildlife protection and criticized federal delays in funding. DeSantis reiterated his administration's commitment to constitutional rights, citing actions against DEI in higher education and measures to strengthen Second Amendment protections. Concluding with a call for continued legislative action, he urged Florida to remain a national model of fiscal responsibility, personal freedom, and strong governance.

### HB 4007 - Compensation for Health Care Services for Inmates in Martin County

The bill limits the compensation of health care providers who provide medical services for inmates housed in a Martin County detention center to 110 percent of the Medicare allowable rate if the provider does not have a contract with Martin County to provide medical services to inmates, unless the provider reported a negative operating margin for the previous year to the Agency for Health Care Administration, in which case the bill limits compensation to 125% of the Medicare allowable rate. The bill also limits compensation to entities providing emergency medical transportation services for an inmate housed in a Martin County detention center to 110% of the Medicare allowable rate if the entity does not have a contract with Martin County to provide emergency medical transportation services.

#### Committees of Reference:

#### House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee 02/19/25

- ✓ Members focused on whether capping reimbursement rates at 110% or 125% would negatively impact providers, how much money the new limits might save Martin County, and why other counties had not adopted similar measures. The committee ultimately saw no opposition, agreeing that predictability and taxpayer savings justified the bill.

#### House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/06/2025

- ✓ In the Criminal Justice Subcommittee, Rep. Hart asked whether the bill mirrors state prison compensation and why it is limited to Martin County; Rep. Snyder clarified it aligns with Department of Corrections rates but only applies locally due to differing county practices. Members voiced no opposition, and the bill advanced unanimously. House State Affairs Committee



## BILLS TO WATCH

### [HB 0011](#) **Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates** by Robinson (F)

Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates: Requires municipality to charge consumers receiving its utility services in another municipality same rates, fees, & charges as it charges consumers within its own municipal boundaries. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

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[HB 1523](#)

Utility Services (Busatta)

[SB 1704](#)

Utility Services (Calatayud)

#### Similar

[SB 0202](#)

Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates (Jones)

### [HB 0039](#) **Tax Exemption for Disabled Ex-servicemembers** by Daley

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#### Similar

[SB 0218](#)

Tax Exemption for Disabled Ex-servicemembers (Arrington)



## BILLS TO WATCH

### [SB 0050](#) **Nature-based Methods for Improving Coastal Resilience** by García

Nature-based Methods for Improving Coastal Resilience; Requiring the Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research and Innovation at the University of South Florida College of Marine Science to develop design guidelines and standards for green and gray infrastructure and models for conceptual designs of green infrastructure and green-gray infrastructure; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules for nature-based methods for coastal resilience; requiring the department, in consultation with the Division of Insurance Agent and Agency Services of the Department of Financial Services, to conduct a statewide feasibility study regarding the value of nature-based methods being used for a specified purpose, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

#### **Identical**

### [HB 0371](#)

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### [HB 0073](#) **Safe Waterways Act** by Gossett-Seidman

Safe Waterways Act: Transfers duties related to bacteriological sampling of beach waters & public bathing places from DOH to DEP; provides requirements for such transfer; revises provisions related to bacteriological sampling of beach waters & public bathing places, including rule adoption & enforcement; issuance of health advisories; closure of beach waters & public bathing places; notification & signage requirements; & public statewide interagency database. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

#### Identical

[SB 0156](#)

Safe Waterways  
Act  
(Rodriguez)

### [SB 0080](#) **State Land Management** by Harrell

State Land Management; Citing this act as the “State Park Preservation Act”; requiring public hearings for all updated conservation and nonconservation land management plans; requiring the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection to comply with specified provisions when granting certain privileges, leases, concessions, and permits; requiring that individual management plans for parcels located within state parks be developed and updated with input from an advisory group, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

#### Similar

[HB 0209](#)

State Land  
Management  
(Snyder)





## BILLS TO WATCH

### [SB 0088](#) **Utility Terrain Vehicles** by Wright

Utility Terrain Vehicles; Authorizing a utility terrain vehicle (UTV) to be operated during all hours; authorizing the operation of UTVs on certain parts of the State Highway System; authorizing the Department of Transportation to prohibit the use of UTVs under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue a license plate to the owner or lessee of a vehicle registered as a UTV upon payment of certain taxes and fees, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2026

#### Similar

[HB 0221](#)

Utility Terrain  
Vehicles  
(Gentry)



## BILLS TO WATCH

### [SB 0174](#) **Homestead Property Assessed Value Determination** by DiCeglie

Homestead Property Assessed Value Determination; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit the consideration of any change or improvement made to homestead property to mitigate flood damage in determining the assessed value of such property for ad valorem taxation purposes, to limit the transfer of such value to new homestead property, and to provide an effective date, etc.

