

To: Florida Recreation and Park Association

From: Allison S. Carvajal

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Re: Legislative Report – Session Week 6

Déjà Vu: House Passes Budget, Speaker Warns of Tough Senate Talks

The full House on Thursday approved its \$113.6 billion budget proposal (HB 5001), setting the stage for negotiations with the Senate that could stretch beyond the scheduled end of the legislative session as it did last year. House Speaker Daniel Perez, R-Miami, cautioned members that the coming weeks may prove challenging. “Today we have arrived at the turning point of our session,” Perez told members ahead of floor consideration of the budget and related bills. “What happens in the days ahead will decide if we will be here another three weeks or another three months.” The sweeping appropriations bill passed on a 101-4 vote. On the other side of the rotunda, the full Senate is expected to take up its \$115 billion budget bill (SB 2500) today. Both chambers must pass their respective spending plans before budget conferencing can commence, but negotiations over the details can't begin until top-line figures are agreed on by legislative leaders and the two spending plans are about \$1.4 billion apart. This year, the House will “host” budget conferencing, and a final budget agreement must be reached by March 10 to adhere to the constitutionally mandated 72-hour “cooling off” period if the Legislature is to end its session on time on March 13. The annual state budget is the only legislation lawmakers are constitutionally required to pass every year. The upcoming 2026-27 fiscal year is poised to begin July 1.

House Passes Property Tax Cut Measure

The House on Thursday passed a proposal to ask voters to repeal all property taxes on homesteaded property except for those funding schools. The proposal is aimed at addressing part of a widely-complained about “affordability” problem in the state and could cut thousands of dollars from residents’ tax bills. But local government leaders—and many Democrats in the Legislature—have warned that if voters approve it, the plan also could cause local governments to drastically reduce services if the tax revenue isn’t made up for with other money. Some Democrats on the House floor on Thursday referred to that possibility when they said the measure could be one that would “defund the police.” Democrat Rep. Yvonne Hinson said she feared the state would end up having to

make up for cuts at the local level. “We can’t govern 67 counties (with state tax money),” she said. “There’s going to be a reckoning. You’re going to regret it.” House leaders had initially sought to let voters choose between several proposals but now are offering just one. That puts the House more in line with Gov. Ron DeSantis, who has pushed for property tax cuts, but hasn’t put out a detailed plan. The Senate also is working on its own proposal. Republican Rep. Toby Overdorf said local government property taxes have gone up by \$18 billion in the last three years and ad valorem tax collections have increased 77% in the last 26 years. Local taxes, he said, “rise and rise and rise. That’s unsustainable.” Republicans also noted that lawmakers weren’t actually ordering the change, but merely asking voters if they want to do so through a ballot initiative. “The voters will make that choice,” Overdorf said. Democrats responded to that by saying they weren’t convinced that voters would get accurate information about the issue – and feared the state government would use taxpayer dollars to campaign for the measure, as the state did on proposed amendments related to abortion and marijuana during the 2024 elections.

Election Bills Requiring Proof of Citizenship Inch Closer to Passage

GOP-backed legislation that would require proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote is one step closer to the House and Senate floors after clearing key committees on party-line votes this week. The Senate bill (SB 1334), brought by Sen. Erin Grall, advanced Wednesday in the Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, with all Democrats voting no. The measure mirrors federal proposals backed by President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans. Supporters argue the bill strengthens election integrity, despite voters approving a 2020 constitutional amendment stating that only U.S. citizens may vote. Under SB 1334, voter registrations would not be considered valid unless citizenship is verified through records from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Applicants would need to present a REAL ID-compliant driver’s license, birth certificate, passport, or similar documentation. State officials have said 99% of Florida residents already hold REAL ID-compliant licenses. Democrats and voting-rights advocates argued that the proposal risks disenfranchising eligible voters who lack immediate access to the required documents. Much of the committee debate focused on college students attending Florida universities while holding out-of-state driver’s licenses. During the debate, Boca Raton Democratic Sen. Tina Polsky cited Leon County elections guidance stating that students may register locally even if they retain out-of-state documentation. Opponents also pointed to Kansas, where a similar law enacted in 2011 blocked more than 31,000 U.S. citizens from registering to vote before being struck down as unconstitutional in 2018 – a ruling later upheld on appeal in 2020. If enacted, the Senate version would take effect July 1, 2026, ahead of Florida’s August primary and November general election. Democrats argued that the timeline is too aggressive. A House companion (HB 991), carried by Fort Myers Republican Rep. Jenna Persons-Mulicka, is ready to be considered on the House floor after clearing its second and final committee stop on a party-line vote earlier this week. That bill, however, has an effective date of Jan. 1, 2027.

