



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

2020 Legislative Session  
Weekly Report 5  
(2/10/20 – 2/14/20)

## Committees Recap

### Monday (2/10/20)

#### Senate Innovation, Industry & Technology

##### *SB 658 Acquisition of Water and Wastewater Systems* – Senator Albritton

Authorizing certain water and wastewater utilities to establish a rate base value by using the fair market value when acquiring a utility system; establishing a procedure to determine the fair market value; specifying the contents required for an application to the Public Service Commission for approval of the rate base value of the utility system, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Temporarily Postponed by Innovation, Industry, and Technology

##### *SB 1352 Transportation Companies* – Senator Brandes

Defining the term “transportation network company digital advertising device”; deleting for-hire vehicles from the list of vehicles that are not considered transportation network company (TNC) carriers or are not exempt from certain registration; authorizing TNC drivers or their designees to contract with a company for the installment of TNC digital advertising devices; requiring companies operating such devices to allocate a specified percentage of advertisement inventory to certain organizations, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Favorable with CS by Innovation, Industry, and Technology; 9 Yeas, 1 Nay S

#### Senate Community Affairs

##### *SB 0538 Emergency Reporting* – Senator Diaz

Requiring a county or municipality to report certain incidents to the State Watch Office within the Division of Emergency Management; requiring the division to annually provide the State Watch Office Reportable Incidents List to local emergency managers and the Legislature; requiring the division to notify local emergency managers and the Legislature of any amendments to the reportable incidents list, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

##### *SB 0724 Local Government Recycling Programs* – Senator Albritton

Creating the Florida Recycling Working Group; requiring the working group to submit a report to the Legislature by a specified date; providing an expiration date for the working group; providing an exemption for fiscally constrained counties from recycling requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Temporarily Postponed by Community Affairs



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### *SB 0752 Emergency Sheltering of Persons with Pets – Senator Bean*

Requiring the Department of Education to assist the Division of Emergency Management in determining strategies regarding the evacuation of persons with pets; requiring counties that meet specified criteria to designate and operate at least one shelter that can accommodate persons with pets; specifying requirements for such shelters, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *SB 1066 Impact Fees – Senator Gruters*

Revising the conditions that counties, municipalities, and special districts must satisfy before enacting an impact fee by ordinance or passing an impact fee by resolution; providing timeframes for the collection of impact fees by local governments; requiring certain counties and municipalities to establish impact fee review committees, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

### *SB 1102 Specialty Contracting Services – Senator Gruters*

Authorizing certain persons under the supervision of specified licensed contractors to perform certain specialty contracting services for commercial or residential swimming pools, hot tubs or spas, or interactive water features; providing that such supervision does not require a direct contract between those persons, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *SB 1148 Electric Bicycles – Senator Brandes*

Revising definitions relating to the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law; authorizing a county or municipality to enact an ordinance regulating the operation of electric bicycles on sidewalks or sidewalk areas when such use is permissible under federal law; expanding exceptions to a prohibition on persons driving certain vehicles on sidewalks and bicycle paths; requiring electric bicycles to comply with specified provisions of law, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *SB 1502 Information About Counties and Municipalities – Senator Diaz*

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require the Chief Financial Officer, as prescribed by general law, to annually provide information about counties and municipalities to residents in a manner that allows residents to compare economic and noneconomic factors of each local government, etc.

Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *SB 1512 Local Government Reporting – Senator Diaz*

Deleting an annual requirement for county budget officers and municipal budget officers, respectively, to report specified budget information to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research; requiring each county and municipality to annually report specified fiscal and economic information to the Department of Financial Services; requiring the department to annually generate and distribute to residents a specified local government report, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays



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## *SB 1766 Growth Management – Senator Lee*

Revising notice of claim requirements for property owners; creating a presumption that certain settlement offers protect the public interest; authorizing property owners to bring actions to declare prohibited exactions invalid; providing applicability; requiring the Department of Transportation to afford a right of first refusal to the previous property owner before disposing of property in certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

## **Senate Environment & Natural Resources**

### *SB 1378 Vessels – Senator Rouson*

Specifying operation of a vessel at slow speed, minimum wake; prohibiting the operation of vessels at speeds faster than slow speed, minimum wake in certain situations; prohibiting the anchoring or mooring of a vessel to, or within a specified distance of, a mangrove or to vegetation upon, or within a specified distance of, public lands; revising civil penalties relating to certain at-risk vessels and prohibited anchoring or mooring, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable with CS by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *SB 1572 Climate Change – Senator Stewart*

Expressing the Legislature's support for the adoption of policies that will prepare Florida for the environmental and economic impact of climate change, sea-level rise, and flooding, and recognizing the important role that resiliency and infrastructure will play in fortifying this state, etc.

Favorable by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *SB 0996 Displacement of Private Waste Companies – Senator Albritton*

Requiring a local government to pay a specified amount of compensation to a displaced private waste company at the end of a specified notice period; removing a provision authorizing a local government to pay a specified amount of compensation to a private waste company as an alternative to delaying displacement for a specified period; removing a provision authorizing a local government and a private waste company to negotiate such compensation and notice period, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable with CS by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *SB 1706 Water Testing for Pollution – Senator Montford*

Authorizing specified persons or businesses that suspect contamination of their private water systems, multifamily water systems, or certain public water systems to request that the Department of Health or its agents test such source for pollution, under certain circumstances; requiring such testing to be done within a specified timeframe and follow certain procedures; revising the specified purposes that funds in a County Health Department Trust Fund may be used for to include the costs and expenditures related to certain water testing provisions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays



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## Senate Infrastructure & Security

### *SB 502 Emergency Mitigation and Response* – Senator Montford

Emergency Mitigation and Response; Establishing the Hurricane Michael Recovery Task Force adjunct to the Division of Emergency Management to make recommendations to the Legislature regarding additional assistance needed in the response to recovery from and mitigation of the effects of Hurricane Michael in certain areas; requiring the task force to review the local, state, and federal activities conducted and the resources provided in such areas, the effectiveness of such efforts, and any additional assistance necessary; subject to the appropriation of funds, creating the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program to provide funds to local governments for certain affordable housing recovery efforts, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$1,085,000 Effective Date: Upon becoming a law  
Favorable with CS by Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *CS/SB 1332 Towing and Immobilizing Vehicles and Vessels* – Senator Hooper, Community Affairs

Authorizing local governments to enact rates to tow or immobilize vessels on private property and to remove and store vessels under specified circumstances; prohibiting counties from enacting certain ordinances or rules that impose fees or charges on authorized wrecker operators or towing businesses; authorizing certain persons to place liens on vehicles or vessels to recover specified fees or charges; deleting requirements regarding notices and signs concerning the towing or removal of vehicles or vessels, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable with CS by Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

## Tuesday (2/11/20)

## Senate Commerce & Tourism

### *SB 1128 Vacation Rentals* – Senator Diaz

Preempting the regulation of vacation rentals to the state; prohibiting a local law, ordinance, or regulation from allowing or requiring inspections or licensing of vacation rentals; requiring licenses issued by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to be displayed conspicuously to the public inside the licensed establishment, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law

Favorable with CS by Commerce and Tourism; 3 Yeas, 2 Nays

## Senate Judiciary

### *CS/SB 410 Growth Management* – Senator Perry, Community Affairs

Requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to give a preference to certain counties and municipalities when selecting applications for funding for technical assistance; requiring a comprehensive plan to include a property rights element; providing a statement of rights that a local government may use, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable by Judiciary; 5 Yeas, 1 Nay



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## *SB 1340 Legal Notices* – Senator Gruters

Providing for the publication of legal notices on certain publicly accessible websites; allowing a governmental agency to publish legal notices on a publicly accessible website under certain circumstances; removing provisions relating to the publication of legal notices in newspapers; providing that an advertisement of a sale or disposition of property may be published on certain websites for a specified time period, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021

