

To: Florida Recreation and Park Association

From: Allison S. Carvajal

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Re: Legislative Report – Session Week 1

Heated Tobacco Product Tax Bill Clears Committee Hurdle

A proposal to revise how Florida taxes emerging tobacco alternatives cleared its first Senate hurdle on Monday. The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries unanimously approved SB 754, sponsored by Indian Rocks Beach Republican Sen. Nick DiCeglie. The bill would establish a statutory definition for “heated tobacco products,” or HTPs, and exempt them from being taxed as cigarettes. Under current law, cigarettes are subject to a specific excise tax, while other nicotine products, such as vaping devices, are not. DiCeglie said the measure is intended to align heated tobacco products with vapes for tax purposes, arguing the products heat tobacco rather than burn it and contain fewer harmful toxins than traditional cigarettes. DiCeglie also said the proposal is meant to create a tax incentive for smokers who may be trying to move away from combustible cigarettes. The legislation defines HTPs as devices that heat, but do not burn, tobacco to produce an inhalable aerosol instead of smoke. It would remove those products from both the cigarette excise tax and Florida’s “other tobacco products” tax category, while making conforming changes to state law. During the meeting, Sen. Darryl Rouson, D-St. Petersburg, raised concerns about youth access, pointing to ongoing issues with minors obtaining vaping products. DiCeglie noted the measure is limited to tax policy and does not address age restrictions or enforcement. The bill has two more committee stops and an effective date of July 1. An identical House companion (HB 377) has been filed by Port Orange Republican Rep. Chase Tramont.

Collins Jumps Into Race for GOP Gov Nomination

Lt. Gov. Jay Collins announced Monday that he’ll join the field seeking the Republican nomination in the race to succeed Gov. Ron DeSantis next year. The former state senator and former U.S. Army Green Beret is set to run as a staunch cultural conservative in the mold of DeSantis, though so far DeSantis hasn’t endorsed Collins as his heir to the office. “I’m running for Governor because leadership is forged under pressure, not in soundbites,” Collins said in a statement posted on X. “I served over 23 years in the United States military, mainly as a Green Beret, where accountability is real, decisions have

consequences, and service comes before self. That experience shaped how I lead and why I believe public office is a public trust.” Collins joins a GOP field that includes U.S. Rep. Byron Donalds, who has been endorsed by President Donald Trump, former House speaker Paul Renner and investor James Fishback. DeSantis is barred by term limits from running again.

Albritton Backs Redistricting Special Session

Senate President Ben Albritton said he agrees with Gov. Ron DeSantis’ recent call for an April special session to consider redrawing congressional district boundaries. DeSantis said earlier this month that he’ll call legislators back to the Capitol in April, after the regular session’s scheduled end in March, to make a mid-decade change in the congressional boundary lines. A key reason cited by the governor for the change is an expected ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court in a Louisiana case that could lay out new law for states in how they redistrict, potentially barring them considering the racial makeup of voting populations when drawing new districts. Backers of a new redrawing of Florida’s lines say the previous redistricting has done that, creating minority-access districts to ensure minority voters are likely to have representation. “However that (Supreme Court decision) comes down—either way—it’s going to provide a huge amount of clarity on redistricting and where those processes should happen,” Albritton told a Florida public radio station.

Student Poll Worker Volunteer Bills Advance

Students would be allowed to volunteer to work at polling places in exchange for community service hours that students need for college scholarships under legislation approved Tuesday by committees in both the Senate and House. The House bill (HB 461) by Republican Rep. Kiyon Michael, was approved unanimously by the Government Operations Subcommittee, sending it to the Student Academic Success Subcommittee. On the Senate side, an identical measure (SB 564) by GOP Sen. Clay Yarborough also won unanimous approval, in the Ethics and Elections Committee. It goes next to the Senate Education Pre-K - 12 Committee. Under current law, elections offices aren’t allowed to accept any donated money or services—including volunteer work, which currently precludes students from volunteering in polling offices. The measures would revise that prohibition to specify that the law doesn’t prohibit high school students who are registered or pre-registered to vote from volunteering to assist poll workers for community service credit.

Opening Day Speeches Spotlight Affordability

Senate President Ben Albritton, R-Wauchula, and House Speaker Daniel Perez, R-Miami, opened the 2026 regular session on Tuesday speaking about the importance of affordability for Floridians, but gave few details on how the Republican-dominated Legislature might ease cost-of-living concerns. The two GOP leaders face the prospect of a shrinking budget, and pressure from Gov. Ron DeSantis to cut property taxes, but hope to

have a smoother 60-day session than last year's, which was extended 45 days because of a stalemate over the state spending plan and tax package, and quarrels over homeowners insurance, the elimination of homestead property taxes, and immigration policy. Perez's speech on Tuesday reflected on last session's "several surprising twists and turns," but noted that members "have been called to spend the next nine weeks conducting the business of the people" and emphasized the need to move forward. Across the rotunda, Albritton made clear that he will again push for the passage of a rural economic development initiative (SB 250) after it fell apart in the House last year. He also noted that he may prefer tackling major property tax relief after the regular session, which could collide with House priorities. An additional point of contention with timing relates to President Donald Trump's push for mid-decade congressional redistricting. Gov. Ron DeSantis has called a special session on redistricting for April, after the regular session for drawing new boundaries. A timeline for aligning the various issues remains unclear, even to Perez.

