



2017 Legislative Bulletin

Preemption bills up this week!

Call now and ask Legislators to:



What: House Committee Bill / SJR 1774

When:
*Wednesday, April 5th
9:00 a.m.*

Where:
1. [House Ways and Means Committee](#)

Action Needed:
1. [Determine local impact](#)
2. Call / Email [House](#) committee members

Messages:
1. This is a tax SHIFT not a tax CUT.
2. Small counties hit the hardest
3. Citizens will get less with less

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Some county impacts:

- Broward: \$40 million
- Miami-Dade: \$76 million
- Orange: \$30 million
- Pinellas: \$27 million
- Polk: \$12.6 million



What: [SB 596](#) / [HB 687](#)

When:
*Thursday, April 6
1:30 p.m.*

Where:
[House Commerce Committee](#)

Action Needed:
Call / Email [House committee](#) members

Messages:
1. Taxpayers shouldn't foot the bill
2. Let's work together
3. The CST red herring
3. Protect public safety and community standards
4. Stop the Preemption

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Questions/More information:
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- Sumter: \$5 million

Know the impact to your county, [click here](#) to tell FAC.

Want to know the impact to your county, [click here](#) to learn how.

Questions/More information:
[Laura Youmans](#)



What: [HB 425](#) / [SB 188](#)

When:
TODAY, 4:00 p.m.

Where:
[Senate Community Affairs](#)

Action Needed:
Call / Email [Senate committee](#) members

- Messages:**
1. Regulation is shared – let's keep it that way.
 2. Stop the preemption.
 3. Tallahassee shouldn't regulate the noise or parking in my neighborhood.
 4. Local ordinances work.

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What: [HB 17](#) & [SB 1158](#)

When:
Expected next week

- Where:**
1. [Senate Commerce & Tourism Committee](#)
 2. [House Commerce Committee](#)

Action Needed:
Call / email [House](#) & [Senate](#) committee members

- Messages:**
1. Reverses home rule
 2. Bad for Business
 3. Creates regulatory uncertainty
 4. Economic Investment at Risk

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State Budget Analysis

The Senate and House proposed budgets for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018 total approximately \$83.2 billion and \$81.2 billion respectively and differ by approximately \$2 billion. Health and Human Services received the largest portion of funding in both proposed budgets, ranging from \$35.51 billion in the Senate to \$34.06 billion in the House. Proposed general revenue expenditures for SFY2018 range from approximately \$31.57 billion in the

Senate to \$30.19 billion in the House.

County funding highlights include, but are not limited to:

1. Both chambers have increased funding for **Community Mental Health Services** compared to the current year, with the House recommending \$458,008,017 and the Senate recommending \$468,259,690.
2. **Delinquency Prevention Program:** The Senate proposed total of \$87,349,839.00 in funding and the House's proposed a lesser amount of \$74,066,962.00. Specifically, The House recommended \$16,819,808 for funding for PACE Center for girls, which the Senate recommends \$20,619,808.00.
3. The Senate has offered \$50 million for **springs restoration**, while the House recommends \$40 million, both using the Land Acquisition Trust Fund (LATF).
4. The Senate has included funding equal to \$124 million for **S.H.I.P.**, However, the House has only included funding equal to \$34 million.
5. The House has included funding equal to \$24,449,440 for **libraries**. The Senate proposes \$33,202,391.



FAC Priority: Opioid Epidemic



information available to local government agencies no later than 120 hours after receipt. It passed unanimously and has two more committee stops. [HB 249](#) is on 2d reading calendar in the House.

[HB807](#) (Rep. Hager) – related to marketing practices for substance abuse services unanimously passed the House Health and Human Services committee on 3/30/17 and is headed to the floor. Its Senate companion, [SB 788](#) will be heard on either 4/5/17 or 4/6/17 by the Senate Appropriations committee.

