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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: APRIL 19, 2021

SUBJECT: 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – WEEK 7 SUMMARY (APRIL 12 -16)

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Enclosed herein is the 2021 Legislative Session Week 7 Summary (April 12-16). The Legislative update will be provided by the Lobbyist on a weekly basis and items may be discussed during the City Council Meeting as part as the Standing Agenda Item during the 2021 State Legislative Session.

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cc: Leadership Team

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City of Port St. Lucie  
**FROM:** GrayRobinson  
**DATE:** April 18, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** 2021 Legislative Session –Week 7 Summary (April 12-16)

With two weeks left in the Legislative Session, focus has turned to the state budget. House Speaker **Chris Sprowls** and Senate President **Wilton Simpson** told lawmakers on Thursday to stay in town over the weekend for budget conferences.

Heading into the weekend, the two chambers’ spending plans were \$2 billion apart, with the House proposing a total of \$97 billion and the Senate a total of \$95 billion.

Late on Friday, the House and Senate announced their budget conferees, allocations of general revenue totaling \$36 billion and a schedule that allowed for sub-committees to meet Saturday and Sunday, with any unsettled issues bumped to the Appropriations Committee level no later than close of business on Monday. As of the time of publication, many issues have been resolved after over 10 meetings for the various sub-committees. The allocations per silo are as follows:

<b>Silo</b>	<b>Allocation (in Millions)</b>
PreK-12 Education	\$12,874
Higher Education	\$4,560.1
Justice/Criminal and Civil Justice	\$4,911.1
Health and Human Services	\$12,382
Transportation, Tourism and Economic Dev.	\$252.5
Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$362.6

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State Administration and Technology	\$346.1
Administered Funds – Statewide Issues	\$494.9
<b>Total General Revenue</b>	\$36,183.2

As the budget takes center stage, it's now or never for bills still waiting to get to the House and Senate floor. Their last chance is Tuesday — the 50th day of the Legislative Session — after which committee meetings come to a screeching halt.

It seems the gaming bills won't be among the Day 50 casualties. The Senate package ([SPB 7076/SPB 7078/SPB 7080](#)) establishing a gaming commission and decoupling cardrooms and other types of gaming from quarter-horse racing and jai alai games quickly moved through committee and is primed for a floor vote. Companion legislation in the House ([HB 7073/HB 7075](#)) also moved through committee.

The bills advanced amid ongoing negotiations between the state and the Seminole Tribe of Florida on a new gaming compact. Simpson has been working to hammer out a new deal with the tribe for years and on Thursday floated a possible Special Session to ratify a gaming deal.

“I believe we're in a reasonable place that a compact could get finished sometime this year, maybe in the next week or two, maybe in a Special Session. I'm not pushing that off, I just think these things are very complex issues and it takes a while,” he said.

The financial impact of the Piney Point reservoir leak also became clearer last week. Lawmakers plan to put \$100 million toward the cleanup effort in the upcoming budget. The legislative funding would come alongside an expectation that DEP will devise a plan to permanently close the site by the end of the year.

More immediately, Gov. **Ron DeSantis** announced that he would send \$15 million in Department of Environmental Protection funding to pretreat the toxic water to mitigate the impact of potential future discharges. He also ordered a study into the damage caused by the leak, and said findings would be used to hold the company that owns the site, HRK Holdings, accountable.

Outside of the Legislature, last week saw Education Commissioner **Richard Corcoran** encourage school districts to end mask mandates heading into next school year. Corcoran said his recommendation was based on data that “shows us that districts’ face covering policies do not impact the spread of the virus.”

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It was met with a chilly reception, with some of the state's largest school districts — Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach — saying they would not follow the recommendation and would instead base their decisions on guidance from health experts.

Interviews were held last week for candidates seeking to replace now-Department of Business and Professional Regulation Secretary **Julie Brown** on the Florida Public Service Commission. Four candidates are still in the running, including current Seminole County State Representative **Scott Plakon** and **Gabriella Passidomo** who is an attorney for the PSC and the daughter of Senator **Kathleen Passidomo**. Lobbyist **Rosanna Manuela Catalano** and **Ana Ortega**, a chief policy adviser to three PSC members, also made the cut. Their applications were sent to DeSantis on Monday and he has 30 days to make his pick.

Florida continued to see heightened case numbers, peaking Tuesday with more than 9,000 infections reported overnight. While not near the levels from the height of the pandemic, it is a marked increase from pre-Easter lows.

Meanwhile, vaccinations distribution continued to grow. There was no downturn after the FDA and CDC's temporary suspension of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The state reported more than 100,000 shots administered a day for most of the week.

To date, the state has reported more than 2.1 million cases of COVID-19 and about 35,000 deaths. Meanwhile, more than 7.7 million Floridians have received at least one dose of vaccine since the first ones were approved in December. About 4.8 million Floridians are fully vaccinated.

All of [these](#), a preview of [Week 8](#), our [Federal Spotlight](#) and current [Session Statistics](#) are detailed below.

## **Activities on Behalf of Port St. Lucie**

**Appropriations Projects** – Budget conference began Friday evening with the House and Senate Appropriations Chairs holding the first organizational meeting. Entering budget conference, our projects were positioned as follows. The Septic to Sewer and C-23 Phase 4 projects are both in the underlying Senate budget. As of Sunday night, the “water list” had not yet been published.

In addition to the projects listed below, our team is working with the City's staff to ensure that the FRDAP grants are funded enough to cover the City's large project that is ranked fifth on DEP's list.

**Port St. Lucie Septic to Sewer Conversion Program** – HB 2123 and Senate #1952 – House Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Committee. Approved on March 11. **The Senate funded this project at \$250,000 (Line 1607A).**

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**Port St. Lucie – St. Lucie River/C-23 Water Quality Restoration Project (Areas 5 & 6) –** Senate #1958 and HB 2125 – Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee – Approved on March 3. This project is now eligible for inclusion in the House budget.

**Port St. Lucie – St. Lucie River/C-23 Water Quality Restoration Project (Area 4) –** Senate #1957 and HB 2127 – Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee. The Senate funded this project at \$500,000 (Line 1607A).

**Hegener Drive Extension Tradition Center for Commerce –** HB 2159 and Senate #2038 – Referred to House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

### **Bills of Interest**

#### **Key Legislation Affecting Port St. Lucie**

**Documentary Stamp Tax Distributions – SB 2512 (PCB bill by Appropriations) and HB 5401 (Tomkow)**

##### Key Take Away

Revising and deleting distributions of the documentary stamp tax; providing that specified distributions may not be transferred to the General Revenue Fund; revising the purposes for which distributions may be made from the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed March 25.  
Appropriations – Passed by vote of 19-10 on March 31.  
House Floor – Read Third time, substituted for SB 2512.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed March 26.  
Appropriations – Passed by vote of 12-8 on March 31.  
Senate Floor – Enrolled.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Passed the House and Senate. Bill will be sent to Governor.

**Emergency Management – HB 7047 (Leek)**

##### Key Take Away

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Revises & creates emergency management provisions relating to transfer & expenditure of moneys in Emergency Preparedness & Response Fund; state comprehensive emergency management plan; statewide awareness & education programs; personal protection equipment; contracts with providers for care of persons with disabilities or limitations; duration of emergency orders & rules issued by Governor; agency disaster preparedness plans; agency & political subdivision spending plans; significant emergency orders; emergency mitigation studies; DOH public health emergency plan; collection & reporting & publication of information by State Health Officer; & functions of district medical examiners.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed March 24.  
Appropriations – Passed by vote of 22-2 on March 31.  
Health & Human Services – Awaiting Hearing.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – No Bill filed.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Unclear, but the bill is a Speaker priority.

### **Tourist and Convention Development Taxes – HB 1429 (Avila) and SB 2008 (Diaz)**

#### Key Take Away

Proposing changes to the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) statute that would require a county to renew its existing TDT via referendum no later than July 1, 2026. If the TDT passed at that time, it would then have to be renewed every five (5) years thereafter via referendum. Any new pennies levied would also have to be approved via referendum.

#### **House Approval Milestones – Filed on February 26.**

Environment, Agriculture & Flooding Subcommittee – Committee Substitute Approved by vote of 17-0 on March 15.

Ways & Means Committee – Committee Substitute approved by vote 17-0 on March 22.

State Affairs Committee – Passed by vote of 21-2 on March 29.

House Floor – **Passed by vote of 114-2 on April 14.**

#### **Senate Approval Milestones – Filed on March 2.**

Community Affairs – Temporarily postponed on March 30 in Committee.

Finance and Tax – N/A.

Appropriations – N/A.

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**Weekly Roundup:** The Senate bill was TP'd. This is an indicator that the bill will not be passed this year.

**Chances of Passage:** The bill is moving in the House, but is stalled in the Senate. If the Senate bill doesn't start moving next week, it is likely dead.

### **Building Design – HB 55 (Overdorf) and SB 284 (Perry)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would provide that regulations relating to building design elements may not be applied to residential dwellings unless they are historic properties; provides affected party may submit certain local government regulations to Florida Building Commission for review; provides for enforcement of such regulation.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on December 10.

Regulatory Reform Subcommittee – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 10-5 on February 10.

Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Approved by vote of 12-6 on March 3.

Commerce – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 18-5 on March 9.

House Floor – The bill was TP'd on Second Reading. It is expected to come up next week.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on January 11.

Community Affairs – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 6-3 on March 16.

Regulated Industries – Passed by vote of 8-1 on March 23.

Rules – Awaiting Hearing.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

### **Combating Public Disorder – HB 1 (Fernandez-Barquin) and SB 484 (Burgess)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would increase several penalties for crimes committed in the course of a riot. Important to municipalities and counties, the legislation would provide an appeal mechanism for citizens to challenge a decrease in funding to the police department, as well waive sovereign immunity for municipalities that inhibit a local law enforcement's ability to protect citizens during a riot.

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**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 6.

Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee – Approved by vote 11-6 on January 27.  
Justice Appropriations Subcommittee – Approved by vote of 10-5 on March 4.  
Judiciary Committee – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 14-7 on March 10.  
House Floor –Enrolled.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 6.

Criminal Justice Committee – Awaiting hearing.  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal & Civil Justice – N/A  
Appropriations – N/A  
Senate Floor – **House version passed by vote of 23-17 on April 15.**

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** The bill has passed in both chambers and has been presented to the Governor.

**Civil Liability for Damages Relating to COVID-19 – HB 7 (McClure) and SB 72 (Brandes) - Approved by Governor, Chapter No. 2021-001, on March 29**

Key Take Away

Provides requirements for civil action based on COVID-19-related claim; provides that plaintiff has burden of proof in such action; provides statute of limitations; provides retroactive applicability.

**House Approval Milestones** – Filed on January 6.

Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee – Approved by vote 11-6 on January 13.  
Pandemics & Public Emergencies Committee – Passed by vote 11-6 on February 3.  
Judiciary Committee - Committee Substitute approved by vote of 14-7 on February 16.  
House Floor – Sent to Senate and Referred to Rules.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Filed on January 6.

Judiciary – Approved by vote 7-4 on January 25.  
Commerce and Tourism Committee – Approved by vote of 7-4 on March 3.  
Rules – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 10-5 on March 11.  
Senate Floor – Enrolled.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** The bill has passed, the Senate version was signed into law by the Governor on March 29.



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### **Internet Sales Tax Enforcement – SB 50 (Gruters) and HB 15 (Clemons)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would revise definitions for “retail sale” and “mail order sale” to capture internet sales, and thus enforce the sales tax on internet sales. Amended to require certain amounts to be deposited into the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund during specified periods and to offset the Business Rent Tax through a reduction from 5.5 to 2.0%.

#### **House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on November 30, 2020.

Ways & Means Committee – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 16-2 on March 11.

Commerce – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 23-0 on March 29.

House Floor – Substituted for SB 50.

#### **Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on December 18, 2020.

Commerce and Tourism – Approved by vote 11-0 on January 25.

Finance and Tax – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 8-0 on February 18.

Appropriations – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 18-0 on March 4.

Senate Floor - Enrolled.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Passed the House and Senate. Bill has been sent to Governor.

### **Legal Notices – HB 35 (Fine) and SB 402 (Rodrigues)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would provide for website publication of legal notices; provide criteria for such publication; authorize fiscally constrained county to use publicly accessible website to publish legally required advertisements & public notices; require governmental agency to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving legal notices.

#### **House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed December 7.

Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee – Approved by vote of 11-6 on February 3.

Judiciary Committee – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 17-4 on March 10.

House Floor – Sent to Senate and Referred to Appropriations.

#### **Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed December 29.

Judiciary Committee – Passed March 22 by 8-3 vote.

Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 5-3 on April 16.

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Appropriations – On Committee Agenda for April 19.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

### State Housing Funds – SB 510 (Hooper) and HB 13 (Killebrew)

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would protect Housing Trust funds by exempting State Housing Trust Fund & Local Government Housing Trust Fund from provision authorizing Legislature, in GAA, to transfer unappropriated cash balances from specified trust funds to Budget Stabilization Fund & General Revenue Fund

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed November 30.

Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee – Awaiting hearing.  
Appropriations Committee – N/A.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 8.

Community Affairs – Passed by vote of 9-0 on February 2.  
Finance & Tax – Passed by vote of 7-1 on February 18.  
Appropriations – Awaiting Hearing.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** The bill hasn't moved much. Its chances of passage are slim, but it could be part of an amendment later.

### Growth Management – HB 59 (McClain) and SB 496 (Perry)

#### Key Take Away

Requires local governments to include property rights element in their comprehensive plans; provides statement of rights that local government may use; requires local government to adopt property rights element by specified date; prohibits local government's property rights element from conflicting with statutorily provided statement of rights; provides that certain property owners are not required to consent to development agreement changes; prohibits municipality from annexing specified areas; requires DOT to afford right of first refusal to certain individuals; provides requirements & procedures

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for right of first refusal; authorizes certain developments of regional impact agreements to be amended.

**House Approval Milestones** – Filed on December 10, 2020.

Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 12-6 on February 4.

Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 12-6 on February 17.

State Affairs – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 20-3 on March 10.

House Floor- Enrolled.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Filed on January 7.

Community Affairs – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 9-0 on March 3.

Judiciary – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 11-0 on March 15.

Rules – Committee Substitute approved by vote 17-0 on March 25.

Senate Floor – Substituted for HB 59.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Passed the House and Senate. Bill will be sent to Governor.

**Sovereign Immunity – HB 1129 (Fernandez-Barquin) and SB 1678 (Diaz)**

Key Take Away

Increases statutory limits on liability for tort claims against state & its agencies & subdivisions to \$500,000 for a single claim and up to \$1 million for multiple claims; requires that limitations on tort liability be adjusted every year by specified indicator after specified date.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 18.

Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee – Awaiting Hearing.

Appropriations Committee – N/A.

Judiciary Committee – N/A.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 25.

Judiciary – Awaiting Hearing.

Community Affairs – N/A.

Appropriations – N/A.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

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**Chances of Passage:** While nothing is officially dead yet, this legislation is for all intents and purposes....dead.

### **Farming Operations – SB 88 (Brodeur) and HB 1601 (Williamson)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, prohibits farms from being held liable for certain claims for tort liability except under certain circumstances; providing a burden of proof; prohibiting nuisance actions from being filed against farm operations unless specified conditions are met; providing requirements for and limitations on damages; providing that plaintiffs who bring nuisance actions against farm operations are liable for certain costs and expenses under certain conditions, etc.