DeSantis Touts Record in Final State of State

As Republican legislative leaders on Tuesday looked forward with speeches laying out problems to be tackled and plans for the upcoming lawmaking session, GOP Gov. Ron DeSantis focused on what he says his administration accomplished during his first seven years in office as he prepares for his final session. In a wide-ranging State of the State address, DeSantis recounted a record of wins during his two terms on cultural issues like gender identity, immigration and school curricula, even reaching back as far as the COVID pandemic to remind listeners of Florida's stance against the restrictive responses of much of the rest of the country—part of a long-running theme of state-to-state comparison that has been a DeSantis mainstay. DeSantis' speech wasn't entirely focused on the past—he used it to continue to push for his top agenda item for the coming year, a major property tax cut, though he hasn't produced a detailed plan yet on the proposal. He also urged lawmakers to send him legislation on strengthening immigration enforcement and making it easier for 18-to-21-year-olds to buy rifles. Democrats criticized the governor's look back approach. Lawmakers will be in session, if they finish on time, until March 13.

Perez Expects Single Tax Proposal from House

House Speaker Daniel Perez said he expects the House will consider a single proposal to change the constitution to cut property taxes, an idea that would put lawmakers more in line with Gov. Ron DeSantis. The House earlier put forward a package of several proposed amendments to the constitution offering different ideas for how to cut the property tax burden, an idea that DeSantis said would confuse voters and make passage of meaningful relief unlikely. But the Miami Republican leader said what it would look like remains to be seen. "Whether it's a portion of what the House has proposed, all of what the House has proposed or none of what the House has proposed, is still out for debate," Perez said.

“What ends up being voted on is somewhat still up in the air. We don’t have a position from our friends across the hall (in the Senate) or from the executive branch.”

Bill to Allow End of Thoroughbred Racing Advances in House

The House Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee advanced a proposal Wednesday that would remove a long-standing requirement that ties horse racing to other forms of gambling at Florida’s two remaining thoroughbred tracks, despite heavy opposition from the horse-breeding industry. The bill (HB 881), sponsored by Palm Harbor Republican Rep. Adam Anderson, would eliminate the mandate that Gulfstream Park and Tampa Bay Downs hold live thoroughbred races in order to operate cardrooms and, at Gulfstream, slot machines. It is what’s known in the gambling industry as “decoupling.” Critics, including the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association, warn that the measure would damage Florida’s horse-breeding industry as a whole, particularly in Marion County, a national hub for thoroughbred breeding. Similar proposals (HB 1467, HB 105, SB 408) considered during the 2025 session also sparked strong opposition from the thoroughbred industry. While last year's effort ultimately failed, one of the three decoupling bills nearly reached the finish line, passing the full House but faltering in the Senate. The new House bill heads to its second and final committee, the House Commerce Committee, before it reaches the floor. A Senate companion (SB 1564) has been filed by Indian Rocks Beach Republican Sen. Nick DiCeglie.

Autonomous Practice for Psych Nurses, Nurse Anesthetists Advances

The House Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee gave the green light to two refiled measures on Wednesday that would expand the scope of practice for certain psychiatric nurses and certified registered nurse anesthetists, or CRNAs, in Florida. The first proposal (HB 301), sponsored by Port St. Joe Republican Rep. Jason Shoaf, would add psychiatric nurses to those authorized to practice autonomously and establish their own practices, provided they meet specific requirements. Currently, only advanced practice registered nurses, or APRNs, are permitted to practice independently, or without physician supervision, within primary care, family medicine, general pediatrics, and general internal medicine under certain circumstances in Florida. The other bill (HB 375) that passed the same committee would allow CRNAs to practice autonomously, removing a requirement for written supervisory agreements with physicians at hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers. That legislation is sponsored by Cape Coral Republican Rep. Mike Giallombardo. Supporters of both measures argue that the changes could help alleviate the ongoing health care worker shortage, lead to a reduction in health care costs, and expand access to care, especially in rural areas. They also noted that other states already allow nurses to practice independently. But critics, including physician groups, have raised concerns about patient safety due to the potential lack of physician oversight and contend that the scope of practice expansion could negatively impact quality of care while deterring students from going to medical school. Both bills have one more committee to clear, the House Health & Human Services Committee, before they’re ready for the floor. A Senate

companion (SB 138) to the psych nurse measure has been filed by Republican Sen. Keith Truenow, and the Senate companion (SB 462) for the CRNA proposal is being sponsored by GOP Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez.

House Passes Bill to Raise Liability Caps

The House once again overwhelmingly passed a proposal that would increase the amount government agencies must pay when people are injured due to government negligence. Representatives on Thursday voted 104-7 to approve the measure (HB 145), sponsored by Sarasota Republican Rep. Fiona McFarland, which would overhaul the state's sovereign immunity laws put in place by the Legislature in the 1970s to shield public agencies from large lawsuit payouts. Current limits, last amended in 2010, cap liability at \$200,000 per person and \$300,000 per incident unless lawmakers approve a special "claim" bill to exceed such limits. The legislation, which now goes to the Senate, would increase the caps to \$500,000 per person and \$1 million per incident for cases beginning Oct. 1, 2026, and then to \$600,000 per person and \$1.2 million per incident starting Oct. 1, 2031. It would also allow local governments to settle certain claims beyond statutory limits without legislative approval, thereby eliminating the need for a claim bill in some instances. The proposal also aligns with the statute of limitations, granting victims the same amount of time to bring a claim against a government entity as they would against a private one, while also preventing insurance companies from withholding payment until a claim bill has passed the Legislature. During the committee process, persistent opposition to the legislation came from cities, counties, hospital districts, and school districts. They argued that the changes would drive up insurance costs and trigger more litigation—especially as property tax cuts may potentially go before voters in 2026. McFarland, who has pushed for the changes for several years, said giving injured Floridians greater recourse is overdue. Sanford Republican Sen. Jason Brodeur filed a similar, but not identical, companion measure (SB 1366) in the Senate earlier this month.

