

**PBC Legislative Update** 

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	Washington Weekly Update By: Becker & Poliakoff
	The Administration
	In the wake of the Parkland shooting, President Donald Trump will hold a listening session with high school students and teachers and meet with state and local officials on school safety.
	Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin announced that the Internal Revenue Service will release a tax withholding calculator to reflect the new tax rates for taxpayers.
	The Environmental Protection Agency will hold a meeting on topics including resilience investment and disaster recovery financing mechanisms.
	President Trump will also speak at the Conservative Political Action Conference and host Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull at the White House.
	The House and Senate
	The House and Senate are out of session this week.
	The Effect of Sanctuary City Policies on the Ability to Combat the Opioid Epidemic
	By: Becker & Poliakoff
	Chairman Labrador (R-ID) began the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security hearing by stating that sanctuary cities wreak havoc on public safety and the rule of law. The Congressman believes that sanctuary cities forces local law enforcement agencies to dissolve relationships with federal partners.
	Ranking Member Lofgren (D-CA) discussed how it is misplaced to connect the opioid epidemic to community trust policies. The Congresswoman detailed how the most opioid deaths per capita occur in rural areas with very few immigrants.

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The witness panel featured Detective Nick Rogers, President of the Denver Police Protective Association, A.J. Louderback, Sherriff of Jackson Country, Jessica Vaughan, Director of Policy Studies at the Center for Immigration Studies, and Keith Humphreys, Professor at Stanford University.

Detective Rogers discussed how there was recently a restriction put on Denver Police, preventing them from contacting ICE. He believes this lack of cooperation has created a less safe city.

Sheriff Louderback believes that sanctuary city policies prevent local authorities from being able to utilize all the tools at their disposal. He stressed the importance of fighting crime as a team.

Ms. Vaughan explored how local and federal law enforcement organizations cannot tackle this problem alone. She also thinks that sanctuary city policies interfere with communication, result in the release of criminal aliens that often reoffend, and act as a magnet for foreign criminal organizations.

Professor Humphreys explored how in rural areas recent immigrants are rare yet the opioid crisis is still significant. He thinks that the opioid crisis can be lessened if Congress enhances prescription drug monitoring systems, ensures that non-opioid pain treatments are reimbursed, and directs the Department of Labor to enforce mental health parity.

In the Q&A period, in response to a question from Chairman Labrador, Detective Rogers said that sanctuary city polies are handcuffing the police and preventing them from doing their job.

Congresswoman Jayapal (D-WA) took a difference stance, stating that people delight in scapegoating immigrants in order to drive up fear. The Congresswoman stressed the importance of community trust programs that enable illegal immigrants to report crimes committed against them without the fear of being deported.

# **STATE ISSUES**

#### Florida Legislative Session: Week 6

By County Staff, Corcoran & Johnston, Ericks Consulting, and Anfield Consulting

# Monday

# • Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

**SB 840** Authorizing a greyhound racing permitholder to receive an operating license to conduct pari-mutuel wagering activities at another permitholder's greyhound racing facility; authorizing such thoroughbred racing permitholder's facility to remain an eligible facility, to continue to be eligible for a slot machine license, to be exempt from certain provisions to be eligible as a guest track for intertrack wagering and simulcasting, and to remain eligible for a cardroom license; authorizing the division to establish a reasonable period to respond to certain requests from a licensed cardroom, etc.

SB 840 reported favorable, now in Appropriations

• EDR: Criminal Justice Impact Conference

**HB 21** Requires practitioners to complete specified board-approved continuing education course to prescribe controlled substances; defines "acute pain"; provides for adoption of standards of practice for treatment of acute pain; limits prescribing of opioids for acute pain in certain circumstances; requires pain management clinic owners to register approved exemptions with DOH; provides requirements for pharmacists & practitioners for dispensing of controlled substances to persons not known to them; conforms state controlled substances schedule to federal controlled substances schedule; revises & provides definitions; revises requirements for prescription drug monitoring program.

HB 21 to be discussed during EDR Criminal Justice Impact Conference, no votes to be taken

**SB 1226** Redefining the terms "permanent residence," "temporary residence," and "transient residence" by decreasing the amount of days a person abides, lodges, or resides in a certain place to qualify for that type of residency category; revising existing criminal penalties for sexual predators to require mandatory minimum terms of community control with electronic monitoring for first, second, and third and subsequent felony violations if the court does not impose a prison sentence, etc.

