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Post-Session Review

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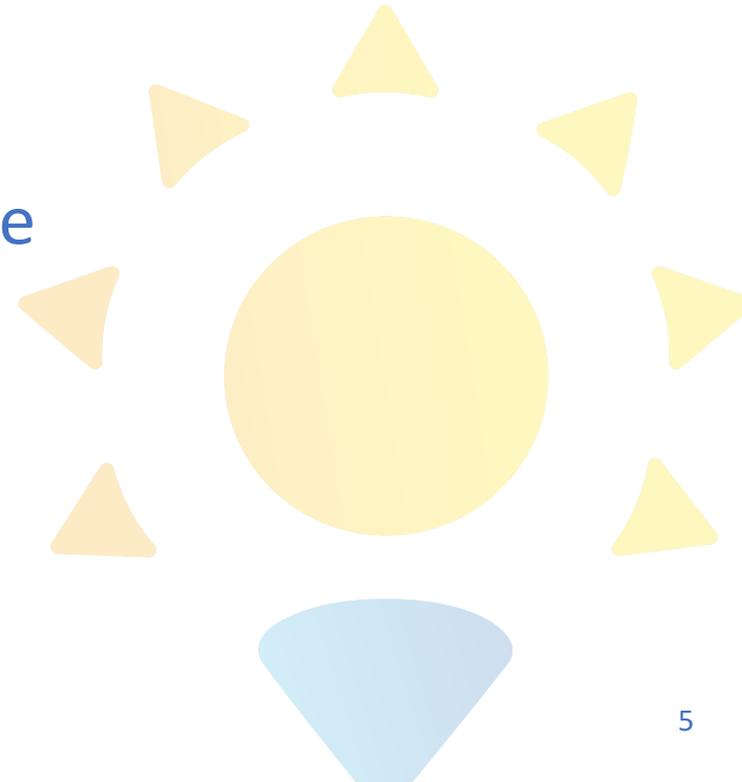


FLC Legislative Affairs Team



2020 Legislative Session

- ▶ 3,517 bills filed in House and Senate combined
- ▶ 210 bills passed (5.9%)
- ▶ 9 bills approved by Governor to date
(0 vetoed bills as of 3/23/20)



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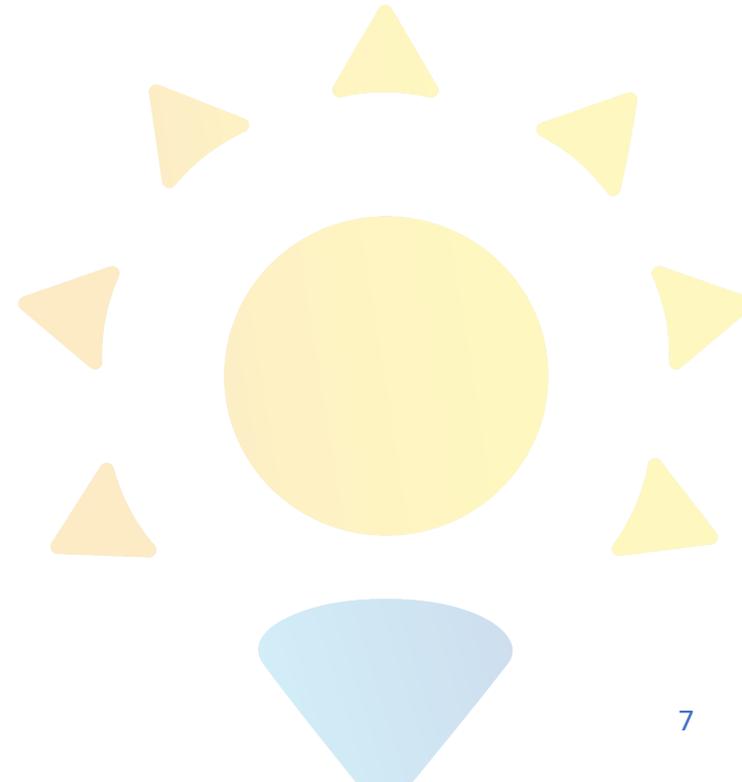


