



**Regular Session: County Lobbyist Call
Monday, March 27, 2017**

Welcome & Opening Remarks

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

- Staff anticipates budget documents from both chambers this week. As they are made available, FAC will perform its traditional analysis and make it available to County Lobbyists.
- The Constitutional Revision Commission will hold its second meeting on Wednesday, 3/29/2017 in Orlando (Orange County) at the UCF FAIRWINDS Alumni Center from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Indian River County Commissioner Bob Solari has been appointed to the CRC.
- Please refer to previous editions of County Lobbyists notes and FAC Legislative Bulletins for information on bills not discussed this week.
- **LEGISLATIVE ALERTS** for this week have been included.
- **Red** - means an upcoming event, bill hearing, etc...
- **Green** - refers to last action on a bill from the previous week.

LEGISLATIVE PREEMPTION ALERT #1

Small Cells / Cell Towers – Eric Poole (epoole@fl-counties.com)

Cell phone tower preemption up today!

Call & email [committee members](#) and ask them to vote against this bad bill

SB 596 (Sen. Hutson) / **HB 687** (Rep. La Rosa) - **Relating to Utilities:**

The bill, among other technical provisions, prohibits DOT & local governmental entities from regulating/prohibiting collocation of small wireless facilities in public rights-of-way. Both bills limit the fees (\$15 maximum) counties can charge communication facility companies to locate on county infrastructure.

SB 596 will be voted on in the [Senate Government Oversight & Accountability](#) Committee at 4:00pm, **TODAY**, March 27, 2017. FAC staff is asking for members to express their beliefs of the impact that this legislation would have on their local communities. Please:

- CALL MEMBERS of the [Senate Government Oversight & Accountability](#). and share your local perspective.
- E-MAIL MEMBERS of the [Senate Government Oversight & Accountability](#). and share your local perspective.

[Click here](#) for talking points.

For more information on this legislation, and talking points, contact Eric Poole (epoole@fl-counties.com) or 850.922.4300.

LEGISLATIVE PREEMPTION ALERT #2

Vacation Rentals - Eric Poole (epoole@fl-counties.com)

Vacation Rental preemption up 8:00 am Tuesday!

Call & email [committee members](#) and ask them to vote against this bad bill

[SB 188 \(Sen. Stuebe\)](#) / [HB 425 \(Rep. LaRosa\)](#) - Relating to Vacation Rentals

In 2011, the Florida Legislature passed HB 883, which blocked local governments from "regulating, restricting, or prohibiting" vacation rental properties. Recognizing that the 2011 legislation went too far in removing local authority to regulate vacation rentals, the Legislature passed SB 356 in 2014, restoring partial Home Rule authority to counties. In effect, current law allows counties to enact certain regulations (parking, occupancy standards, local registration) but prohibits them from passing regulations that prohibit vacation rentals or limit the duration and frequency of stays.

Under [SB 188 \(Sen. Stuebe\)](#) / [HB 425 \(Rep. LaRosa\)](#) counties would have few measures to regulate the uses of short term rentals in a way that would maintain the character of a residential neighborhood. Current law allows counties to enact certain regulations (parking, occupancy standards, local registration) but prohibits them from passing regulations that prohibit vacation rentals or limit the duration and frequency of stays - Let's keep it that way!

[HB 425](#) will be voted on in the [House Careers and Competition Subcommittee](#) at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017. FAC staff is asking for members to express their beliefs of the impact that this legislation would have on their local communities. Please:

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LEGISLATIVE PREEMPTION ALERT #3

Additional Homestead Exemption – Laura Youmans (lyoumans@fl-counties.com)

[SJR 1774 \(Sen. Lee\)](#) – Relating to Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption

This proposed constitutional amendment would increase the homestead exemption by \$25,000, creating a super-exemption of \$75,000 for the first \$100,000 dollars of the value of homestead property.