SB 1226 to be discussed during EDR Criminal Justice Impact Conference, no votes to be taken

**HB 1249** Prohibits unlawful access to communications stored in specified devices; requires that law enforcement obtain warrant to acquire certain location information; provides procedures for such warrants; provides limited exceptions in certain circumstances.

HB 1249 reported favorable, now in Judiciary Committee

# • Senate Criminal Justice

**SB 1094** would make it make it a third degree felony to trespass in the operational area of an airport with ill intent, including impeding operations.

SB 1094 reported favorable, now in Rules Committee.

# • Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

**SB 1044** Citing this act as the "Civil Cause of Action for Victims of Human Trafficking Act"; providing a civil cause of action for victims of human trafficking against a trafficker or facilitator; providing that such actions are not subject to a statute of limitations; providing an affirmative defense for owners or operators of public lodging establishments under certain circumstances, etc.

SB 1044 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

#### • Senate Commerce and Tourism

**SB 858** Creating the "Sunshine Protection Act"; providing legislative intent regarding the State of Florida and its political subdivisions observing daylight saving time year-round under certain conditions, etc.

SB 858 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

#### Tuesday

• House Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee

**HB 227** Deletes certain limitations relating to workers' compensation benefits for first responders; provides first responders are entitled to workers' compensation benefits for mental or nervous injuries regardless of whether such injuries are accompanied by physical injuries.

HB 227 reported favorable, will move to House Government Accountability Committee

**HB 1057** would require DMS to develop and implement a plan by January 1, 2019 to require that a E911 telecommunicator be able to transfer a call from one local, multi-jurisdictional or regional system to another. The committee adopted an amendment to appropriate \$200,000 to the bill implementation.

The bill has one more committee of reference in the House and in the Senate.

# House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

**HB 1129** Requires certain organizations providing after-school child care programs to be licensed as child care facilities; provides exemptions from child care facility licensing standards relating to minimum square footage for usable areas & restroom & bath facilities.

HB 1129 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

#### • Senate Community Affairs

**SB 900** Granting certain benefits to a firefighter upon receiving a diagnosis of cancer if certain conditions are met; requiring an employer to make certain disability payments to a firefighter in the event of a total and permanent disability; providing for death benefits to a firefighter's beneficiary if a firefighter died as a result of cancer or cancer treatments; specifying that any costs associated with benefits granted by the act are to be borne by the employer, etc.

SB 900 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

**SB 574** Preempting to the state the regulation of the trimming, removal, or harvesting of trees and timber on private property; prohibiting local governments from prohibiting the burial of vegetative debris on certain properties, etc.

SB 574 reported favorable, will move to Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee

**SB 1274** Deleting a provision prohibiting an association from hiring an attorney who represents the management company of the association; revising the list of documents that the association is required to post online; revising voting requirements relating to alterations and additions to certain common elements or association property; revising cooperative association recordkeeping requirements; prohibiting a board member from voting via e-mail, etc.

SB 1274 reported favorable, now in Rules

**SB 1304** Authorizing a bicycle sharing company to allow a minor to operate a bicycle reserved by a user if accompanied by a user; providing insurance requirements for a bicycle sharing company; authorizing a local governmental entity to annually require a bicycle sharing company to provide proof of insurance; authorizing a local governmental entity to issue a bicycle sharing company certain fines and fees and to impose other penalties under certain circumstances, etc.

SB 1304 not considered by Community Affairs

**SB 1308** Revising the required provisions of the water resource implementation rule; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection and the water management districts to develop and enter into a memorandum of agreement providing for a coordinated review of any reclaimed water project requiring a reclaimed water facility permit, an underground injection control permit, and a consumptive use permit; requiring counties and municipalities to address contamination of recyclable material in specified contracts; prohibiting counties and municipalities from requiring the collection or transport of contaminated recyclable material by residential recycling collectors, etc.