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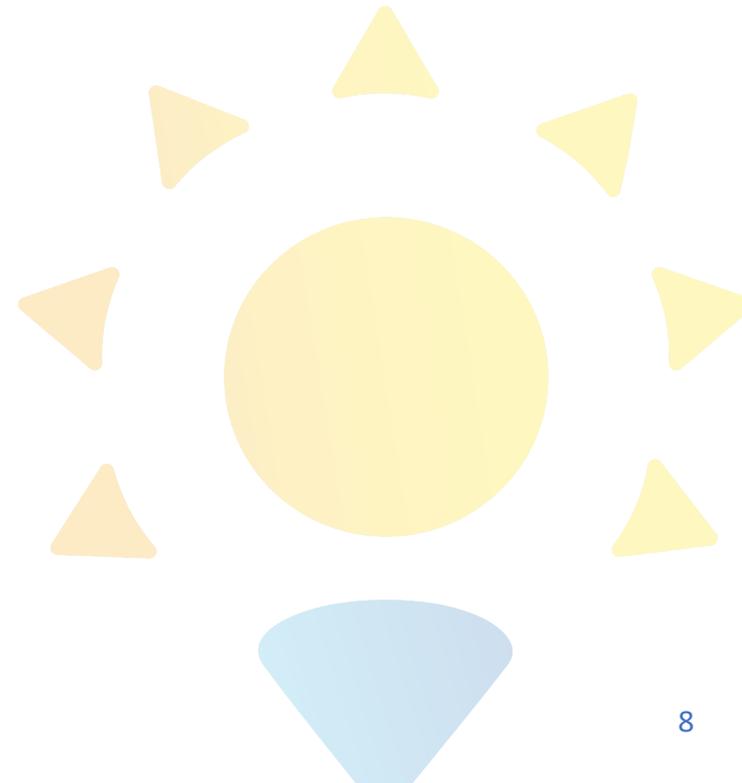
FLC 2020 Legislative Priorities

- ▶ Private Property Rights “Bert Harris Act”
- ▶ Sales Tax Fairness
- ▶ Short-Term Rentals
- ▶ Transportation Funding
- ▶ Water Resources



FLC Policy Positions

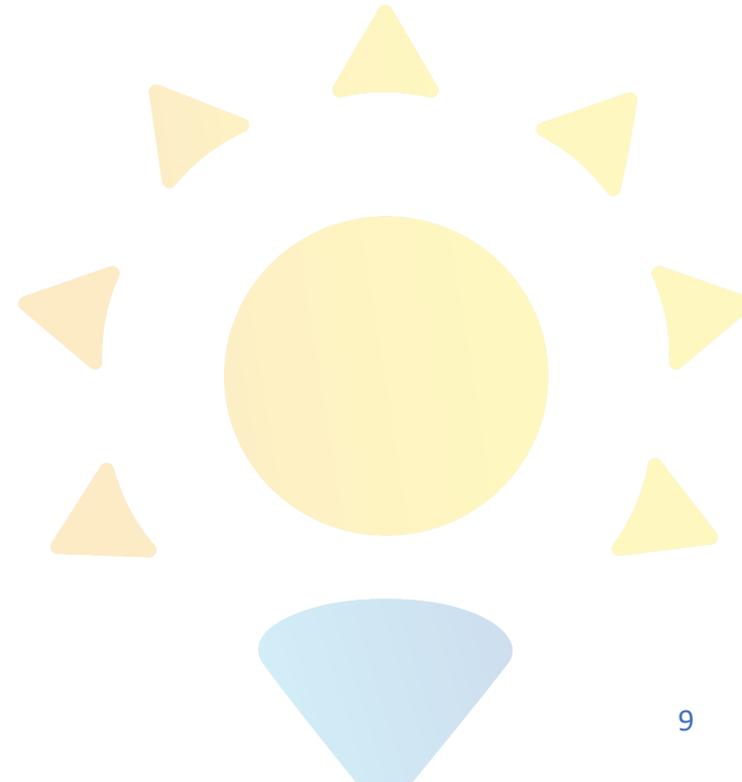
- ▶ Affordable housing
- ▶ Annexation
- ▶ Cybersecurity
- ▶ Digital divide
- ▶ Local business tax protection
- ▶ Medical marijuana
- ▶ Resiliency
- ▶ Smoke-free zones in city parks



FLC Legislative Priorities

new issues arising during session

- ▶ Pedestrian Safety
- ▶ Impact Fees
- ▶ Sovereign Immunity
- ▶ Home-Based Businesses
- ▶ Essential Infrastructure
- ▶ CST Tax Cut
- ▶ Growth Management



The Budget

General Appropriations Act FY 2020-2021

Record Budget Passes:

HB 5001 appropriates \$93.2 billion for fiscal year 2020-21, which is the largest budget ever for the State of Florida. The budget represents \$35.2 billion from general revenue and \$58.1 billion from trust funds.



Affordable Housing Funding

\$370 million in housing appropriations from the Housing Trust Funds with \$0 in sweeps.

Some of the specific programs in that \$370 million include:

- ▶ \$225 million State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program
- ▶ \$115 million for the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) program
- ▶ \$30 million for affordable housing for hurricane recovery



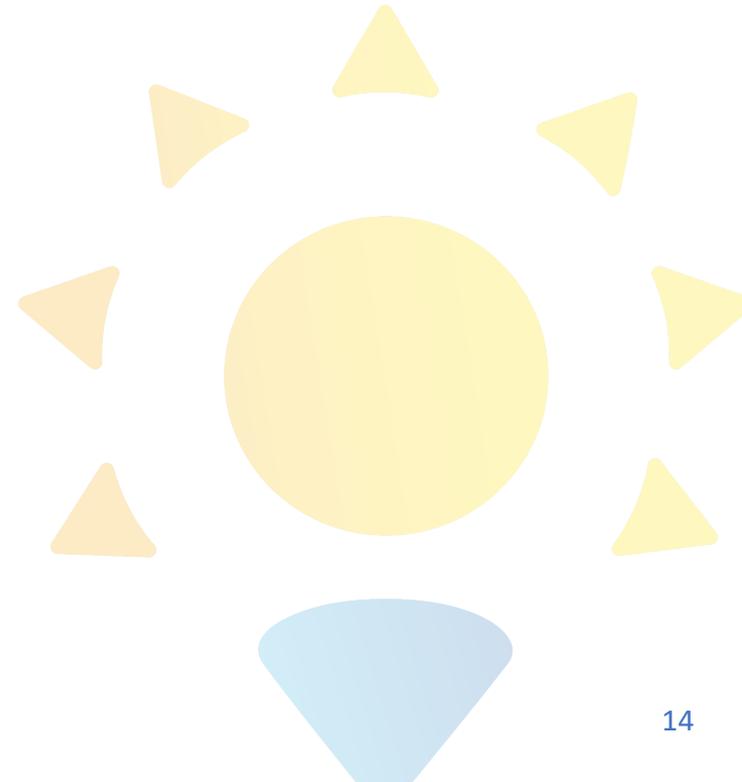
Transportation Funding

- ▶ Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles: \$499 million
- ▶ Florida Department of Transportation: \$10.3 billion (of which \$9.27 billion is earmarked to the FDOT 5-Year Work Plan to build and repair Florida's highway infrastructure)
- ▶ Small County Outreach Program (SCOP): \$87 million
- ▶ Municipalities in Rural Areas of Opportunity: \$9 million
- ▶ Small County Resurface Assistance Program (SCRAP): \$47.5 million
- ▶ Seaport and Intermodal Development Grants: \$162.5 million
- ▶ Local Transportation Initiatives Projects: \$81.2 million (subject to veto)



Economic Development Funding

- ▶ Florida Job Growth Grant Funding: \$20 million
- ▶ Visit Florida: \$50 Million
- ▶ Enterprise Florida: \$16 million



Environmental Funding

▶ Florida Forever Program - \$100M

- \$67M Land Acquisition
- \$2M Working Waterfronts
- \$10M Fla Communities Trust
- \$12.5M Fla Recreational Development Assistance Program
- \$8.6M Rural and Family Lands Program

▶ Everglades Restoration

- \$266.6M in restoration
- \$47M Northern Everglades
- \$50M Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Estuaries

▶ Water Restoration Assistance Program – Nearly a \$330M increase

- \$27.5M additional funding for local water projects (totaling almost \$76.5M)
- \$121M increase in drinking water facility construction
- \$108M increase in wastewater facility construction
- \$25M for water quality improvements in Indian River Lagoon



Priorities that Passed

Broadband Internet Service (Support)

- ▶ **CS/HB 969** (Drake) designates the Department of Economic Opportunity as lead state agency to facilitate expansion of broadband internet service.
- ▶ The bill requires DEO to work collaboratively with certain entities including local governments. The bill creates the Florida Office of Broadband within DEO for the purpose of developing, marketing and promoting broadband internet services in this state.
- ▶ The bill allocates \$5 million of the funds transferred to Florida's Turnpike Enterprise for the Multiuse Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) program to be used for projects that assist in the development of broadband infrastructure within or adjacent to a multiuse corridor.

The bill is effective July 1, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor.
(Hughes)



Growth Management (Oppose – Unfunded Mandate)

CS/CS/SB 410 (Perry) is a comprehensive growth management bill:

- ▶ Requires all cities and counties to adopt by July 1, 2023, a new mandatory element in their comprehensive plans that addresses private property rights protection.
- ▶ Extends the 5G “shot clock” for permit applications for ALL utilities in city and county right-of-way.
- ▶ A charter county with a population of less than 750,000 may not have a charter provision or comprehensive plan goal, objective, or policy after January 1, 2020 that imposes a limitation on lands within a municipality, nor restrict a municipality from deciding the land uses, density, and intensity allowed on lands annexed into a municipality
- ▶ A party may amend or cancel a development agreement without securing the consent of other parcel owners whose property was originally subject to the development agreement, as long as the amendment or cancellation does not directly modify the allowable uses or entitlements of such owner’s property.



