

2025 Legislative Session Weekly Update- Week 2

Emergency Management Director- Sally Waite Visits Tallahassee

Our Emergency Management Director, Sally Waite, traveled to Tallahassee to participate in the 2025 Florida Department of Emergency Management's Emergency Management Day at the Capitol. This event serves as a vital opportunity for emergency management professionals to engage with state leaders, discuss critical issues, and advocate for policies that enhance disaster preparedness and response efforts. During her visit, Sally also met with Senator Gayle Harrell and Representative Toby Overdorf to address key concerns affecting Martin County's emergency management, ensuring that local needs and challenges are represented at the state level.



So far, over 1,800 bills have been filed in the Florida Legislature. These bills cover a wide range of topics, including education, healthcare, taxation, and public safety. As the legislative process unfolds, these proposals are beginning to move through various committees, where they will be reviewed, debated, and potentially amended before advancing to the next stages. Committee hearings play a crucial role in shaping legislation, as they allow lawmakers to hear expert testimony, gather public input, and refine the language of proposed laws. Over the coming weeks, key bills will gain momentum while others may stall, ultimately determining which measures will move forward for full consideration by the House and Senate.



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
- ✓ House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/06/2025
- ✓ House State Affairs Committee 03/13/2025

This week HB 4007-Compensation for Health Care Services for Inmates in Martin County , successfully passed out of its third and final committee, moving one step closer to becoming law as it now heads to the House and Senate floors for final passage. County Administrator Don Donaldson was present in Tallahassee for this crucial meeting, ensuring our community's interests were well represented. We extend our sincere gratitude to Representative John Snyder for sponsoring this important legislation, as well as to Senator Harrell and Representative Overdorf for their steadfast support and dedication to seeing it through.





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

Compare

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

Tax Exemption for Disabled Ex-servicemembers: Increases value of tax exemption for certain disabled ex-servicemembers. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Similar

SB 0218 Tax Exemption for Disabled Ex-servicemembers (Arrington)

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. APPROPRIATION: \$250,000 Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Compare

HB 0371 Nature-based Methods for Improving Coastal Resilience (Mooney, Jr.)

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)

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)

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

[HB 1041](#) Assessment of Homestead Property (Berfield)

[SB 1192](#) Assessment of Homestead Property (Ingoglia)

Similar

[SB 1190](#) Homestead Property Assessment Limitation (Ingoglia)

Identical

[HB 1039](#) Limitation on the Assessment of Homestead Property (Berfield)

Linked

[SB 0176](#) Assessment of Homestead Property (DiCeglie)

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, local governments 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)
HB 0943	Real Property and Land Use and Development (Lopez (V))

SB 0202 Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates by Jones

Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates; Requiring a municipality to charge customers receiving its utility services in another municipality the same rates, fees, and charges as it charges consumers within its municipal boundaries under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Compare

HB 1523	Utility Services (Busatta)
SB 1704	Utility Services (Calatayud)

Similar

HB 0011	Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates (Robinson (F))
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HB 0209 State Land Management by Snyder

State Land Management: Requires public hearings for all updated conservation & nonconservation land management plans; requires Division of State Lands to make available to public electronic copies of land management plans for parcels of certain size & for parcels located in state parks; revises duties of Division of Recreation & Parks; specifies requirements for management of parks & recreational areas held by state; requires division to comply with specified provisions when granting certain privileges, leases, concessions, & permits; authorizes division to acquire, install, or permit installation or operation of camping cabins that meet certain requirements in state parks; prohibits division from authorizing certain uses or construction activities within state parks; requires that individual management plans for parcels located within state parks be developed with input from advisory group; requires that advisory group's required public hearings be noticed to public within specified timeframe. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Similar

SB 0080	State Land Management (Harrell)
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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)
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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)
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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

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)

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

[SB 1106](#) Public Records/Body Camera Recordings Recorded by a Code Inspector (Rodriguez)

Similar

[SB 1104](#) Local Government Code Enforcement (Rodriguez)

Linked

[HB 1475](#) Pub Rec/Code Inspector Body Camera Recordings (Partington)

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)

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)

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)

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

Similar**HB 0401**

Residential Land Use Development Regulations (Jacques)

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)

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)

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)

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

Similar

[SB 1242](#) Community Redevelopment Agencies (McClain)

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

[HB 1561](#) Adoption of Comprehensive Plan Amendments (Sapp)

Similar

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

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

Compare

[HB 1475](#) Pub Rec/Code Inspector Body Camera Recordings (Partington)

Similar

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

Linked

[SB 1106](#) Public Records/Body Camera Recordings Recorded by a Code Inspector (Rodriguez)

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

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))

