

2017 FAC Legislative Preview

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2017 FAC Priorities

Opioid Abuse

Policy Statement

- The Florida Association of Counties **SUPPORTS** providing life-saving interventions, medically-assisted detoxification programs, and diversions from the criminal justice system for those suffering from opioid addiction.
- The association also **SUPPORTS** efforts to stop opioid trafficking and increased penalties for dealers and traffickers whose actions result in loss of life.

Legislative Outlook

- SB 150 (Stuebe)/HB 477 (Boyd)- Controlled Substances
- SB 588 (Passidomo)/HB 249 (Rommel)- Drug Overdoses
- SB 788 (Clemens)/ HB 807(Hager) – Marketing Practices for Substance Abuse Services

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2017 FAC Priorities

Comprehensive Water Policy

Policy Statement

- Protecting the quality and quantity of our water resources remains the biggest challenge in ensuring the overall health of Florida's economy, its people and its environment. In short, clean and abundant water is paramount to preserving our way of life.
- **Related Issues include:**
 - **Amendment 1 Implementation**
 - **Water Supply**
 - **Water Quality**

Legislative Outlook

- SB 10 (Bradley)/HB 761 (Altman) – Water Resources
- SB 1748 (Stewart)/HB 285 (Fine) – Septic Tank Inspections
- SB 874 (Young) and HB 551 (Stone) – Septic Tank Remediation Plans
- SB 1738 (Perry)/HB 715 (Clemons) – Stormwater Management
- SB 532 (Galvano)/HB 1065 (Peters) – Public Notice of Pollution
- SB 1438 (Broxson)/HB 755 (Albritton) – Relating to Aquifer Replenishment

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2017 FAC Priorities

Beach ReNourishment

Policy Statement

- **SUPPORT** the creation of a new dedicated and recurring statutory funding source for beach renourishment projects which accurately reflects the increase in participating programs and future beach and inlet project funding needs.
- **SUPPORT** the revision of statutory criteria for the annual ranking of beach projects for state cost sharing; specifically, the inclusion of criteria that recognizes economic benefits and cost effectiveness, reduction in storm damage, ability to leverage matching funds, and dune restoration as an investment in beach protection and preservation.

Legislative Outlook

- SB 1590 (Latvala)/HB 1213 (Peters) – Relating to Coastal Management

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2017 FAC Priorities

Tax Reform

Policy Statement

- **SUPPORT** tax reform measures that simplify administration and provide an economic boost to Florida's taxpayers while at the same time *considering and minimizing the collective and cumulative negative impact on local revenues...*

Related Issues Include:

- Communications Services Taxes
- "Rent Tax"
- Elimination of Recapture
- Aviation Fuel Taxes
- 10% Non-Homestead Limitation
- Local Discretionary Revenue Flexibility
- Expansion of Charter County Transportation Surtax
- "Index the Gas Tax"

Legislative Outlook

- SB 90 (Brandes) / HB 1351 (Rodrigues) – Relating to Renewable Energy
- SB 76 (Lee) / HB 21 (Burton) – Relating to Limitations on Property Tax Assessments
- SB 330 (Stuebe) / HB 487 (Renner) – Relating to Local Business Taxes
- SB 838 (Perry) / HB 223 (Ahern) - Relating to Tax on Commercial Property
- SB 378 (Flores) – Relating to Taxation (Communications Services Tax)

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Economic Development

Policy Statement

State and Local Economic Development Partnerships

- **SUPPORT** legislation and appropriation that enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of the state and local government partnership in economic development ...

Rural Economic Development

- **SUPPORT** eliminating the program match requirement in grant program Florida Statute 288.018 and increase the appropriation from \$150,000 to \$250,000 for each of the three Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAO)... and **SUPPORT** increasing the rural infrastructure fund from \$1.6 million to \$5 million annually.

Legislative Outlook

- HB 7005 (Renner) – Relating to Economic Programs
- HB 9 (Renner) – Relating to Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation

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Medical Marijuana

Policy Statement

- SUPPORT maintaining local authority to determine land use, zoning, and other regulatory standards for marijuana cultivation, processing, and distribution.
- SUPPORT a taxation or fee structure should be implemented with the state or independently to help counties recoup any and all costs in public services, including but not limited to law enforcement, and regulatory enforcement.
- SUPPORT legislation that provides a comprehensive health-based regulatory system where the DOH is responsible for licensing cultivation sites, dispensing facilities, and manufacturers of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

Legislative Outlook

- SB 406 (Bradley) – Relating to Compassionate Use of Low –THC Cannabis and Marijuana
- SB 614 (Brandes) – Relating to Medical Marijuana
- Pending House Legislation

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2017 Emerging Issues

Health & Human Services / Public Safety

- **SB 1068** (Brandes)/**HB 157** (Burgess) –Sentencing
- **SB 516** (Perry) /**HB 1019** (M. Miller)- Relating to Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders
- **SB 158** (J.Latvala)/**HB 143** (Fitzenhagen) -Relating to Firefighters
- **SB 196** (Flores)/**HB 205** (Ahern)- Juvenile Civil Citation & Similar Diversion Programs
- **SB 448** (Brandes)/ **HB 369** (Plakon) – Prearrest Diversion Programs
- **SB 626** (Steube) -Concealed Weapons
- **SB 908** (Baxley)/**HB 803** (Hahnfeldt) - Concealed Weapons

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2017 Emerging Issues

Finance, Tax and Administration

- **HB 17** (Rep. Fine) - Relating to Local Regulation Preemption
- **SB 1158** (Sen. Passidomo) - Relating to Regulation of Commerce, Trade and Labor
- **WMC 1** – Relating to Local Government Fiscal Transparency
- **WMC 2** - Local Government Fiscal Responsibility
- **SB 80** (Stuebe) - Relating to Public Records
- **SB 1444** (Stewart) / **HB 897** (Stark) – Public Notices by Local Governments
- **SJR 134** (Artiles) / **HJR 721** (Fischer) – Selection and Duties of County Officers
 - Several other Similar Bills
- **HB 7021** (Metz) – Relating to Local Government Ethics Reform
- **SB 278** (Stuebe) / **HB 139** (Ingoglia) – Relating to Local Referenda

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2017 Emerging Issues

Growth Management and Transportation

- **SB 596** (Hutson) / **HB 687** (LaRosa) – Utilities (Cell Towers)
- **SB 340** (Brandes) / **HB 221** (Sprowls) – Transportation Network Companies
- **SB 534** (Perry) / **HB 599** (Williamson) – Relating to Public Works Projects
- **HB 13** (Raburn) – Relating to Community Redevelopment Agencies

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2017 Session Communications

1. Weekly Lobbyists Conference Calls- **Mondays @ 3:00 p.m.**
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4. Weekly Legislative Reporting - **Mondays: Legislative Bulletin**
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