#### Compare

<a href="#">HB 1041</a>	Assessment of Homestead Property (Berfield)
<a href="#">SB 1192</a>	Assessment of Homestead Property (Ingolia)

#### Similar

<a href="#">SB 1190</a>	Homestead Property Assessment Limitation (Ingolia)
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#### Identical

<a href="#">HB 1039</a>	Limitation on the Assessment of Homestead Property (Berfield)
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#### Linked

<a href="#">SB 0176</a>	Assessment of Homestead Property (DiCeglie)
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## BILLS TO WATCH

### **SB 0180 Emergency Preparedness and Response** by DiCeglie

Emergency Preparedness and Response; Authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to waive or reduce local government match requirements under certain circumstances; providing a tangible personal property assessment limitation, during a certain timeframe and in certain counties, for certain agricultural equipment that is unable to be used due to Hurricanes Debby, Helene, or Milton; specifying conditions for applying for and receiving the assessment limitation; deleting a reference to a certain report; revising public hurricane shelter funding prioritization requirements for the Division of Emergency Management; authorizing certain servicemembers to provide medical care in specified circumstances, 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 July 1, 2025

#### Compare

[HB 1337](#)

Emergencies  
(Giallombardo)

[SB 1566](#)

Emergencies  
(Simon)

### **SB 0184 Affordable Housing** by Gaetz

Affordable Housing; Requiring, rather than authorizing, a local government to adopt an ordinance to allow accessory dwelling units in certain areas; authorizing a local government to provide a density bonus incentive to landowners who make certain real property donations to assist in the provision of affordable housing for military families; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to evaluate the efficacy of using mezzanine finance and the potential of tiny homes for specified purposes, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

#### Compare

[HB 0247](#)

Affordable  
Housing  
(Conerly)



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### [SB 0202](#) **Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates** by Jones

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### [HB 0209](#) **State Land Management** by Snyder

State Land Management: Requires public hearings for, & public availability of, certain land management plans; revises duties & powers of DEP Division of State Lands relating to management of state lands; authorizes installation & operation of camping cabins in state parks; prohibits certain uses & activities in state parks; requires that certain land management plans be developed with input from advisory group; requires DEP to submit report to Governor & Legislature. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

#### Similar

<a href="#">SB 0080</a>	State Land Management (Harrell)
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## BILLS TO WATCH

### [HB 0211](#) **Farm Products** by Cobb

Farm Products: Provides that collection, storage, processing, & distribution of farm product is activity of bona fide farm operation which governmental entity may not prohibit, restrict, regulate, or otherwise limit. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

#### Identical

[SB 0374](#)

Farm  
Products  
(Truenow)

### [HB 0213](#) **Unlawful Actions Concerning Real Property** by Gossett-Seidman

Unlawful Actions Concerning Real Property: Authorizes property owner or agent to request sheriff in county in which owner's commercial real property is located to immediately remove persons unlawfully occupying commercial real property; requires owners or agents to submit specified completed & verified complaint; authorizes sheriff to arrest unauthorized person for legal cause; prohibits unlawfully detaining, or occupying or trespassing upon, commercial real property; prohibits certain listing or advertising for sale, or renting or leasing, real property. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

#### Similar

[SB 0322](#)

Property  
Rights  
(Rodriguez)

### [SB 0226](#) **Smoking in Public Places** by Gruters

Smoking in Public Places; Revising the definition of the terms “smoking” and “vape” or “vaping”; prohibiting smoking in public places in this state, with exceptions; revising requirements for customs smoking rooms to prohibit smoking and vaping of marijuana products at any time, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025