[SB 150](#) (Rep. Steube) / [HB 477](#) (Rep. Boyd) creates crimes of trafficking in fentanyl and synthetic drugs and increases penalties for some drug related offenses. This is the priority legislation for the Florida Sheriffs Association. [SB 150](#) will be heard by the Senate Criminal Justice committee on Monday, 4/3/17 at 1:30 p.m. and [HB 477](#) will be heard by the House Justice Appropriations subcommittee on Monday, 4/3/17 at 3:00 p.m.

[SB 588](#) (Sen. Passidomo) is the companion bill to [HB 249](#) and was amended on 3/27/17 by the Senate Health Policy committee to align itself with the House bill such that it encourages first responders to report certain overdose incident data to the Department of Health within 120 hours of the incident through the existing state Emergency Medical Service Tracking and Reporting System (or other appropriate method) and requires the Department to make the

Questions/More information:

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Bills in the News: Opioid Epidemic

FAC Priority: Medical Marijuana

SB 406 (Sen. Bradley) will be heard by the Senate Health Policy committee on Monday 4/3/17 at 4:00 p.m. and it is expected that a vote will be taken. Eight amendments have been filed as of Sunday, 4/2/17.

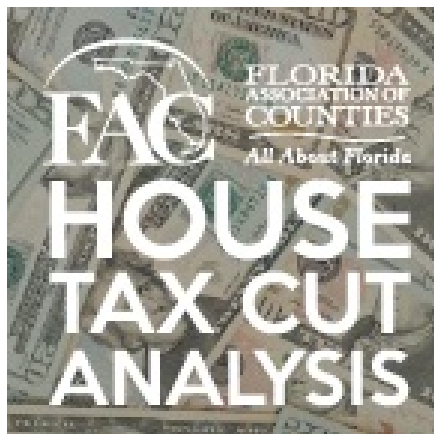


HB 1397 (Rep. Rodrigues) was passed on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 by the House Health Quality Subcommittee.

Legislation and FAC Contact

To learn more about this issue and related legislative information contact Susan Harbin, Esq. via email @ sharbin@fl-counties.com or visit the **MEDICAL MARIJUANA** Legislative page [here](#).

FAC Priority: Tax Reform



House Proposed Tax Cut Package - The proposed 2017 House tax cut package is intended to provide for a wide range of tax reductions and modifications designed to directly impact both households and businesses, and to improve tax administration. The proposed concepts contain several provisions related to **sales tax** including a reduction of the sales tax on commercial leases from 6% to 4.5% for the first two years and then permanently by 0.5%. For **property tax** purposes, the proposed concepts provide property tax relief for certain property used to provide affordable housing and amends the definition of inventory to include certain construction and agricultural equipment. Based on

FAC's analysis of the proposed tax cut concepts, Counties will experience an estimated \$33 million recurring impact statewide. [FAC's initial analysis can viewed here](#).

Communications Services Taxes - SB 1636 (Sen. Artiles) - Relating to Taxation of Internet Video Service would exclude internet video services from any local tax, charge, fee, or other imposition unrelated to the provision or purchase of internet video services was passed unanimously in the Senate Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities on 3/28/17.

10% Assessment Limit on Non-Homestead Property - SB 76 (Sen. Lee) is scheduled to be heard on Wednesday, 4/5/17 or Thursday, 4/6/17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Senate Appropriations committee meeting.

Local Business Taxes - [HB 487](#) by Rep. Renner was unanimously passed by the House Ways and Means committee on 3/29/17.

Questions / More Information:

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FAC Priority: Economic Development

The Senate released the text of its proposed General Appropriations bill on 3/30/17, including funding for Visit Florida, which it proposes at \$76 million. The budget also includes \$84 million for DEO's incentive programs.

Legislation and FAC Contact

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FAC Priority: Comprehensive Water Reform

[HB 285](#) (Rep. Fine) -Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Inspections passed 14-1 on March 27, 2017 in the House Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee. The bill has been amended significantly to remove the point of sale inspection requirement. In its current form, [HB 285](#) would require DOH to create a database of existing septic systems including location and operational condition. The amended bill also requires a disclosure form at the point of sale (offered by the seller and acknowledged in writing by the purchaser) indicating that a septic system exists on the property.



[SB 1438](#) (Sen. Broxson) –Relating to Aquifer Replenishment passed unanimously on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 in the Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation committee.

[SB 532](#) (Sen. Galvano) related to public notices of pollution will be heard on 4/6/17 by the Senate Appropriations committee at 8:00 a.m.

[SB 10](#) (Sen. Bradley) – Relating to Water Resources will be heard by the Senate Appropriations committee on Wednesday 4/5/17 at a time certain of 2:00 p.m.

Questions / More information:

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FAC Priority: Beach Re-nourishment

[HB 1213](#) (Rep. Peters) was passed unanimously on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 in the House Agricultural and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee.

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Bills in the News: Beach Re-nourishment

Other Legislative Issues of Note

The following provides information regarding legislation that may significantly impact Florida's counties.

Health & Human Services / Public Safety

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Relating to Sentencing: [SB 1068](#) / [HB 157](#)

- SB 1068 was substantially amended on March 27, in the Senate Criminal Justice committee to include the substance of SB 1194 which includes sentencing guidelines.
- FAC Webpage: fl-counties.com/sentencing

Clerks of the Circuit Court: [HB 7051](#)

- This bill revises the way in which clerk of court budgets would be approved.
- FAC webpage: fl-counties.com/clerks-circuit-court

Drones - [SB 832](#) / [HB 1027](#)

- Senate bill is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Transportation Committee on 4/4/2017
- House bill passed the House Careers & Competition Subcommittee on Tuesday, 3/28.
- FAC webpage: fl-counties.com/drones

Civil Citation Program for Juveniles - [SB 196](#) / [HB 205](#)

- The House bill will be heard on Monday 4/3/17 in the House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee.
 - FAC webpage: fl-counties.com/civil-citation-program-juveniles
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Finance, Tax & Administration

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Public Records - [SB 80](#) / [HB 163](#)

- [SB 80](#) passed on Third Reading on March 29 in the Senate and is now in messages waiting the House companion.
- FAC Webpage: fl-counties.com/public-records

Ethics - [HB7021](#)

- [HB7021](#) passed on third reading on 3/30/17
- FAC Webpage: fl-counties.com/ethics

Constitutional Officers - [SJR 134](#) / [HJR 721](#)

- [SJR 136](#) relating to Property Appraisers and [SJR 134](#) relating to Sheriff passed the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee on 3/28 and will be heard in Senate Judiciary on 4/4.
- FAC Webpage: fl-counties.com/constitutional-officers

Worker's Compensation –[SB 1582](#)/ [HB 7085](#)

- SB 1582 will be heard on Monday 4/3 in Senate Banking and Insurance Committee.
- FAC Webpage: fl-counties.com/workers-compensation

Growth Management, Environmental & Transportation

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Relating to Transportation Network Companies: [SB 340](#)/ [HB 221](#)

- [SB 340](#) passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on 3/28.
- [HB 221](#) has been placed on the House Special Order calendar for Tuesday, 4/4 for 2nd reading.
- FAC Webpage: fl-counties.com/transportation-network-companies

Public Works Contracting - [SB 534](#) / [HB 599](#)

- [HB 599](#) passed the House Government Accountability committee meeting on 3/29.
- FAC Webpage: fl-counties.com/public-works-contracting

Utility Transmission Lines - [SB 1048](#) / [HB 1055](#)

- SB 1048 is on the special order calendar for 4/4/17.
- FAC Webpage: fl-counties.com/utility-transmission-lines

Community Redevelopment Agencies - [SB 1770](#) / [HB 13](#)

- [SB 1770](#) is scheduled for Senate Community Affairs on Monday, 4/3/17 with an amendment filed to allow a city or county to continue a CRA's existence beyond the date set in the charter.
- FAC Webpage: fl-counties.com/community-redevelopment-agencies

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