Growth Management (Continued)

CS/CS/SB 410 (Perry) is a comprehensive growth management bill:

- ▶ Allows agreements pertaining to existing developments of regional impact that are classified as essentially built out to be amended; including amendments exchanging land uses under certain circumstances.
- ▶ Provides that a municipality may not annex an area within another municipal jurisdiction without the other municipality's consent.
- ▶ Provides that any newly incorporated cities that had a comprehensive plan effective after January 1, 2019, must incorporate development orders existing before the plan's effective date. (Cruz)



Other Bills that Passed

Public Procurement of Services (Support)

- ▶ **CS/CS/HB 441** (DiCeglie) increases the maximum limit for continuing contracts covered by the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act from an estimated per project construction cost of \$2 million to \$4 million. The bill also increases the maximum limit for procuring a study using a continuing contract from \$200,000 per study to \$500,000. The bill is effective July 1, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor. (Cook)

Towing and Immobilizing Vehicles and Vessels (Oppose – Preemption)

- ▶ **CS/CS/HB 133** (McClain) prohibits cities from enacting a rule or ordinance that imposes a fee or charge on authorized wrecker operators, but the bill provides that an authorized wrecker operator may impose and collect an administrative fee, which must be remitted to the city after it has been collected. The bill is effective October 1, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor. (Cook)



Regional Rural Development Grants Program (Support)

CS/SB 426 (Montford) revises how the Regional Rural Development Grants Program and the Rural Infrastructure Fund operates. Specifically, the bill:

- ▶ requires grant recipients to serve or be located within a rural area of opportunity.
- ▶ authorizes organizations that serve an entire rural area of opportunity to receive grants of up to \$50,000 annually.
- ▶ reduces the percentage of grant funds that must be matched with non-state funds from 100 percent to 25 percent of the state's contribution.
- ▶ specifies that regional economic development organizations may use grant funds to build their professional capacity and provide technical assistance.
- ▶ adds as eligible use of funds: upgrades to or development of public tourism infrastructure and improvements to broadband internet service access in unserved or underserved rural communities.
- ▶ requires projects that improve service and access to be through a partnership that was publicly noticed and competitively bid.
- ▶ establishes certain contract and public notice requirements.

The bill is effective July 1, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor. (Cook)



Essential State Infrastructure (Oppose)

CS/SB 7018 (Infrastructure and Security)

- ▶ Requires certain state agencies to develop and recommend a plan for the development of electric vehicle charging station infrastructure along the State Highway System.
- ▶ Directs the Department of Transportation to plan, design and construct staging areas for emergencies as part of the turnpike system.
- ▶ Expands the “shot clock” and “deemed approved” requirements to permit applications for all utilities in the right of way in a municipality or county.

The bill is effective July 1, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor.
(Branch)



Electric Bicycles (Support)

CS/CS/HB 971 (Grant M.)

- ▶ Creates regulation governing the operation of e-bikes.
- ▶ Specifies that a local government is not prohibited from regulating the operation of electric bicycles on streets, highways, or sidewalks within their jurisdictions.
- ▶ Does not include a preemption

Effective upon becoming law. The bill is awaiting action by the governor.
(Branch)



Verification of Employment Eligibility (Watch)

- ▶ **CS/CS/CS/SB 664** (Lee) requires all public employers to register and use the E-Verify system for to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees beginning January 1, 2021.
- ▶ A public employer, contractor, or subcontractor may not enter into a contract unless each party registers with and uses the E-Verify system. The bill directs public employers who believe that a contractor has knowingly violated the E-Verify requirement to terminate the contract, the bill also specifies that this termination would not be a breach of contract.
- ▶ Contractors who have their public contract terminated in this manner would not be eligible for another contract for at least one year. The provisions of the bill also apply to private employers, requiring them to use the E-Verify system for all employees or contract employees hired after January 1, 2021.
- ▶ The bill also gives private employers the option to verify the eligibility of a person using the Employment Eligibility Verification Form (I-9).

The bill is effective July 1, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor. (Hughes)



Fire Prevention and Control (Support)

- ▶ **SB 1092** (Bean) creates the Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Grant Program.
- ▶ The matching grant will provide financial assistance to help fire departments procure equipment, supplies, and education training designed to mitigate exposure to hazardous, cancer-causing chemicals.
- ▶ The Division of State Fire Marshal within the Department of Financial Services will administer the program and annually award grants to fire departments on an as-needed basis.
- ▶ The bill includes a \$250,000 appropriation to implement the bill.

The bill is effective July 1, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor.
(Hughes)



FRS: Employer Contribution Rates (Watch)

- ▶ **HB 5007** (Appropriations Committee) revises the required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System.
- ▶ The total combined employer contributions estimated to be paid into the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 will increase by approximately \$404.6 million above the contributions payed in Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

The bill is effective July 1, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor. (Hughes)



Taxation (Watch)

CS/HB 7097 (Ways and Means) is the “tax package” for the 2020 Session and includes several tax reductions and other tax-related modifications.

- ▶ The bill includes two sales tax holidays: a three-day “back-to-school” holiday and a seven-day “disaster preparedness” holiday.
- ▶ The bill includes a requirement that any future levy of the Charter County and Regional Transportation Surtax in any eligible county be limited to 30 years in duration.
- ▶ The bill increases the population limit under which a county is authorized to use its tourist development tax revenues for certain uses.
- ▶ The bill makes multiple changes to property taxes including amending the requirements for hospitals to qualify for a charitable tax exemption and updates the qualifying operations for the deployed servicemember tax exemption.
- ▶ The bill also includes several provisions proposed by the DOR designed to enhance its administration of state taxes and oversight of property taxation.
- ▶ The total estimated reduction of local government revenue for the fiscal year 202021 is \$10.8 million. (Hughes)



Local Government Efficiency Task Force (Watch)

- ▶ **HB 5003** (Appropriations) implements the 2020-21 GAA. Includes provisions creating the Local Gov't Efficiency Task Force within the legislature. Six members (2 each appointed by Gov, Senate Pres, Speaker). Convene by November 2020 and issue report by June 2021 with recommendations for any changes to make local governments “more efficient”. (O’Hara)

Prohibition Against Abuse of Public Position (Watch)

- ▶ **HB 7009** (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee) makes existing penalties under the Florida Ethics Code applicable to violations of Amendment 12 to the Fla. Const., which prohibits public officers and employees from abusing public office to obtain a disproportionate benefit.
- ▶ The bill is effective December 31, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor. (O’Hara)



Environmental Resource Management (Watch)

CS/CS/SB 712 (Mayfield) addresses multiple water quality issues:

- ▶ **Septic Tanks:** Transfers regulation from DOH to DEP. Directs DEP to develop rules for the location of septic tanks to prevent groundwater and surface water contamination. Establishes septic tank advisory committee by DEP.
- ▶ **Stormwater:** Directs rulemaking by DEP and WMDs to update stormwater design criteria by January 2021.
- ▶ **BMAPs:** Requires inclusion of a wastewater plan if DEP determines wastewater treatment facilities are contributing more than 20% of nutrient pollution or if deemed necessary to achieve the nutrient total maximum daily load (TMDL). Requires development of septic tank remediation plan by local govt's if DEP determines septic tanks are contributing more than 20% nutrient pollution or if deemed necessary to meet TMDL.
- ▶ **Agriculture:** Requires onsite inspections by DACS every 2 years, allows for a “cooperative agricultural regional water quality improvement element” in a BMAP.



Environmental Resource Management (continued)

- ▶ Waste Water Grant Program: Establishes grant program. Requires 50% match for specified projects that reduce nutrient loads. Identifies projects that shall receive priority funding.
- ▶ Biosolids: Requires rulemaking by DEP with ratification by legislature. Specifies conditions for new biosolid land application permits or renewals of existing permits after July 2020.
- ▶ Sanitary Sewer Overflows: Requires wastewater facilities to develop a power outage contingency plan and an assessment, repair and replacement plan in accordance with DEP rules. Plans must be reported to DEP.
- ▶ Additional DEP and Agency Reports and Rulemaking: Requires DEP to submit cost estimates for wastewater facility and septic system remediation projects to EDR.
- ▶ Monetary Penalties: Administrative penalties assessed by DEP increased from \$10,000 to \$50,000, including waste water violation penalties which increased by 50%.



Environmental Resource Management (continued)

- ▶ Bottled Water: Requires DEP to conduct a study on the bottled water industry in FL and submit study to Gov. and legislature by June 2021.
- ▶ Water Management District Annual Reports: Requires submission of the annual reports to EDR.
- ▶ Legal Standing: Prohibits local governments from granting legal rights to the natural environment.
- ▶ Reuse of Reclaimed water: Directs DEP to develop rules by December 2020 for advancing potable reuse. The rules must address emerging contaminants and meet or exceed drinking water quality standards.