Temporarily Postponed with Amendment adopted by Judiciary

## **Senate Banking & Insurance**

### *SB 378 Motor Vehicle Insurance* – Senator Lee and others

Repealing provisions which comprise the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; revising the motor vehicle insurance coverages that an applicant must show to register certain vehicles with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; revising garage liability insurance requirements for motor vehicle dealer applicants; revising minimum liability coverage requirements for motor vehicle owners or operators, etc. CLAIM: \$83,651 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 January 1, 2021

Not Considered by Banking and Insurance

## **Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs**

### *SB 1678 Substance Abuse and Mental Health* – Senator Montford

Revising the definition of “mental illness”; requiring that respondents with a serious mental illness be informed of the essential elements of recovery and be provided assistance with accessing a continuum of care regimen; prohibiting the court from considering substantive information in the transfer evaluation unless the evaluator testifies at the hearing; revising the requirements for when a person may be taken to a receiving facility for involuntary examination; requiring that the state attorney represent the state as the real party of interest in an involuntary proceeding, subject to legislative appropriation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable with CS by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

## **House Ways & Means**

### *HJR 369 Limitation on Homestead Assessments* – Representative Roth

Proposes amendments to State Constitution to increase period of time during which accrued benefit from specified limitations on homestead property tax assessments may be transferred from prior homestead to new homestead. Effective Date: Not Specified

Favorable by Ways & Means Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *HB 371 Limitations on Homestead Assessments* – Representative Roth

Revises timeframe during which accrued benefit from specified limitations on homestead property tax assessments may be transferred from prior homestead to new homestead; revises timeframe during which an owner of homestead property significantly damaged or destroyed by named tropical storm or hurricane must establish new homestead to make certain election. Effective Date: on the



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effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 369 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose

Favorable by Ways & Means Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays

*HJR 977 Ad Valorem Tax Discount for Spouses of Certain Deceased Veterans Who Had Permanent, Combat-Related Disabilities* – Representative Killebrew and others

Revises definition "rental company" to exclude certain motor vehicle dealers, for purpose of determining minimum insurance coverage requirements; provides specified motor vehicle dealers & their affiliates are immune to causes of action & not vicariously or directly liable for harm to persons or property; provides specified motor vehicle dealers & their affiliates are not adjudged liable in civil proceedings or guilty in criminal proceedings. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays

*HB 879 Surviving Spouse Ad Valorem Tax Exemption* – Representative Killebrew and others

Authorizes surviving spouses of certain permanently disabled veterans to carry over certain discount on ad valorem taxes on homestead property under specified conditions; authorizes discount to be transferred to another permanent residence under specified conditions; provides procedure by which applicant may file application after specified date & request discount; authorizes DOR to adopt emergency rules. Effective Date: on the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 877, or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose

Favorable by Ways & Means Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays

*CS/HB 1001 Brownfields* – Representative Stone, Agriculture & Natural Resources

Revises conditions under which an applicant that has rehabilitated contaminated site may receive certain tax credits; revises types of projects eligible for specified tax credit; revises date by which DEP must issue annual site rehabilitation tax credit certificate awards; specifies exceptions to grant of authority that persons may file legal actions resulting from certain discharges or pollution; conforms provisions to changes made by act; revises entities that may propose brownfield designations; removes requirement that certain persons be identified before negotiating brownfield site rehabilitation agreement; exempts certain job creation requirements for eligibility for specified brownfield site rehabilitation agreements. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Ways & Means Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays

### **House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations**

*CS/HB 715 Reclaimed Water* – Representative Maggard, Agriculture & Natural Resources

Prohibits domestic wastewater treatment facilities from disposing of effluent, reclaimed water, or reuse water by surface water discharge; provides reclaimed water is water source for public water supply systems; provides groundwater & surface water quality protections, expedited permitting, & tax credits for potable reuse projects; requires counties, municipalities, & special districts to authorize & provide incentives for graywater technologies; requires DEP to convene technical advisory committee. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Favorable by Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays





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## *HB 1061 Aquatic Preserves* – Representative Massullo

Creates Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve; designates preserve for inclusion in aquatic preserve system & as Outstanding Florida Water; describes boundaries of preserve. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

## *CS/HB 1091 Environmental Enforcement* – Representative Fine, Agriculture & Natural Resources

Increases civil penalties for violations of certain provisions relating to beach & shore construction, Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve, aquatic preserves, state water resource plan, artesian wells, pollution, operating terminal facility without discharge prevention & response certificates, discharge contingency plans for vessels, Pollutant Discharge Prevention & Control Act, Clean Ocean Act, pollution of surface & ground waters, regulation of oil & gas resources, Phosphate Land Reclamation Act, sewage disposal facilities, pollution control, reasonable costs & expenses for pollution releases, necessary permits, dumping litter, small quantity generators, abatement of imminent hazards caused by hazardous substances, hazardous waste generators, transporters, or facilities, & coral reef protection; provides that certain conditions constitute separate offenses. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays

## **House Appropriations**

### *CS/HB 1111 Government Integrity* – Representative Tomkow, Public Integrity & Ethics

Creates Florida Integrity Office under Auditor General; revises provisions related to legislative procedure definitions, Auditor General, Chief Inspector General, CFO investigations, government efficiency hotline, agency inspectors general, saving sharing program, & contracting. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by Appropriations Committee; 26 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *CS/HB 1181 Florida Disaster Volunteer Leave Act* – Representative Maggard, Oversight, Transparency & Public Management

Provides certain employees may be granted leave of absence with pay for specified period of time; provides requirements for such leave to be granted; provides restrictions on location employee may provide disaster-related services; requires certain documentation from employee. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by Appropriations Committee; 27 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *HB 1343 Water Quality Improvements* – Representative Payne, Ingoglia & others

Requires DOH & DEP to submit reports & recommendations relating to transfer of Onsite Sewage Program in DOH to DEP; transfers Onsite Sewage Program from DOH to DEP; requires WMDs to submit consolidated annual reports to OEDR; removes provisions relating to DOH technical review & advisory panel & research & review advisory committee; directs DEP to determine that hardship exists for certain OSTDS onsite variance requests; creates OSTDS technical advisory committee; requires county health departments to coordinate with DEP to administer evaluation programs; requires basin management action plans to include treatment & remediation plans; requires DEP to submit cost estimates to OEDR; provides for management of biosolids & water quality monitoring; establishes clean water grant program. Effective Date: July 1, 2021

Favorable by Appropriations Committee; 28 Yeas, 0 Nays



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## House Government Operations & Technology Appropriations

### *HB 1161 Local Licensing – Plakon*

Provides individuals who hold valid, active local licenses may work within scope of such licenses in any local government jurisdiction without needing to meet additional licensing requirements; provides that local governments have disciplinary jurisdiction over such licensees; requires local governments to forward any disciplinary orders to licensee's original licensing jurisdiction for further action; requires DBPR to create & maintain local licensing information system. Effective Date: October 1, 2020

Favorable by Government Operations & Technology Appropriations; 10 Yeas, 2 Nays

## House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

### *HB 687 Services for Veterans and Their Families – Representative Zika*

Services for Veterans and Their Families: Authorizes DVA to establish Florida Veterans' Care Coordination Program to provide behavioral health care referral & care coordination services for veterans & their families; authorizes DVA to contract with certain nonprofit entity to enter into agreements with Florida 211 Network participants to provide such services; provides for statewide delivery of specified services by program teams; requires Florida 211 Network participants to collect program implementation data & submit such data to DVA; requires DVA to submit report to Governor & Legislature. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *HB 1071 - Substance Abuse and Mental Health – Representative M. Grant*

Substance Abuse and Mental Health: Revises provisions related to substance abuse and mental health, including requirements for Criminal Justice, Mental Health, & Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program; community action treatment teams; requirements for school substance abuse prevention partnership grants; continuing education requirements of certain experts; & department requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *HB 1081 - Substance Abuse and Mental Health – Representative Stevenson*

Substance Abuse and Mental Health: Expands definition of "mental illness" to provide certain exclusions; revises entities that are exempt from certain licensing requirements; authorizes jails to share medical information pertaining to specified defendants to DCF; requires maintenance of psychotropic medications to specified defendants; provides exception. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays

## Wednesday (2/12/20)

## Senate Rules

### *SB 630 Regulation of Smoking – Senator Mayfield*

Authorizing municipalities and counties to further restrict smoking within the boundaries of certain public parks, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020





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Favorable by Rules; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays

*SJR 396 Single-subject Limitation for Taxation and Budget Reform Commission* –Senator Rodriguez  
Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require that any proposals to revise the State Constitution, or any part thereof, filed by the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission be limited to a single subject, etc.