SB 1308 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

# • Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability

**SB 808** Providing an exemption for valuations, certain records, and sales offers for sales related to surplus lands; authorizing disclosure of such records under certain circumstances; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

SB 808 reported favorable, now in Rules

• Senate Health Policy

**SB 1364** Providing an exemption from public records requirements to certain identifying and location information of current or former directors, managers,

supervisors, nurses, and clinical employees of substance abuse service providers that are licensed under part II of ch. 397, F.S., and the spouses and children thereof; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

SB 1364 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

#### House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

**HB 837** Establishes blue star collection system assessment & maintenance program within DEP for domestic wastewater utilities; provides that certified utilities are presumed to comply with state water quality standards; directs DEP to issue certain permits to certified utilities; authorizes DEP to reduce penalty amounts; provides that certain utilities are eligible to participate in Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program & to receive Small Community Sewer Construction grants.

HB 837 reported favorable, now in Government Accountability Committee

#### • House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee

**HB 1249** Prohibits unlawful access to communications stored in specified devices; requires that law enforcement obtain warrant to acquire certain location information; provides procedures for such warrants; provides limited exceptions in certain circumstances.

HB 1249 reported favorable, now in Judiciary Committee

**HB 7061** voted unanimously to increase jurisdictional thresholds of county court from \$15,000 to \$50,000 before a case would go to a circuit court. The bill would decrease state revenue by \$4.8 million but increase local government revenue by \$2.3 million.

• House Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

**HB 633**Creates Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program within DOT; provides program goals & grant eligibility requirements; requires DOT to issue request for proposals; provides proposal requirements, grant award requirements, & requirements for use of grant funds; requires reports; requires administrative support by DOT; authorizes DOT to select independent nongovernmental entity to perform certain functions; provides selection requirements.

HB 633 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

**HB 987** Revises criteria used by counties & municipalities in evaluating disposal of real property; provides local permit approval process; revises criteria used by review committee when selecting applications for state apartment incentive loans; provides process for certain entities to dispose of certain surplus lands; revises procedures under which BOT, DOT, & WMDs must dispose of nonconservation surplus lands; creates Hurricane Housing Recovery Program for certain affordable housing recovery purposes; requires corporation to administer program; specifies requirements for receiving & using funds; requires participating local governments

to submit report; creates Rental Recovery Loan Program to provide funds for additional rental housing due to specified impacts; authorizes corporation to adopt emergency rules.

HB 987 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

# • Senate Ethics and Elections

**SB 316** Requiring the Governor to appoint a new member to the commission within a certain timeframe after the occurrence of a vacancy, etc.

SB 316 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

**SB 582** Repealing provisions relating to write-in candidate residency requirements; repealing a requirement that all write-in candidates must reside within the district represented by the office sought at the time of qualification, etc.

SB 582 reported favorable, now in Community Affairs

**SB 1180** Requiring that requests for travel authorization by county or municipal public officers be approved by the governing body of the county or municipality at a regularly scheduled meeting; requiring that approved travel be posted on the county's or municipality's website for a specified timeframe, etc.

SB 1180 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

# • Senate Judiciary

**SB 112** Authorizing physician assistants and advanced registered nurse practitioners to execute a certificate under certain conditions stating that they have examined a person and find the person appears to meet the criteria for involuntary examination, etc.

SB 112 reported favorable, now in Rules

**SB 750** Prohibiting an agency that receives a request to inspect or copy a record from responding to such request by filing a civil action against the individual or entity making the request, etc.

SB 750 was temporarily postponed by Judiciary

**SB 1384** Increasing the limit of the amount in controversy in certain actions at law under which the county court has original jurisdiction of such actions; providing for adjustments to the limit at specified intervals due to inflation or deflation, etc.

SB 1384 reported favorable, will move to Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice

• Senate Transportation

**SB 1188** Specifying that the Strategic Intermodal System and the Emerging Strategic Intermodal System include existing or planned corridors that are managed lanes of transit, etc.

SB 1188 reported favorable, now in Community Affairs

# • House Commerce Committee

**HB 645** Creates Florida Young Farmer & Rancher Advisory Council within DACS; provides for council membership, duties, & powers; directs DACS to adopt rules & to establish clearinghouse of resources to assist young farmers & ranchers.

HB 645 reported favorable, placed on Calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**HB 1073** Revises requirements for electronic originals & copying of certain records media; revises certain bureau names & creates new bureaus; revises service options for child transition plans; provides certain exemptions for members & veterans of armed forces; revises requirements for licensure or appointment of managing general agents under the Florida Insurance Code; revises license application process for managing general agents; revises terms of office for Florida Fire Safety Board; deletes provision for staffing and funding formula of Florida State Fire College.

