



# State Legislative Update

February 11, 2022



WEEK 5 (Only 3 to go!!)

## MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES UPDATE

### BUDGET PROPOSALS

#### [SB 2500](#) Senate Appropriations

2/10/22 Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/17/22

- [SB 2508](#) - Requiring the South Florida Water Management District to make a specified certification to the Legislature regarding its recommendations to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for new or modified Lake Okeechobee provisions, etc.
  - 2/4/2022 Filed as Conforming bill for appropriations
  - 2/9/2022 Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Appropriations; 16 Yeas, 4 Nays
  - 2/10/2022 Placed on Special Order Calendar, 2/17/2022

#### [HB 5001](#) House General Appropriations Act (APC1)

2/10/22 Bill added to Special Order Calendar (2/15/2022)

### IN THIS EDITION

- Key Legislative Updates
  - Budget Proposals
  - Funding Requests
  - Water Quality
  - Tourism
  - Home Rule

	SB 2500		APC1		DIFFERENCE	
Section	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
Education	\$28,438,784,692	2,274.75	\$28,025,885,387	2,274.75	\$412,899,305	0.00
Human Services	\$47,867,251,738	31,201.26	\$47,058,613,428	31,185.26	\$808,638,310	16.00
Criminal Justice and Corrections	\$7,035,088,776	40,325.00	\$5,254,272,759	42,910.00	\$1,780,816,017	2,585.00
Natural Resources/Environment/Growth Management/Transportation	\$17,915,780,485	15,064.25	\$17,030,593,300	15,174.25	\$885,187,185	110.00
General Government	\$6,672,417,848	18,250.50	\$7,272,468,156	18,401.50	\$600,050,308	151.00
Judicial Branch	\$667,573,888	4,465.50	\$634,971,853	4,488.50	\$32,602,035	23.00
TOTAL	\$108,596,897,427	111,581.26	\$105,276,804,883	114,434.26	\$3,320,092,544	2,853.00

### FUNDING REQUESTS

#### Septic to Sewer:

- \$2 million for Seven J's Industrial Park Force Main Project
- \$8 million for Coral Gardens Vacuum Sewer Project

- **Progress:**
  - Budget request filed by Senator Harrell, awaiting Senate budget development
  - Seven J's included at \$500,000 (Senate)

#### **Martin County REACH Center:**

- \$1 million for Building 17 REACH Center at the Martin County Airport to provide workforce training and economic development
- **Progress:**
  - HB 2977 (Overdorf) Passed favorably by Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee
  - Now in Appropriations Committee waiting for inclusion in General Appropriations Bill
  - Included at \$250,000 (Senate)

#### **Cypress Creek Floodplain Restoration Project:**

- \$750,000 to restore the historic floodplain of Cypress Creek, one of the main tributaries to the Loxahatchee River
- **Progress:**
  - HB 2079 Appropriations Committee
  - Included at \$375,000 (House)

### **WATER QUALITY**

#### **SB 0832**

#### **Implementation of the Recommendations of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force by Stewart**

Implementation of the Recommendations of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force: Requiring owners of certain onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems to have the systems periodically inspected, beginning on a specified date; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to administer the inspection program; requiring new or revised basin management action plans to include a list that identifies and prioritizes certain spatially focused projects, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022

**Current Committee of Reference:** Senate Appropriations.

#### **Actions**

01/27/2022

SENATE Now in Appropriations

#### **Identical**

#### **HB 0561**

Implementation of the Recommendations of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force (Goff-Marcil)

11/19/2021 HOUSE Now in Environment, Agriculture & Flooding Subcommittee

### **TOURISM**

#### **SB 0512**

#### **Vacation Rentals by Burgess**

Vacation Rentals: Requiring advertising platforms to collect and remit taxes for certain transactions; revising the regulated activities of public lodging establishments and public food service establishments preempted to the state to include licensing; expanding the authority of

local laws, ordinances, or regulations to include requiring vacation rentals to register with local vacation rental registration programs; authorizing local governments to adopt vacation rental registration programs and impose fines for failure to register; requiring advertising platforms to require that persons placing advertisements for vacation rentals include certain information in the advertisements and attest to certain information, etc. Effective Date: except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** Senate Community Affairs

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**Actions**

02/04/2022

Now in Appropriations

**Compare**

[SB 0286](#)

Vacation Rentals (Garcia)

10/18/2021 SENATE  
Withdrawn prior to  
introduction

**Similar**

[HB 0325](#)

Vacation Rentals (Fischer)

02/01/2022 HOUSE now in  
Ways & Means committee

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**HOME RULE**

**[SB 0620](#) Local Government** by Hutson

Local Government: Authorizing certain businesses to claim business damages from a county or municipality if the county or municipality enacts or amends certain ordinances or charter provisions; authorizing businesses to recover costs and fees in a specified manner and if certain requirements are met; requiring courts to consider certain factors and follow specified guidance when assessing costs; specifying requirements for the courts in determining and awarding attorney fees; requiring attorneys and businesses to submit certain documentation relating to attorney fees, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

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**Actions**

01/27/2022

HOUSE In Messages

**Similar**

[HB 0569](#)

Local Business Protection Act (McClure)

02/07/2022 HOUSE Now in Judiciary

**[SB 0280](#) Local Ordinances** by Hutson

Local Ordinances: Authorizing courts to assess and award reasonable attorney fees and costs and damages in certain civil actions filed against local governments; requiring a board of county commissioners to prepare a business impact estimate before the enactment of a proposed ordinance; requiring a governing body of a municipality to prepare a business impact estimate before the enactment of a proposed ordinance, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2022

**Current Committee of Reference:** Senate Rules**Actions**

01/27/2022 House in Messages

**Similar**

[HB 0403](#) Local Ordinances (Giallombardo)  
12/01/2021 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee

**[HB 0001](#)****Additional Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Specified Critical Public Services Workforce** by Tomkow

Additional Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Specified Critical Public Services Workforce: Proposing amendment to State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to grant an additional homestead property tax exemption on \$50,000 of the assessed value of homestead property owned by classroom teachers, law enforcement officers, correctional officers, firefighters, child welfare services professionals, active duty members of the United States Armed Forces, and members of the Florida National Guard.

**Current Committee of Reference:** House Local Administration & Veteran Affairs Subcommittee

**Actions**

02/07/2022 HOUSE– Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, Favorable; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays  
Now in State Affairs Committee

**Compare**

[SB 1748](#) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions For Classroom Teachers, Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Child Welfare Professionals, And Servicemembers (Brodeur)  
02/11/2022 SENATE Committee Substitute Text Filed

**Similar**

[SB 1746](#) Homestead Property Tax Exemption (Brodeur)  
02/11/2022 SENATE Committee Substitute Text Filed

**Linked**

[HB 1563](#) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions for Classroom Teachers, Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Child Welfare Professionals, and Servicemembers (Tomkow)  
02/09/2022 HOUSE – Bill discussed during the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, No Vote