Favorable by Rules; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays

*SB 1398 Regional Planning Council Meetings* – Senator Flores

Providing requirements for establishing a quorum for meetings of certain councils when a voting member appears via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication; requiring the member to give notice of intent to appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication by a specified time; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to give a preference to certain counties and municipalities when selecting applications for funding for technical assistance, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable with CS by Rules; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

## House Judiciary

*HB 1199 Environmental Protection Act* – Representative Ingoglia

Prohibits local governments from recognizing or granting certain legal rights to natural environment or granting such rights relating to natural environment to person or political subdivision. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 13 Yeas, 2 Nays

## House Health & Human Services

*HB 163 Homelessness* – Representative Altman

Provides requirements for continuum of care catchment areas & lead agencies; requires continuums of care to create continuum of care plans; revises requirements for certain grants; establishes grant-in-aid program to help continuums of care prevent & end homelessness; provides program requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by Health & Human Services Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays

*HB 573 Peer Support for First Responders* – Representative Casello

Peer Support for First Responders: Prohibits certain persons who participate in peer support communication with first responders from testifying or divulging specified information under certain circumstances; provides exceptions; prohibits liability & cause of action. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by Health & Human Services Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays



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*HB 705 Emergency Sheltering of Persons with Pets* – Representative Killebrew and Representative Toledo

Emergency Sheltering of Persons with Pets: Requires DOE to assist DEM in determining strategies regarding evacuation of persons with pets; requires certain counties to designate shelter that can accommodate persons with pets; specifies requirements for such shelters. Effective Date: July 1, 2020  
Favorable by Health & Human Services Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays

*HB 1083 Student Mental Health Procedures* – Representative Webb

Student Mental Health Procedures: Requires verification that certain strategies have been utilized & certain outreach has been initiated before student is removed from school, school transportation, or school-sponsored activity under specified circumstances; provides exception. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by Health & Human Services Committee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays

### **Thursday (2/13/20)**

#### **Senate Finance & Tax**

*SB 126 Sales and Use Tax* – Senator Gruters

Revising the definition of the term “retail sale”; renaming the term “mail order sale” to “remote sale” and revising the definition; revising conditions under which certain dealers are subject to sales tax levies and collection; providing that certain marketplace providers are subject to registration, collection, and remittance requirements for sales taxes, 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, 2020

Favorable by Finance and Tax; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

*SJR 146 homestead Property Tax Assessments/Increased Portability Fund* – Senator Brandes, Community Affairs

Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to increase the period of time during which the accrued benefit from specified limitations on homestead property tax assessments may be transferred from a prior homestead to a new homestead, and to provide an effective date, etc.

Favorable by Finance and Tax; 7 Yeas, 1 Nay

*CS/SB 148 Limitations on Homestead Exemption Assessments* – Senator Brandes, Community Affairs

Revising the timeframe during which the accrued benefit from specified limitations on homestead property tax assessments may be transferred from a prior homestead to a new homestead; revising the timeframe during which an owner of homestead property significantly damaged or destroyed by a named tropical storm or hurricane must establish a new homestead to make a certain election, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 146 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the general election held in November 2020 or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Favorable by Finance and Tax; 7 Yeas, 1 Nay



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## *CS/SB 514 Homestead Exemptions – Senator Gruters, Community Affairs*

Providing that a person or family unit receiving or claiming the benefit of certain ad valorem tax exemptions or tax credits in another state is entitled to the homestead exemption in this state if the person or family unit demonstrates certain conditions to the property appraiser; providing that homestead exemption forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue may include taxpayer information relating to such ad valorem tax exemptions or tax credits in another state, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable by Finance and Tax; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