## BILLS TO WATCH

### [HB 0275](#) **Annexing State-owned Lands** by Albert

Annexing State-owned Lands: Requires municipality proposing to annex state-owned lands to notify county legislative delegation at certain time. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

#### Similar

[SB 0384](#)

Annexing  
State-  
owned  
Lands  
(Burton)



## BILLS TO WATCH

### [HB 0281](#) Local Government Code Enforcement by Partington

Local Government Code Enforcement: Authorizes county or municipality to designate special magistrate; authorizes local governmental entity to assess administrative fees through adoption of alternate code enforcement system; revises circumstances in which enforcement board must declare enforcement board member's office vacant; revises code violation notice, correction period, & hearing process; revises method by which certain notices must be provided to alleged code violator; requires governmental entity that permits its code inspectors to wear body cameras to establish certain policies & procedures; requires such governmental entity to ensure that certain training occurs, retain certain data in accordance with public records laws, & perform periodic review of actual body camera practices; increases criminal penalties for certain crimes committed against code inspector in certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

### Compare

<a href="#">SB 1106</a>	Public Records/Body Camera Recordings Recorded by a Code Inspector (Rodriguez)
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### Similar

<a href="#">SB 1104</a>	Local Government Code Enforcement (Rodriguez)
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### Linked

<a href="#">HB 1475</a>	Pub Rec/Code Inspector Body Camera Recordings (Partington)
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## BILLS TO WATCH

### [HB 0301](#) **Suits Against the Government** by McFarland

Suits Against the Government: Increases statutory limits on liability for tort claims against state & its agencies & subdivisions; authorizes subdivision to settle claim in excess of statutory limit without legislative action regardless of insurance coverage limits; prohibits insurance policy from conditioning benefits on enactment of claim bill; specifies that limitations in effect on date claim accrues apply to that claim; revises period within which certain claims must be presented; revises exceptions relating to instituting tort claims against state or agencies or subdivisions; revises period after which failure of certain entities to make final disposition of claim shall be deemed final denial of claim for certain purposes; revises statute of limitations for tort claims against state or one of its agencies or subdivisions & exceptions. Effective Date: October 1, 2025

#### Identical

[SB 1570](#)

Suits Against  
the  
Government  
(DiCeglie)

### [HB 0381](#) **Issuance of Address and Individual Parcel Identification Numbers** by Holcomb

Issuance of Address and Individual Parcel Identification Numbers: Requires appropriate governing body to issue within specified time after recording of plat certain information; provides penalty. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

#### Identical

[SB 0784](#)

Issuance of  
an Address  
and an  
Individual  
Parcel  
Identification  
Number  
(Ingoglia)



BILLS TO WATCH

**[HB 0393](#)** **My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program** by Lopez (V)

My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program: Revises definition of "condominium"; limits participation in My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program to certain condominiums; revises approval requirements to receive mitigation grant; removes amount of grant funding for certain projects; revises improvements for which grant may be used. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

**Similar**

[SB 0592](#)

My Safe  
Florida  
Condominium  
Pilot Program  
(Leek)

**[SB 0420](#)** **Official Actions of Local Governments** by Yarborough

Official Actions of Local Governments; Prohibiting counties and municipalities, respectively, from taking official action as it relates to diversity, equity, and inclusion; providing a penalty; authorizing a cause of action against counties and municipalities, respectively, that take such action, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

**Identical**

[HB 1571](#)

Official  
Actions of  
Local  
Governments  
with Respect  
to Diversity,  
Equity, and  
Inclusion  
(Black)



## BILLS TO WATCH

### [SB 0492](#) **Mitigation Banking** by McClain

Mitigation Banking; Revising the schedule to which the Department of Environmental Protection and water management districts are required to adhere for the release of credits awarded by a mitigation bank permit; prohibiting the release of mitigation credits for freshwater wetland creation until certain criteria are met; authorizing certain projects or activities to use credits released from a bank to offset impacts if certain requirements are met, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

#### Compare

[HB 1175](#)

Mitigation  
Banks  
(Duggan)