House Votes to Broaden E-Verify Mandate to Small Businesses

All private employers in Florida would be required to use the federal E-verify system to ensure new hires are legally authorized to work in the United States under legislation (HB 197) passed Thursday by the House and sent to the Senate. Current Florida law requires the use of E-Verify by public employers and private businesses with at least 25 or more workers. The proposed new law sponsored by Republican Reps. Berny Jacques and Kiyan Michael, would extend the mandate to smaller private employers. Opponents of the bill, mostly Democrats, have argued that small businesses don't need another burden. The bill passed 80-30, with all but two Republicans, agribusinessman Rep. J.J. Grow and small business owner Rep. Susan Plasencia, voting in favor. Four Democrats joined the Republican majority in voting for the bill. A similar House bill passed the full chamber in 2025 but died in the Senate. Republican Sen. Jonathan Martin is carrying an identical version of the bill (SB 1278) this year in the Senate.

Dates to Remember

2026 Regular Session Dates

- March 3, 2026 Last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings
- March 13, 2026 Last day of Regular Session

Filed Bills

The bills listed below are those we are currently tracking on your behalf.

[HB 0039](#) Assessments Levied on Recreational Vehicle Parks by Nix, Jr.

Assessments Levied on Recreational Vehicle Parks: Provides that certain special assessments on recreational vehicle parks levied by counties, municipalities, & special districts, respectively, may not be levied against certain portion of recreational vehicle parking space or campsite; requires counties, municipalities, & special districts, respectively, to consider recreational vehicle park's occupancy rates for certain purpose. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

Actions

01/12/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee, 01/14/26, 10:30 am, 17 H
01/14/2026	HOUSE Favorable by Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/14/2026	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

[HB 0045](#) Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators by Plakon

Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators: Defines "public bathing place" & "public swimming pool"; revises residency restrictions for persons convicted of certain sexual offenses occurring on or after specified date; provides applicability; revises requirements for search of sexual predator or sexual offender registration information by state agency or governmental subdivision before appointing or employing person to work at specified locations; revises special conditions for certain sexual offenders subject to conditional release supervision for offenses committed on or after specified date; revises conditions of probation or community control for certain sexual offenders for offenses committed on or after specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Judiciary Committee

Actions

11/06/2025 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
HOUSE Reference to Health Professions & Programs
11/07/2025 Subcommittee removed; Remaining reference: Judiciary Committee
11/07/2025 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

[HB 0063](#) Carrying a Handgun, Weapon, or Firearm by Hunschofsky

Carrying a Handgun, Weapon, or Firearm: Prohibits carrying handgun, weapon, or firearm into certain locations; provides penalties. Effective Date: October 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

10/07/2025 HOUSE Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
10/07/2025 HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee
11/04/2025 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

[HB 0067](#) Reduction of Annual Assessment Increases for Homestead Property by Holcomb

Reduction of Annual Assessment Increases for Homestead Property: Proposes State Constitutional amendment reducing maximum amount that homestead property's assessed value may increase annually.

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

10/07/2025 HOUSE Referred to Select Committee on Property Taxes; State Affairs Committee; Ways & Means Committee
10/07/2025 HOUSE Now in Select Committee on Property Taxes
10/31/2025 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

[HB 0069](#) Assessment of Homestead Property by Holcomb

Assessment of Homestead Property: Reducing maximum increase in assessed value authorized for homestead property.

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

10/07/2025	HOUSE Referred to Select Committee on Property Taxes; State Affairs Committee; Ways & Means Committee
10/07/2025	HOUSE Now in Select Committee on Property Taxes
10/31/2025	HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

[HB 0071](#) Distribution of Funds to Homestead Property Owners by Holcomb

Distribution of Funds to Homestead Property Owners: Creates Homestead Property Tax Relief Program within DFS; defines “eligible homesteader”; requires CFO to annually issue warrants of specified amount to certain homestead property owners beginning & ending on specified dates; requires CFO to work with county property appraisers for specified purpose; provides future repeal. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

10/07/2025	HOUSE Referred to Select Committee on Property Taxes; Budget Committee
10/07/2025	HOUSE Now in Select Committee on Property Taxes
11/18/2025	HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

[HB 0079](#) Water Safety Requirements for the Rental of Residential Property by Maggard

Water Safety Requirements for the Rental of Residential Property: Requires vacation rental licensee to equip certain rental units with specified water safety features; provides for civil liability; provides exception. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee

Actions

01/12/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee, 01/14/26, 4:00 pm, 404 H
01/14/2026	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/15/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

[HB 0085](#) Swimming Lesson Voucher Program by Kendall

Swimming Lesson Voucher Program: Revises age requirements for children receiving voucher through Swimming Lesson Voucher Program. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

01/12/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health Care Budget Subcommittee, 01/14/26, 10:30 am, 314 H
01/14/2026	HOUSE Favorable by Health Care Budget Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/14/2026	HOUSE Now in Health & Human Services Committee

[SB 0110](#) Homestead Exemptions by Arrington

Homestead Exemptions; Revising the circumstances under which a person may be deemed to have legal or beneficial and equitable title to certain property for homestead exemption purposes, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

Actions

10/07/2025	SENATE Filed
10/13/2025	SENATE Referred to Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules
	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue
11/12/2025	Estimating Impact Conference, 11/14/25, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

[HB 0117](#) Residential Swimming Pool Requirements by López, J.