## *SB 524 Sales Tax Holiday for Disaster Preparedness Supplies – Senator Gruters*

Providing exemptions from the sales and use tax for specified disaster preparedness supplies during a specified timeframe; providing applicability for certain exemptions; specifying locations where the exemptions do not apply, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Favorable with CS by Finance and Tax; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

## *CS/SB 542 Back-to-school Sales Tax Holiday – Senator Perry, Commerce & Tourism*

Providing exemptions from the sales and use tax on the retail sale of certain clothing, wallets, bags, school supplies, personal computers, and personal computer-related accessories during specified timeframes; specifying locations where the exemptions do not apply; authorizing certain dealers to opt out of participating in the tax holiday, subject to certain requirements, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$237,000 Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Favorable by Finance and Tax; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

## *CS/SB 1074 Surviving Spouse Ad Valorem Tax Reduction – Senator Wright, Military & Veterans Affairs*

Authorizing the surviving spouses of certain permanently disabled veterans to carry over a certain discount on ad valorem taxes on homestead property under specified conditions; authorizing the discount to be transferred to another permanent residence under specified conditions; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 1076, or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Favorable by Finance and Tax; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

## *SJR 1076 Surviving Spouse Ad Valorem Tax Reduction – Senator Wright*

Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to provide for the carryover of the homestead property tax discount for certain veterans with permanent combat-related disabilities to a veteran's surviving spouse if certain criteria are met, to authorize the transfer of the discount to a surviving spouse's new homestead property if certain criteria are met, and to provide an effective date, etc.

Favorable by Finance and Tax; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

## **House State Affairs**

## *CS/HB 223 Homestead Exemptions – Representative Buchanan, Ways & Means*

Provides exceptions to definition of term "change of ownership" for purposes of certain homestead assessment limitation; provides that person or family unit receiving or claiming benefit of certain ad



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valorem tax exemptions or tax credits in another state is not entitled to homestead exemption unless person or family unit demonstrates to property appraiser that certain conditions have been met; provides that homestead exemption forms prescribed by DOR may include taxpayer information relating to ad valorem tax exemptions or tax credits in another state. Effective Date: July 1, 2020  
Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays;

*CS/HB 915 Commercial Service Airports* – Representative Avila, Transportation & Infrastructure  
Directs Auditor General to conduct specified audits of large-hub commercial service airports; requires governing bodies of such airports to comply with certain financial disclosure requirements; requires governing body of municipality, county, or special district that operates commercial service airport to establish & maintain website & post certain information; requires such airports to comply with certain contracting requirements; requires governing body members & employees of such airports to comply with certain ethics requirements; requires governing body members to complete annual ethics training; requires annual reports to DOT, Governor, & Legislature; prohibits expenditure of certain funds unless specified conditions are met. Effective Date: October 1, 2020  
Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays

*HB 1149 Local Government Fiscal Transparency* – Representative DiCeglie and others  
Revises Legislative Auditing Committee duties; specifies purpose of local government fiscal transparency requirements; requires local governments to post voting record information on websites; requires property appraisers & local governments to post property tax information & history on websites; requires public notices for public hearings & meetings before new tax increases; requires local governments to conduct debt affordability analyses; provides method for local governments to post certain required information. Effective Date: July 1, 2020  
Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 15 Yeas, 6 Nays; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

*CS/HB 1185 Ethics Reform* – Representative Brannan, Public Integrity & Ethics  
Repeals provisions relating to state, state university, & community college employee lobbyists; prohibits certain public service announcements by specified entities or persons; prohibits certain public officers & employees from soliciting employment & contractual relationships; provides exception & disclosure requirements; revises lobbyist registration, compensation report, principal designation cancellation, & investigation requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2020  
Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 21 Yeas, 0 Nays; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

### House Commerce

*CS/HB 755 Public Records and Meetings/911 and E911 Communication Systems* – Representative DuBose  
Provides exemption from public records & public meeting requirements for certain documents which depict structural elements of, & geographical maps indicating locations of, certain 911 or E911 communication system infrastructure, facilities, or structures; provides for retroactive application; requires recording & transcription of exempt portions of meetings; provides an exception; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemptions; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: upon becoming a law  
Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays



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## *CS/HB 867 Public Accountancy – Representative Stevenson, Business & Professions*

Authorizes vendor to complete performance audit of program associated with the proposed surtax; requires certain applicants to not be licensed in any state or territory in order to be licensed by endorsement; provides license renewal requirements for nonresident licensees; requires majority of the hours required for continuing education include specific content; authorizes certain Florida certified public accountants to apply to DBPR to have their license placed in a retired status; provides retired licensees are not required to maintain continuing education requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; 23 Yeas, 0 Nays

## *PCS for CS/HB 203 – Growth Management*

Requires comprehensive plan to include property rights element by a specified date; provides statement of rights that local government may use; provides local government's property rights element may not conflict with statutorily provided statement of rights. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; 16 Yeas, 6 Nays

## **Floor Action Recap**

### **Senate**

## *SB 2500 Appropriations – Senator Bradley, Appropriations*

Providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, and supplemental appropriations for the period ending June 30, 2020, to pay salaries, and other expenses, capital outlay - buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$92,832,199,570 Effective Date: Except as otherwise provided herein, this act shall take effect July 1, 2020, or upon becoming law, whichever occurs later; however, if this act becomes law after July 1, 2020, then it shall operate retroactively to July 1, 2020

Read Third Time; Substituted for HB 5001; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 5001

*SB 2502 Implementing the 2020-2021 General Appropriations Act – Senator Bradley, Appropriations*  
Incorporating by reference certain calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program; suspending the Florida Best and Brightest Teacher and Principal Allocation for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; creating the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation; specifying the source of charter school capital outlay funding; establishing the Florida Institute of Politics at the Florida State University; extending for 1 fiscal year a provision requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to make payments to Medicaid-covered services, 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, 2020; or, if this act fails to become a law until after that date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate retroactively to July 1, 2020

Read Third Time; Substituted for HB 5003; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 5003



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*SB 7044 State-administered Retirement Systems* – Senator Hooper, Governmental Oversight & Accountability

Revising required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System; providing a declaration of important state interest, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Read Third Time; Substituted for HB 5007; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 5007

*SB 362 Florida Tourism Marketing* – Hooper and others

Revising the scheduled repeal of the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation direct-support organization; abrogating the scheduled repeal of the Division of Tourism Marketing of Enterprise Florida, Inc., etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 0 Nays)

*SJR 142 Abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission* – Senator Brandes and others

Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to abolish the Constitution Revision Commission, etc.

Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading; Retained on Calendar

### House

*HB 5001 General Appropriations Act* – Representative Cummings, Appropriations

Provides moneys for annual period beginning July 1, 2020, & ending June 30, 2021, & supplemental appropriations for period ending June 30, 2020, to pay salaries & other expenses, capital outlay—buildings & other improvements, & for other specified purposes of various agencies of state government. Effective Date: Not Specified

Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays); The Senate having refused to pass the bill as passed by the House, acceded to the request for a conference; Immediately Certified

*HB 5003 Implementing the 2020-2021 General Appropriations Act* – Representative Cummings, Appropriations

Implements specified appropriations of the General Appropriations Act for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays); The Senate having refused to pass the bill as passed by the House, acceded to the request for a conference; Immediately Certified

*HB 5007 State-administered Retirement Systems* – Representative Cummings, Appropriations Revises required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class & subclass of FRS; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2020 In returning messages

*HB 5401 Department of Environmental Protection* – Representative Raschein, Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Transfers powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, pending issues & existing contracts, administrative authority, administrative rules, & unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, & other funds of Office of Energy within DACS to DEP; repeals provisions relating to the Office of Energy. Effective Date: July 1, 2020 Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 76 Yeas / 40 Nays); Immediately certified





## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

CS/CS/HB 441 Public Procurement of Services – DiCeglie, Killebrew, State Affairs, Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Revises maximum dollar amount for continuing contracts for construction projects; revises term "continuing contract" to increase certain maximum dollar amounts for professional architectural, engineering, landscape architectural, & surveying & mapping services. Effective Date: July 1, 2020 Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 117 Yeas / 0 Nays)