### [HB 0579](#) **Development Permits and Orders** by Overdorf

Development Permits and Orders: Requires counties & municipalities, respectively, to meet specified requirements regarding minimum information necessary for certain zoning applications; revises timeframes for processing applications for approvals of development permits or development orders; prohibits counties & municipalities, respectively, from limiting number of quasi-judicial or public hearings held each month; provides refund parameters in situations where county or municipality, respectively, fails to meet certain timeframes. Effective Date: October 1, 2025

#### Similar

[SB 1080](#)

Local  
Government  
Land  
Regulation  
(McClain)





## BILLS TO WATCH

### [HB 0623](#) **Pub. Rec./County and City Administrators and Managers** by Gerwig

Pub. Rec./County and City Administrators and Managers: Provides exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying & location information of current county administrators, deputy county administrators, assistant county administrators, city managers, deputy city managers, & assistant city managers, including names & personal identifying & location information of spouses & children of current county administrators, deputy county administrators, assistant county administrators, city managers, deputy city managers, & assistant city managers; provides for future legislative review & repeal; provides for retroactive application; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

#### Identical

[SB 0842](#)

Public  
Records/County  
Administrators  
and City  
Managers  
(Arrington)

### [SB 0634](#) **Land Use and Zoning** by Martin

Land Use and Zoning; Providing applicability of provisions related to protection of private property rights; authorizing a local government to provide for certain residential land uses in its comprehensive plan and land development regulations; authorizing a local government to prohibit single-family hybrid use while allowing single-family owner use within a land use category, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

### [HB 0645](#) **Distributed Wastewater Treatment System Permits** by Conerly

Distributed Wastewater Treatment System Permits: Authorizes general permit for replacement of certain septic systems & installation of certain wastewater treatment units; provides requirements for such permits & permittees. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

#### Similar

[SB 0796](#)

General Permits  
for Distributed  
Wastewater  
Treatment  
Systems  
(Bradley)



## BILLS TO WATCH

**[HB 0679](#)**

**Term Limits for Members of County Commissions and District School Boards** by Salzman

Term Limits for Members of County Commissions and District School Boards: Proposes amendment to the Constitution to provide term limits for members of boards of county commissioners and district school boards.

### Identical

**[SB 0802](#)**

Term Limits for  
Members of  
Boards of  
County  
Commissioners  
and District  
School Boards  
(Ingoglia)

**[HB 0695](#)**

**Private Provider Building Inspection Services** by Gentry

Private Provider Building Inspection Services: Revises membership of Florida Building Code Administrators & Inspectors Board & Florida Building Commission; revises provisions relating to building code inspection services provided by private provider & private provider firms, including agreement requirements, permit fees, administrative fees, responsibilities of private providers, permitting & inspection documents & reports, timeframes for issuing permits, authority of local building official, notices of incomplete forms, duly authorized representatives, authority of private providers acting as local building official, emergency inspection services, creation of certain forms, systems of registration, audits, immunity, civil causes of action, posting of permits on specified websites, & adoption of a uniformed permitting system. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

### Similar

**[SB 1474](#)**

Private  
Provider  
Building  
Inspection  
Services  
(DiCeglie)



## BILLS TO WATCH

### [HB 0733](#) **Brownfields** by Anderson

Brownfields: Revises & removes provisions relating to institutional controls for mapping purposes; monetary compensation; site rehabilitation agreements; tax credits; brownfield area designations; & participation in brownfield program; prohibits DEP & local pollution control programs from denying specified status or refusing to issue specified order for certain brownfield sites. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

#### Similar

[SB 0736](#)

Brownfields  
(Truenow)

### [HB 0853](#) **Home Hardening** by LaMarca

Home Hardening: Exempts from sales & use tax impact-resistant doors, garage doors, & windows during specified month; specifies distribution of certain tax revenue proceeds. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

#### Compare

[HB 0851](#)

Trust Funds/My  
Safe Florida  
Home Trust  
Fund/Department  
of Financial  
Services  
(LaMarca)

[SB 1466](#)

My Safe Florida  
Home Trust  
Fund/Department  
of Financial  
Services  
(DiCeglie)

#### Identical

[SB 1468](#)

Taxation of  
Home Hardening  
(DiCeglie)