GENERAL TALKING POINTS

- TP #1. The impact of lost revenue will ravage county budgets forcing counties to decide between pronounced cuts in services or increased millage rates.
- TP #2. The additional exemption means that counties that choose to maintain their current millage rates must make tough choices about the services provided to their citizens
- TP #3. Increases in current millage rates to maintain revenue levels will continue to exacerbate an already inequitable distribution of property taxes by increasing the burden on non-homestead taxpayers, including businesses and renters.
- TP #4. Counties that are at or near the maximum millage rate will be forced to increasingly rely on state funding to provide basic services to residents.

HOW DO I DETERMINE “MY LOCAL IMPACT?”

Immediately consult with your Property Appraiser and County Administrator/Manager, as well as, finance staff to ascertain the fiscal impact this proposal will cause. Consider likely policy choices that this impact will create: which services are most likely to be cut or eliminated; what would the consequences of any rate increase be?

Staff anticipates that [SJR 1774](#) will be voted on in the [Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax](#) during week 5 or week 6 of session. **However**, FAC staff anticipates that a similar or identical version may be filed in the [House Ways and Means Committee](#) this week (Wednesday). FAC staff is asking for members to express their beliefs of the impact that this legislation would have on their local communities. Please:

- CALL MEMBERS of the [Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax](#) and [House Ways and Means Committee](#) and share your local perspective.
- E-MAIL MEMBERS of the [Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax](#) and [House Ways and Means Committee](#) and share your local perspective.

FAC Contact

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[CLICK HERE](#) for Talking Points

LEGISLATIVE PREEMPTION ALERT #4

House - SUPER PREEMPTION – Laura Youmans (lyoumans@fl-counties.com)

CALL Legislators, **E-MAIL** Legislators or **COME** to Tallahassee & share our local story

[HB 17](#) (Rep. Fine) - Relating to local Regulation Preemption

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.

The bill's next stop will be the [House Commerce Committee](#). It was not heard last week. Please continue to:

- CALL MEMBERS of the [House Commerce Committee](#) and share your local perspective.
- E-MAIL MEMBERS of the [House Commerce Committee](#) and share your local perspective.

For more information on this legislation, talking points, and a sample resolution please visit [FAC's HB 17 resource webpage](#)

LEGISLATIVE PREEMPTION ALERT #5

Senate - SUPER PREEMPTION - Regulation of Commerce, Trade and Labor– Laura Youmans (lyoumans@fl-counties.com)

CALL Legislators, **E-MAIL** Legislators or **COME** to Tallahassee & share our local story

[SB 1158](#) (Sen. Passidomo) - Relating to local Regulation Preemption

Although not identical or a companion to [HB 17](#), [SB 1158](#) is very similar in that it proposes to also PREEMPT the home rule powers of local governments with regards to the regulation of commerce, trade and labor. The bill would prevent counties from adopting ordinances that have an adverse impact on commerce, trade or labor, unless it is EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED by the State.

The PREEMPTION specifically prevents counties from:

- a) Banning the sale of a good or service;
- b) Imposing a penalty on the sale of a good or service;
- c) Requiring an employer to pay any or all of its employees a wage rate not otherwise required under a special, general, or federal law; or extended to associated regulatory, licenses, and/or permit fees.

The bill's first stop will be the [Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee](#). FAC staff is asking for members to express their beliefs of the impact that this legislation would have on their local communities. Please:

- CALL MEMBERS of the [Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee](#). and share your local perspective.
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2017 PRIORITIES UPDATE

OPIOID ABUSE – LISA HURLEY, ESQ.

[HB 249](#) (Rep. Rommel) had its reference to Criminal Justice committee removed this week which made its unanimous passage in Health and Human Services committee its last stop and it is now headed to the floor.

[HB 61](#) (Rep. Lee, Jr) had two of its committee references were removed this week **making its unanimous passage in Health and Human Services committee is last stop and it is now headed to the floor.** Its Senate companion, [SB 558](#) (Passidomo), has not been heard yet.

[SB 788](#) (Sen. Clemens) / [HB 807](#) (Rep. Hager) – related to marketing practices for substance abuse services were heard this week **and both unanimously passed their second committees.**

[SB 588](#) (Sen. Passidomo) **is scheduled to be heard next Monday, March 27, in Health Policy at 4:00 p.m. where it is expected to be amended to more closely match the House bill.**

Legislation and FAC Contact

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MEDICAL MARIJUANA –SUSAN HARBIN, ESQ.