Boyd Amendment Could Affect Cruise Port Plans

An amendment added to a coastal resiliency bill (SB 302) this week could bolster protections in waters near a Manatee County site being eyed for a potential cruise ship port that has been controversial in the region. The amendment, filed by Republican Sen. Jim Boyd of Bradenton, puts limits on dredging or filling of submerged lands of the Terra Ceia Aquatic Preserve. The limits would cover the area around where landowners and cruise company SSA Marine want to build the new port, near the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. Boyd, in line to become Senate president after the 2026 election, has called it a “critical mission” to protect the mangrove area. The bill, with the Boyd amendment, passed the Senate unanimously on Thursday. It still needs House approval.

Chambers Agree: No Tuition Increase, Fund Guardian Programs

The Senate’s postsecondary budget proposal includes \$4.7 billion for the state’s public university system, with no increase in tuition, while the House would allocate \$4.5 billion. Universities would get \$350 million for metric-based performance funding and another \$100 million for preeminent research universities in both chambers’ budget proposals. Both the House and Senate set aside \$1.8 million to implement the Postsecondary Guardian Program school safety program on university campuses, contingent on passage of legislation to expand the program to include colleges and universities. Another \$4.2 million would be set aside in both chambers’ proposals to implement the guardian program on state college campuses. The two chambers are close on their proposed allocations for the Florida College System. The Senate would spend \$1.86 billion for Florida’s state colleges, also with no tuition increase, while the House sets aside \$1.82 billion. The Senate budget plan provides about \$6 million more than last year. The Senate allocation would include about \$90 million for faculty recruitment and retention, while the House includes \$30 million for “additional operating funding” for state colleges. The Senate higher education spending plan also includes over \$787 million for workforce education programs, while the House would spend almost \$724 million and both plans feature increased funding for the Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program. SB 2516 aims to provide funding to expand the Florida Center for Nursing’s role in administering the Linking Industry to Nursing Education Fund and broaden coverage to other health science workforce shortages. Financial aid programs would increase in both spending plans, with the Senate plan coming in at \$1.142 billion and the House at \$1.123 billion. A major difference in the House and Senate spending plans for the university system is the possible transfer of the University of South Florida’s Sarasota-Bradenton Campus to the New College of Florida. While the Senate has not released a similar proposal, the House conforming bill (HB 5601) aims to transfer the campus to New College by 2026 and also allows university boards of trustees to establish out-of-state fees for nonresident students and removes certain block tuition requirements and caps for these fees. The measure also authorizes state funds to be used to comply with Title IX and related state laws and expands the definition of 'educational facilities' to include special research areas.

Measure to Boost Records Access One Step Closer to House Floor

The House Justice Budget Subcommittee on Monday unanimously passed legislation (HB 437) by Pensacola Republican Rep. Alex Andrade that would set new deadlines for government agencies to respond to public records requests and limit fees the government can charge for filling the request. Violators could be charged with a first-degree misdemeanor under the proposal. Under the proposal, agencies would have three days to respond to a request by releasing the records, denying the request with an explanation, or providing a timeline for when the records will be made available. If an agency fails to respond within that window, it would be required to provide the records for free. The measure also would prohibit agencies from charging fees for requests that take less than 30 minutes if the same records were previously released for another public records request. Additionally, agencies could charge only the actual cost of duplicating records. The bill, which has one more committee stop, would also allow agencies to waive or reduce fees for journalists, nonprofit organizations and others. It has garnered support from a wide array of groups, including the First Amendment Foundation, the Florida Voice for the Unborn, and Common Cause. A similar Senate bill (SB 770), however, has yet to be heard.

House Votes to Eliminate Most Local Business Taxes

The full House voted 82-26 on Tuesday to approve legislation that would eliminate most local business taxes, a move supporters say would deliver financial relief to small businesses but critics warn could strain local government budgets. The measure (HB 103), sponsored by Republican Rep. Adam Botana, would repeal state laws authorizing cities and counties to levy local business taxes, often referred to as business tax receipts or occupational license taxes. Botana said the repeal would provide meaningful relief, describing it as “about \$200 million off the backs of small businesses in the state of Florida.” Under the proposal, municipalities that already impose a business tax based on gross receipts—rather than a flat annual fee—could continue collecting it but would be barred from increasing rates. Counties that were using the tax for economic development purposes as of Jan. 1 could also continue to levy it, though commissions could repeal the tax by ordinance. Once repealed, the authority to reinstate it would permanently expire. Opponents, including several Democrats, argued the change would strip local governments of one of their limited revenue sources, particularly as lawmakers weigh potential broader property tax cuts. Some warned cities and counties could be forced to cut services or shift costs to residents via other taxes or additional fees. Critics also noted that business tax receipts serve as a tracking mechanism to ensure businesses comply with licensing requirements. The measure now goes to the Senate, where a companion (SB 122) has two more committee stops. If passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor, the repeal would take effect on July 1.

Post-Hurricane Land Use Law Fix Ready for Senate Floor

A measure aimed at rolling back what supporters call unintended consequences of last year's hurricane recovery law is moving closer to a full Senate vote. Indian Rocks Beach Republican Sen. Nick DiCeglie is sponsoring SB 840, which he says preserves the core protections of 2025's SB 180—designed to prevent local governments from blocking residents and businesses from rebuilding after storms—while restoring local control over broader planning decisions. The Senate Rules Committee unanimously approved the bill on Tuesday, sending it next to the Senate floor. DiCeglie told lawmakers the proposal addresses concerns that SB 180 has limited counties and cities from making comprehensive plan amendments and development policy changes unrelated to hurricane recovery. Under the proposed legislative fix, temporary land-use restrictions tied to Hurricanes Debby, Helene, and Milton would expire June 30. Beginning July 1, future storms would trigger revised one-year development limitations. The bill also narrows the geographic scope of those restrictions from 100 miles to 50 miles from a storm's track and exempts certain land-use decisions tied to state and federal mandates and water supply management. DiCeglie said SB 840 maintains the original goal of ensuring residents can rebuild after hurricanes while curbing runaway consequences. A companion measure (HB 1465), filed by GOP Rep. Alex Andrade of Pensacola, has yet to receive a House hearing.

Veterans Day, Student Poll Volunteer Measures Pass House

The full House advanced two public school bills on Wednesday pertaining to the educational experience for students. A bill (HB 409) to require school districts to designate Veterans' Day as an official school holiday passed unanimously. The legislation, by Rep. Mike Giallombardo, R-Cape Coral, goes to the Senate, where its companion, SB 464, by Miami Springs Republican Sen. Bryan Ávila, is awaiting a hearing in the Rules Committee. The House also unanimously approved a proposal (HB 461) to enable high school students to assist poll workers in exchange for community service hours. The bill, by Rep. Kiyan Michael, R-Jacksonville, and Rep. Susan Valdes, R-Tampa, limits participation to students who are registered or preregistered to vote and specifies the activity would not violate prohibitions on private funds for election-related expenses. The legislation will now move to the Senate where a companion proposal (SB 564) by Sen. Clay Yarborough, R-Jacksonville has cleared all its assigned committees and currently awaits Senate floor action.

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

02/10/2026	HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/17/26
02/17/2026	HOUSE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading
02/17/2026	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

11/07/2025	HOUSE Reference to Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee removed; Remaining reference: Judiciary Committee
11/07/2025	HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee
02/06/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Criminal Justice Estimating Impact Conference, 02/09/26, 09:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

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 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
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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: No Current Committee

Actions

02/18/2026	SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/19/26
02/19/2026	SENATE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately certified
02/19/2026	HOUSE In Messages

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

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; Prohibiting counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively, from levying certain special assessments against more than a specified square footage amount per recreational vehicle parking space or campsite, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Appropriations**Actions**

02/16/2026	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/16/2026	SENATE Now in Appropriations
02/19/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 02/24/26, 9:00 am, 110 S

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

12/02/2025	HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 18 Yeas, 5 Nays
12/02/2025	HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee
02/04/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) - Consent Agenda

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

Elimination of Non-school Property for Homesteads: Proposes amendment to State Constitution 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: Not Specified

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/19/2026	HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
02/19/2026	SENATE In Messages
02/19/2026	SENATE Received; Referred to Appropriations

[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**

12/02/2025	HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 18 Yeas, 7 Nays
12/02/2025	HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee
02/04/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) - Consent Agenda

[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**

11/20/2025	HOUSE Favorable by Select Committee on Property Taxes; 24 Yeas, 10 Nays
11/20/2025	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee
02/04/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) - Consent Agenda

[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 Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
12/11/2025	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
02/04/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) - Consent Agenda

[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

12/02/2025	HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 18 Yeas, 7 Nays
12/02/2025	HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee
02/04/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) - Consent Agenda

[SB 0212](#)

Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators by McClain

Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators; Revising residency restrictions for persons convicted of certain sexual offenses occurring on or after a specified date; revising the prohibition of specified offenders from coming within a specified distance of a place where children congregate; requiring a person who has been convicted of specified offenses to provide notice to a school or child care facility under certain circumstances; authorizing the warrantless arrest of a person if a law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe the person committed specified offenses, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/17/2026	SENATE Favorable with CS by Rules; 19 Yeas, 5 Nays
02/19/2026	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C3) Filed

02/19/2026

SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

[HB 0213](#)

Modification of Limitations on Property Assessment Increases by Griffitts Jr.