Residential Swimming Pool Requirements: Requires swimming pools located on residential real property that is transferred or sold on or after specified date to meet certain pool safety & pool barrier requirements; requires home inspectors to report violations of law to local enforcement agency. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee

Actions

10/07/2025	HOUSE Filed
	HOUSE Referred to Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee; Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee
10/14/2025	HOUSE Now in Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee

SB 0118 Assessments Levied on Recreational Vehicle Parks by Truenow

Assessments Levied on Recreational Vehicle Parks; Providing that certain special assessments on recreational vehicle parks levied by counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively, may not be levied against a certain portion of a recreational vehicle parking space or campsite; requiring counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively, to consider a recreational vehicle park's occupancy rates for a certain purpose, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

Actions

11/18/2025	SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
11/19/2025	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
11/20/2025	SENATE Now in Finance and Tax

HB 0145 Suits Against the Government by McFarland

Suits Against the Government: Increases statutory limits on liability for tort claims against state & its agencies & subdivisions; authorizes subdivision of state to settle claim in excess of statutory limit without legislative action regardless of insurance coverage limits; prohibits insurance policy from conditioning benefits on enactment of claim bill; specifies that limitations in effect on date claim accrues apply to that claim; revises period within which certain claims must be presented; revises exceptions relating to instituting tort claims against state or agencies or subdivisions; revises period after which failure of certain entities to make final disposition of claim shall be deemed final denial of claim for certain purposes; revises statute of limitations for tort claims against state or agencies or subdivisions & exceptions thereto. Effective Date: October 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

01/12/2026	HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 01/15/26
01/15/2026	HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 104 Yeas / 7 Nays)
01/15/2026	SENATE In Messages

HB 0149 Maximum Millage Rates for the 2027-2028 Fiscal Year by Chamberlin

Maximum Millage Rates for the 2027-2028 Fiscal Year: Provides method for determining the maximum county & school millage rates for fiscal year 2027-2028; provides for future repeal. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Select Committee on Property Taxes

Actions

10/13/2025	HOUSE Filed
10/21/2025	HOUSE Referred to Select Committee on Property Taxes; State Affairs Committee; Ways & Means Committee
10/21/2025	HOUSE Now in Select Committee on Property Taxes

[HB 0201](#) Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads by Steele

Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to exempt homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee

Actions

11/25/2025	HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 12/02/25, 8:30 am, 17 H
12/02/2025	HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 18 Yeas, 5 Nays
12/02/2025	HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

[HB 0203](#) Phased Out Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads by Miller

Phased Out Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase exemption for homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies annually for 10 years by a certain amount, to make homestead property exempt from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies beginning in a specified year, to prohibit local governments from reducing total funding for services provided by law enforcement, firefighters, and other first responders, and provide an effective date. Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

Actions

01/13/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 01/15/26, 8:00 am, 17 H
01/15/2026	HOUSE Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 16 Yeas, 6 Nays
01/15/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

[HB 0205](#)

Elimination of Non-School Property Tax for Homesteads for Persons Age 65 or Older by Porras

Elimination of Non-School Property Tax for Homesteads for Persons Age 65 or Older: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to exempt homestead property from all levies other than school district levies for persons who have attained age 65, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee

Actions

11/25/2025	HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 12/02/25, 8:30 am, 17 H
12/02/2025	HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 18 Yeas, 7 Nays
12/02/2025	HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

[HB 0207](#)

Assessed Home Value Homestead Exemption of Non-school Property Tax by Abbott

Assessed Home Value Homestead Exemption of Non-school Property Tax: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to add a homestead exemption for levies other than school levies equal to 25 percent of the remaining assessed value after applying existing exemptions, provide construction, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

Actions

11/13/2025	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Select Committee on Property Taxes, 11/20/25, 9:00 am, 212 K
11/20/2025	HOUSE Favorable by Select Committee on Property Taxes; 24 Yeas, 10 Nays
11/20/2025	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

[HB 0209](#)

Property Insurance Relief Homestead Exemption Non-school Property Tax by Busatta

Property Insurance Relief Homestead Exemption Non-school Property Tax: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase by \$200,000 the exemption for homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies for homestead properties that have property insurance, to prohibit local governments from reducing total funding for first responders, and to provide an effective date. Effective Date: Not Specified

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

12/10/2025	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Ways & Means Committee; 10 Yeas, 5 Nays
12/10/2025	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
12/11/2025	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

HB 0211

Accrued Save-Our-Homes Property Tax Benefit for Non-school Property Tax by Overdorf

Accrued Save-Our-Homes Property Tax Benefit for Non-school Property Tax: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase the maximum value of the accrued Save-Our-Homes benefit which may be transferred to a new homestead for all levies other than school district levies, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee

Actions

11/25/2025	HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 12/02/25, 8:30 am, 17 H
12/02/2025	HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 18 Yeas, 7 Nays
12/02/2025	HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

SB 0212

Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators by McClain

Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators; Revising residency restrictions for persons convicted of certain sexual offenses; revising requirements for a search of sexual predator or sexual offender registration information by a state agency or governmental subdivision before appointing or employing a person to work; revising special conditions for certain sexual offenders subject to conditional release supervision; revising standard conditions of probation or community control for certain sexual offenders, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Criminal Justice

Actions

10/16/2025	SENATE Filed
11/03/2025	SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules
01/15/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice, 01/20/26, 3:30 pm, 37 S

[HB 0213](#)

Modification of Limitations on Property Assessment Increases by Griffiths Jr.