HB 1073 reported favorable, Commerce Committee was the last committee of reference

**HB 1103** Provides that regional rural development grants may be used to hire regional economic development organization professional staff; provides maximum amount of grant funding that specified economic development organizations may receive in year; revises amount of required matching funds; requires certain contracts to include certain information & be placed on certain websites; provides that improving access to & availability of broadband Internet service may be included in project that is eligible for rural infrastructure grant funds.

HB 1103 reported favorable, Commerce Committee was the last committee of reference

**HB 6037** Repeals provisions relating to testing & approval of sparklers; registration of manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, & retailers of sparklers; & sale & use of fireworks.

HB 6037 reported favorable, Commerce Committee was the last committee of reference

# House Government Accountability Committee

**HB 117** Revises & provides requirements for driver of motor vehicle overtaking bicycle, pedestrian, or nonmotorized vehicle; requires DHSMV to provide awareness campaign & include information in certain educational materials regarding certain safety precautions; revises requirements for turning at intersections; revises & provides requirements for persons riding bicycles in groups;

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	requires Class E driver license examination to address bicycle & pedestrian safety; provides penalties.
	HB 117 reported favorable, placed on Calendar, 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
	<b>HB 145</b> Directs FWCC to establish pilot program for eradication of priority invasive species & submit report to Governor & Legislature; authorizes FWCC to enter into specified contracts.
	HB 145 was temporarily postponed by Government Accountability Committee
	<b>HB 469</b> Requires salvors of pleasure vessels to provide specified verbal & written notice; provides exception; provides remedies for violations.
	HB 469 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C3) Filed
	<b>HB 703</b> Requires water management districts to publish notice of intention to sell surplus lands on its website; revises circumstances when water management districts must publish first notice of intention to sell surplus lands; revises process for selling certain lower valued surplus lands.
	HB 703 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
	<b>HB 705</b> Provides exemption for certain records relating to sale of surplus lands; authorizes disclosure of such records under certain circumstances; provides for future legislative review & repeal.
	HB 705 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C3) Filed
	<b>HB 773</b> Requires uniform application of local law, ordinance, or regulation relating to vacation rental; revises applicability to include certain amendments to local law, ordinance, or regulation.
	HB 773 was temporarily postponed by Government Accountability Committee
	<b>HB 1093</b> Provides for district to become dependent special district of town; provides boundaries; dissolves independent special district; requires referendum.
	HB 1093 reported favorable, placed on Calendar, 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
	<b>HB 1437</b> Specifies that participants in certain disabled persons' work experience activities are considered state employees for workers' compensation purposes.
	HB 1437 reported favorable, placed on Calendar, 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
	<b>HB 6041</b> Revises provisions governing Division of Historical Resources responsibilities in issuing permits for survey, excavation, & salvage activities on certain state-owned lands; repeals provisions relating to abrogation of offensive & derogatory geographic place names & division's authority to implement program for certain artifacts.

HB 6041 reported favorable, placed on Calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**HB 171** Provides honorary designation of various transportation facilities in specified counties; directs DOT to erect suitable markers.

HB 171 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

**HB 243** Requires certain counties to use surtax proceeds for specified purposes related to fixed guideway rapid transit systems & bus systems; authorizes use of surtax proceeds for certain purposes; prohibits use of such proceeds for certain purposes.

HB 243 reported favorable, Government Accountability Committee was last committee of reference

• House Public Integrity & Ethics Committee

**HB 1319** Requires supervisors of elections to enter into agreements with clerks of circuit courts to receive specified information; requires supervisors of elections to compare certain information with statewide voter registration system; requires DHSMV to furnish monthly to DOS list of persons who identified themselves as aliens; requires DOS to compare such list with statewide voter registration system & provide names of registered voters who are aliens to supervisor of elections of county in which voter is registered.

HB 1319 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

# Wednesday

# • House Appropriations Committee

**HB 217** Prohibit health insurers & health maintenance organizations from retroactively denying claim.

HB 217 reported favorable, now in Health & Human Services Committee

**HB 7073** provides duties & responsibilities of Florida Accountability Officer; provides investigative duties to Chief Inspector General & agency inspectors general; provides liability; requires certain records be sent to Florida Accountability Officer; requires agency inspectors general to make certain reports; authorizes & provides requirements for Whistle-blower awards; provides requirements for certain contracts; requires determination of reasonableness under certain conditions; prohibits certain employees from negotiating & awarding state contracts; revises list of contractual services & commodities not subject to competitive-solicitation requirements; authorizes Office of the Auditor General to use carryforward funds to fund Florida Accountability Office.