Modification of Limitations on Property Assessment Increases: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to modify limitations on assessment increases for both homestead & nonhomestead property, prohibit local governments from reducing total funding for services provided by law enforcement, firefighters, & other first responders, & provide an effective date. Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/04/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
02/04/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) - Consent Agenda
02/11/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/13/26, 1:00 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

[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

11/20/2025	HOUSE Favorable by Select Committee on Property Taxes; 23 Yeas, 10 Nays
11/20/2025	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee
02/04/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) - Consent Agenda

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: No Current Committee

Actions

02/10/2026	HOUSE Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 24 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/10/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
02/11/2026	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

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: No Current Committee

Actions

02/10/2026	HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/17/26
02/17/2026	HOUSE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading
02/17/2026	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

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](#)

Coastal Resiliency by García

Coastal Resiliency; Prohibiting the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund from approving the dredging or filling of the submerged lands of the Terra Ceia Aquatic Preserve unless such dredging and filling occurs for certain reasons; authorizing certain dredging and filling of submerged lands and placement of certain shorelines and seawalls within the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve; authorizing the erection of certain structures within aquatic preserves; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection, by a specified date, to develop guidelines and standards for nature-based methods to address coastal resiliency and to adopt rules, subject to legislative ratification, for a statewide permitting process for such coastal resiliency, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/19/2026	SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (117522); Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately certified
02/19/2026	SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
02/19/2026	HOUSE In Messages

[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: No Current Committee

Actions

02/02/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Fiscal Policy, 02/05/26, 9:00 am, 412 K
02/05/2026	SENATE Favorable by Fiscal Policy; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/05/2026	SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

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: No Current Committee

Actions

02/09/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Fiscal Policy, 02/12/26, 9:00 am, 110 S
02/12/2026	SENATE Favorable by Fiscal Policy; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/12/2026	SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

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 State Affairs Committee

Actions

02/13/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 02/17/26, 8:30 am, 404 H
02/17/2026	HOUSE Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 14 Yeas, 5 Nays
02/17/2026	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

[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
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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 Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

Actions

01/29/2026	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/30/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
02/02/2026	HOUSE Now in Natural Resources & Disasters 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 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 & Human Services Committee

Actions

02/13/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
02/16/2026	HOUSE Reference to Health Care Budget Subcommittee removed; Remaining reference: Health & Human Services Committee
02/16/2026	HOUSE Now in Health & Human Services Committee

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: No Current Committee

Actions

02/17/2026	SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/19/26
02/19/2026	SENATE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading
02/19/2026	SENATE Retained on Calendar

[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: No Current Committee

Actions

02/09/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Fiscal Policy, 02/12/26, 9:00 am, 110 S
02/12/2026	SENATE Favorable by Fiscal Policy; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/12/2026	SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

[SB 0658](#)

Water Safety Requirements for the Rental of Residential Property by Burgess

Water Safety Requirements for the Rental of Residential and Vacation Properties; (THIS BILL COMBINES SB's 658 & 608) Requiring a landlord to equip certain rental properties with specified water safety features; providing criminal penalties; requiring a public lodging establishment licensed as a vacation rental to equip certain rental units with specified water safety features; providing an exception; requiring certain public lodging establishments to file a certificate of compliance upon licensure and renewal, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/19/2026	SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (786606); Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately certified
02/19/2026	SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
02/19/2026	HOUSE In Messages

[HB 0669](#)

Public Mooring Fields by Gossett-Seidman

Public Mooring Fields: Prohibits local governments & special districts from applying for permit to establish or maintain public mooring field. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

Actions

02/13/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
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02/16/2026	HOUSE References to Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee and Budget Committee removed; Remaining reference: State Affairs Committee
02/16/2026	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

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

One-cent Piece: Authorizes dealers to round to nearest nickel in certain circumstances; provides methodology for such rounding; provides that such rounding is not deceptive & unfair trade practice in certain circumstances; requires certain cash payments be made in full amount due or rounded in a specified manner. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House Commerce Committee

Actions

02/11/2026	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/11/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/12/2026	HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee

[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: No Current Committee

Actions

02/04/2026	HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 110 Yeas / 0 Nays)
02/04/2026	SENATE In Messages
02/09/2026	SENATE Received; Referred to Rules

[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 relating to diversity, equity, & inclusion; prohibits counties & municipalities, respectively, 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 who, while exercising his or her official authority, willfully violates certain provisions commits misfeasance or malfeasance in office; 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 Commerce Committee

Actions

02/12/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
02/13/2026	HOUSE Reference to State Affairs Committee removed; Reference to Commerce Committee added; Remaining reference: Commerce Committee
02/13/2026	HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee

HB 1035 Nature-based Coastal Resiliency by Mooney, Jr.