#### **House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed March 2.

Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee –Committee Substitute by vote of 14-4 on March 17.

Environment, Agriculture & Flooding Subcommittee – Passed by vote of 14-4 on March 30.

Judiciary Committee – **Committee Substitute approved by vote of 18-2 on April 15.**

#### **Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 25.

Judiciary – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 10-1 on February 1.

Environment and Natural Resources – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 4-1 on February 15.

Rules – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 14-2 on March 4.

Senate Floor – Read for third time, Passed by vote of 37-1 on March 18.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

### **Local Government Legislation**

### **County and Municipal Code Enforcement – SB 60 (Bradley) and HB 883 (Overdorf)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would prohibit code inspectors designated by boards of county commissioners from initiating investigations of potential violations of codes and ordinances by way of anonymous complaints; require persons who report potential violations of codes and

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ordinances to provide specified information to the board before an investigation occurs; prohibit code inspectors designated by governing bodies of municipalities from initiating investigations of potential violations of codes and ordinances by way of anonymous complaints, etc.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 10.

Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 13-4 on March 9.

Public Integrity & Elections Committee – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 16-1 on April 15.

State Affairs Committee – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 19-0 on March 29.

House Floor – Placed on Calendar for Second Reading.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 5.

Community Affairs – Committee Substitute Approved by vote of 6-3 on February 2.

Governmental Oversight and Accountability – Approved by vote of 4-1 on March 3.

Rules – Approved by vote of 11-4 on March 11.

Senate Floor – Passed by vote of 27-11 on March 25.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

**Preemption of Local Occupational Licensing – SB 268 (Perry) and HB 735 (Harding)**

Key Take Away

If passed, would preempt licensing of occupations to state; provide exceptions; prohibit local governments from imposing or modifying certain licensing requirements; specify that certain local licensing may not be enforced; specify that certain specialty contractors are not required to register with Construction Industry Licensing Board; prohibit local governments from requiring certain specialty contractors to obtain license; specify job scopes for which local government may not require license; authorize counties & municipalities to issue certain journeyman licenses.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 3.

Regulatory Reform Subcommittee – Approved by vote of 13-4 on March 2.

Commerce Committee – Approved by vote of 19-5 on March 16.

House Floor- Received by Senate, referred to Rules.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed December 14.

Regulated Industries – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 7-1 on March 16.

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Community Affairs – Passed by vote of 6-3 on March 30.  
Rules – Passed by vote of 11-5 on April 6.  
Senate Floor – Placed on Calendar for Second Reading.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

### Local Licensing – HB 115 (Fabricio)

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would authorize individuals who hold valid, active local licenses to work within scope of such licenses in any local government jurisdiction without needing to meet additional licensing requirements; provide local governments have disciplinary jurisdiction over licensees; require local governments to forward any disciplinary orders to licensee's original licensing jurisdiction for further action; require DBPR to create & maintain local licensing information system.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed December 23.

Regulatory Reform Subcommittee – Awaiting Hearing.

Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – N/A.

State Administration and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee – N/A.

Commerce – N/A.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – No bill filed yet.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** While nothing is officially dead yet, this legislation is for all intents and purposes....dead.

### Supermajority Vote for Legislative Preemption – SB 540 (Farmer)

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would put amendments to the State Constitution on 2022 general election ballot to require a supermajority of each house to approve a general law preempting a subject of legislation to the state, etc.

**House Approval Milestones** – No bill filed yet.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Billed filed January 12.

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Community Affairs – Awaiting Hearing.  
Judiciary – N/A.  
Rules – N/A.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** While nothing is officially dead yet, this legislation is for all intents and purposes.....dead.

### **Reclaimed Water – SB 64 (Albritton) and HB 263 (Maggard)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would require certain domestic wastewater utilities to submit to the Department of Environmental Protection by a specified date a plan for eliminating nonbeneficial surface water discharge within a specified timeframe; require domestic wastewater utilities applying for permits for new or expanded surface water discharges to prepare a specified plan for eliminating nonbeneficial discharges as part of its permit application; provide that potable reuse is an alternative water supply and that projects relating to such reuse are eligible for alternative water supply funding; requiring counties, municipalities, and special districts to authorize graywater technologies under certain circumstances and to provide incentives for the implementation of such technologies, etc.

#### **House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 14.

Environment, Agriculture & Flooding Subcommittee – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 17-0 on March 3.

Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee – Passed by vote of 15-0 on April 1.

State Affairs Committee – Passed by vote of 22-0 on April 6.

House Floor – Substituted for SB 64.

#### **Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 14.

Environment and Natural Resources – Committee Substitute Approved by vote of 4-0 on February 1.

Community Affairs – Approved by vote of 9-0 on March 3.

Appropriations – Approved by vote of 18-0.

Senate Floor – Passed by vote of 118-0 on April 14.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

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## Local Government Fiscal Transparency - SB 154 (Diaz)

### Key Take Away

If passed, would expand the scope of a Legislative Auditing Committee review to include compliance with local government fiscal transparency requirements; providing procedures for the Auditor General and local governments to comply with the local government fiscal transparency requirements; revising reporting requirements for certain local government economic development incentives; creating the “Local Government Fiscal Transparency Act”; requiring local governments to post certain voting record information on their websites, etc.

**House Approval Milestones** – No bill filed yet.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed December 4.

Community Affairs – Awaiting hearing.

Finance and Tax – N/A

Appropriations – N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** While nothing is officially dead yet, this legislation is for all intents and purposes....dead.

## Prohibition of Public Funds for Lobbying by Local Governments – HB 215 (Sabatini)

### Key Take Away

If passed, would prohibit local governments from using public funds to retain lobbyists; provide exceptions; provide sanctions for violations; authorizes people to file complaints with the Commission on Ethics; require commission to provide a report to specified entities; specifies procedures for disciplining violators.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 11.

Public Integrity & Elections Committee – Awaiting Hearing.

Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee - N/A.

State Affairs Committee – N/A.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – No bill filed yet.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** While nothing is officially dead yet, this legislation is for all intents and purposes....dead.



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### **Home-based Business – SB 266 (Perry) and HB 403 (Giallombardo)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would provide legislative findings and intent; specify conditions under which a business is considered a home-based business; authorize a home-based business to operate in a residential zone under certain circumstances; preempt to the state the ability to regulate or license home-based businesses; prohibit a local government from certain actions relating to the licensure and regulation of home-based businesses, etc.

#### **House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 25.

Regulatory Reform Subcommittee – Approved by vote of 10-6 on February 18.

Commerce Committee – Committee Substitute Approved by vote of 14-8 on March 9.

House Floor – **Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 20.**

#### **Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on December 14.

Community Affairs – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 6-3 on March 10.

Commerce and Tourism – Passed by vote of 9-2 on March 22.

Rules – **Committee Substitute approved by vote of 12-2 on April 14.**

#### **Weekly Roundup:** N/A

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

### **Tax Exemption for Affordable Housing – HB 563 (Anthony Rodriguez) and SB 674 (Ana Maria Rodriguez)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would authorize counties and municipalities to adopt ordinances to grant ad valorem tax exemptions to property owners whose properties are used for the governmental or public purpose of providing affordable housing to certain persons or families; specifying procedures in the event property is transferred for other purposes; specifying procedures in the event an exemption is improperly granted as a result of certain acts by the property appraiser, etc.

#### **House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 28.

Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Awaiting Hearing.

Ways & Means Committee – N/A.

State Affairs Committee – N/A.

#### **Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 15.

Community Affairs – Awaiting Hearing.

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Finance and Tax – N/A.  
Appropriations – N/A.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** While nothing is officially dead yet, this legislation is for all intents and purposes.....dead.

### **Impact Fees – HB 337 (DiCeglie) and SB 750 (Gruters)**

#### Key Take Away

The bill provides that if a local government, school district, or special district impact fee increases not more than 25 percent above the current rate, the increase must be implemented in two equal annual increments. If a fee is increased between 25 and 50 percent above the current rate, the phase in is four equal installments. No impact fee increase may exceed 50 percent and an impact fee may not be increased more than once every four years. The bill provides an exception to these requirements if a local government, school district, or special district establishes the need for the increased impact fee pursuant to the rational nexus test. Additionally, an impact fee may not be increased retroactively for a previous or current fiscal or calendar year. The impact fee limitations must operate retrospectively to January 1, 2021.

#### **House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 19.

Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 13-5.

Ways & Means Committee – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 15-2 on March 31.

State Affairs Committee – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 12-8 on April 15.

House Floor – Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 20.

#### **Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 25.

Community Affairs – Committee Substitute approved by vote 5-3 on March 24.

Finance and Tax – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 6-2 on March 31.

Appropriations – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 18-2 on April 15.

Senate Floor – Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 20.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Better than average. The House bill was improved on March 31 with its amendments, but still not well received by the local governments.

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## **Governmental Actions Affecting Private Property Rights – HB 421 (Tuck) and SB 1876 (Albritton)**

### Key Take Away

Revises notice of claim requirements for property owners; creates presumption that certain settlement offers protect public interest; specifies property owners retain option to have court determine awards of compensation; authorizes property owners to bring claims against governmental entities in certain circumstances; authorizes property owners to bring actions to declare prohibited exactions invalid; provides for resolution of disputes concerning comprehensive plan amendments under Florida Land Use & Environmental Dispute Resolution Act.

### **House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 26.

Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee – Approved by vote of 15-3 on March 4.

Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 15-2 on April 1.

Judiciary - Committee Substitute approved by vote of 14-5 on April 15.

House Floor – Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 20.

### **Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 26.

Judiciary - Committee Substitute approved by vote of 7-4 on March 22.

Community Affairs – Passed by vote of 6-3 on March 30.

Rules – On Committee Agenda for April 20.

**Weekly Roundup:** House Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Committee Substitute combines this bill with HB 1101.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

## **Taxation of Property Used for Agriculture Purposes – SB 516 (Rodriguez)**

### Key Take Away

Specifying the methodology for the assessment of structures and equipment used in aquaculture; allowing a property owner to request removal of its agriculture classification if the tax assessed based on such methodology exceeds the tax assessed based on the value of the structures and equipment, etc.

**House Approval Milestones** – No bill filed.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 11.

Agriculture – Awaiting Hearing.

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Finance and Tax – N/A.  
Appropriations – N/A.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** While nothing is officially dead yet, this legislation is for all intents and purposes....dead.

### **Transparency in Government Spending – SB 506 (Garcia) and HB 195 (Persons-Mulicka)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would require that a website maintained by the Department of Management Services include specified data on salary and benefits of executives, managerial personnel, and board members of certain organizations or entities receiving state funds, by a specified date; requiring such organizations and entities to provide salary and benefit data to the department on an annual basis; requiring any such organization or entity to post salary and benefit data on the organization's or entity's own website,

#### **House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 8.

Government Operations Subcommittee – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 14-1 on March 17.

State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee – Passed by vote 12-0 of on April 1.

State Affairs Committee – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 20-0 on April 15.

House Floor – Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 20.

#### **Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 8.

Governmental Oversight and Accountability – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 5-0 on March 17.

Appropriations – Passed by vote of 20-0 on April 15.

Rules – On Committee Agenda for April 20.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** The bill hasn't moved much. Its chances of passage are slim, but it could be part of an amendment later.

### **Department of Transportation – SB 684 (Brandes) and HB 707 (Chaney)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would require the Department of Transportation to allow persons to purchase certain commuter passes for their motor vehicles; requiring that funds collected from the

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sale of the commuter passes be deposited in specified trust funds and used for the operation and maintenance of the Pinellas Bayway System; requiring the department or the enterprise, as appropriate, to use a specified portion of funds collected from the sale of commuter passes during a specified period of time for landscaping and beautification, etc.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 2.  
Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee – Awaiting Hearing.  
Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee – N/A.  
Commerce Committee – N/A.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 15.  
Transportation – Committee Substitute Approved by vote of 8-0 on March 10.  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, & Economic Development – Awaiting Hearing.  
Appropriations – N/A.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** The bill hasn't moved much. Its chances of passage are slim, but it could be part of an amendment later.

### **Displacement of Private Waste Companies – HB 331 (McClure) and SB 694 (R. Rodrigues)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would require local governments to pay specified amount of compensation to displaced private waste companies at end of specified notice period; removes provision authorizing local governments to pay specified amount of compensation to private waste companies as alternative to delaying displacement for specified period; removes provision authorizing local governments & private waste companies to negotiate such compensation & notice.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 19.  
Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Approved by vote of 14-4 on March 3.  
Regulatory Reform Subcommittee – Committee Substitute by vote of 14-0 on March 17.  
State Affairs Committee - Passed by vote of 19-1 on March 24.  
House Floor – **Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading.**

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 21.  
Environment and Natural Resources – Passed by vote of 6-0 on February 15.  
Community Affairs – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 9-0 on March 30.  
Appropriations – **Committee Substitute approved by vote of 17-3 on April 15.**

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Senate Floor – **Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 21.**

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

### **Medical Marijuana Public Employee Protection – HB 335 (Duran) and SB 692 (Polsky)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would prohibit employers from taking adverse personnel action against employees or applicants who are qualified patients using medical marijuana; requires employers to provide written notice of employee or applicant's right to explain positive test result for marijuana; provides procedures for if employee or applicant tests positive for marijuana; provides cause of action & damages.

#### **House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 19.

Government Operations Subcommittee – Awaiting Hearing.

Professions & Public Health Subcommittee – N/A.

Appropriations Committee – N/A.

State Affairs Committee – N/A.

#### **Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 21.

Governmental Oversight and Accountability – Awaiting Hearing.

Health Policy – N/A.

Rules – N/A.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** While nothing is officially dead yet, this legislation is for all intents and purposes....dead.

### **Prohibited Governmental Transactions with Technology Companies and for Chinese Products – HB 439 (Fine) and SB 810 (Gruters)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would prohibit agency or local governmental entity from purchasing any good made, or that contains specified percentage of parts that were produced, in China; prohibits agency or local governmental entity from purchasing any good or service made, sold, or provided by certain technology companies; provides that contract for purchase or provision of goods or services by agency or local governmental entity must include provision authorizing termination of such contract in certain circumstances.

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**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 26.  
Public Integrity & Elections Committee – Awaiting Hearing.  
Government Operations Subcommittee – N/A.  
State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee – N/A.  
State Affairs Committee – N/A.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 26.  
Commerce and Tourism - Awaiting Hearing.  
Governmental Oversight and Accountability – N/A.  
Community Affairs – N/A.  
Appropriations – N/A.  
Rules – N/A.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** While nothing is officially dead yet, this legislation is for all intents and purposes....dead.

### **Veterans Treatment Courts – SB 764 (Burgess) and HB 7023 (Byrd)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, authorizes certain courts to create and administer veterans treatment courts for specified purposes; providing standards for admission into a veterans treatment court program; specifying eligibility requirements for participation in the program; revising eligibility for certain pretrial programs to include certain individuals eligible to participate in a veterans treatment court; specifying applicability of the act to participants in certain court programs in existence as of a specified date, etc.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed March 10.  
Judiciary – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 21-0 on March 29.  
House Floor – **Passed by vote of 117-0 on April 15.**

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 25.  
Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 7-0 on March 16.  
Criminal Justice – Committee Substitute approved by vote 8-0 on March 23.  
Appropriations – **On Committee Agenda for April 19.**

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

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**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

### **Retaliatory Conduct by Landlords – HB 603 (Truenow) and SB 290 (Baxley)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, authorizes county legislative & governing bodies to create boards to investigate alleged retaliatory conduct by landlords; authorizes such boards to impose fines for retaliatory conduct by landlords.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 29.

Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Awaiting Hearing.

Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee – N/A.

State Affairs Committee – N/A.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed December 17, 2020.

Community Affairs – Awaiting Hearing.

Judiciary – N/A.

Rules – N/A.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** While nothing is officially dead yet, this legislation is for all intents and purposes.....dead.

### **Tourism Marketing Entities – HB 675 (Plasencia) and SB 778 (Hooper)**

#### Key Take Away

Authorizes Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation to carry forward unexpended state appropriations into succeeding fiscal years; abrogates repeal of provisions establishing Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation, direct-support organization of Enterprise Florida, Inc., & Division of Tourism Marketing within Enterprise Florida.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 2.

Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee – Awaiting Hearing.

Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee – N/A.

Appropriations Committee – N/A.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 25.

Commerce and Tourism – Passed by vote of 10-1 on February 15.

Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development – Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 10-0 on March 10.



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Appropriations – Awaiting Hearing.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** The bill is moving in the Senate, but is stalled in the House. If the House bill doesn't start moving next week, it is likely dead.

### **Building Inspections – HB 667 (Mooney) and SB 1382 (Perry)**

#### Key Take Away

Requires certain counties & enforcement agencies allow requests for inspections to be submitted electronically; provides acceptable methods of electronic submission; authorizes enforcement agencies to perform virtual inspections; requires refund of fees in certain circumstances; requires surcharges be recalculated under certain conditions.

#### **House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 1.

Regulatory Reform Subcommittee – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 17-0 on March 2.

Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 17-0 on April 1.

Commerce Committee – Passed by vote of 22-0 on April 14.

House Floor – Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 20.

#### **Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 17.

Community Affairs – Committee Substitute Approved by vote of 9-0 on March 10.

Governmental Oversight and Accountability – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 5-0 on March 31.

Appropriations – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 20-0 on April 15.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

### **Private Docks – SB 994 (Brodeur)**

#### Key Take Away

Defining the term “private residential multi-family dock or pier”; providing that permits are not needed for the installation or construction of private residential multi-family docks or piers; authorizing general permits for the construction, alteration, and maintenance of private residential multi-family docks or piers.

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**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 2.  
Environment and Natural Resources – Awaiting hearing.  
Community Affairs – N/A.  
Rules – N/A.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – No bill filed.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** While nothing is officially dead yet, this legislation is for all intents and purposes.....dead.

### **Solar Electrical Generating Facilities – SB 1008 (Hutson) and HB 761 (Overdorf)**

#### Key Take Away

Providing that solar facilities are a permitted use in local government comprehensive plan agricultural land use categories and certain agricultural zoning districts; requiring solar facilities to comply with specified criteria; authorizing counties to adopt certain ordinances.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 3.  
Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee – Awaiting Hearing.  
Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – N/A.  
Commerce Committee – N/A.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 2.  
Regulated Industries – Awaiting Hearing.  
Community Affairs – N/A.  
Rules – N/A.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** While nothing is officially dead yet, this legislation is for all intents and purposes.....dead.

### **Department of Transportation – SB 1126 (Harrell) and HB 1385 (LaMarca)**

#### Key Take Away

Clarifies that the Department of Revenue is responsible for a certain transfer from the State Treasury to the General Revenue Fund of a portion of documentary stamp tax distributions credited to the State Transportation Trust Fund; deleting a requirement that the department provide space and video conference capability at each of the department's district offices as an alternative to physical appearance by a person requesting a hearing before the

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Commercial Motor Vehicle Review Board within the department; requiring the department, when proposing any project on the State Highway System which will close or modify an existing access to an abutting property owner, to provide notice to affected property owners, municipalities, and counties at least 180 days before the design phase of the project is completed.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 26.

Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee – Passed by vote of 16-0 on April 1.

Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee – Passed by vote of 14-0 on April 6.

Commerce Committee – Passed by vote of 18-0 on April 15.

House Floor – Placed on Calendar for Second Reading.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 8.

Transportation – Approved by vote of 7-0 on March 10.

Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development – Committee Substitute approved by vote 10-0 on March 24.

Appropriations – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 19-0 on April 15.

Senate Floor – Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 21.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

**Preemption on Restriction of Utility Services – SB 1128 (Hutson) and HB 919 (Tomkow)**

Key Take Away

Prohibiting municipalities, counties, special districts, or other political subdivisions from enacting or enforcing provisions or taking actions that restrict or prohibit property owners, tenants, or utility service customers from choosing their utility service from a utility service provider that serves the property, irrespective of the fuel source; retaining the right of municipalities to levy taxes on public services and to receive revenue from public utilities.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 10.

Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 16-1 on March 11.

Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Passed by vote of 14-4 on March 23.

Commerce Committee – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 16-6 on April 14.

House Floor – Placed on Calendar for Second Reading.

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**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 8.  
Regulated Industries – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 8-1 on March 9.  
Community Affairs – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 9-0 on March 16.  
Rules – **On Committee Agenda for April 20.**

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

### **Florida Building Code – SB 1146 (Brodeur) and HB 401 (Fetterhoff)**

#### Key Take Away

Provides that assisting living facilities are exempt from certain compliance standards; authorizes substantially affected person to file petition with Florida Building Commission to review local government regulations; provides requirements for such petition; provides requirements for commission when considering petition; requires commission to issue nonbinding advisory opinion within specified timeframe; authorizes commission to issue errata to code; prohibits local government from requiring certain contracts for issuance of building permit; requires evaluation entities that meet certain criteria to comply with certain standards.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 25.  
Regulatory Reform Subcommittee – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 19-0 on March 2.  
Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Passed by vote of 14-0 on April 1.  
Commerce Committee – **Committee Substitute approved by vote of 21-0 on April 14.**  
House Floor – **Placed on Calendar for Second Reading.**

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 8.  
Community Affairs – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 9-0 on March 30.  
Appropriations – **Committee Substitute approved by vote of 20-0 on April 15.**  
Rules – **Awaiting Hearing.**

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

### **State Preemption of Energy Infrastructure Regulation – SB 856 (Hutson) and HB 839 (Fabricio)**

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Key Take Away

Prohibits local government from regulating energy infrastructure; preempts such regulation to state.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 9.

Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee – Committee Substitute Approved by vote of 12-6 on March 9.

Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 15-0 on April 1.

Commerce Committee – Passed by vote of 17-3 on April 14.

House Floor – Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 20.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 27.

Regulated Industries – Committee Substitute Approved by vote of 7-2 on March 9.

Community Affairs – Committee Substitute Approved by vote of 6-3 on March 16.

Rules – On Committee Agenda for April 20.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

**Local Government Ethics Reform – HB 853 (Sirois)**

Key Take Away

Provides contractual relationships held by business entities are deemed held by public officers or employees in certain situations; provides ethics training requirements; prohibits persons from voting or participating in official capacity on specified matters; requires certain persons to file disclosure; requires annual report by DFS.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 9.

Public Integrity & Elections Committee – Passed by vote of 18-0 on March 2.

Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Passed by vote of 18-0 on March 23.

State Affairs Committee – Passed by vote of 21-0 on March 29.

House Floor – Passed by vote of 116-0 on April 15.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – No bill filed yet.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

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**Chances of Passage:** The bill is moving in the House, but does not have a bill in the Senate. If a Senate bill doesn't start moving next week, it is likely dead.

### **Repeal of Developer Incentive Requirements – HB 6067 (Eskamani)**

#### Key Take Away

Removes provisions requiring counties & municipalities to provide incentives to fully offset costs of certain affordable housing contributions or linkage fees.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 9.

Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Awaiting Hearing.

Commerce Committee – N/A.

State Affairs Committee – N/A.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – No bill filed yet.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** While nothing is officially dead yet, this legislation is for all intents and purposes....dead.