## BILLS TO WATCH

### [HB 0945](#) **Cost-of-living Adjustment of Retirement Benefits** by Blanco

Cost-of-living Adjustment of Retirement Benefits: Revises amount of annual cost-of-living adjustment; revises how cost-of-living adjustment of benefits for certain retirees & beneficiaries is calculated; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

#### Identical

[SB 1126](#)

Cost-of-living  
Adjustment of  
Retirement  
Benefits  
(Rodriguez)

### [HB 0991](#) **Community Redevelopment Agencies** by Giallombardo

Community Redevelopment Agencies: Provides for termination of community redevelopment agencies on specified date; prohibits community redevelopment agencies from performing certain actions on or after specified date; revises provisions relating to any outstanding bonds of community redevelopment agency; prohibits creation of community redevelopment agencies on or after specified date; authorizes existing agencies to continue to operate. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

#### Identical

[SB 1242](#)

Community  
Redevelopment  
Agencies  
(McClain)





## BILLS TO WATCH

### [SB 1080](#) Local Government Land Regulation by McClain

Local Government Land Regulation; Requiring counties to meet specified requirements regarding the minimum information necessary for certain applications; prohibiting counties from limiting the number of quasi-judicial or public hearings held each month in certain circumstances; revising the expedited state review process for adoption of comprehensive plan amendments; requiring municipalities to meet specified requirements regarding the minimum information necessary for certain applications; prohibiting municipalities from limiting the number of quasi-judicial or public hearings held each month in certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2025

#### Compare

<a href="#">HB 1561</a>	Adoption of Comprehensive Plan Amendments (Sapp)
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#### Similar

<a href="#">HB 0579</a>	Development Permits and Orders (Overdorf)
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### [SB 1104](#) **Local Government Code Enforcement** by Rodriguez

Local Government Code Enforcement; Authorizing a county or municipality to designate a special magistrate; authorizing an enforcement board to record an original order issued by the board in the public records of the county; revising the method by which certain notices may be provided to an alleged code violator; requiring a governmental entity that permits its code inspectors to wear body cameras to establish certain policies and procedures; requiring the reclassification of certain offenses committed against code enforcement officers while engaged in the performance of their duties, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

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### [SB 1114](#) **Tourist Development Tax** by Smith (C)

Tourist Development Tax; Limiting the total amount of tourist development tax revenues that must be spent annually to promote and advertise tourism in order for any tourist development tax revenues to be used for a specified purpose, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

#### Similar

[HB 6031](#)

Tourist  
Development  
Taxes  
(Eskamani)

### [HB 1575](#) **Water Quality Improvements** by Driskell

Water Quality Improvements: Requires OPPAGA to conduct study of prevalence & effects of lead in drinking water in certain public facilities; specifies information to be included in study; requires OPPAGA to consult with interested entities in conducting study; requires OPPAGA to submit study to Governor & Legislature by specified date; requires DEP to consider & prioritize certain water quality improvement projects relating to special flood hazard areas; provides requirements for DOH, FWCC, & WMDs relating to harmful algal blooms; requires submission of plan relating to prevention & mitigation of harmful effects of blue-green algal blooms to certain entities by specified date; requires specified entities to provide schedule for implementing plan; requires DACS & SFWMD to take specified actions to ensure nitrogen levels continue to drop in Lake Okeechobee; requires DEP & SJRWMD to take specified actions relating to improving water quality in Upper St. Johns River Basin; provides reporting requirements. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

#### Similar

[SB 1646](#)

Water Quality  
Improvements  
(Berman)

### [HB 4007](#) **Compensation for Health Care Services for Inmates in Martin County** by Snyder

Compensation for Health Care Services for Inmates in Martin County: Limits compensation to health care provider that provides medical services for inmate housed in Martin County detention center if provider does not have contract with county to provide such services; limits compensation to entity that provides emergency medical transportation services for inmate housed in Martin County detention center if entity does not have contract with county to provide such services. Effective Date: upon becoming a law





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### [HB 6031](#) **Tourist Development Taxes** by Eskamani

Tourist Development Taxes: Deletes provision requiring specified percentage of all tourist development tax revenues to be used to promote & advertise tourism. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

#### Similar

[SB 1114](#)

Tourist  
Development  
Tax (Smith  
(C))