Modification of Limitations on Property Assessment Increases: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to modify limitations on assessment increases for both homestead and nonhomestead property, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

Actions

11/13/2025	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Select Committee on Property Taxes, 11/20/25, 9:00 am, 212 K
11/20/2025	HOUSE Favorable by Select Committee on Property Taxes; 24 Yeas, 10 Nays
11/20/2025	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

[HB 0215](#)

Ad Valorem Taxation by Albert

Ad Valorem Taxation: Revises Save-Our-Homes portability benefits available to married persons establishing joint homestead; prohibits increase in prior year's adopted millage rate from going into effect unless approved by specified vote; authorizes DOR to adopt emergency rules; provides for future expiration. Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

Actions

11/13/2025	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Select Committee on Property Taxes, 11/20/25, 9:00 am, 212 K
11/20/2025	HOUSE Favorable by Select Committee on Property Taxes; 23 Yeas, 10 Nays
11/20/2025	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

[HB 0227](#)

Eligibility of Leasehold Interests for Homestead Exemptions by Maney

Eligibility of Leasehold Interests for Homestead Exemptions: Revises circumstances under which persons may be deemed to have legal or beneficial & equitable title to certain property for homestead exemption purposes. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

Actions

01/12/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee, 01/14/26, 10:30 am, 17 H
01/14/2026	HOUSE Favorable by Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/14/2026	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

[SB 0244](#) Residential Swimming Pool Requirements by Rodriguez

Residential Swimming Pool Requirements; Requiring that swimming pools located on residential real property that is transferred or sold on or after a specified date meet certain pool safety and pool barrier requirements; requiring home inspectors to report violations of the law to a local enforcement agency, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Regulated Industries

Actions

10/20/2025	SENATE Filed
11/03/2025	SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Rules

[SB 0270](#) Homestead Property Exemption for Persons Age 65 or Older by Bernard

Homestead Property Exemption for Persons Age 65 or Older; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to exempt homestead property from all levies other than school district levies for persons who have attained age 65, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

Actions

10/23/2025	SENATE Filed
11/17/2025	SENATE Referred to Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

[SB 0272](#) Homestead Exemption for Persons 65 and Older by Bernard

Homestead Exemption for Persons 65 and Older; Expanding the homestead exemption for persons 65 years and older to include a total exemption of homestead property from ad valorem taxation, other than for school district levies, for certain persons whose household income does not exceed a certain amount; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 270 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

Actions

10/23/2025 SENATE Filed

11/17/2025 SENATE Referred to Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

[SB 0274](#) Homestead Property Tax Benefits for Long-term Owners by Bernard

Homestead Property Tax Benefits for Long-term Owners; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to provide that the assessed value of homestead property may not increase after 20 years of ownership and residency, to provide an additional homestead tax exemption equal to 50 percent of the assessed value of property, other than school district levies, for persons who have owned and resided on the property as their permanent residence for 30 years or more, and to provide an effective date, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

Actions

10/23/2025 SENATE Filed

11/17/2025 SENATE Referred to Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

[SB 0276](#) Homestead Property Tax Benefits For Long-term Owners And Permanent Residents by Bernard

Homestead Property Tax Benefits for Long-term Owners and Permanent Residents; Requiring that certain property be assessed at less than just value when the person who owns the property has owned and used the property as his or her permanent residence for a specified timeframe; providing that the assessed value of such property shall be a certain amount and may not be increased under certain circumstances; specifying a homestead exemption for certain long-term owners and residents; authorizing periods of ownership and residency to be aggregated, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 274 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if

such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

Actions

10/23/2025 SENATE Filed

11/17/2025 SENATE Referred to Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

[SB 0278](#) Limitation on the Assessed Value of New Homestead Property by Bernard

Limitation on the Assessed Value of New Homestead Property; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to limit the assessed value of new homestead property established after a change of ownership which had an assessed value of less than a certain amount to no more than 150 percent of the assessed value of the property for the preceding year for ad valorem taxation purposes and to provide an effective date, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

Actions

10/23/2025 SENATE Filed

11/17/2025 SENATE Referred to Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

[SB 0280](#) Assessment of Homestead Property by Bernard

Assessment of Homestead Property; Limiting the assessed value upon change of ownership of homestead property having a prior assessed value below a certain amount when the person acquiring the property is entitled to a homestead exemption, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 278 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

Actions

10/23/2025 SENATE Filed

11/17/2025 SENATE Referred to Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

[SB 0286](#) Assessment of Changes, Additions, or Improvements to Homestead Properties by Bernard

Assessment of Changes, Additions, or Improvements to Homestead Properties; Revising the manner of assessing the value of changes, additions, or improvements to homestead property, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

Actions

10/23/2025 SENATE Filed

11/17/2025 SENATE Referred to Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

[SB 0302](#) Nature-based Solutions for Improving Coastal Resilience by García

Nature-based Solutions for Improving Coastal Resilience; Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules and guidelines for nature-based solutions for improving coastal resilience; requiring the department, in consultation with the Division of Insurance Agent and Agency Services of the Department of Financial Services, to conduct a statewide feasibility study regarding the value of nature-based solutions being used for a specified purpose, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$250,000 Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

Actions

12/02/2025 SENATE Favorable with CS by Environment and Natural Resources; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

12/04/2025 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

12/05/2025 SENATE Now in Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

[HB 0321](#) Carrying Weapons and Firearms by Hunschofsky

Carrying Weapons and Firearms: Prohibits person from carrying weapon or firearm into certain locations; provides criminal penalty. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Actions

