

To: Florida Recreation and Park Association

From: Allison S. Carvajal

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Re: Legislative Report – Session Week 2

DeSantis Touts \$485M Investment in Nursing Education

Gov. Ron DeSantis on Tuesday highlighted the state's continued investment in nursing education, announcing that more than \$485 million has been awarded through the state's Linking Industry to Nursing Education, or LINE, and Prepping Institutions, Programs, Employers, and Learners through Incentives for Nursing Education, or PIPELINE, programs since their launch in 2022. The funding is aimed at strengthening nursing programs by expanding scholarships, recruiting faculty, upgrading equipment, and enhancing simulation centers to address workforce shortages. DeSantis touted more than \$20 million in new LINE funding, including \$14.5 million for state colleges and private postsecondary institutions and \$6 million for state universities. Overall, the LINE program has distributed more than \$85 million, while the larger PIPELINE initiative has awarded \$400 million to colleges, school districts, and universities. LINE operates as a matching grant that supports partnerships between schools and health providers. PIPELINE funding, meanwhile, is tied to performance metrics such as program completion rates and passage rates on the national nursing licensure exam.

Local Governments' Hope for SB 180 Relief Advances in Senate

After local government outcry and numerous lawsuits, the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday unanimously approved a measure (SB 840) meant to fix unintended consequences of post-hurricane recovery legislation (SB 180) passed last year. Sponsored by Indian Rocks Beach Republican Sen. Nick DiCeglie, the proposal narrows the scope of the earlier measure, shrinking new post-storm restrictions on local development rules to an affected area from 100 miles to 50 miles from a hurricane's track, limited to areas included in a Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster declaration. The legislation would also accelerate the expiration of SB 180 provisions tied to Hurricanes Debby, Helene and Milton, ending them on June 30 instead of in late 2027. While keeping a one-year ban on local rebuilding moratoriums, SB 840 would limit it to properties actually damaged by storms. Local governments would still be allowed to carry out required planning actions and infrastructure projects. Backlash from local governments and

environmental activists called attention to SB 180's problems, which local officials said prevented them from regulating development in much of the state. DiCeglie, who also sponsored last year's SB 180, said the new bill addresses provisions in the earlier measure that created roadblocks for cities and counties updating their comprehensive plans or other decisions not directly related to storm recovery. Local officials spoke in support of DiCeglie's revisions during Tuesday's committee meeting, but they have publicly expressed disappointment with the House companion bill (HB 1465) by Pensacola Republican Rep. Alex Andrade and Miami Beach Republican Rep. Fabian Basabe, for not doing enough to address concerns about last year's legislation. While HB 1465 awaits a committee hearing, SB 840 will next travel to its third and final committee stop before it could appear before the full Senate. Last year's SB 180 is currently being challenged in court by about two dozen local governments and the growth-management group 1000 Friends of Florida. The lawsuits remain pending in Leon County circuit court.

'AI Bill of Rights' Moves Forward in Senate

The Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee on Wednesday unanimously advanced legislation (SB 482) aimed at creating an "Artificial Intelligence Bill of Rights" for Florida, marking an early push this session to regulate rapidly evolving AI technologies while prioritizing protections for children and consumers—an effort backed by Gov. Ron DeSantis but discouraged by the Trump administration. The proposal aligns with the governor's calls for safeguards around AI use, particularly for young people, even as President Donald Trump issued an executive order in December threatening to withhold federal funding for states with "onerous" AI laws. Leek argued his measure strikes a careful balance and doesn't conflict with Trump's agenda. Under SB 482, chatbot platforms would be required to clearly disclose when users are interacting with AI through pop-up warnings at the start of a conversation and at least once every hour thereafter. The bill would prohibit minors from communicating with chatbots without parental consent and would give parents the ability to view their child's interactions, limit access, or delete their child's account. Minors would also receive reminders to "take a break" at least once an hour. Companies that violate the rules could face civil penalties of up to \$50,000 per violation. Leek pointed to a 2024 case involving a 14-year-old Orlando boy who died by suicide after extensive interactions with an AI chatbot—some of them sexual and romantic—as evidence of the risks posed by unregulated AI. The case later drew national attention and litigation. While the proposal garnered bipartisan support, some Democrats and advocacy groups argued it could go further. Others, particularly in the business and tech community, claimed the measure doesn't offer any protections for workers and that the language was too vague. Leek, however, noted that he is still working with stakeholders to tighten the bill's definitions. The legislation now heads to its second and final committee of reference, the Senate Appropriations Committee. An identical House companion (HB 1395) was filed last week by Hialeah Republican Rep. Alex Rizo.

Student Volunteer Poll Worker Measure Approved

A highly praised proposal (HB 461) allowing students to volunteer at polling locations was unanimously approved by the House Student Academic Success Subcommittee on Wednesday. Students would be allowed to volunteer to work at polling places in exchange for community service hours, needed for college scholarships under the bill carried by Jacksonville Republican Rep. Kiyon Michael and Rep. Susan Valdes, R-Tampa. Current law prohibits election offices from accepting any donated money or services—including volunteer work, which precludes students from volunteering in polling offices. The measure would revise that prohibition to specify that the law doesn't ban high school students who are registered or pre-registered to vote from volunteering to assist poll workers for community service credit. The measure moves next to the House State Affairs Committee.

