



# State Legislative Update

March 04, 2022



WEEK 8 (1 more week to go!!)

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

This week was defined by budget conferencing and long sessions in both chambers working through hundreds of bills and amendments. All committees and conference committees have concluded their meetings Thursday night. Any unresolved budget issues have been bumped to Appropriation Chairs' Trumbull and Stargel. The majority of unresolved budget issues surround water projects. The Appropriation Chairs, the Senate President and the Speaker of the House have held back significant funds to sprinkle into the budget and fund a lot of water quality needs.

### IN THIS EDITION

- Key Legislative Updates
  - Funding Requests
  - Home Rule
  - Resilience

### FUNDING REQUESTS

#### Septic to Sewer:

- Seven J's included at \$500,000 (Senate offer only and will be resolved by the Appropriation Chairs and or the Speaker/President conference)

#### Martin County REACH Center:

- Included at \$1M in conference (Will go to the Governor in the HB5001)

#### Cypress Creek Floodplain Restoration Project:

- Included at \$375,000 (House offer only and will be resolved by the Appropriation Chairs and or the Speaker/President conference)

### HOME RULE

#### 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.

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**Actions**

02/28/2022

SENATE Favorable by Appropriations, 16 Yeas, 4 Nays

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**HB 985 Sovereign Immunity by Beltran**

Sovereign Immunity: Revises statutory limits on liability for tort claims against state & its agencies & subdivisions; revises requirements for government entity to settle claim or judgment; revises timeframe within which appropriate agency must make final disposition of claim after it is filed to prevent claim from being deemed denied; revises exceptions relating to instituting actions on claims against state or one of its agencies & to statute of limitations for such claims. Effective Date: October 1, 2023

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**Actions**

03/03/2022

HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

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**RESILIENCE****SB 1940 Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience by Brodeur**

Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience; Establishing the Statewide Office of Resilience within the Executive Office of the Governor; providing for the appointment of a Chief Resilience Officer; requiring the Department of Transportation to develop a resilience action plan for the State Highway System; revising the projects the Department of Environmental Protection may fund within the Resilient Florida Grant Program; extending the dates by which the department must complete a comprehensive statewide flood vulnerability and sea-level rise data set and assessment; requiring the Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research and Innovation to provide tidal and storm surge flooding data to counties and municipalities for vulnerability assessments, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022

**Current Committee of Reference:** Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

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**Actions**

02/28/2022

SENATE Favorable Appropriations; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays

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**HB 1077 Public Financing of Potentially At-risk Structures and Infrastructure by Hunschofsky**

Public Financing of Potentially At-risk Structures and Infrastructure: Provides certain areas are at risk due to sea level rise & structures & infrastructure within those areas are potentially at risk. Effective Date: July 1, 2022

**Current Committee of Reference:** House State Affairs Committee

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**Actions**

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02/24/2022

HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

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