### **Juvenile Justice Programs and Detention – HB 885 (Plasencia) and SB 1166 (Brandes)**

#### Key Take Away

Creates Accountability & Program Support Program within DJJ; authorizes child to be placed in secure detention if child has willfully failed to appear after proper notice; requires that, before issuing an order to take child into custody, court make determinations based on information obtained from DJJ; requires each judicial circuit to develop specified plan in consultation with parties; requires DJJ to calculate annually & provide to each county that is not fiscally constrained county & that does not provide its own detention care for juveniles its annual percentage share of detention costs.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 10.

Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 16-0 on March 16.

Justice Appropriations Subcommittee – Passed by vote of 14-0 on March 25.

Judiciary Committee – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 16-0 on April 6.

House Floor – **Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 20.**

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 9.

Criminal Justice – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 7-0 on March 9.

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 7-0 on March 17.

Appropriations – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 20-0 on April 15.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

### **Nonprofit Property Tax Exemptions – HB 889 (Borrero) and SB 1214 (Gruters)**

#### Key Take Away

Specifies conditions under which exempt property, upon receipt of specified types of revenues, retains its exemption from ad valorem taxation.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 10.

Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Committee Substitute approved by vote 18-0 on March 23.

Ways & Means Committee – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 17-0 on March 31.

State Affairs Committee – Passed by vote of 20-0 on April 6.

House Floor – Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 20.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 10.

Community Affairs – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 9-0 on March 10.

Finance and Tax – Committee Substitute approved by vote 7-0 on March 25.

Appropriations – Awaiting Hearing.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

### **Requests for Public Records – HB 913 (McClure) and SB 400 (Rodrigues)**

#### Key Take Away

Prohibits agency that receives request to inspect or copy record from responding to such request by filing action for declaratory relief against requester.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 10.

Government Operations Subcommittee - Committee Substitute passed by vote of 18-0 on March 8.

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Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee – Passed by vote of 18-0 on March 18.  
State Affairs Committee – Passed by vote of 21-0 on March 24.  
House Floor – Placed on Calendar for Second Reading.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed December 28.  
Governmental Oversight and Accountability – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 6-0 on January 27.  
Judiciary – Passed by vote of 11-0 on March 15.  
Rules – Passed by vote of 17-0 on April 6.  
Senate Floor – Passed by vote of 39-0 on April 14.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

#### **Communicable and Infectious Diseases – HB 949 (Fetterhoff) and SB 1314 (Gruters)**

##### Key Take Away

Provides presumption to specified workers that impairment of health caused by infectious disease happened in line of duty; requires certain actions in order to be entitled to presumption; requires United States Food & Drug Administration to approve certain vaccines or immunizations.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 11.  
Government Operations Subcommittee – Passed by vote of 14-0 on March 24.  
Professions & Public Health Subcommittee – Passed by vote of 14-0 on April 1.  
Appropriations Committee – Awaiting Hearing.  
State Affairs Committee – N/A.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 16.  
Governmental Oversight and Accountability – Passed by vote of 5-0 on March 31.  
Community Affairs – Awaiting Hearing.  
Appropriations – N/A.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** The bill hasn't moved much. Its chances of passage are slim, but it could be part of an amendment later.

#### **Growth Management – SB 1274 (Perry) and HB 487 (Duggan)**



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Key Take Away

Authorizing landowners with development orders existing before the incorporation of a municipality to elect to abandon such orders and develop the vested density and intensity contained therein under specified conditions; revising the required acreage thresholds under which a small scale development amendment may be adopted.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 12.

Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Passed by vote of 17-1 on March 3.

Commerce Committee – Passed by vote of 22-1 on March 9.

State Affairs Committee – Passed by vote of 20-3 on March 17.

House Floor – Sent to Senate and Referred to Rules.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 12.

Community Affairs – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 7-2 on March 30.

Rules – **On Committee Agenda for April 20.**

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

**Application for and Issuance of Building Permits – HB 1059 (Robinson) and SB 1788 (Boyd)**

Key Take Away

Application for and Issuance of Building Permits: Requires county that issues building permits & local enforcement agency to post certain information on their websites; authorizes all components to completed application be submitted electronically or in person; requires local enforcement agency, local government, or local building department to reduce permit fee by specified amount for failing to meet certain deadlines; prohibits authority that issues building permit from requiring applicant to provide specified contracts as part of application for certain construction.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 17.

Regulatory Reform Subcommittee – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 17-0 on March 2.

Commerce Committee – Committee Substitute approved by vote 21-0 on March 24.

House Floor – Sent to Senate and Referred to Rules.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 26.

Community Affairs – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 9-0 on March 10.

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Governmental Oversight and Accountability – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 5-0 on March 31.

Rules – Passed by vote of 16-0 on April 6.

Senate Floor – Placed on Calendar for Second Reading.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** Both bills are moving. Bill will likely be sent to Governor.

### **Automatic License Plate Reader Systems – HB 1039 (Plakon) and SB 1230 (Rodrigues)**

#### Key Take Away

Authorizes counties & municipalities to install automatic license plate reader systems; requires DHSMV to establish Uninsured Vehicle Enforcement Program; requires department to install & operate automatic license plate reader systems on infrastructure; authorizes department to use such systems to access & collect certain data; authorizes department to contract with entity to provide necessary technology, equipment, & maintenance; authorizes law enforcement officers to verify certain information by sworn affidavit; prohibits data collected or retained from being used for purposes other than traffic safety & traffic monitoring; prohibits law enforcement agencies & certain other agencies from selling license plate data or sharing such data; authorizes department to adopt rules.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 16.

Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee – Awaiting Hearing.

Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee – N/A.

Commerce Committee – N/A.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 11.

Transportation – Awaiting Hearing.

Banking and Insurance – N/A.

Appropriations – N/A.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** While nothing is officially dead yet, this legislation is for all intents and purposes.....dead.

### **Tree Pruning, Trimming, or Removal on Residential Property – HB 1167 (Snyder) and SB 1396 (Gruters)**

#### Key Take Away

Provides definitions related to tree pruning, trimming, or removal on residential property.

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**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 19.  
Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee – Passed by vote of 12-4 on March 30.  
Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Awaiting Hearing.  
Judiciary Committee – N/A.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 18.  
Community Affairs Awaiting Hearing.  
Judiciary – N/A.  
Rules – N/A.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** While nothing is officially dead yet, this legislation is for all intents and purposes.....dead.

#### **Ancillary Property Rights – HB 1139 (Smith) and SB 1520 (Boyd)**

##### Key Take Away

Provides that utility easement is interest in real property & subject to certain actions unless otherwise provided in instrument creating easement; provides that easement is not undue burden; revises rights not affected or extinguished by marketable record titles; revises what types of interests are extinguished by marketable record title; requires persons with certain interests in land which may be extinguished to file notice to preserve such interests.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 19.  
Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 15-0 on March 12.  
Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee – Awaiting Hearing.  
Judiciary Committee – N/A.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 22.  
Judiciary – Committee Substitute passed by vote of 10-0 on March 9.  
Community Affairs – Passed by vote of 9-0 on March 30.  
Rules – **On Committee Agenda for April 20.**

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** The bill has moved in the Senate, but is stalled in the House. If the House bill doesn't start moving next week, it is likely dead.

#### **Highway Projects – SB 100 (Harrell)**

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Key Take Away

Repealing provisions relating to applications for funding for technical assistance relating to areas in and around a proposed multiuse corridor interchange; requiring that \$35 million transferred to Florida's Turnpike Enterprise be used for a specified purpose beginning in a specified fiscal year and annually for up to 30 years thereafter; requiring that certain increased revenues be used to fund specified projects beginning in a specified fiscal year and annually thereafter; requiring the department, in coordination with the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, to evaluate certain roadways for development of specific controlled access facilities and to include such projects in the work program.

**House Approval Milestones – No Bill filed yet.**

House Floor – **Senate version passed Appropriations and placed on Calendar for Second Reading.**

**Senate Approval Milestones – Bill filed February 25.**

Transportation – Approved by vote of 5-3 on March 3.