The Senate Health Policy workshopped SB 406 and discussed elements of the four other medical marijuana bills filed this far in the Senate. The committee did not take a vote on any piece of legislation, but will do so most likely in Week 5. Staff has prepared a side by side analysis of the major components of the filed bills. The analysis can be found [here](#).

[HB 1397](#) (Rep. Rodrigues) **will be heard on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the House Health Quality Subcommittee.**

Legislation and FAC Contact

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TAX REFORM / LOCAL REVENUE ENHANCEMENT – LAURA YOUMANS, ESQ.

Implementing Solar Amendment #4 - The House released version of implementing legislation for the recently passed constitutional amendment #4 [HB 1351](#) (Rep. Rodrigues) was heard on Tuesday, 3/21/2017 in the House Energy and Utilities Subcommittee and passed unanimously. The Revenue Estimating Conference will be reviewing a proposed amendment on Friday 3/23/2017 that would

significantly reduce the fiscal impact to counties with existing utility scale solar facilities and fiscally constrained counties with planned facilities. The next stop for the bill is House Ways & Means Committee.

Communications Services Taxes - [SB 1636](#) (Sen. Artilles) / [HB 1377](#) (Rep. M. Miller) - **Relating to Taxation of Internet Video Service** would exclude internet video services from any local tax, charge, fee, or other imposition on related to the provision or purchase of internet video services. [SB 1636](#) will be heard in the **Senate Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities on 3/28/17 at 3:00 pm.**

10% Assessment Limit on Non-Homestead Property - [HJR 21](#) (Rep. Burton) – Limitations on Property Tax Assessments – Passed through its last committee in the House last week, **the bill was passed off the House floor on 3/23/17.**

Additional Homestead Exemption - [SJR 1774](#) (Sen. Lee) – Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption – **was heard and passed in the Senate Community Affairs Committee on Wednesday, 3/22/2017** the next stop will be Senate Subcommittee on Finance and Tax. Please refer to **LEGISLATIVE PREEMPTION ALERT #3**

Local Business Taxes - [SB 330](#) by Sen. Stuebe and [HB 487](#) by Rep. Renner **were both heard and passed on Tuesday 3/21/2017.** The bills originally proposed restrictions and limitations on local governments with regards to local business taxes. **However, amendments to both bills change the nature of bills such that the only impacts would be the creation of an exemption from business taxes for specified veterans, spouses of veterans, the spouse of active service members, and low-income individuals if that individual signs a Request for Fee Exemption.**

Other Property Taxes - [HB 49](#) (Rep. Eagle) **was heard and passed on Tuesday, 3/21/2017** during the **Ways and Means Committee meeting.** The bill proposes to provide ad valorem tax abatements or relief for victims of natural disasters.

Sales Taxes on Commercial Leases - [SB 378](#) (Sen. Flores) Taxation – **was amended in Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax on 3/21/17.** As amended and approved in committee, it proposes to repeal an existing insurance premium tax credit. The resulting cost savings would be used to reduce the state sales tax on commercial leases by 1 cent (6 to 5 cents). Local governments and their respective revenue sharing proceeds would be held harmless.

[SB 704](#) (Sen. Garcia) related to exempting ad valorem tax charges from the sales and use tax on commercial leases **was heard and passed in the Senate Community Affairs Committee on Wednesday, 3/22/2017.**

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ERIC POOLE

No Update

BEACH RENOURISHMENT – SUSAN HARBIN, ESQ.

[HB 1213](#) (Rep. Peters) passed unanimously in the House Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee. [SB 1590](#) (Sen. Latvala) passed unanimously in the Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation.

[HB 1213](#) (Rep. Peters) is scheduled to be heard on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 in the House Agricultural and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee at 12:00 p.m.

Legislation and FAC Contact

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COMPREHENSIVE WATER – SUSAN HARBIN, ESQ.

[SB 532](#) (Sen. Galvano) related to public notices of pollution passed unanimously Senate Environment and Natural Resources Appropriations, and is now in its final committee, Senate Appropriations.

[HB 285](#) (Rep. Fine) - Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Inspections will be heard on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the House Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee.

[SB 1438](#) (Sen. Broxson)– Relating to Aquifer Replenishment is scheduled to be heard on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation committee.

Legislation and FAC Contact

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2017 EMERGING ISSUES UPDATE

Health & Human Services / Public Safety

1. **Sentencing** – Lisa Hurley (lhurley@smithbryanandmyers.com)
[SB 1068](#) (Sen. Brandes) / [HB 157](#) (Rep. Burgess) - Relating to Sentencing:

This legislation would permit counties to voluntarily enter into contracts with DOC to house certain persons sentenced up to 24 months in local jail at a maximum rate of \$60/day and is dependent upon a state appropriation.

[SB 1068](#) (Sen. Brandes) will be heard in its first of three committees Monday, March 27, 2017 in the Senate Criminal Justice committee at 1:30 p.m.

2. **Criminal Justice Reform Task Force** – Lisa Hurley (lhurley@smithbryanandmyers.com)
[SB 458](#) (Sen. Stuebe) / [HB 387](#) (Rep. Peters)- Florida Criminal Justice Task Force:

The bills create a 28 member Task Force to conduct a comprehensive review of the state's criminal justice system, court system, and corrections system; FAC has two appointments. The Task Force is directed to report its finding and recommendations to the President and Speaker by January 9, 2018.

[SB 458](#) unanimously passed its second of four committees on Wednesday, 3/22/2017 during the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice.

3. Clerks of Circuit Court

[HB 7051](#) (Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee) – Lisa Hurley (lhurley@smithbryanandmyers.com)

This bill revises the way in which clerk of court budgets would be approved. Specifically, it removes the duties of LBC regarding budgets of Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation & clerks of court; revises duties of the corporation; revises budgeting requirements for court-related costs of clerks of court; requires cost of certain changes in court rules & administrative orders to be reviewed by Criminal Justice Estimating Conference; revises duties of JAC relating to budgets & payroll of clerks of court. The Clerks do not support in its present form mainly because their budgets could never be higher than the REC estimate and provides not mechanism for midyear adjustments. The Clerks estimate this would result in an additional minimum \$14 million cut to their budget. Clerks continue to work with leadership in both chamber on a budget process that will more adequately address their funding needs.

4. Drones - Eric Poole (epoole@fl-counties.com)

[SB 832](#) (Sen. Young) / [HB 1027](#) (Rep. Yarborough) - Relating to Drones

The bills provide that the authority to regulate the ownership or operation of unmanned aircraft systems is vested in the state.

The bills are designed to effectively fill the gap where FAA regulations have yet to be promulgated. Specifically, the bills state that an owner of critical infrastructure, who wishes to limit or restrict the operation of unmanned aircraft in close proximity to infrastructure or facilities the person owns or operates must apply the FAA for such designation, pursuant to Section 2209 of the FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016. Notwithstanding those federal provisions, the bills state that a person may not knowingly or willfully operate an unmanned aircraft over a critical infrastructure facility; allow an unmanned aircraft to make contact with a critical infrastructure facility; allow an unmanned aircraft to come within a distance of a critical facility that is close enough to interfere with its operations.

The bills also specifically prohibit political subdivisions from enacting or enforcing ordinances or regulations relating to drones. However, the bills provide, consistent with federal law, that counties and cities can enact and enforce local ordinances relating to nuisances, voyeurism, harassment, reckless endangerment, property damage, or their illegal acts arising from the use of unmanned aircraft systems if such ordinances are not specifically related to the use of an unmanned aircraft for those illegal acts.

[SB 832](#) was passed in the Senate Criminal Justice Committee on 3/21/2017, while [HB 1027](#) was passed in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on the same day.

[HB 1027](#) is scheduled to be heard for the second time in as many weeks by the House Careers and Competition Subcommittee on Tuesday, 3/28/2017 at 8:00 a.m.

