



State Legislative Update

March 11, 2022



WEEK 9 (*Sine Die on Monday!!*)

MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES UPDATE

Federal Budget News:

The House and Senate passed the Omnibus Budget Bill that includes:

- \$5.7 M for the Inlet O&M
- \$4.8 M for the South Jetty Rehab
- \$350 M for South Florida Ecosystem Restoration (CERP)

It is expected that the President will sign the budget proposal before Monday's expiration of the continuing resolution.

Also in Federal legislation news is the passage of the **South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act (S.66)** in the Senate by Senator Rubio along with Senator Scott and Representatives Mast and Soto. The bill now heads to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Background:

The legislation, which Rubio first introduced in 2018, would direct the Interagency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) to assess the causes and consequences of HABs in Lake Okeechobee and around Florida's southern coastlines to identify needed resources, and develop a plan of action to address these challenges that harm the ecosystems in Biscayne Bay, the Caloosahatchee Estuary, Florida Bay, Indian River Lagoon, the St. Lucie Estuary, and the Florida Reef Tract.

After completing the required assessment, the Task Force would be required to develop an Action Plan in coordination with the state and local stakeholders to reduce, mitigate, and control harmful algal blooms and hypoxia. This plan would include steps to:

- Address monitoring needs identified in the assessment;
- Develop a timeline and budgetary requirements for deployment of future monitoring assets;
- Identify requirements for development and verification of HAB predictive models; and
- Propose the development of an early warning system for alerting local communities to HAB risks to human health.

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FUNDING REQUESTS

Seven J's Septic to Sewer:

- **\$2M**

Martin County REACH Center:

- **\$1M**

Cypress Creek Floodplain Restoration Project:

- **\$750,000**

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.

Actions

HB 620

Local Business Protection Act by Hutson

Local Business Protection Act; Citing this act as the "Local Business Protection Act"; 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; limiting the amount of business damages that may be recovered; specifying ordinances and charter provisions that do not result in liability for business damages; requiring businesses and counties or municipalities to follow certain presuit procedures before businesses file an action for business damages, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Actions

03/09/2022

Enrolled

HB 1475 Cleanup of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances by McClure

Cleanup of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances: Requires DEP to adopt statewide rules for cleanup target levels for perfluoroalkyl & polyfluoroalkyl substances in drinking water, groundwater, & soil under specified condition; requires legislative ratification of such rules; provides circumstances under which certain governmental entities & water suppliers are not subject to certain actions; provides for tolling of certain statutes of limitations. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Actions

03/07/2022 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 1563 Homestead Property Tax Exemptions for Classroom Teachers, Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, Child Welfare Professionals, and Servicemembers by Tomkow

Homestead Property Tax Exemptions for Classroom Teachers, Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, Child Welfare Professionals, and Servicemembers: Specifies information that must be supplied annually to property appraiser by specified professionals who qualify for specified exemption; provides conditions under which those specified professionals may receive additional homestead property tax exemption; specifies amount of homestead property tax exemption; provides requirements for applying for & receiving exemption; specifies actions property appraiser may take if taxpayer improperly claims exemption; provides penalties under certain conditions; requires Legislature to appropriate moneys to offset reductions in ad valorem tax revenues experienced by fiscally constrained counties due; specifies procedures for distributing such moneys. Effective Date: on the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 1 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose

Actions

03/10/2022 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 7055 Cybersecurity by State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee

Cybersecurity: Requires state agencies & local governments to report cybersecurity & ransomware incidents; provides cybersecurity training requirements; requires after-action & other reports; prohibits certain entities from paying or otherwise complying with ransom demand; revises purpose & duties of Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council; provides criminal penalties; requires person convicted of certain offenses to pay certain fine; requires deposit of certain moneys in General Revenue Fund. Effective Date: July 1, 2022

Actions

03/09/2022 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed