



**Interim Committee Week: County Lobbyist Call
Monday, November 13, 2017**

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Davin Suggs, FAC’s Director of Public Policy, gave the following updates:

- [Legislative Conference](#) takes place this week - **Wednesday, November 15 – Friday, November 17** in Sarasota County. Below is the line-up of the conference schedule:
 - **Wednesday, November 15 – Hurricane Summit**
 - **Thursday, November 16 – Policy Committee Meetings**
 - **Friday, November 17 – Closing Session Breakfast**

Please visit the [Legislative Conference](#) webpage to register.

The conference meeting materials are available for download – [CLICK HERE](#).

- **County lobbyists calls will continue this session on Mondays @ 3:00 p.m.**

FAC Public Policy Staffing, Roles and Responsibilities – As the Public Policy Division prepares for the upcoming 2018 Legislative Session, the following chart displays roles and responsibilities for the public policy team.

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- Local Revenue
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- Economic Development
- Local Fiscal Administration
- Appropriations

Growth Management, Agriculture, Transportation & Environmental

- Development, Planning and Zoning
- Affordable Housing
- State and Regional Transportation
- Strategic Intermodal System Issues
- Water Quantity and Water Quality

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Eric will continue to work with the Public Policy team to provide advocacy and policy development services based on his areas of expertise and experience at the State and Federal level.

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Casey will provide research and analytical support to the Public Policy Division related to State and Federal policy issues to augment the team's advocacy efforts

Emerging Issues

Finance, Tax, & Administration

- Governor's tax proposal
- **HB 3** (M. Grant) – Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability; would impose increased transparency and accountability requirements on local economic development and tourism promotion agencies; this bill is a priority of Speaker Corcoran, and has only one committee stop before heading to the House floor.
- **SB 658/HB 585** (Brandes/Fine) – Tourist Development Tax; authorizes expanded uses for the TDT
- **SB 308/HB 9** (Bean/Metz) – Federal Immigration Enforcement; would require state and local governments and law enforcement agencies to support and cooperate with federal immigration enforcement, and imposes penalties for non-cooperation; this is the bill aimed at "sanctuary city" policies

Health & Safety:

- **SB 488/HB 285** (Grimsley/Pigman) – Emergency Medical Services; would allow certain governmental entities (including municipal and special district) to provide advanced life support non-transport services without having to obtain a COPCN from the county.
- **SB 484** (Bradley) – Sentencing; would authorize a court to sentence a person for up to twenty-four months in the county jail in the county where the offense was committed, under certain

circumstances; one prerequisite would be the existence of a contractual agreement between the county and the Florida Department of Corrections.

Growth, Agriculture, Transportation, & Environment

- **SB 574/HB 521** (Steube/Edwards) – Tree Trimming, Removal, and Harvesting; would prohibit a local government from regulating the trimming, removal or harvesting of trees and timber on private property or requiring mitigation for tree removal or harvesting on private property. The bills would also preempt local governments from prohibiting the burial of vegetative debris on properties larger than 2.5 acres.
- **SB 324** (Young) – Impact Fees; provides that the collection of an impact fee may be “no earlier than the issuance of the certificate of occupancy for the property that is subject to the fee.”
- **SB 432/HB 17** (Lee/Raburn) – Community Redevelopment Agencies; bills would increase various auditing, reporting, accountability, and ethics requirements on CRAs; the House bill would also create a process to phase out existing CRAs unless re-authorized by a supermajority vote of the board, and would only allow new CRAs to be created by special act of the Legislature
- **HB 633** (Fischer) – Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program

Weekly Calendar: Week of 11/13/17

Monday, November 13

3:00pm: House Select Committee on Hurricane Response and Preparedness

- Presentations and discussion on waterway debris removal and derelict vessels; sanitary sewer systems, stormwater, and flooding; beaches; and housing

4:00pm: Senate Commerce & Tourism

- Panel discussion on economic challenges facing rural communities, including presentations from Laura Youmans and Amy Baker (EDR)
- **SB 620** (Disaster Preparedness Tax Exemption) by Sen. Passidomo, which would create a 10-day sales tax exemption (June 1-10, 2018) for certain items relating to disaster preparedness and protection.