The bill is effective July 1, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor. (O'Hara)



Environmental Enforcement (Watch)

- ▶ **CS/CS/HB 1091** (Fine) increases penalties by 50% for violations of *all* state environmental laws. Encourages municipalities and counties to establish optional sanitary sewer lateral inspection programs to identify and reduce leakage from lateral lines. Requires disclosure by buyer of known defect to prospective purchasers.

The bill is effective July 1, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor. (O'Hara)

Environmental Regulation (Watch)

- ▶ **CS/HB 73** (Overdorf) requires that contracts between local governments and vendors, and requests for proposals or other solicitations, for the collection, transport and processing of residential recycling materials must include provisions to define and reduce levels of contamination in the materials collected.

The bill is effective July 1, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor. (O'Hara)



Florida Drug and Cosmetic Act (Oppose)

- ▶ **SB 172** (Bradley) preempts the regulation of over-the-counter proprietary drugs or cosmetics (includes sunscreen) to the state. The bill is effective July 1, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor. (O’Hara)

Public Financing of Construction Projects (Watch)

- ▶ **CS/CS/SB 178** (Rodriguez) requires public entities to conduct a sea-level impact projection (SLIP) study on state-funded buildings within the coastal building zone prior to commencing construction. The bill is effective July 1, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor. (O’Hara)



Deregulation of Professions and Occupations (Watch)

CS/HB 1193 (Ingoglia) designates the Occupational Freedom and Opportunity Act:

- ▶ Removes regulations on certain professions regulated by the State.
- ▶ Revises current general licensing provisions to require that a department or board of specified professions and occupations enter into a reciprocal licensing agreement with other states if the practice permits such agreements.
- ▶ Requires that boards or departments post online which jurisdictions have similar licensing agreements or licenses or examinations
- ▶ Preempts the regulation of mobile food dispensing vehicles (food trucks) to the state and prohibits local governments from prohibiting the operation of food trucks.
- ▶ Removes the authority of the Florida League of Cities and the Florida Association of Counties to recommend a list of candidates for consideration to the Florida Building Commission.

The bill is effective July 1, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor. (Cruz)



Impact Fees (Watch)

CS/CS/CS/SB 1066 (Gruters) is comprehensive legislation regarding impact fees:

- ▶ Prohibits the application of a new or increased impact fee to pending permit applications unless the result is to reduce the total impact fees or mitigation costs imposed on the applicant.
- ▶ Provides that impact fee credits are assignable and transferable at any time after establishment within the same impact fee zone or impact fee district, or an adjoining zone or district within the same local jurisdiction.

The bill is effective July 1, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor.
(Cruz)



Bills that Failed

Vacation Rentals (Oppose – Preemption)

- ▶ **CS/CS/HB 1011** (Fischer) and **CS/SB 1128** (Diaz) would have preempted to the state the regulation of vacation rentals and wiped out any local vacation rental ordinances or regulations adopted since 2011.
- ▶ The bills would have defined “advertising platforms” and preempted the regulation of advertising platforms to the state as well, while putting in place statewide standards for the regulation of advertising platforms like AirBNB, VRBO and Homeaway.
- ▶ The bills died after several lawmakers and the governor expressed concerns over taking away local authority. **We expect similar bills to be filed next year.** (Cook)



Reclaimed Water (Oppose – Mandate)

- ▶ **CS/CS/HB 715** (Maggard) and **CS/CS/SB 1656** (Albritton) addressed development of rules for potable reuse but also imposed a prohibition on surface water discharges by wastewater utilities by a specified date, with certain exceptions. (O’Hara)

Statewide Office of Resiliency (Support)

- ▶ **SB 7016** (Infrastructure & Security Committee) and **HB 1073** (Stevenson) would have established the Statewide Office of Resiliency within the Executive Office of the Governor to recommend consensus projections of anticipated sea-level rise and flooding impacts along the state’s coastline. (O’Hara)



Private Property Rights (Oppose)

- ▶ **CS/HB 519** (Grant, J.) and **CS/SB 1766** (Lee) would have required any settlement reached on a Bert Harris claim to be automatically applied by the government entity to all "similarly situated" residential properties that are subject to the same rules or regulations. In essence, this provision would have undone legislative action a government entity undertakes by requiring a settlement on one case be applied across the board, turning Harris Act settlements into quasi class-action lawsuits. (Cruz)

Dissolution of Municipalities (Oppose)

- ▶ **SB 1522** (Broxson) and **CS/CS/HB 1209** (Fischer) would have expanded the instances whereby voters can vote to dissolve a municipality. (Cruz)