Appropriations – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 17-2 on March 18.

Senate Floor – **Passed House Appropriations by vote of 27-1 on March 16.**

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** The Bill is moving through both chambers. The chances of passage are better than 50/50.

**Pub. Rec./County Attorneys and Assistant County Attorneys – HB 1355 (Arrington) and SB 1602 (Stewart)**

Key Take Away

Provides exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying & location information of current & former county attorneys & assistant county attorneys & names & personal identifying & location information of spouses & children of such attorneys; provides statement of public necessity.

**House Approval Milestones – Bill filed February 25.**

Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee – Passed by vote of 17-0 on March 30.

Government Operations Subcommittee – Awaiting Hearing.

Judiciary Committee – N/A.

**Senate Approval Milestones – Bill filed February 24.**

Judiciary – Awaiting Hearing.

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Governmental Oversight and Accountability - N/A.  
Rules – N/A.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** The bill hasn't moved much. Its chances of passage are slim, but it could be part of an amendment later.

### **Limitations on Emergency Powers of Political Subdivisions – SB 1924 (Diaz) and HB 945 (Rommel)**

#### Key Take Away

Requiring that certain emergency measures issued by a political subdivision be narrowly tailored to a compelling public health or safety purpose; specifying additional requirements for local emergency measures.

#### **House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed February 11.

Pandemics & Public Emergencies Committee – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 12-6 on March 9.

Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 11-1 on April 1.

State Affairs Committee - Awaiting Hearing.

#### **Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed March 1.

Community Affairs – Committee Substitute approved by vote of 6-3 on March 16.

Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security – Passed by vote of 4-3 on March 30.

Rules – Temporarily Postponed by committee on April 6.

**Weekly Roundup:** This bill was added as an amendment to SB 2006.

**Chances of Passage:** The bill hasn't moved much. Now attached to SB 2006, it's dependent on that bill for passage.

### **Renewable Energy – SB 1960 (Bean)**

#### Key Take Away

Requiring solar facilities to be a permitted use by right in all agricultural land use categories in applicable local governmental comprehensive plans and zoning districts within certain areas; requiring solar facilities to comply with certain local requirements; requiring certain lands classified as agricultural to maintain such classification if the land is leased for certain renewable energy purposes; providing that the Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act

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does not apply to a stand-alone or co-located alternative or renewable energy facility that meets certain requirements.

**House Approval Milestones** – No bill filed yet.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed March 1.  
Regulated Industries– Awaiting Hearing.  
Community Affairs – N/A.  
Rules – N/A.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** While nothing is officially dead yet, this legislation is for all intents and purposes....dead.

### **Tax Package – HB 7061 (Payne) (Formerly PCB WMC1)**

#### Key Take Away

Revises provisions addressing tourist development taxes; ad valorem taxes; documentary stamp taxes; convention development taxes; severance taxes; sales & use taxes; & corporate income taxes; provides criminal penalties for certain violations; provides sales tax exemption for items that assist in independent living; deletes provisions relating to state funding for sports facility development under certain circumstances; provides sales tax holidays such as the “back-to-school” tax holiday, “disaster preparedness” tax holiday, and “recreation” tax holiday. It also creates the Strong Families Tax Credit Program, it increases a property tax discount to 100% for certain multifamily projects to provide affordable housing, requires that all new or increased tourist development and convention development taxes must be approved by voters at a referendum, etc..

**House Approval Milestones** – Filed April 15.

**Ways & Means** – Passed by vote of 15-1 on April 16.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – No Bill Filed yet.

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A.

**Chances of Passage:** The bill will still need to go through the Senate, but some version of the tax package will get passed.

### **Summary of Session Week 7 (April 12-16)**

In case you missed it, here is an update on last week’s legislation to watch:

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**Civic Education Curriculum Legislation** ([HB 5 by Rep. Zika/SB 1450 by Sen. Rodriguez](#)) — The bills would require high school government classes to include a comparative discussion of political ideologies, including communism. The House passed its version with a unanimous vote earlier this month. The Senate bill moved through its final committee last week and now heads to the chamber floor.

**Foreign Influence Legislation** ([HB 7017 by Rep. Grall/SB 2010 by Sen. Diaz](#)) — The bills would require organizations seeking state funding to disclose any financial ties to adversarial countries or “foreign country of concern.” The list includes China, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia, Syria, and Venezuela. The House passed the bill last week with a unanimous vote. The Senate bill is on the Special Order Calendar for Tuesday.

**Charter Schools Legislation** ([HB 51 by Rep. Duggan/SB 1028 by Sen. Hutson](#)) — The bills would allow state colleges and universities to operate charter schools that could accept students from multiple counties and put the college or university Board of Trustees in charge of the schools. The House bill passed its final committee last week and is ready for a floor vote. The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill when it meets at 10 a.m. Monday.

**Pharmacy Benefit Managers Legislation** ([HB 1155 by Rep. Toledo/SB 390 by Sen. Wright](#)) — The bills would allow the Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) to regulate audits on pharmacy benefit managers, who negotiate drug prices between insurers and pharmacies. The House bill has cleared one committee and is awaiting a hearing in the Health and Human Services Committee. The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government advanced SB 390 last week, sending it to the full Appropriations Committee.

**Craft Distilleries Legislation** ([SB 46 by Sen. Hutson](#)) – The bill would reduce regulations on craft distilleries, including raising the production cap from 75,000 to 250,000 gallons and allowing them to sell directly to consumers by the drink or by the package. The House took up the bill Thursday and approved it 115-1. It now heads to the Governor’s desk.

**Reclaimed Water Legislation** ([HB 263 by Rep. Maggard/SB 64 by Sen. Albritton](#)) — The legislation would set a five-year timeline to eliminate non-beneficial surface water discharges. The legislation would also create a permit structure for the use of reclaimed water, including for human consumption, a process colloquially referred to as “toilet-to-tap.” The House amended and passed the Senate bill last week, sending it back to the upper chamber for another vote.

**Beverage Law Legislation** ([SB 148 by Sen. Bradley](#)) — The bill would allow restaurants to continue selling alcoholic beverages to-go after the pandemic ends, as long as they are purchased alongside food. The Senate version passed the full House last week with an amendment. It now heads back to the Senate.

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**Motor Vehicle Insurance Legislation** ([HB 719 by Rep. Grall/SB 54 by Sen. Burgess](#)) — The bill would repeal the state’s no-fault auto insurance system and replace it with a mandatory bodily injury system, which requires a fault determination before damages are paid. The Senate passed the bill last week after amending it to require drivers carry \$5,000 in “med pay” coverage. The House version is awaiting a hearing in its second committee.

**Impact Fees** ([HB 337 by Rep. DiCeglie/SB 750 by Sen. Gruters](#)) — The bills include several provisions to restrict impact fees imposed by local governments or special districts, including requiring local governments and special districts to credit against collection of impact fees any contribution related to public facilities. It also specifies conditions under which local government, school districts, or special districts may increase impact fees and requires specified entities to file affidavits attesting impact fees were appropriately collected and expended. Both bill cleared their final committees last week. The House bill is on the Special Order Calendar for Tuesday. The Senate bill is on the Special Order Calendar for Wednesday.

**Combating Public Disorder Legislation** ([HB 1 by Rep. Fernandez-Barquin/SB 484 by Sen. Burgess](#))

The bill, one of the Governor’s top priorities, would increase penalties for certain crimes committed during protests and would prevent local governments from cutting law enforcement budgets. The Senate took up the House bill and passed 23-17, sending it to DeSantis.

**State Preemption of Seaport Regulations Legislation** ([HB 267 by Rep. Roach/SB 426 by Sen. Boyd](#))

The bills would preempt local government ordinances that “restrict or regulate commerce” at Florida seaports. The provision targets a Key West ordinance aimed at keeping cruise ships away from the island. The Senate bill was approved in its final committee stop and is on the Special Order Calendar for Wednesday.

**Home-Based Businesses Legislation** ([HB 403 by Rep. Giallombardo/SB 266 by Sen. Perry](#))

The bills would preempt local ordinances regulating most home-based businesses. In the House, the bill is on the Special Order Calendar for Tuesday. The Senate bill was approved by the Rules Committee last week but is pending a reference review.

**Consumer Data Privacy Legislation** ([HB 969 by Rep. McFarland/SB 1734 by Sen. Bradley](#)) —

The bills would give Floridians the right to find out what personal information a company has on them, how the company got it, and what the company does with it. They would also be able to request the data be deleted or block it from being sold to others. The House version passed its final committee last week. The Senate bill is awaiting a floor vote.

**Physician Assistants Scope of Practice Legislation** ([HB 431 by Rep. Rizo/SB 894 by Sen. Diaz](#))

— The bills would allow physician assistants to prescribe up to a 14-day supply of psychiatric controlled substances to minors and remove a requirement that PAs tell patients they can request



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a doctor's opinion before a PA writes prescriptions. It would also raise the cap on how many PAs doctors can oversee from four to 10. The House bill passed the full chamber with a 106-5 vote. The Senate version is awaiting a hearing in the Appropriations Committee, its final stop.

### **Preview of Week 8 (April 19-23)**

**Appointments considered** — The Senate Ethics and Elections Committee will consider more than 100 appointments to state boards and agencies, including recently appointed Department of Children and Families Secretary Shevaun Harris. The committee meets at 8:30 a.m. A [full list](#) of appointments is available in the meeting notice.

**Legal Notices Legislation** ([HB 35 by Rep. Fine/SB 402 by Sen. Rodrigues](#)) — The bills would remove a requirement that local governments publish legal notices in a local newspaper. Notices could still be published in a newspaper if a government chooses to do so, but they would also have the option to post them on a government website or send them to residents through the mail. The bill passed the House last month. Meanwhile, the Senate version has been amended to now require some publication in local newspapers. This watering-down of the original intent is, in part, to ensure that the bill can survive the committee process. The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear SB 402 when it meets at 10 a.m. Monday.

**Technology Transparency Legislation** ([HB 7013/SB 7072](#)) — The proposals, a priority of the Governor, would impose a series of requirements on social media companies aimed at ending the practice of “deplatforming” or “shadow banning” users. The bills would also require companies to clearly spell out prohibited content that could lead to a ban and inform users of any changes to their terms of service. HB 7013 and its linked public records bill (HB 7015) were approved in the House Judiciary Committee last week and now head to the chamber floor. The Senate bills will go before their final committee, Appropriations, at 10 a.m. Monday.

**Literacy Improvement Legislation** ([HB 3 by Rep. Trabulsy/SB 1372 by Sen. Burgess](#)) — The bill would create the “New Worlds Reading Initiative,” which would provide free books to elementary school students who are reading below grade level. The Senate Appropriations Committee will take up SB 1372 when it meets at 10 a.m. Monday.

**Preemption Over Restriction of Utility Services Legislation** ([HB 919 by Rep. Tomkow/SB 1128 by Sen. Hutson](#)) — The bills would block local ordinances restricting the types of fuel a utility may use, such as a ban on natural gas. The Senate will be heard in the Rules Committee, its final stop, when it meets Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

**Vacation Rental Preemption Legislation** ([HB 219 by Rep. Fischer/SB 522 by Sen. Diaz](#)) — The bills originally preempted the regulation of vacation rental platforms to the state but would allow local ordinances in place before June 1, 2011 to stay on the books. Platforms would be required to collect and remit sales taxes to the state and to verify that property owners have a valid

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vacation rental license quarterly. Since filing, the House bill has remained the same and stalled, while the Senate bill was amended to remove the state preemption and continues to move. It will be heard in the Senate Rules Committee, Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

**COVID-19 Impacts on Educational Institutions** ([SB 7070 by Senate Education Committee](#))

— The bill would shield colleges and universities from lawsuits over decisions to shut campuses because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill would also protect K-12 schools from accountability measures based on standardized test scores this year. The Senate bill will be heard the Senate Rules Committee when it meets Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

**Federal Spotlight**

**Who gets to be a bank?** - The House Financial Services Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions held [the first of what Chairman Ed Perlmutter \(D-CO\) said would be multiple hearings](#) yesterday to discuss whether and how fintech companies and other businesses that offer credit should serve customers through nontraditional charters. As technology and demographics change the way Americans use financial services, former Acting Comptroller Brian Brooks said, regulators have a duty to encourage responsible innovation while ensuring safeguards for consumers, and he sees nontraditional bank charters as the best way to do that. Other witnesses warned against mixing banking and commerce, and said that the FDIC lacks the authority it needs for adequate supervision of state-chartered industrial loan companies owned by non-banks.

**Senate panel looks for ways to boost travel** - As Americans get vaccinated and businesses reopen, the travel and tourism industry is eager to welcome guests back to hotels, restaurants, convention centers, and other public spaces, [witnesses told the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Tourism, Trade, and Export Promotion](#) on Tuesday. Domestic and leisure travel should rebound quickly, but U.S. Travel expects it may take up to five years for business and international travel to return to pre-pandemic levels. Steve Hill of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority called for the creation of a National Travel Infrastructure Strategy, and Tori Emerson Barnes of US Travel noted that the United States is the only one of the top 30 global destinations that doesn't have a cabinet-level position dedicated to travel and tourism. Witnesses told the Subcommittee that while the hospitality industries urgently need more help, the most important first step is to end the pandemic.

**Housing is infrastructure, says Waters** - House Financial Services Committee Chairwoman Maxine Waters (D-CA) said Wednesday that she was pleased to see President Biden's American Jobs Plan recognize that housing must be a major component of any comprehensive infrastructure proposal. [Witnesses appeared before the Committee](#) to testify on 17 bills covering a wide range of housing-related issues, including rehabilitation of public housing units, expansion of affordable housing programs, and reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program. Waters' own Housing is Infrastructure Act would provide more than \$237 billion in new funding, including \$70

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billion for repairs to public housing, \$35 billion for the HOME program, \$45 billion for the National Housing Trust Fund and \$12 billion for the Capital Magnet Fund. Committee Republicans said that the President's infrastructure plan was a "liberal wish list" that would eliminate jobs in the private sector while driving the national debt to catastrophic levels.

For more updates from our federal lobbying team, read last week's [On the Record with the Golden Apple](#).

## **Current Bill Statistics**

Total Bills Filed: 3,085 (2,034 House; 1,051 Senate)

Appropriations Bills Filed: 1,060

Total Appropriation Project Dollars Requested: \$1.174 billion

## **Session Weekly Schedules**

### **House Week 8:**

<https://www.myflorida.house.gov/Sections/Documents/loaddoc.aspx?PublicationType=Session&CommitteeId=&Session=2021&DocumentType=Session%20Weekly%20Schedules&FileName=Session%20Weekly%20Schedule%20for%20Week%208%20April%2019%20-%2023,%202021%20-%204th%20Amended.pdf>

### **House Week 9:**

<https://www.myflorida.house.gov/Sections/Documents/loaddoc.aspx?PublicationType=Session&CommitteeId=&Session=2021&DocumentType=Session%20Weekly%20Schedules&FileName=Session%20Weekly%20Schedule%20for%20Week%209%20April%2026%20-%2030,%202021.pdf>

### **Senate Week 8:**

<https://www.fl.senate.gov/Session/Calendar/2021/Weekly%20Schedules%202021-04-14%20204656.PDF>

### **Senate Week 9:**

<https://www.fl.senate.gov/Session/Calendar/2021/Weekly%20Schedules%202021-04-09%20150729.PDF>