11/04/2025 HOUSE Filed

11/12/2025 HOUSE Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

11/12/2025 HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

[HB 0347](#) Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities by Borrero

Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities: Prohibits governmental entity from displaying, placing, or causing to be placed certain flags on real property; specifies flags governmental entity may display on such property; provides requirements for governmental entity that displays flag of United States; prohibits local government from adopting certain ordinances or regulations relating to flag of local government; provides that certain ordinances & regulations are void. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

Actions

11/05/2025	HOUSE Filed
11/12/2025	HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
11/12/2025	HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

[HB 0389](#) Smoking in Public Places by Andrade

Smoking in Public Places: Revises legislative intent; defines "public place"; revises definition of terms "smoking" & "vape" or "vaping"; prohibits smoking in public places in this state, with exceptions; provides applicability; revises requirements for customs smoking rooms to prohibit smoking & vaping of marijuana products at any time. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

11/06/2025	HOUSE Filed
11/18/2025	HOUSE Referred to Health & Human Services Committee; State Affairs Committee; Commerce Committee
11/18/2025	HOUSE Now in Health & Human Services Committee

[SB 0406](#) Carrying Weapons and Firearms by Polsky

Carrying Weapons and Firearms; Prohibiting a person from carrying a weapon or firearm into certain locations; providing criminal penalties, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Criminal Justice

Actions

11/05/2025 SENATE Filed

11/17/2025 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules

[SB 0426](#) Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities by Yarborough

Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities; Prohibiting a governmental entity from displaying, placing, or causing to be placed certain flags on real property; providing a penalty; specifying flags a governmental entity may display on such property; prohibiting a local government from adopting certain ordinances or regulations relating to the flag of the local government, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability

Actions

11/07/2025 SENATE Filed

12/01/2025 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Rules

[SB 0428](#) Swimming Lesson Voucher Program by Yarborough

Swimming Lesson Voucher Program; Revising the age requirements for children receiving a voucher through the Swimming Lesson Voucher Program, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Health Policy

Actions

11/07/2025 SENATE Filed

12/01/2025 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Fiscal Policy

01/15/2026 SENATE On Committee agenda - Health Policy, 01/20/26, 3:30 pm, 412 K

[SB 0454](#) Tourist Development Taxes by Smith

Tourist Development Taxes; Deleting a provision requiring that a specified percentage of all tourist development tax revenues be used to promote and advertise tourism, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Commerce and Tourism

Actions

11/12/2025 SENATE Filed

12/01/2025 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

HB 0455 Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials by Black

Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials: Preempts all removal, damage to, or destruction of historic Florida monuments & memorials; provides that any existing or future ordinance, regulation, or rule to contrary, & certain actions by elected or appointed local government officials, are void; prohibits local governments from enacting or enforcing specified ordinances, regulations, or rules; provides penalties; requires DOS to withhold certain funding from local government; authorizes local government to temporarily remove & relocate monument or memorial in certain instances; authorizes Division of Historical Resources of DOS to request certain recommendations from Florida Historical Commission & Department of Veterans' Affairs. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

Actions

11/18/2025 HOUSE Filed
11/24/2025 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; State Affairs Committee
11/24/2025 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

SB 0456 The Tourist Development Tax by Smith

Tourist Development Tax; Authorizing the use of proceeds from the tourist development tax to fund public safety improvements, affordable housing, and workforce housing, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Commerce and Tourism

Actions

11/12/2025 SENATE Filed
12/01/2025 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

SB 0458 Tourist Development Tax by Smith

Tourist Development Tax; Revising the percentage of tourist development tax revenues that must be spent to promote and advertise tourism in order for any tourist development tax revenues to be used for a specified purpose, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Commerce and Tourism

Actions

11/12/2025 SENATE Filed

12/01/2025 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

[HB 0495](#) Golf Course Best Management Practices Certification by Albert

Golf Course Best Management Practices Certification: Provides legislative findings & intent regarding golf course best management practices certification; provides for type two transfer of Golf Course Best Management Practices Certification program in DEP to DACS. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee

Actions

11/19/2025 HOUSE Filed

11/24/2025 HOUSE Referred to Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee; Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

11/24/2025 HOUSE Now in Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee

[SB 0496](#) Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials by McClain

Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials; Citing this act as the “Historic Florida Monuments and Memorials Protection Act”; preempting all removal, damage to, or destruction of historic Florida monuments and memorials; providing that any existing or future ordinance, regulation, or rule to the contrary, and certain actions by elected or appointed local government officials, are void; providing civil penalties for certain officials who engage in certain actions; authorizing a local government to temporarily remove and relocate a monument or memorial in certain instances provided certain requirements are met, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability

Actions

11/13/2025 SENATE Filed

12/01/2025 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Rules

HB 0503 Drowning Prevention Education by Eskamani

Drowning Prevention Education: Requires DOH to develop educational materials on drowning prevention safety measures & safe bathing practices for specified purposes; provides requirements for such materials; requires hospitals, birth centers, & home birth providers to provide educational materials to new parents & caregivers as part of their postpartum education & care; requires hospitals, birth centers, & home health providers to maintain proof of compliance with required distribution of educational materials & make such records available to AHCA upon request; requires childbirth educators to provide informational materials to parents or caregivers receiving childbirth education from them. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Health Care Facilities & Systems Subcommittee