Local CST Rate Cut (Oppose- Mandate)

- ▶ **HB 701** (Fischer) and **SB 1174** (Hutson) would have capped the local CST rate to 4% for cities and charter counties and 2% for noncharter counties. This would have cost local government almost \$190 million per year. (Hughes)

Sales and Use Tax (Support)

- ▶ **SB 126** (Gruters) and **HB 159** (Clemons) would have required retailers with no physical presence in Florida to collect Florida's sales tax on sales of taxable items delivered to purchasers in Florida if the retailer makes a substantial number of sales into Florida or provides for the taxation of sales facilitated through a marketplace provider. (Hughes)



Legal Notices (Support)

- ▶ **CS/CS/HB 7** (Fine) and **SB 1340** (Gruters) would have allowed cities the option of publishing legal notices on a publicly accessible website in lieu of purchasing an advertisement in a newspaper if certain conditions were met. CS/CS/HB 7 died awaiting action by the full senate and SB 1340 died in committee. (Cook)

Smoking (Support SB 630)

- ▶ **SB 630** (Mayfield) would have allowed cities to restrict smoking in municipally owned parks. SB 630 died awaiting action by the full Senate and the House companion, HB 457 (LaMarca) died in committee. (Cook)

Pet Stores (Oppose – Preemption)

- ▶ **HB 1237** (Avila) and **SB 1698** (Diaz) would have preempted the regulation of pet stores to the state and prohibited cities from banning these businesses. The bills died in committee. (Cook)



Traffic and Pedestrian Safety (Oppose)

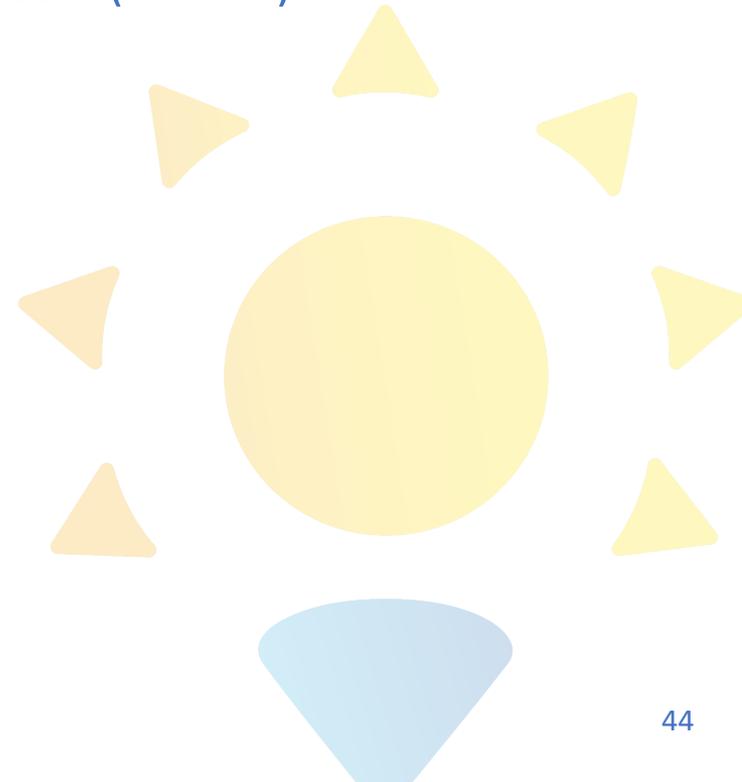
CS/SB 1000 (Perry) and **CS/CS/CS/HB 1371** (Fine)

- ▶ Would have required that crosswalks located at any place other than an intersection of a public street, highway or road be controlled by pedestrian and traffic signals.
- ▶ The Senate bill died in committee. The House bill died in senate messages. (Branch)



Housing Trust Fund (Support)

- ▶ **SB 306** (Mayfield), **HB 381** (Silvers) would have specified that funds deposited in the State Housing Trust Fund and the Local Government Housing Trust Fund may not be transferred or used for any other purpose. (Branch)



Building Design (Oppose)

SB 954 (Perry) and CS/CS/HB 459 (Overdorf)

- ▶ Would have preempted local governments from adopting zoning and development regulations that require specific building design elements for single- and two-family dwellings, unless certain conditions are met.
- ▶ Would have provided a limited exemption from the preemption.
- ▶ SB 954 died in committee and CS/CS/HB 459 died awaiting final action by the House. (Branch)



Motor Vehicle Rentals (Support)

- ▶ **CS/SB 478** (Perry) and **CS/CS/HB 377** (Latvala) would have required peer-to-peer (P2P) car-sharing service sites to impose a \$2 per day surcharge upon lease or rental motor vehicles through the P2P car-sharing program, which is similar to the requirements of a traditional car rental company. The bills died in committee. (Branch)



Local Reporting Bill (Oppose- Mandate)

- ▶ **CS/HB 7069** (State Affairs) and **SB 1512** (Diaz) would have required the Department of Financial Services to rank and compare local governments based on a multitude of economic and fiscal measures. CS/HB 7096 also required DFS to grade local governments. (Hughes)

Local Government Fiscal Transparency (Oppose – Mandate)

- ▶ **HB 1149** (DiCeglie) and **SB 1702** (Diaz) would have amended multiple provisions related to local government financial transparency. (Hughes)



Water Resources (Support – FLC Priority)

- ▶ **HB 147** (Jacobs) and **SB 690** (Albritton) directed DEP to develop comprehensive needs-based overview of the state’s water resources and infrastructure needs, including recommendations for funding options for meeting anticipated demands. (O’Hara)



Government Integrity (Watch)

- ▶ **SB 1538** (Gruters), **CS/CS/SB 1270** (Lee), and **CS/CS/HB 1111** (Tomkow) created a Florida Integrity Officer to investigate complaints alleging waste, fraud, abuse, misconduct or gross mismanagement in connection with the expenditure of public funds by state and local governments. CS/CS/SB 1270 and CS/CS/HB 1111 also established standards for the fiduciary duty of care for appointed public officers and executive officers of specified governmental entities. (O'Hara)



Local Government Accountability (Oppose – Preemption)

- ▶ **SB 766** (Perry) and **HB 611** (Sabatini) would have imposed mandatory lobbyist registration requirements on all governmental entities as defined in the bills, including all municipalities and counties. (O’Hara)

Public Officers & Employees (Support)

- ▶ **CS/SB 1490** (Bradley) and **CS/HB 1435** (Williamson) would have authorized specified individuals or procurement employees (not including any elected officers) to accept gifts or compensation to be used toward costs due to serious bodily injury or disease of the individual or child of such person. (O’Hara)



Home-Based Businesses (Oppose – Preemption)

- ▶ **CS/CS/HB 537** (Donalds) and **SB 778** (Perry) defined a "home-based business" and would have preempted local governments from licensing and regulating home-based businesses. (Cruz)

Marketable Record Title Act (Watch)

- ▶ **CS/CS/HB 733** (Smith, D.) and **CS/SB 802** (Perry) would have amended Section 712.04, Florida Statutes, regarding the Marketable Record Title Act (MRTA) to include covenants or restrictions based on a zoning requirement or development permit among the types of interests extinguished by MRTA. (Cruz)



Sovereign Immunity (Oppose)

- ▶ **CS/SB 1302** (Flores) would have increased the per-occurrence limit on the collectability of judgments against government entities from \$300,000 to \$500,000 and eliminated the \$200,000-per-claimant limit.
- ▶ The bill would have tied the new \$500,000 Sovereign Immunity limit to a consumer price index to allow the cap to automatically increase with inflation.
- ▶ The bill had the potential to result in increased damage awards against governments and will incentivize lawsuits against governments. (Cruz)



What's Next?

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Important Dates *(Subject to Change)*

FAST Fly-In

- ▶ May 20-21, 2020

FLC Policy Committee Sign Up

- ▶ June 1, 2020 – August 17, 2020

FLC Annual Conference

- ▶ August 13-15, 2020 at the Diplomat Beach Resort, Hollywood

2020 Primary Election

- ▶ August 18, 2020

FLC Legislative Policy Committee Meetings

- ▶ September 18, 2020
- ▶ October 23, 2020

General Election

- ▶ November 3, 2020

Legislative Conference

- ▶ November 12-13, 2020 at the Rosen Shingle Creek



Advocacy Doesn't Die with Sine Die

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Post-Session Advocacy Tips

- ▶ Publicly thank legislators who helped your city
- ▶ Have candid conversations with legislators to discuss how they voted
- ▶ Invite legislators to speak at council meetings and local/regional league events
- ▶ Speak at local civic/citizens' groups to discuss municipal issues considered this session
- ▶ Invite legislators to attend local budget hearings – send them a copy of the final budget
- ▶ Invite legislators to tour your CRA or wastewater plant or other important facilities
- ▶ Remember it's an election year:
 - If you are going to endorse a candidate, make sure they pledge to support Home Rule.
 - Hold candidate meet and greets, and build relationships with candidates & legislators.



Post-Session Resources

Be on the look out for:

- ▶ FLC Final Report
- ▶ 2020 Summary of Key Legislative Votes



Questions?

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