1. **Local Referenda** – Laura Youmans (lyoumans@fl-counties.com)

[HB 139](#) (Rep. Ingoglia) / [SB 278](#) (Sen. Stuebe) - Relating to Local Tax Referenda:

The current version of the bill maintains the current passage threshold at 50% for general elections. However, the current draft does not include language maintaining ability to utilize non-general elections that was included in the final bill last year

[SB 278](#) was amended and passed on Wednesday, 3/22/2017 during a meeting of the Senate Ethics and Elections committee. The amendment added the ability for local governments to hold a referenda election to adopt local option sales taxes during a primary election as long as the voter passage threshold is increased to 60%. General elections still only require a 50% threshold. The effective date was moved back to 7/1/2019. Staff anticipates that the same amendment will be added to [HB 139](#) (Rep. Ingoglia).

2. **Public Records** – Laura Youmans (lyoumans@fl-counties.com)

[SB 80](#) (Sen. Stuebe) / [HB 163](#) (Rep. Burgess) - Relating to Public Records

The bill would allow judicial discretion when determining whether to award attorney's fees to a requestor in a public records lawsuit. As amended in Senate Judiciary on 3/14/17, [SB 80](#) (Sen. Stuebe) would require the court to award attorney's fees against a public agency if it is determined that the agency unlawfully failed to produce a public record, and if the requestor provides written notice of the request to the agency's custodian of public records at least 5 days prior to the filing of the action. Requestor is not required to provide written notice if contact information of the records custodian is not prominently posted. Reasonable costs and fees are not to be awarded by the complainant but are recoverable by the agency if the court determines that the purpose of the request was for an "improper purpose."

[SB 80](#) (Sen. Stuebe) was read a second time on the Senate Floor on March 23, 2017 and is now placed on the calendar for Third Reading on March 29, 2017.

[HB 163](#) (Rep. Burgess) was passed unanimously in the House Civil Justice and Claims on 3/20/17.

3. **Ethics** - Laura Youmans (lyoumans@fl-counties.com)

[HB 7021](#) (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.

[HB 7021](#) has been placed on the House special Order calendar for second reading on Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

4. **Constitutional Officers** – Laura Youmans (lyoumans@fl-counties.com)

[SJR 134](#) (Sen. Artiles) / [HJR 721](#) (Rep. Fischer) - 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.

There are several other bills dealing with various aspects of this issue. [SJR 134](#) only applies this to sheriff, but other versions would impact all county officers. Language in other bills ([SJR 130](#), [SJR 132](#), [SJR 136](#), [SJR 138](#), [HB 271](#), [HB 1129](#)) would prevent all constitutional officers from being made into charter officers, unless by special law. The new limiting language in the constitution may also be construed to supersede existing manner of election provisions in charters including term limits, non-partisan elections, recall by charter, and residency qualifications.

[HJR 187](#) Relating to Property Appraisers was heard in the House Judiciary committee meeting on 3/16/17 and it was passed.

[HB 271](#), and [HB 1129](#) were heard and passed on Tuesday, 3/21/2017 during the House Local, Federal and Federal Affairs Subcommittee.

[SJR 136](#) relating to Property Appraisers and [SJR 134](#) relating to Sheriffs will be on the Senate Ethics and Elections agenda on 3/28/17 at 3:00 pm.

Growth Management and Transportation

1. **UBER** - Eric Poole (epoole@fl-counties.com)
[SB 340](#) (Sen. Brandes) / [HB 221](#) (Rep. Sprowls) - **Relating to Transportation Network Companies**

The bill provides for the preemption of the regulation of transportation network companies to the State.

[SB 340](#) will be heard on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Senate Judiciary Committee. [HB 221](#) has been placed on the House Special Order calendar for Wednesday, March 29, 2017 for 2nd reading.

2. **Public Works Contracting** - Eric Poole (epoole@fl-counties.com)
[SB 534](#) (Sen. Perry) / [HB 599](#) (Rep. Williamson) - **Relating to Public Works Projects**

The bill prohibits the state and political subdivisions that contract for public works projects from imposing restrictive conditions on certain contractors, subcontractors, or material suppliers or carriers; it also prohibits the state and political subdivisions from restricting qualified bidders from submitting bids or being awarded contracts.

[SB 534](#) was passed on Wednesday, 3/22/2017 during the Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability committee meeting and [HB 599](#) was temporarily postponed in the House Government Accountability committee meeting on the same day.

3. **Utility Transmission Lines** - Eric Poole (epoole@fl-counties.com)
[SB 1048](#) (Sen. Lee) / [HB 1055](#) (Rep. Ingram) - **Relating to Linear Facilities**

The bills overturn a Third District Court of Appeal decision in a power plant siting case in Miami-Dade County. The Court ruled that the Power Plant Siting Board misinterpreted and misapplied state law by not allowing local regulations to apply to future utility corridors. Under current law, local regulations do not apply when an electric utility is placing lines in “established rights-of-way.” However, in the Miami-Dade case, the court ruled that the utility had a “proposed” corridor, rather than an established right-of-way, and as such, local rules and regulations should apply.

Both bills would reverse this interpretation by clarifying in statute that the transmission of electricity on “established or to be established rights-of-ways or corridors” are exempt from the definition of development in s. 163.3221 and s. 380.04. Under this exemption, local rules and regulations do not apply.

Both bills have been fast-tracked, with [SB 1048](#) is headed to the Senate Floor, [HB 1055](#) has one more committee stop (House Commerce Committee).

4. **Community Redevelopment Agencies** - Susan Harbin (sharbin@fl-counties.com)
[SB 1770](#) (Sen. Lee) / [HB 13](#) (Rep. Raburn) - **Relating to Community Redevelopment Agencies**




[HB 13](#) creates new reporting requirements for existing CRAs, requires CRA commissioners to complete ethics training, and changes criteria for use of redevelopment trust fund proceeds. Additionally, the bill lays out a process for phasing out existing CRAs over the next two decades and prohibits existing CRAs from initiating new projects or issuing new debt after October 1, 2017. The bill would also prohibit the creation of any new CRAs after July 1, 2017.

[SB 1770](#) contains similar language with regard to the new CRA requirements and process for terminating CRAs over the next twenty years, but differs from [HB 13](#) in that it would allow a city or county to create a new CRA after July 1, 2017 by a majority vote of the board.

[SB 1770](#) was scheduled to be heard on Wednesday, 3/22/2017 during the Senate Community Affairs committee meeting but due to time constraints, was not considered.

Week Ahead Calendar

Monday

 <u>Insurance & Banking Subcommittee</u>	404 H	12:30PM-3:30PM
HB 1373 	Public Depositories	Grant (J)
 <u>Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee</u>	12 H	1:00PM-3:30PM

HB 0285	Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Inspections	Fine
S Criminal Justice	37 S	1:30PM-3:30PM
SB 1068	Sentencing	Brandes
S Governmental Oversight and Accountability	401 S	4:00PM-6:00PM
SB 0596	Utilities	Hutson
S Health Policy	412 K	4:00PM-6:00PM
SB 0588	Drug Overdoses	Passidomo

Tuesday

H Careers & Competition Subcommittee	212 K	8:00AM-11:00AM
HB 0425	Vacation Rentals	La Rosa
HB 0901	Florida Building Commission	McClain
HB 1027	Unmanned Aircraft	Yarborough
H Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee	17 H	12:00PM-3:00PM
HB 1213	Coastal Management	Peters
H Health Quality Subcommittee	212 K	12:00PM-3:00PM
HB 1397	Medical Use of Marijuana	Rodrigues (R)
S Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities	301 S	3:00PM-5:00PM
SB 1636	Taxation of Internet Video Service	Artiles
S Environmental Preservation and Conservation	37 S	3:00PM-5:00PM
SB 1438	Aquifer Replenishment	Broxson
S Ethics and Elections	412 K	3:00PM-5:00PM

SB 0134	Selection and Duties of County Officers/Sheriff	Articles
SB 0136	Selection and Duties of County Officers/Property Appraiser	Articles
S Judiciary	110 S	3:00PM-5:00PM
SB 0340	Transportation Network Companies	Brandes

Wednesday