HB 7073 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

#### • House Ways & Means Committee

**HB 395** Provides charter; requires referendum. Effective Date: only upon its approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors residing within the corporate limits of the proposed Town of Hobe Sound as described in section 3 voting in a referendum to be held on August 28, 2018

HB 395 reported favorable, now in Government Accountability Committee

House Ways & Means voted (14-6) to file a tax cut package worth almost \$350 million. The package includes typical items such as back-to-school and hurricane supply sales tax holidays, commercial lease tax reduction, and reductions in traffic fines. The Senate is waiting on allocations to be released before forming their own tax cut package. The Governor requested a \$180 million tax cut package. The final product of the Ways & Means Committee has not been released or assigned a bill number.

• House Session

**HB 7037** Requiring the governing body of a municipality to determine the dates on which an initial and runoff election for municipal office are held and providing options therefor; requiring counties that have established certain dates for the election of municipal officers through a special act to conduct municipal elections on specified dates; requiring municipal recall elections to be held concurrently with municipal elections under certain conditions, etc.

HB 7037 read second time, amendment adopted (105739), read third time, passed. Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

**HB 7041** Removes scheduled repeal of exemption from public record requirements for certain records held by, & meetings conducted by, certain entities that enforce more stringent standards of conduct & disclosure requirements than required by law.

HB 7041 read second time, read third time, passed

**HB 155** Abrogates scheduled repeal of state saltwater reptile & state horse designations; designates Florida Cracker Cattle as official state heritage cattle breed.

HB 155 read second time, read third time, passed

**HB 1011** Provides & revises homeowner's flood damage insurance policy disclosure requirements.

HB 1011 read second time, read third time, passed

**HB 1113** Provides exceptions to general law; provides that governing body of Palm Beach County may appoint two additional commissioners to housing authority & remove or suspend same.

HB 1113 read second time, read third time, passed. In Messages.

**HB 585** Authorizes counties imposing a tourist development tax to use tax revenues for specified purposes; provides criteria.

HB 585 read second time, amendment adopted (246187, 630329), read third time, passed. Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

**HB 725** Requires governing bodies of counties & municipalities to post their permit & inspection fee schedules & building permit & inspection utilization reports on their websites; requires governing bodies of local governments to post their building permit & inspection utilization reports on their websites by specified date; provides requirements for such governing bodies; provides reporting requirements.

HB 725 read second time, amendment adopted (267323), read third time, passed. Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

**HB 57** Designates act as "Pro Bono Matters Act of 2018"; requires payment of due process costs of litigation of all pro bono attorneys appointed to represent dependent children with special needs, subject to appropriation & review.

HB 57 read second time; substituted for SB 146

**HB 577** Authorizes student to use credit earned upon completion of apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program to satisfy specified high school graduation requirements; requires SBE to approve & identify registered apprenticeship & preapprenticeship programs.

HB 577 read second time, read third time, passed.

**HB 335** Provides requirements for issuance of marriage license to persons under age of 18 years but at least 16 years of age; revises circumstances in which parental consent is not required; provides that persons under age of 16 years may not be issued marriage license.

HB 335 read second time; substituted for SB 140

**SB 140** Providing that a marriage license may not be issued to a person under the age of 18 years; requiring parties to a marriage to file a written and signed affidavit with the county court judge or clerk of the circuit court before the judge or clerk may issue a marriage license; requiring each party to a marriage to provide his or her social security number or an alien registration number for purposes of child support enforcement; clarifying that a county court judge or clerk of a circuit court commits a misdemeanor if he or she issues a blank marriage license or if he or she issues a marriage license without obtaining the ages and identification numbers of the parties, etc.

SB 140 read second time, amendment adopted (951669, 186227), read third time, passed.

**HB 417** Provides public records exemption for certain information concerning child advocacy center personnel or child protection team members & their spouses & children.

