



**Interim Committee Week: County Lobbyist Call
Monday, December 4, 2017**

Welcome & Opening Remarks

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

- The [2018 Federal Action Plan](#) and the [2018 Legislative Action Plan & Guiding Principles](#) are available on our website – [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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- State and Regional Transportation
- Strategic Intermodal System Issues
- Water Quantity and Water Quality
- Mosquito Control
- Waste and Pollution
- Utilities and Energy
- Climate Change
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Finance and Tax

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

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Health and Safety

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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

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Administration

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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: Week of 12/4/17

Finance, Tax, & Administration

- **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
- **SB 376/H 227** (Book/Willhite) – Workers’ Compensation Benefits for First Responders; provides that law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics are entitled to benefits under the Workers’ Compensation Law for mental or nervous injuries, whether or not such injuries are accompanied by physical injuries requiring medical treatment.
- **HB 273/SB 750** (Rodrigues/Perry) – Public Records; would prohibit a county that receives a request to inspect or copy public records from responding to such request by filing a civil action against the individual or entity making the request.
- **HB 551/SB 906** (Burton/Young) – Public Records/Health Care Facilities; provides an exemption from public records requirements for building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, & diagrams of certain health care facilities.

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 324/HB 697** (Young/Miller) – Impact Fees; would amend the impact fee statute to clarify that local governments cannot collect impact fees prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the property subject to the fee. A strike-all amendment has been filed to SB 324, which would instead provide that impact fees cannot be collected prior to the issuance of a building permit.
- **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 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 12/4/17

Monday, December 4

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

- The Select Committee is wrapping up its work and will discuss potential recommendations; the committee has compiled lists of all stakeholder and member comments/recommendations to date.

4:00pm: Senate Criminal Justice

- **SB 644** (Juvenile Civil Citation) by Chair Bracy, which would require counties to establish juvenile civil citation programs, or other similar diversion programs, for certain misdemeanor offenses; the bill allow for law enforcement to issue juvenile civil citations for other offenses not specifically listed in the bill.

Tuesday, December 5

10:00am: Senate Banking and Insurance

- **SB 376** (Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders) by Sen. Book would expand workers' compensation coverage to employment-related mental or nervous injuries incurred by first responders, regardless of whether they are accompanied by a physical injury.

10:00am: Senate Community Affairs

- **SB 324** (Impact Fees) by Sen. Young would amend the impact fee statute to clarify that local governments cannot collect impact fees prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the property subject to the fee. A strike-all amendment has been filed, which would instead provide that impact fees cannot be collected prior to the issuance of a building permit.
- **SB 452/454** (Limitations on Homestead Property Tax Assessments) by Sen. Brandes, a Senate Joint Resolution and implementing bill to amend the constitution extend the "save our homes" portability period from two years to three years.
- **SB 658** (Tourist Development Tax) by Sen. Brandes, which would authorize expanded the use of TDT revenues to tourism-related infrastructure

10:00am: Senate Health Policy

- **SB 488** (Emergency Medical Services) by Sen. Grimsley would allow certain governmental entities (those maintaining fire rescue infrastructure and providing first responders) to provide advanced life support non-transport services without having to obtain a COPCN from the county.

2:00pm: Senate Judiciary

- **SB 134** (Concealed Weapons or Firearms) by Chair Steube, 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.

4:00pm: House Appropriations

- The committee will receive a presentation of the Governor's FY 2018-19 Budget Recommendations

4:00pm: House Ways & Means

- **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.

Wednesday, December 6

8:00am: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

- **HB 471** (Unmanned Aircraft) by Rep. Yarborough would prohibit operation of drones over correctional facilities and detention facilities

- 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.

10:00am: Senate Military and Veterans Affairs

- **SB 440** (Florida Veterans Care Program) by Sen. Garcia, 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: Senate Appropriations

- The committee will receive a presentation of the Governor's FY 2018-19 Budget Recommendations

Thursday, December 7

9:00am: Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

- **SB 484** (Sentencing) by Sen. Bradley 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.

9:00am: Senate Environment and Natural Resources Appropriations

- **SB 204** (Land Acquisition Trust Fund) by Sen. Bradley would increase the annual appropriation from the LATF to springs projects from \$50 million to \$75 million
- **SB 370** (Land Acquisition Trust Fund) by Sen. Bradley would dedicate \$100 million annually from the LATF to the Florida Forever Trust Fund.
- **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.