House Property Tax Proposals Clear Committee

A proposed constitutional amendment (HJR 203) aiming to phase out non-school homestead property taxes cleared its third and final House panel on Thursday, setting it up to be considered on the chamber's floor. The House Ways & Means Committee passed the joint resolution on an 11-5 party-line vote, with Republicans in favor. Sponsored by Palm Bay Republican Rep. Monique Miller, the measure—if approved by at least 60% of Florida voters—would annually increase the homestead exemption by \$100,000 over the next decade, and the full exemption for non-school taxes would be reached in 2037. The legislation would also prohibit local governments from cutting funds for law enforcement, firefighters, and other first responders. While the Senate continues to ponder an approach to lowering property taxes statewide, the House State Affairs Committee also on Thursday advanced another proposed constitutional amendment (HJR 213) that would limit assessed-value growth to 3% over three years for homestead properties and 15% over three years for non-homestead properties. Brought by Panama City Beach Republican Rep. Griff Griffiths, the joint resolution passed on a 17-7 party-line vote as amended. Similar to the other aforementioned House proposal, Griffiths' measure prohibits local governments from cutting funds for law enforcement, firefighters, and other first responders. The bill has one more committee stop. Both proposals drew objections from Democrats and local government officials, who were concerned that homestead property tax cuts could lead to reduced services and shift the tax burden to renters and businesses. Just how many property tax amendments will be on the next ballot is unclear as representatives try to reach an agreement on property tax reforms with the Senate and Gov. Ron DeSantis, who has not yet floated a specific proposal. HJR 213 will next move to the Ways & Means Committee along with several similar or related bills (HJR 201, HJR 205, HJR 211), and another property tax proposal (HJR 207) awaits a hearing in the State Affairs Committee, while one more measure (HJR 209) is currently on the Calendar for second reading. No Senate companion legislation has been filed.

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: No Current Committee

Actions

01/20/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 01/22/26, 10:30 am, 17 H
01/22/2026	HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 23 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/22/2026	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

[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
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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 Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee

Actions

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

01/19/2026 HOUSE Now in Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee

[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: No Current Committee

Actions

01/16/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health & Human Services Committee, 01/21/26, 8:00 am, 17 H
01/21/2026	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Health & Human Services Committee; 25 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/21/2026	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

[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
10/14/2025	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

01/15/2026	HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 104 Yeas / 7 Nays)
01/15/2026	SENATE In Messages
01/16/2026	SENATE Received; Referred to Rules

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 for Homesteads** by Miller

Phased Out Elimination of Non-school Property 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.

Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee

Actions

01/20/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Ways & Means Committee, 01/22/26, 8:00 am, 404 H
01/22/2026	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Ways & Means Committee; 11 Yeas, 5 Nays
01/23/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) 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; Defining the terms “public bathing place” and “public swimming pool”; prohibiting persons convicted of certain sexual offenses from visiting or otherwise being within 200 feet of specified locations; requiring a sexual offender or sexual predator to notify a school or child care facility of his or her status in certain circumstances; authorizing the warrantless arrest of a person if a law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe the person visited or was within 200 feet of specified prohibited locations after he or she was previously convicted of committing specified sexual offenses against a victim younger than 16 years of age, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Judiciary

Actions

01/20/2026	SENATE Favorable with CS by Criminal Justice; 7 Yeas, 1 Nays
01/21/2026	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
01/22/2026	SENATE Now in Judiciary

[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 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

01/20/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 01/22/26, 10:30 am, 17 H
01/22/2026	HOUSE Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 17 Yeas, 7 Nays
01/22/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

[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

[HB 0243](#) Electric Bicycles by Benarroch

Electric Bicycles: Provides requirements for operation of electric bicycles; provides penalties; creates Electric Bicycle Safety Task Force adjunct to DHSMV & provides requirements therefor; requires certain reports to Governor & Legislature by specified dates. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

Actions

01/16/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Operations Subcommittee, 01/21/26, 1:00 pm, 404 H - PCS
01/21/2026	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Operations Subcommittee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/22/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

[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

SB 0382 Electric Bicycles by Truenow

Electric Bicycles; Providing requirements for the operation of electric bicycles; prohibiting the operation of an electric bicycle above a certain speed under certain circumstances; creating the Electric Bicycle Safety Task Force adjunct to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; requiring the Florida Highway Patrol and each police department and sheriff's office to maintain a certain list, beginning on a certain date, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

Actions

01/20/2026	SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/21/2026	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

01/22/2026 SENATE Now in Appropriations Committee on Transportation,
Tourism, and Economic Development

[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 Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

Actions

01/15/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Health Policy, 01/20/26, 3:30 pm, 412 K
01/20/2026	SENATE Favorable by Health Policy; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/21/2026	SENATE Now in Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

[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
	HOUSE Referred to Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee; Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee; Commerce Committee
11/24/2025	
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
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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 Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

Actions

01/20/2026	SENATE Favorable with CS by Health Policy; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/21/2026	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
01/22/2026	SENATE Now in Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

[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
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
01/22/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Regulated Industries, 01/27/26, 1:00 pm, 412 K

[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 State Affairs Committee

Actions

01/15/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee, 01/20/26, 9:30 am, 17 H
01/20/2026	HOUSE Favorable by Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/20/2026 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

[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 Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

Actions

01/15/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Regulated Industries, 01/20/26, 9:30 am, 412 K
01/20/2026	SENATE Favorable by Regulated Industries; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/21/2026	SENATE Now in Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

[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 Finance and Tax

Actions

01/16/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 01/21/26, 8:30 am, 110 S
01/21/2026	SENATE Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/21/2026	SENATE Now in Finance and Tax

[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: Senate Judiciary

Actions

01/07/2026 SENATE Filed

01/16/2026 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Appropriations; Rules

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: Senate Community Affairs

Actions

01/09/2026	SENATE Filed
	SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations
01/16/2026	Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Rules

[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: Senate Community Affairs

Actions

01/09/2026	SENATE Filed
01/16/2026	SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules
01/22/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 01/27/26, 3:30 pm, 37 S

[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