HB 417 read second time, postponed. On 3<sup>rd</sup> reading; amendment adopted (056567), read third time, passed. Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

**HB 411** Provides exemption from public records requirements for fire safety system plans held by agency, exemption from public records & public meetings requirements for information relating to fire safety systems for certain properties & meetings relating to such systems & information, & exemption from public meetings requirements for portions of meetings that would reveal such plans held by agency; provides for retroactive application, for future legislative review & repeal, & statement of public necessity.

HB 411 read second time, read third time, passed.

**HB 315** Revises definition of term "telephonic sales call" to include voicemail transmissions; defines "voicemail transmissions"; prohibits voicemail transmissions to specified persons; provides requirements for certain telephone numbers used by solicitors.

HB 315 read second time, substituted for SB 568

**SB 568** Revising the definition of the term "telephonic sales call" to include voicemail transmissions; prohibiting the transmission of voicemails to specified persons who communicate to a telephone solicitor that they would not like to receive certain voicemail solicitations or requests for donations, etc.

SB 568 read second time, read third time, passed.

**HB 551** Provides exemption from public records requirements for building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, diagrams, & other construction documents received by certain agencies which depict internal layout or structural elements of certain health care facilities; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity.

HB 551 read second time, read third time, passed.

**HB 631** prohibits local governments from passing a "customary use" ordinance, ensuring public beach access to private beach land because of a tradition of public use.

HB 631 read second time, postponed on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading; read third time; Amendment Adopted (645239); passed.

# • Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice

**SB 1392** Encouraging counties, municipalities, and public or private educational institutions to implement prearrest diversion programs; requiring that in each judicial circuit the public defender, the state attorney, the clerks of the court, and representatives of participating law enforcement agencies create a prearrest diversion program and develop its policies and procedures; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules for the expunction of certain nonjudicial records of the arrest of a minor upon his or her successful completion of a certain diversion program, etc.

SB 1392 reported favorable, now in Appropriations

**SB 1396** Adding judges to the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court; adding and removing judges from certain county courts, etc.

SB 1396 reported favorable, will move to Appropriations

**SB 694** would allow a judge to depart from 3-yr mandatory minimum sentences for drug trafficking, excluding opioids, if the offender: didn't harm or threaten to harm anyone and was only in possession of the substance.

SB 694 reported favorable, now in Appropriations

**SB 1552** combines legislation relating to Prolific Juvenile Offenders, specialty license plates, review of predispositions prior to committing children and Direct Support Organizations. The one dissenting vote was out of opposition of raising the age of minors being transferred to adult court by one year.

SB 1552 reported favorable, now in Appropriations

# • Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources

**SB 992** Revising requirements related to the operation of water storage and use for Phase I and Phase II of the C-51 reservoir project if state funds are appropriated for such phases; authorizing the South Florida Water Management District to enter into certain capacity allocation agreements and to request a waiver for repayment of certain loans; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to waive such loan repayment under certain conditions, etc.

SB 992 reported favorable, will move to Appropriations

**SB 1612** Citing this act as "Ellie's Law"; requiring, by a specified date, a commercial airboat operator to have specified documents on board the airboat while

carrying passengers for hire; providing a penalty for violation of airboat operation requirements, etc.

SB 1612 reported favorable, will move to Appropriations

**SB 1664** Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection and other entities, as part of a basin management action plan, to develop onsite sewage treatment and disposal system remediation plans under certain conditions; specifying requirements for the installation, repair, modification, or upgrade of certain onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems; providing criteria for the prioritization of funding for wastewater treatment facilities, etc.

SB 1664 reported favorable, now in Appropriations

**SB 1402** Defining the term "state assumed waters"; providing the Department of Environmental Protection with the power and authority to adopt rules to assume and implement the section 404 dredge and fill permitting program pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act; requiring the department to adopt rules to create an expedited permit review process, etc.

SB 1402 reported favorable, now in Appropriations

**SB 462** Prohibiting the performance of advanced well stimulation treatments; clarifying that permits for drilling or operating a well do not authorize the performance of advanced well stimulation treatments, etc.

SB 462 reported favorable, now in Appropriations

• Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

**SB 1200** Adding an alternative transportation authority as part of the operations of the Department of Transportation; requiring the responsibility for expending certain funds to be delegated by the department secretary to the executive director of the authority, subject to certain requirements; beginning in a specified timeframe, revising annual allocations in the State Transportation Trust Fund for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program; repealing provisions relating to fund participation and the Florida Rail Enterprise, etc.