Nature-based Coastal Resiliency: Authorizes certain dredging & filling of submerged lands & placement of certain shorelines & seawalls within Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve; authorizes erection of specified structures within aquatic preserves; requires DEP to develop by specified date guidelines & standards for nature-based methods to address coastal resiliency; requires DEP & local governments to promote nature-based solutions for coastal resiliency. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/17/2026	HOUSE Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/17/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
02/19/2026	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

[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

[HB 1069](#) Background Screenings by Trabulsy

Background Screenings of Athletic Coaches: Provides that independent sanctioning authority is deemed to be a qualified entity for purpose of participating in Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse; authorizes person who has not undergone certain background screening to act as athletic coach if he or she is under direct supervision of athletic coach who meets certain background screening requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Judiciary Committee

Actions

02/04/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
02/06/2026	HOUSE References to Commerce Committee, Budget Committee removed; Remaining reference: Judiciary Committee
02/06/2026	HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

[SB 1074](#) One-cent Piece by Gaetz

One-cent Piece; Defining the term “cash”; authorizing dealers to round to the nearest nickel in certain circumstances; providing that rounding to the

nearest nickel is not a deceptive and unfair trade practice in certain circumstances; requiring that certain cash payments be made in the full amount due or rounded in a specified manner in certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/13/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 02/18/26, 1:30 pm, 412 K
02/18/2026	SENATE Favorable by Appropriations; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/19/2026	SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

[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: 1/1/2027

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/17/2026	SENATE Favorable with CS by Rules; 19 Yeas, 5 Nays
02/18/2026	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/19/2026	SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

[SB 1168](#) Background Screenings by Grall

Background Screenings; Specifying additional disqualifying offenses under the background screening requirements for certain persons; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration, beginning on a specified date or as soon as practicable thereafter, to review and determine eligibility for all criminal history checks submitted to the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse by specified agencies; providing that, beginning on a specified date, an independent sanctioning authority is considered a qualified entity for the purpose of participating in the clearinghouse; requiring qualified entities conducting background criminal history checks to designate a user administrator for a specified purpose, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

02/13/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, 02/18/26, 8:30 am, 412 K
02/18/2026	SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/18/2026	SENATE Now in Fiscal Policy

[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 State Affairs Committee

Actions

02/10/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee, 02/12/26, 9:15 am, 17 H
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02/12/2026	HOUSE Favorable by Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/12/2026	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

HB 1329 Local Government Spending by Benarroch

Local Government Spending: Revises length of time tentative budgets & final budgets must be posted on county, municipality, & special district websites; requires county budget officer & governing body of municipality to perform certain exercise before final adoption of budget; revises length of time public hearing for amendment to county budget must be advertised; revises length of time adopted amendment must be posted on county, municipality, & special district websites; requires posting of proposed amendment to meet certain requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

Actions

02/10/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Administration Budget Subcommittee, 02/12/26, 12:30 pm, 17 H
02/12/2026	HOUSE Favorable by State Administration Budget Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/12/2026	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

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 Rules

Actions

02/09/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 02/12/26, 9:00 am, 412 K
02/12/2026	SENATE Favorable by Appropriations; 16 Yeas, 2 Nays
02/13/2026	SENATE Now in Rules

SB 1566 Local Government Spending by DiCeglie

Local Government Spending; Citing this act as the “Local Government Financial Transparency and Accountability Act”; requiring counties to reinvest utility service revenues back into a utility for specified purposes; 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; revising the timeframe during which tentative budgets, and the length of time for which final budgets, must be posted on municipal or county websites, as applicable, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

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

Actions

02/10/2026	SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 7 Yeas, 1 Nay
02/12/2026	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
02/13/2026	SENATE Now in Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

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

Electronic Payments Made to Units of Local Governments; Requiring units of local government to accept certain forms of payments; providing an exception; requiring such local governments to accept payments online, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2027

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Rules

Actions

02/12/2026	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
02/12/2026	SENATE Now in Rules
02/19/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 02/24/26, 12:00 pm, 412 K

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