Actions

11/20/2025	HOUSE Filed
11/24/2025	HOUSE Referred to Health Care Facilities & Systems Subcommittee; Health Care Budget Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee
11/24/2025	HOUSE Now in Health Care Facilities & Systems Subcommittee

SB 0544 Golf Courses by Truenow

Golf Courses; Creating the “Golf Course Best Management Practices Certification Act”; providing legislative findings and intent regarding golf course best management practices certification; providing for a type two transfer of the Golf Course Best Management Practices Certification program in the Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

Actions

01/13/2026	SENATE Favorable with CS by Environment and Natural Resources; 6 Yeas, 1 Nay
01/14/2026	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
01/14/2026	SENATE Now in Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

SB 0606 Drowning Prevention Education by Smith

Drowning Prevention Education; Requiring the Department of Health to develop educational materials on drowning prevention safety measures and safe bathing practices for specified purposes; providing requirements for such materials; requiring hospitals, birth centers, and home birth providers to provide the educational materials to new parents and caregivers as part of their postpartum education and care, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Health Policy

Actions

11/20/2025	SENATE Filed
12/09/2025	SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Fiscal Policy
01/15/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Health Policy, 01/20/26, 3:30 pm, 412 K

[SB 0610](#) Residential Swimming Pool Requirements by Smith

Residential Swimming Pool Requirements; Requiring that swimming pools located on residential real property that is transferred or sold on or after a specified date meet certain pool safety requirements; requiring that swimming pools located on residential real property that is transferred or sold on or after a specified date meet certain pool barrier requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Regulated Industries

Actions

11/20/2025	SENATE Filed
12/09/2025	SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Rules

[HB 0633](#) Public Swimming and Bathing Places by Berfield

Public Swimming and Bathing Places: Revises & provides requirements for public swimming & bathing facilities relating to yearly inspections, rule variances, review & revision of rules, sanitation & safety standards, certification, the Public Swimming Pool & Spa Technical Committee, replacing certain equipment, & permit applications. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee

Actions

12/03/2025	HOUSE Filed
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12/12/2025	HOUSE Referred to Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee; Health Care Budget Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee
12/12/2025	HOUSE Now in Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee

[SB 0636](#) Beach Management by Leek

Beach Management; Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to review certain data when designating certain beaches as critically eroded and in need of restoration and nourishment; requiring that certain beaches, whose local government preserved funds for a certain purpose and which possess specified features, be designated as critically eroded; revising the list of areas that may receive designation as an area of critical state concern, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

Actions

01/08/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Environment and Natural Resources, 01/13/26, 1:30 pm, 110 S
01/13/2026	SENATE Favorable by Environment and Natural Resources; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/13/2026	SENATE Now in Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

[SB 0658](#) Water Safety Requirements for the Rental of Residential Property by Burgess

Water Safety Requirements for the Rental of Residential Property; Requiring a landlord to equip certain rental properties with specified water safety features; requiring a public lodging establishment licensed as a vacation rental to equip certain rental units with specified water safety features, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Regulated Industries

Actions

11/24/2025	SENATE Filed
12/09/2025	SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Rules

[HB 0669](#) Public Waters by Gossett-Seidman

Public Waters: Prohibits local governments & special districts from applying for permit to establish or maintain public mooring field; requires DOH to

adopt & enforce certain rules; provides minimum requirements for such rules; requires counties, municipalities, special districts, & state to issue within specified timeframe health advisories; removes preemption to state of certain health advisories; requires counties, municipalities, special districts, & state to provide DEP & local affiliates of national television networks certain notification within specified timeframe; requires counties, municipalities, special districts, & state to close certain beach waters & public bathing places; requires closure to remain in effect for specified amount of time; requires counties, municipalities, special districts, & certain owners to provide specified entities certain notification; requires DOH, in coordination with DEP & FWCC, to adopt by rule health advisory sign for specified purpose; provides requirements for such sign; requires counties, municipalities, special districts, & DEP to post & maintain health advisory signs; specifies where health advisory signs must be posted & for how long. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

Actions

12/05/2025	HOUSE Filed
12/16/2025	HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; Budget Committee; State Affairs Committee
12/16/2025	HOUSE Now in Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

[HB 0951](#) One-cent Piece by McFarland

One-cent Piece: Authorizes dealers to round to nearest nickel in certain circumstances; provides procedures for such rounding; requires tax due on rounded transactions to be calculated on price before rounding; provides that rounding to nearest nickel is not deceptive & unfair trade practice in certain circumstances. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee

Actions

01/12/2026	HOUSE Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Commerce Committee
01/12/2026	HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee
01/14/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 01/16/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

[HB 0967](#) Electronic Payments Made to Units of Local Governments by Buchanan

Electronic Payments Made to Units of Local Governments: Revises legislative intent; requires units of local government to accept certain forms of payments; requires such local governments accept payments online. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

Actions

01/12/2026	HOUSE Referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
01/12/2026	HOUSE Now in Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee
01/15/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee, 01/20/26, 9:30 am, 17 H

[SB 0986](#) Smoking in Public Places by Gruters

Smoking in Public Places; Defining the term “public place”; revising the definition of the terms “smoking” and “vape” or “vaping”; prohibiting smoking or vaping a marijuana product in public places in this state, with exceptions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Regulated Industries

Actions

12/19/2025	SENATE Filed
01/07/2026	SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Rules
01/15/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Regulated Industries, 01/20/26, 9:30 am, 412 K