4:00pm: Senate Criminal Justice

- **SB 484** (Sentencing) by Sen. Bradley, which would authorize a court to sentence a person for up to twenty-four months in the county jail in the county where the offense was committed, under certain circumstances; one prerequisite would be the existence of a contractual agreement between the county and the Florida Department of Corrections.

Tuesday, November 14

1:00pm: House Commerce Committee

- **HB 3** (Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability) by Rep. Michael Grant would impose increased transparency and accountability requirements on local economic development and tourism promotion agencies; this bill is a priority of Speaker Corcoran, and has only one committee stop before heading to the House floor.

1:00pm: House Government Accountability Committee

- **HB 17** (Community Redevelopment Agencies) by Rep. Raburn increase audit, ethics, reporting and accountability measures for community redevelopment agencies (CRAs). The bill requires CRAs to annually submit additional reporting information to the state, including performance data for each CRA plan, number of projects started, total number of projects completed, and expenditures on affordable housing. The bill requires CRA procurement to use the same procurement procedures as the creating city or county. HB 17 outlines a process by which CRAs can be phased out, unless reauthorized by a super majority vote of the body that created the CRA. Additionally, HB 17 prohibits the creation of a new CRA unless authorized by a special act of the Legislature. The bill has only one committee stop before heading to the floor. Unlike last year, the House and Senate bills (which passed last week) are very different at this point.

2:00pm: Senate Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities

- **SB 494** (Linear Facilities) by Sen. Lee would amend the Power Plant Siting Act (PPSA) and Transmission Line Siting Act (TLSA) to provide that they apply to established rights-of-way and corridors, to rights-of way and corridors yet to be established, and to creation of distribution and transmission corridors. The bill would also provide that the PPSA and TLSA cannot affect the PSC's exclusive jurisdiction to require burying of transmission lines.

3:30pm: House Ways & Means Committee

- Panel discussion on Florida's Business Climate

Wednesday, November 15

8:00am: House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

- **HB 53** (Coral Reefs) by Rep. Jacobs would establish the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area, which would include areas offshore Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties.
- The subcommittee will also discuss land management funding from FY 15-16 through the current fiscal year, the petroleum tank cleanup program, and the Volkswagen settlement.

8:00am: House Energy & Utilities Subcommittee

- **HB 405** (Linear Facilities) by Rep. Williamson would amend the Power Plant Siting Act (PPSA) and Transmission Line Siting Act (TLSA) to provide that they apply to established rights-of-way and corridors, to rights-of way and corridors yet to be established, and to creation of distribution and transmission corridors. The bill would also provide that the PPSA and TLSA cannot affect the PSC's exclusive jurisdiction to require burying of transmission lines.

8:30am: House Health Quality Subcommittee

- Update from DOH on the implementation of SB 8-A, relating to Medical Use of Marijuana

8:30am: House Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

- Panel discussion on the impact of local regulations on business development and expansion in Florida.

9:00am: Senate Appropriations

- Discussion of the Land Acquisition Trust Fund base budget and proposed expenditures.

10:30am: House Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee

- Update on First Net (First Responder Network Authority) from DMS

10:30am: House Careers & Competition Subcommittee

- **HB 299** (Florida Building Commission) by Rep. McClain would reduce the number of members on the Florida Building Commission, including removing some local code enforcement and charter county representation. The bill was previously TP'd in this committee.

1:00pm: Senate Criminal & Civil Justice Appropriations

- Discussion of the impact of the opioid epidemic on the criminal justice system

3:00pm: House Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee

- Presentations and panel discussion featuring DEP and the Florida Recycling Partnership on solid waste reduction and recycling programs in Florida

Thursday, November 16

8:30am: Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

- **SB 326** (Services for Veterans and their Families) by Sen. Young would establish the Florida Veterans' Care Coordination Program to provide veterans and their families with behavioral health care referral and care coordination services.

9:00am: House Children, Families, and Seniors Subcommittee

- **HB 179** (Services for Veterans and their Families) by Rep. Burgess would establish the Florida Veterans' Care Coordination Program to provide veterans and their families with behavioral health care referral and care coordination services.

12:00pm: House Select Committee on Hurricane Response and Preparedness

- Presentations and discussion on debris removal; agriculture; expenditures; and recovery and other emergency management issues