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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 Result

- ✓ **SB 150 (Steube)/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**
- § **Naltrexone Injectable Medication Funding
in the Budget:**
 - **\$7 million recurring; and**
 - **\$3.521 million non-recurring**

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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 Result

- ✓ **SB 10 (Bradley) – Water Resources**
- × **SB 1748 (Stewart)/HB 285 (Fine) – Septic Tank Inspections**
- ✓ **SB 1018 (Grimsley) and HB 753 (Stone) – Relating to Pollution**
- § **Water Related Appropriations:**
 - § **Springs restoration: \$50 million**
 - § **Drinking water facility construction revolving loan program: \$97,645,073**
 - § **Wastewater revolving loan program: \$142,688,031**
 - § **Lake"O" Dike Repairs: \$50,000,000**

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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**
- § **Beach related appropriations include:**
 - § **Beach Projects: \$50,000,400 is provided for statewide beach projects.**
 - § **Beach Recovery: \$13,333,333 is provided for beach and dune repair and reconstruction projects in areas damaged by Hurricanes Matthew and Hermine.**

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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 Result

- ↓ **SJR 1774 (Lee) / HJR 7105 (LaRosa) – Relating to Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption**
 - **Estimated -\$650 million statewide impact if ballot measure passed**
- ✓ **SB 90 (Brandes) / HB 1351 (Rodrigues) – Relating to Renewable Energy**
- ✓ **SJR 76 (Lee) / HJR 21 (Burton) – Relating to Limitations on Property Tax Assessments (10% Cap)**
- × **SB 330 (Steube) / HB 487 (Renner) – Relating to Local Business Taxes**
- § **HB 7109 – Tax Cut Package:**
 - **-\$21 million recurring statewide impact**

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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 Result

- × **SB 936 (Montford) / HB 1415 (Ponder) – Relating to Regional Rural Development Grants**
- **HB 1A (Renner) – Economic Programs**
- § **Related Appropriations**
 - **Rural Infrastructure Fund: \$1.6 million**
 - ***Visit Florida: \$76 million**
 - ***Enterprise Florida: \$16 million**
 - **Affordable Housing \$250 million**
 - ***Job Growth Grant Fund: \$85 million**

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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

- HB 8A (Bradley) – Relating to Medical Use of Marijuana
 - Exempts the sale of marijuana and marijuana delivery devices from sales tax;
 - Preempts the regulation of cultivation and processing of marijuana to the state; and
 - Allows local governments to ban MMTC dispensing facilities.
 - If a local government does not ban dispensing facilities, it may not place any restrictions on the number of dispensing facilities allowed and may not adopt any regulations that are more restrictive than ordinances regulating pharmacies.

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2017 Emerging Issues

Health & Human Services / Public Safety

- ✓ **SB 2506** , a budget conforming bill provides for additional funds for clerks and a mechanism to adjust for budget fluctuations during the year.
- ✓ **SB 832 (Young) / HB 1027 (Yarborough)** - Relating to Drones

Finance, Tax and Administration

- × **HB 17 (Fine)** - Relating to Local Regulation Preemption
- × **SB 1158 (Passidomo)** - Relating to Local Regulation Preemption
- × **HB 7021 (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee)** - Relating to Local Government Ethics
- ✓ **SB 80 (Steube) / HB 163 (Burgess)** - Relating to Public Records
- × **SB 1582 (Bradley) / HB 7085 (Burgess)** - Relating to Worker's Compensation
- × **HB 139 (Ingoglia) / SB 278 (Stuebe)** - Relating to Local Tax Referenda
- × **HB 7065 (Ways & Means Comm.)** - Relating to Local Government Fiscal Transparency
- × **HB 7063 (Ways & Means Comm.)** - Relating to Local Government Fiscal Responsibility
- × **SJR 134 (Artiles) / HJR 721 (Fischer)** - Relating to Selection and Duties of County Officers/Sheriff

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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 865 (Williamson) – Department of Transportation
- ✓ HB 1021 (Avila) – Relating to Construction
- ✓ HB 191 (Jacobs) – Natural Hazards
- ✓ HB 7069 (Diaz) – Education (Budget Conforming Bill)
- × **SB 1770 (Lee) / HB 13 (Raburn) - Relating to Community Redevelopment Agencies**
- × **SB 188 (Stuebe) / HB 425 (LaRosa) - Relating to Vacation Rentals**
- × **SB 178 (Artiles) / HB 6007 (Avila) - Relating to Traffic Infraction Detectors**
- × **SB 1048 (Lee)/HB 1055 (Ingram) – Linear Facilities**

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2017 Upcoming FAC Events

1. Annual Conference – June 27, 2017; Palm Beach County
2. NACo Annual Conference – July 21, 2017; Columbus, Ohio
3. Policy Conference – September 27, 2017; Osceola County
4. Legislative Committee Weeks – September; Tallahassee
5. Legislative Committee Weeks – October; Tallahassee
6. Legislative Conference – November 15, 2017; Sarasota County
7. Legislative Committee Weeks – November; Tallahassee
8. Legislative Committee Weeks – December; Tallahassee

9. First Day of 2018 Session: January 9th, 2018; Tallahassee



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