[HB 1001](#) Official Actions of Local Governments by Black

Official Actions of Local Governments: Prohibits counties & municipalities, respectively, from funding or promoting or taking official action as it relates to diversity, equity, & inclusion; prohibits counties & municipalities from expending funds for diversity, equity, & inclusion offices or for diversity, equity, & inclusion officers; provides that county commissioner, member of governing body of municipality, or any other county or municipal official acting in official capacity who violates certain provisions commits misfeasance or malfeasance in office; authorizes cause of action against counties & municipalities; authorizes court to enter judgment awarding

certain relief, damages, & costs; requires potential recipients of county or municipal contracts or grants to make certain certification to county or municipality before being awarded such contract or grant. Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

Actions

01/05/2026	HOUSE Filed
01/12/2026	HOUSE Referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
01/12/2026	HOUSE Now in Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

SB 1042 **Public Waters** by Rodriguez

Public Waters; Prohibiting local governments and special districts from applying for a permit to establish or maintain a public mooring field under certain circumstances; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Department of Health to adopt and enforce certain rules; requiring counties, municipalities, special districts, and, if applicable, the state to close certain beach waters and public bathing places, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Health Policy

Actions

12/30/2025	SENATE Filed
01/07/2026	SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Rules

SB 1074 **One-cent Piece** by Gaetz

One-cent Piece; Requiring dealers to round to the nearest nickel in certain circumstances; providing procedures for such rounding; requiring that the tax due on rounded transactions be calculated on the price before rounding; providing that rounding to the nearest nickel is not a deceptive and unfair trade practice in certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Commerce and Tourism

Actions

01/05/2026	SENATE Filed
01/12/2026	SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

01/14/2026 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue
Estimating Impact Conference, 01/16/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No
Votes Will Be Taken)

[SB 1134](#) Official Actions of Local Governments by Yarborough

Official Actions of Local Governments; Prohibiting counties and municipalities, respectively, from funding or promoting or taking official action as it relates to diversity, equity, and inclusion; providing that certain ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, programs, and policies are void; providing that a county commissioner, a member of the governing body of a municipality, or any other county or municipal official acting in an official capacity who violates certain provisions commits misfeasance or malfeasance in office, etc. Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

Actions

01/05/2026 SENATE Filed

01/12/2026 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Rules

[SB 1200](#) Regulation of Public Swimming Pools and Bathing Places by Massullo, Jr.

Regulation of Public Swimming Pools and Bathing Places; Providing that, notwithstanding an exemption from supervision or regulation, certain pools are subject to annual inspections by the Department of Health to ensure compliance with specified standards; providing the Public Swimming Pool and Spa Technical Committee with the sole authority to review and approve certain variances; requiring certain department and county health department employees to obtain the Florida Public Pool Specialist Certification within a specified timeframe; deleting a certain advisory review board and replacing it with the Public Swimming Pool and Spa Technical Committee, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Health Policy

Actions

01/06/2026 SENATE Filed

01/12/2026 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Fiscal Policy

[HB 1297](#) Beach Management by Greco

Beach Management: Requires DEP to review certain data when designating certain beaches as critically eroded & in need of restoration & nourishment; requires that certain beaches be designated as critically eroded; authorizes

Secretary of Environmental Protection to require coastal local governments to develop specified plans. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

Actions

01/08/2026	HOUSE Filed
01/15/2026	HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
01/15/2026	HOUSE Now in Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

HB 1329 **Local Government Spending** by Benarroch

Local Government Spending: Requires posting of county & municipality budgets to allow members of public to download & review certain information & data in specified formats; requires certain officers to perform a specified exercise before final adoption of budget; prohibits local governments from expending public funds for purpose of diversity, equity, & inclusion; prohibits local governments from contracting with private vendors for services for promoting, advocating for, or providing training or education on diversity, equity, & inclusion; requires all local governments make specified certification to CFO by date certain each year; requires CFO to conduct specified evaluation; specifies that local governments that violate certain provisions are subject to administrative fines; requires such fines to be deposited in Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

Actions

01/09/2026	HOUSE Filed
01/15/2026	HOUSE Referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; State Administration Budget Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
01/15/2026	HOUSE Now in Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

SB 1366 **Claims Against the Government** by Brodeur

Claims Against the Government; Increasing the statutory limits on the liability of the state and its agencies and subdivisions for tort claims; requiring the Department of Financial Services, beginning on a specified date and every 5 years thereafter, to adjust the limitations of liability for claims; limiting attorney fees based on the amount of funds recovered; authorizing

the Legislature to limit attorney fee awards in a claim bill or reserve any portion of the proceeds of a claim bill to the claimant, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

01/07/2026 SENATE Filed

[SB 1566](#) Local Government Spending by DiCeglie

Local Government Spending; Citing this act as the “Local Government Financial Transparency and Accountability Act”; revising the timeframe during which tentative budgets, and the length of time for which final budgets, must be posted on county websites; revising the timeframe during which a public hearing for an amendment to a county budget must be advertised; prohibiting a local government from expending public funds for the purpose of diversity, equity, and inclusion; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to conduct a specified evaluation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

01/09/2026 SENATE Filed

[SB 1612](#) Electronic Payments to Local Governments by DiCeglie

Electronic Payments to Local Governments; Revising legislative intent; requiring each unit of local government to accept electronic payment online for payments received by and financial obligations owed to the unit of local government, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

01/09/2026 SENATE Filed

[HB 6007](#) Tourist Development Taxes by Eskamani

Tourist Development Taxes: Removes provision requiring specified percentage of all tourist development tax revenues to be used to promote & advertise tourism. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee

Actions

11/13/2025 HOUSE Filed

11/24/2025	HOUSE Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee; Commerce Committee
11/24/2025	HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee