



**Interim Committee Week: County Lobbyist Call
Monday, February 20, 2017**

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Davin Suggs, FAC's Director of Public Policy, made the following announcement:

Legislative Alert #1:

[HB 17](#) (*Rep. Fine*) - *Relating to local Regulation Preemption (Super Preemption)* is scheduled to be heard on **Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 1:15 p.m.**, in room 212 of the Knott Building at the capitol complex during a meeting of the Careers and Competition Subcommittee.

In summary, the legislation proposes to PREEMPT the home rule powers of local governments with regards to the regulation of businesses, professions, and occupations unless it is EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED by the State. The PREEMPTION is extended to associated regulatory, licenses, and/or permit fees.

FAC Contact

To learn more about this issue and related legislative information contact Laura Youmans, Esq. via email @ lyoumans@fl-counties.com

Issue Guidelines and talking points are attached

Legislative Alert #2:

[HB 7005](#) - *Relating to Economic Programs* has been scheduled to be heard on **Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.**, in room 212 of the Knott Building at the capitol complex during a meeting of the House Appropriations Committee.

The legislation proposes to eliminate *Enterprise Florida, Inc. and Visit Florida*.

FAC Contact

To learn more about this issue and related legislative information contact Eric Poole via email @ dsuggs@fl-counties.com .

Copy of Alert E-mail attached

2017 Priorities Update

Opioid Abuse – Lisa Hurley, Esq.

No Update

Medical Marijuana –Susan Harbin, Esq.

During the week of February 13th, 2017, FAC staff met with Sen. Brandes' staff and Leader Rodrigues to discuss medical marijuana legislation. FAC shared concerns about local regulatory authority over the zoning of facilities and the ability to ensure that the operations comply with building code and fire safety regulations. FAC will be providing language to both offices that address these issues, and will be meeting with Sen. Bradley's office during the week of February 20th, 2017.

Tax Reform / Local Revenue Enhancement – Laura Youmans, Esq.

[SB 90](#) (Sen. Brandes) is scheduled to be heard on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in the Senate Community Affairs Committee. FAC staff is currently working to amend this legislation.

[SB 76](#) (Sen. Lee) is scheduled to be heard on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax meeting. FAC supports this legislation.

[HB 21](#) (Rep. Burton) is scheduled to be heard on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the House Ways and Means Committee meeting. FAC supports this legislation.

Economic Development – Eric Poole

See Legislative Alert #2

Beach Nourishment – Susan Harbin, Esq.

No update.

Comprehensive Water – Susan Harbin, Esq.

Recently, Sen. Simmons filed [SB 816](#) relating to Central and Southern Florida Project for Flood Control and Other Purposes. The proposed legislation provides an alternative plan to the Senate President's priority which is represented in [SB 10](#) (Bradley) / [HB 761](#) (Rep. Altman) – Relating to Water Resources, which outlines a plan for the South Florida Water Management District to purchase 60,000 acres of land for a water storage reservoir south of Lake Okeechobee. The alternative plan would include expediting current projects by the Army Corp of Engineers to fix the Herbert Hoover Dike so that it can hold up to 2 more feet of water, thereby lessening the need for harmful discharges south of the lake.

- On Tuesday afternoon in Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation, the committee will hear **SB 234** by Sen. Bradley, relating to the land acquisition trust fund. The bill would appropriate \$30 million annually for restoration projects in the Indian River Lagoon system.

- On Wednesday afternoon, the House Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee will discuss a committee bill relating to vessels (**NRPL 17-01**). The bill incorporates many of the recommendations from the FWC anchoring and mooring pilot program.

2017 Emerging Issues Update

PIE 3: Ethics – Laura Youmans

[PIEC3](#) (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee) - Relating to Local Government Ethics:

The proposed bill language would establish a statewide local lobbyist registration system. Additionally, the proposed bill language would propose further restrictions upon local public officials when conflicts of interest arise.

The bill was heard in the Public Integrity & Ethics Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 14th, 2017 and it was passed unanimously. FAC is neutral on the legislation.

HB 17 (Fine) - Relating to Local Regulation Preemption – Laura Youmans

See Legislative Alert #1

SB 340 (Brandes)/HB 687 (Sprowls)Uber – Eric Poole

The bill provides for the preemption of the regulation of transportation network companies to the State. The House bill passed its first committee of reference almost unanimously (1 no vote). It is expected for the bill to pass and we are working to get amendments so the bill matches local ordinances.

The House Bill [HB 221](#) (Rep. Sprowls) is scheduled to be heard on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. during the Government Accountability Committee meeting. FAC is opposed to this legislation.

SB 596 (Hutson)/HB 687 (La Rosa) Cell Towers – Eric Poole

No Update

SB 158/HB 143 Firefighters – Lisa Hurley

No update.

SB 196/HB 205: Civil Citation Program for Juveniles – Lisa Hurley

No update.

SB 516 (Perry) - Relating to Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders – Lisa Hurley

No Update

HB 157 (Rep. Burgess) - Sentencing – Lisa Hurley (lhurley@fl-counties.com)

The current version of the bill authorizes certain offenders to be sentenced to county jail for up to 24 months if the county has a contract with the Department of Corrections. The bill requires that funding for all contracts be specifically appropriated by the legislature. The bill was heard on February 15, 2017 and passed by the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee (13 - 1). FAC supports this legislation in its current format.

HB 367 (Plakon) – Prearrest Diversion Programs – The bill encourages counties to establish prearrest diversion programs for adults for certain criminal offenses; does not impact local ordinances.

SJR 134 (Sen. Artiles) - Selection and Duties of County Officers/Sheriff - The bill proposes amendments to the State Constitution to remove authority for a county charter to provide for choosing certain county officers in a manner other than election, prohibit a special law to provide for choosing a sheriff in a manner other than election, authorize the abolition of any county office if its duties are transferred to another office by special law approved by county voters, and remove authority for a county charter to transfer certain duties of the clerk of the circuit court to another officer, etc.

The bill will be heard on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. An amendment is expected, but the bill will still have some anticipated negative impacts on a few charter counties.

Week Ahead Calendar

Tuesday

H Government Accountability Committee 17 H 10:00AM-12:00PM

H-1 EPT	HB 0077	Sports Franchise Facilities	Avila
EP EPT EP2	HB 0221	Transportation Network Companies	Sprowls
LYPS EPT	HB 6007	Traffic Infraction Detectors	Avila

S Banking and Insurance 110 S 12:30PM-3:00PM

EPT	SB 0420	Flood Insurance	Brandes
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S Community Affairs 301 S 12:30PM-3:00PM

LYA	SB 0134	Selection and Duties of County Officers/Sheriff	Artiles
	SB 0090	Renewable Energy Source Devices	Brandes

H Appropriations Committee 212 K 1:00PM-3:30PM

EPT	HB 7005	Economic Programs	Careers & Competition Subcommittee
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H Ways & Means Committee 17 H 1:00PM-3:30PM

HB 0021	Limitations on Property Tax Assessments	Burton
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Workshop on the following:
Local Government Fiscal Responsibility Concepts

Wednesday

[S Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax](#) 401 S 10:00AM-11:30AM

LY1 [SB 0076](#)  Limitations on Property Tax Assessments [Lee \(T\)](#)

[H Careers & Competition Subcommittee](#) 212 K 1:15PM-3:15PM

LYA SH EPT [HB 0017](#)  Local Regulation Preemption [Fine](#)

Thursday

[H Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee](#) 17 H 9:30AM-12:00PM

LYA [HB 0479](#)  Government Accountability [Metz](#)

[H Select Committee on Triumph Gulf Coast](#) 404 H 1:30PM-3:30PM

[SOT1](#) Gulf Coast Economic Corridor [Select Committee on Triumph Gulf Coast](#)

[SOT2](#) Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund [Select Committee on Triumph Gulf Coast](#)

Q&A

There were no questions.