SB 1200 reported favorable, will move to Appropriations

# • EDR: Revenue Estimating Impact Conference

**HB 553** Revises, creates, & repeals various provisions relating to structures used in citrus production; oyster harvesting licenses; pesticide registration fees; Class "K" & concealed firearm licenses; charitable & sponsor sales promotions & solicitations; water vending machines; telephone solicitations; antifreeze & brake fluid brands; liquefied petroleum licenses & dealer practices; commercial weights & measures; sale & purchase of livestock; emergency powers & orders; agricultural

commodity marketing; seed labeling, sale, & solicitation; Florida Forest Service; & government impostor & deceptive ads.

HB 553 Bill to be discussed during EDR's Criminal Justice Estimating Impact Conference, (No Votes Will Be Taken)

**SB 740** transferring authority to issue licenses for oyster harvesting in Apalachicola Bay from the department to the City of Apalachicola; revising permitting requirements and operating standards for water vending machines; revising the circumstances under which liquefied petroleum gas bulk delivery vehicles must be registered with the department; repealing provisions relating to packet vegetable and flower seed; creating the "Government Impostor and Deceptive Advertisements Act", etc.

SB 740 Bill to be discussed during EDR's Criminal Justice Estimating Impact Conference, (No Votes Will Be Taken)

**SB 292** Exempting from the definition of "public utility" property owners who own and operate a renewable energy source device and who produce renewable energy from that device and provide and sell such renewable energy to users on that property, under certain circumstances, etc.

SB 292 Bill to be discussed during EDR's Criminal Justice Estimating Impact Conference, (No Votes Will Be Taken)

# Thursday

# House Health & Human Services Committee

**HB 1069** Authorizes DOH, AHCA, & DCF to grant exemptions from disqualification for service provider personnel to work solely in certain treatment programs & facilities; revises provisions relating to background checks & exemptions from disqualification for certain service provider personnel & owners, directors, & CFOs of recovery residences; prohibits recovery residences & specified affiliated individuals from benefitting from certain referrals.

HB 1069 reported favorable, Health & Human Services Committee was last committee of reference

• House Judiciary Committee

JDC3 (Public Safety) was submitted as Committee Bill by Judiciary Committee

**HB 361** Authorizes specified persons to visit, during certain hours, all juvenile facilities operated or overseen by DJJ or county; authorizes such persons to visit juvenile facilities outside of certain hours pursuant to DJJ rules; prohibits DJJ from unreasonably withholding permission for visits to such facilities by certain persons.

HB 361 reported favorable, placed on Calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**HB 421** Provides language that may be used to waive spousal homestead rights concerning devise restrictions.

HB 421 reported favorable, Judiciary Committee was last committee of reference

**HB 581** Authorizes law enforcement agency to issue & serve subpoena in investigation of specified sexual offenses; specifies requirements regarding nondisclosure of information; provides for judicial review of nondisclosure requirements.

HB 581 reported favorable, Judiciary Committee was last committee of reference

**HB 733** Prohibits introduction into or possession on grounds of any county detention facility of any cellular telephone or other portable communication device.

HB 733 reported favorable, placed on Calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**HB 841** Revises provisions related to condominium associations including recordkeeping & financial reporting requirements, documents required to be posted online, bylaws, board term limits, rulemaking, owner responsibilities, board member recall & challenge requirements, conflicts of interest, fines & suspensions, classification as bulk assignee or buyer, board member requirements, voting procedures, common expenses, & election requirements; provides directors or officers delinquent in payments are deemed to have abandoned office.

HB 841 reported favorable, Judiciary Committee was last committee of reference

• Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

**SB 1622** Specifying the authority of the Division of State Lands within the Department of Environmental Protection to acquire lands from an annual list provided by the Department of Economic Opportunity and the Florida Defense Support Task Force for the purpose of buffering military installations against encroachment; authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to direct the department to purchase lands on an immediate basis to satisfy private property rights claims resulting from certain limitations; authorizing land authorities to contribute tourist impact tax revenues to certain counties for the construction, redevelopment, and preservation of certain affordable housing, etc.

SB 1622 reported favorable, will move to Appropriations

• Senate Rules Committee

**SB 738** Providing an exemption from public records requirements for fire safety system plans held by an agency; providing an exemption from public records and public meetings requirements for information relating to fire safety systems for

certain properties and meetings relating to such systems and information; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

SB 738 reported favorable, placed on Calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**SB 970** Prohibiting the arrest, charging, prosecution, or penalizing under specified provisions of a person acting in good faith who seeks medical assistance for an individual experiencing, or believed to be experiencing, an alcohol or a drug-related overdose; prohibiting a person from being penalized for a violation of a condition of certain programs if that person in good faith seeks medical assistance for himself or herself or for an individual experiencing, or believed to be experiencing, an alcohol or a drug-related overdose, etc.

SB 970 reported favorable, placed on Calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**SB 1776** Prohibiting local governments from regulating vegetable gardens on residential properties except as otherwise provided by law, etc.

SB 1776 reported favorable, placed on Calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**SB 8** Prohibiting managed care plans and their fiscal agents or intermediaries from imposing certain requirements or conditions on recipients as a prerequisite to receiving medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services to treat substance abuse disorders; authorizing certain boards to require practitioners to complete a specified board-approved continuing education course to obtain authorization to prescribe controlled substances as part of biennial license renewal; authorizing disciplinary action against practitioners for violating specified provisions relating to controlled substances; prohibiting the dispensing of certain controlled substances in an amount that exceeds a 3-day supply or a medically necessary 7-day supply if certain criteria are met, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$53,555,360.00

SB 8 reported favorable, placed on Calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

#### • Senate Appropriations

**SB 450** Requiring a specific level of screening for peer specialists working in mental health programs and facilities; specifying that the use of peer specialists for recovery support is an essential element of a coordinated system of behavioral health care; requiring the Department of Children and Families to develop a training program for peer specialists and give preference to trainers who are certified peer specialists; requiring all peer specialists to meet the requirements of a background screening as a condition of employment and continued employment, etc.

SB 450 reported favorable by Appropriations

**SB 740** Transferring authority to issue licenses for oyster harvesting in Apalachicola Bay from the department to the City of Apalachicola; revising permitting requirements and operating standards for water vending machines;

revising the circumstances under which liquefied petroleum gas bulk delivery vehicles must be registered with the department; repealing provisions relating to packet vegetable and flower seed; creating the "Government Impostor and Deceptive Advertisements Act", etc.

SB 740 not considered by Appropriations

**SB 942** Requiring the secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice to appoint board of directors to the department's direct-support organization according to the organization's established bylaws; abrogating the scheduled repeal of provisions governing a direct-support organization established by the department, etc.

SB 942 reported favorable by Appropriations

**SB 960** Deleting a provision requiring the Department of Children and Families to develop a certification process by rule for community substance abuse prevention coalitions; requiring the department to request a defendant's medical information from a jail within a certain timeframe after receiving a commitment order and other required documentation, etc.

SB 960 reported favorable by Appropriations

**SB 982** Designating the "Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs Program Act"; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to contract with a corporation not for profit to administer and manage the program; providing requirements for the disbursement of funds for the veterinary care of eligible retired law enforcement dogs, etc.

SB 982 reported favorable by Appropriations

**SB 1424** Providing that veterans who were discharged or released under any condition, individuals who are current or former United States Department of Defense contractors, and individuals who are current or former military members of a foreign allied country are eligible in a certain Military Veterans and Service Members Court Program, etc.

SB 1424 reported favorable by Appropriations

# **Emergency Management**

House Government Accountability unanimously voted to file a committee bill that incorporated recommendations from a select committee on hurricane recovery and preparedness. The package, among other things, requires counties and the state to develop fuel contingency plans. It directs DOT and DEM to consult with the railroad and fuel industry to plan for supplying fuel during emergencies. It prohibits local governments from holding meetings during a state of emergency and extends the time period that a state agency employee can be on leave during an emergency. Counties are also required to post shelter locations and indicate pet friendly

locations. The bill has not received committee references yet. This bill is filed as HB 7083.
Friday
EDR: Revenue Estimating Impact Conference
<b>SB 60</b> Reducing the tax levied on rental or license fees charged for the use of real property, etc.
SB 60 will move to Senate Community Affairs
<b>HB 803</b> Exempting from sales & use tax purchase of generators used on farms; exempts from sales & use tax purchase of equipment used to generate emergency electric energy at specified locations; specifies requirements for obtaining such exemption.
HB 803 will move to House Ways & Means Committee