



**Interim Committee Week: County Lobbyist Call  
Monday, November 6, 2017**

**Welcome & Opening Remarks**

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

- [Legislative Conference](#) takes place in Sarasota County next week - Wednesday, November 15 – Friday, November 17. 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.

- County lobbyist 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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Growth Management, Agriculture, Transportation & Environmental

- Development, Planning and Zoning
- Affordable Housing
- State and Regional Transportation
- Strategic Intermodal System Issues
- Water Quantity and Water Quality
- Mosquito Control
- Waste and Pollution
- Utilities and Energy

- Climate Change
- Agritourism

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Finance and Tax

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

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- Healthcare and Human Services Funding
- Healthcare and Human Services Policy
- Emergency Medical Services
- Law Enforcement and Corrections
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment
- Emergency Management
- Emergency Communications

Urban Caucus

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- Public Records
- Elections
- Judiciary – Article V

- Ethics
- Florida Retirement System

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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 – [CLICK HERE](#) to view the press release.
- **HB 9 (Metz)** – Relating to Federal Immigration Enforcement, HB 9 would create the “Rule of Law Adherence Act” by prohibiting so called “sanctuary policies” and requiring state and local government agencies to comply with & support enforcement of federal immigration law. Specifically, HB 9 would prohibit a governmental agency from having any law, policy, practice, procedure, or custom that impedes a law enforcement agency from communicating or cooperating with a federal immigration agency on immigration enforcement. HB 9 would also authorize a board of county commissioners to enact an ordinance to recover costs for complying with an immigration detainer. Finally, HB 9 would authorize the Attorney General or a state attorney to seek an injunction against a governmental entity that violates the Act. If found in violation of the Act, a governmental entity could be subject to a civil penalty of at least \$1,000 but no more than \$5,000 for each day a policy that violates the Act was in effect, or have its state grant funding suspended for 5 years. Senator Bean has filed a similar bill (SB 308) in the Senate.

**Health & Safety:**

- **SB 488/HB 285** – Relating to 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

## **Growth, Agriculture, Transportation, & Environment**

- **SB 574/HB 521** (Steube/Edwards) – Relating to 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) – Relating to 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.”

## **Weekly Calendar: Week of 11/6/17**

### **Monday, November 6**

#### **1:30pm: Senate Environmental Preservation & Conservation**

- **SB 232** (Coral Reefs) by Sen. Book would establish the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area, which would include areas offshore Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties.
- **SB 316** (Environmental Regulation Commission) by Sen. Stewart would require the Governor to fill vacancies on the ERC within 90 days, and would specify that proposed rules pertaining to air quality standards or water quality standards require four affirmative votes (rather than a simple majority) for approval.
- **SB 370** (Land Acquisition Trust Fund) by Sen. Bradley would dedicate \$100 million annually to the Florida Forever Trust Fund.

#### **4:00pm: Senate Commerce & Tourism**

- **SB 56** (Tax Exemption for Diapers and Incontinence Products) by Sen. Book, which would exempt diapers and certain incontinence products from the sales and use tax.
- **SB 76** (Small Business Saturday Sales Tax Holiday) by Sen. Garcia, which would exempt small businesses from sales and use tax collection on the retail sale of certain items on a specified day (November 28, 2018).
- **SB 170** (Rural Economic Development Initiative) by Sen. Grimsley, which would revise various aspects of the REDI program.

### **Tuesday, October 24**

#### **9:30am: House Judiciary**

- **HB 9** (Federal Immigration Enforcement) by Rep. Metz 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

#### **10:00am: Senate Community Affairs**

- **SB 354** (Government Accountability) by Sen. Stargel would amend various statutes relating to government accountability and auditing.
- **SB 432** (Community Redevelopment Agencies) by Sen. Lee would increase audit, ethics, reporting and accountability measures for CRAs. The bill would require CRAs to follow the same procurement procedures as the creating city or county, and would cap administrative expenditures at 18 percent. SB 432 would prohibit tax increment expenditures for festivals and street parties, grants to entities that promote tourism, and grants to nonprofit entities that provide socially beneficial programs. SB 432 would require the appointment of two non-elected members on a CRA board.

**10:00am: Senate Health Policy**

- **SB 440** (Florida Veterans Care Program) by Sen. Garcia, which would create a voluntary program within AHCA to provide veterans and families a health care alternative plan that would be operated similarly, or through, the state Medicaid managed care program; AHCA would be directed to seek federal approvals necessary to implement such a program.

**1:30pm: House Government Accountability**

- **HB 11** (Government Accountability) by Rep. Metz would amend various statutes relating to government accountability and auditing.

**1:30pm: House Public Integrity & Ethics**

- **PIE2** (Local Government Ethics Reform)
- **PIE3** (Local Government Lobbyist Registration System Trust Fund)

**2:00pm: Senate Judiciary**

- **SB 134** (Concealed Weapons or Firearms) by Sen. Steube, which would authorize individuals with concealed weapons/firearms licenses to openly carry weapons/firearms into courthouses provided that the individual follows a protocol for removing and storing the weapon/firearm or surrendering the weapon/firearm to security personnel who would be required to temporarily secure and store the weapon.

**Wednesday, October 25**

**8:00am: House Health Quality Subcommittee**

- Presentation on drug overdose deaths by the Medical Examiners Commission
- Presentation on the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program by DOH

**8:00am: House Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee**

- **HB 317** (Local Tax Referenda) by Rep. Ingoglia, which provides that municipal millage rate increases by approved by 60 percent of the municipal governing body. The bill would also require discretionary sales tax referenda not held on general election days to be approved by 60 percent of the electorate.
- **HR 319** (Gulf of Mexico Range Complex) by Rep. Ponder, which supports extending the existing federal moratorium on oil and gas drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

**10:00am: Senate Transportation, Tourism, & Economic Development Appropriations**

- Affordable housing presentation, including discussion of potential housing needs related to Hurricane Irma

**4:00pm: House Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee**

- **HB 353** (Autonomous Vehicles) by Rep. Fischer revises current law relating to operation of autonomous vehicles, by humans or by autonomous technology.

**Thursday, October 26**

**10:30am: House Select Committee on Hurricane Response and Preparedness**

- Presentations and discussion on shelters, vulnerable populations, health care facilities, and health care professionals