

## Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA)

TBARTA's Regional Transportation Master Plan, first adopted in 2009, must be updated every two years in accordance with legislative requirements. In 2009, TBARTA adopted the Regional Transportation Master Plan with mid-term, long-term, and supporting transit networks. The 2011 update of the Master Plan added freight and roadway networks, and included land use and air quality components.

The 2013 update focuses on refining the transit, freight, and roadway networks and including local, regional and state progress and steps taken toward implementing TBARTA's regional vision. Since its inception, TBARTA has played a key role in spurring new projects, furthering coordination, and encouraging implementation in the region. TBARTA has also added a stand-alone Managed Lanes network (existing, mid-, and long-term) and a map of the 2013 Regional Priority Projects, as adopted by the TBARTA Board.

To maintain and build public dialogue as part of the update process, TBARTA has engaged the public and key stakeholders regarding transportation in the Tampa Bay region. Throughout spring 2013, staff met with planning partners across the seven county region to gather feedback and discuss the components of the Master Plan, and ensure consistency with planning efforts.

An interactive website – [www.TellTBARTA.com](http://www.TellTBARTA.com) – was launched in March 2013 for the community to discuss transportation topics and the region's future. This worked in conjunction with other social media components like Facebook and Twitter, upon both of which TBARTA maintains a daily, interactive presence.

A series of Telephone TownHall meetings provided the opportunity for TBARTA Board members and staff to hear directly from the public in a format that is both cost-effective and convenient for busy families and professionals. A panel including two Board members, with Bob Clifford as the moderator, discussed the region's transportation future and answered questions from the public at each of the meetings.

The Board opened a public hearing on April 26, 2013, which remains open for public comments until adoption of the Master Plan Update at the June 14, 2013 TBARTA Board meeting. The Draft Vision Document, fact sheets and maps related to the Master Plan update are available at the TBARTA website at: [2013 Update | TBARTA](#). (Draft Vision document attached.)



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# A Connected Region for Our Future

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority Master Plan Update  
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## What is TBARTA?

Established by the Florida State Legislature in July 2007, TBARTA is the transportation authority for the Tampa Bay region covering the seven counties of Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, and Sarasota. In 2009 as required, TBARTA produced a Regional Transportation Master Plan for a balanced transportation system to guide us into the future and ensure our region continues to be a desirable place to live and work. The Master Plan is updated every two years to reflect the changes that occur in our community over time.

## Planning on a Regional Scale

Planning for the region requires a strong partnership between TBARTA and the transportation and planning agencies around Tampa Bay. Consensus among TBARTA and its partners is that now is the time to move forward with a regional transportation vision and begin implementing a cohesive plan that balances the movement of passengers and freight.

## TBARTA's Progress

In its first six years, TBARTA has worked tirelessly to:

### *Be a leader in the transportation conversation:*

- Initiated working with local governments to coordinate, collaborate, and consolidate
- Initiated discussions with CSX on regional transportation issues, commuter rail, and freight

- Began serving the region as an information resource
- Began coordination of local transit oriented development (TOD) land use decisions through the work of the Land Use Working Group and the Citizens Advisory Committee Land Use Subcommittee to create the TOD Resource Guide
- Identified a list of Priority Projects
- Began providing technical assistance to the West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) and Citrus County TPO through professional service agreements

### *Find new and better ways of doing business:*

- Merged with Bay Area Commuter Services to consolidate regional efforts and reduce costs. As TBARTA Commuter Services, eliminated more than 20 million vehicle miles and saved more than \$11 million in individual transportation costs.
- Provided significant technical resources for Long Range Transportation Plans at county and regional levels. Provides assistance of the CCC in the conduct of regional meetings.
- Brought funds to the region by becoming part of the National Transit Database, reporting on the vanpool program.

### *Be a leader in innovative efforts to keep people involved:*

- Launched the TellTBARTA website, allowing users to comment on various regional and local transportation topics, post their ideas, and converse with each other and TBARTA staff
- Helped coordinate and participate in area's first live web, telephone, and television eTownHall meeting in connection with the Pinellas Alternatives Analysis

## UPDATING THE MASTER PLAN

EVERY TWO YEARS, THE MASTER PLAN IS UPDATED TO ENSURE THE VISION CONTINUES TO REFLECT OUR NEEDS AND DESIRES FOR A BALANCED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THAT WILL IMPROVE MOBILITY OF PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT THROUGHOUT THE REGION. THIS 2013 UPDATE OF THE MASTER PLAN IS A MINOR UPDATE TO REFINE THE TRANSIT, FREIGHT, AND ROADWAY NETWORKS, AND INCORPORATE THE PROGRESS MADE LOCALLY AND REGIONALLY TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING OUR VISION FOR 2050.

## Working together with our partners:

TBARTA and the CCC work together to develop regional solutions to transportation problems. The collaboration combines vision and leadership with the technical prioritization, modeling, and cost affordability review. TBARTA and the CCC have been working together on the following:

- Collaborating updates to their respective plans
- Prioritization of Regional Transportation Projects
- Transportation Regional Incentive Program Projects
- Regional Congestion Management Process
- Air Quality Management Planning Process
- Regional Multi-use Trails Update

In early 2011, TBARTA was awarded New Freedom funds to help plan for transit services in Hernando and Citrus Counties. A transit plan is being created to provide coordinated, efficient, and cost-effective service for the transportation dependent population, as well as local transit services to support the TBARTA Master Plan.

Since mid- 2012, TBARTA has been providing transportation planning and management services to Citrus County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). TBARTA is currently assisting with a potential MPO designation through a proposed merger with Hernando County MPO.

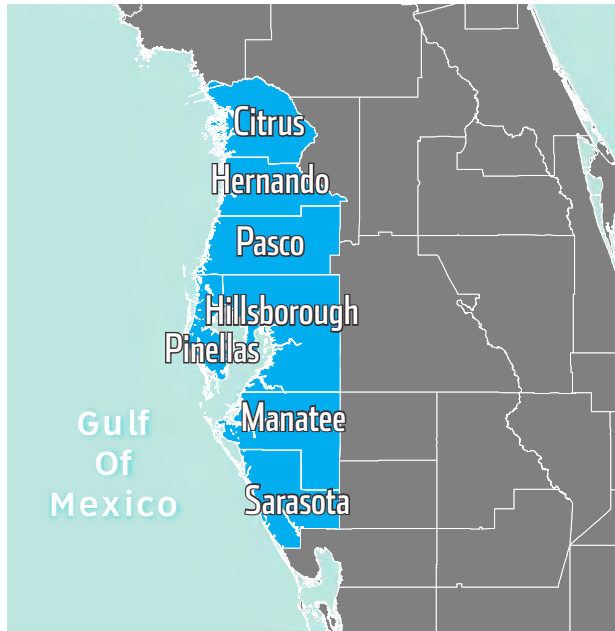


## TBARTA Board and Committees

The TBARTA Board consists of 16 members representing the seven counties, four largest cities, MPOs, business community, and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) (non-voting member). The Board meets regularly to discuss implementing the Master Plan.

The Citizens Advisory Committee consists of 15 residents and business persons from around the region. Members are appointed by the TBARTA Board members and volunteer their time to advise the Board on a range of issues that affect TBARTA and the region.

The Transit Management Committee is made up of the region's eight transit agency directors (including Polk County) and the FDOT District One Commuter Assistance Program representative, who advise the Board on implementation of the Master Plan.



**TBARTA is a leader in public engagement** by providing continuous opportunities for the public to be part of the decision-making process.

**165,000+**  
people spoken to

**98,000+**  
visits to TBARTA.com

**860+**  
events attended

**804+**  
facebook friends

**2,139+**  
youtube views

**2,520+**  
twitter followers

**213,000+**  
visits to TBARTA.com

**1,000+**  
news articles

## TBARTA GUIDING PRINCIPLES & VISION

**REGIONALISM** DEVELOP AN INTERCONNECTED, BALANCED

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THAT, TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, PROVIDES FOR LONG-TERM EQUITY ACROSS THE REGION.

**PLANNING** CREATE AN IMPLEMENTABLE MASTER PLAN THAT BUILDS ON THE LESSONS OF OTHERS AND COMPREHENSIVELY AND SUSTAINABLY ADDRESSES THE NEEDS OF THE REGION.

**FUNDING & FINANCING** DEVELOP EQUITABLE, SUSTAINABLE FUNDING OPTIONS WITH PUBLIC SUPPORT THAT LEVERAGE MULTIPLE FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES.

**COMMUNICATING** COMMUNICATE WITH ALL LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND THE DIVERSE PUBLIC WITH HONESTY, INTEGRITY, AND REALISM TO BUILD A CREDIBLE REPUTATION IN WORD AND ACTION.

**TBARTA VISION** A WORLD CLASS TRANSPORTATION NETWORK FOR THE TAMPA BAY REGION THAT WILL CONNECT PEOPLE AND PLACES, MOVE GOODS AND SERVICES, ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE, AND OFFER TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS THAT ARE SAFE, SUSTAINABLE, AFFORDABLE, AND EFFICIENT. WE WILL ACT AS A CATALYST FOR A VIBRANT ECONOMIC FUTURE THROUGH LEADERSHIP, COLLABORATION, AND PARTNERSHIPS.

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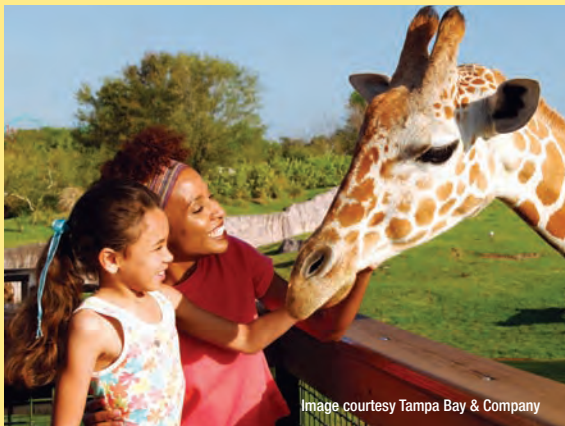


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## Our Challenges & Needs

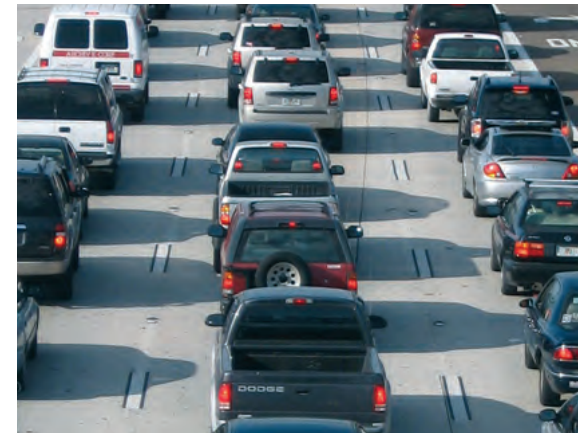
Tampa Bay continues to be one of the most visited and desirable places to live in the nation. Our warm weather, popular beaches and parks, vibrant neighborhoods, quality schools, varied arts and culture, exciting sports teams, and top-ranked airports and seaports make this region among the best in the nation.<sup>1</sup>

Over the past three decades, our population has more than doubled and employment has more than tripled, while nearly half of our developable land has been built.<sup>2,3</sup> During that same period, the delay we experience during our commute has more than doubled.<sup>4</sup> The Tampa Bay region is expected to gain an additional 1.8 million residents by 2035.<sup>5</sup> By 2050, our population and employment is anticipated to nearly double again. Another 20 percent of our

land will be developed, leaving only 30 percent of developable land for future growth.<sup>6</sup>

Our area's rapid, sprawling growth resulted in dispersed employment centers, predominantly suburban development, and a transportation system with few options. Residents often drive alone – overloading the roadways that link our suburban and urban areas.

**AS OUR REGION GROWS, COMMUTE TIMES, TRAVEL COSTS, AND CONGESTION WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE EXPONENTIALLY. COMPARED TO WHAT WE HAVE TODAY, TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN 2035 IS EXPECTED TO MORE THAN DOUBLE, AND TO TRIPLE BY 2050.**





Traffic delays, rising gas prices, unsafe conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists, unemployment, air pollution, and traveling longer distances to meet our daily needs are all taking a toll on our quality of life. **We need more transportation choices, more opportunities.** We want new employers to move here to provide greater job opportunities. Our families need to be able to find suitable housing, while maintaining affordable and convenient access to jobs, schools, medical facilities, and entertainment.

## Traffic Congestion



Traffic congestion will continue to grow as our region does. With significant costs for residents, visitors, businesses, local cities and counties, and the environment, we must address it.

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The Tampa-St. Petersburg area is third only to Orlando and St. Louis, Missouri in miles of roads, with more than 33,000 lane-miles in the central part of the region. And an estimated 66 percent of those roads are congested.<sup>7</sup>

## Transportation Costs



The more money spent on transportation, leaves less to spend on other things, from groceries to school tuition to retirement savings. As we develop outward, we drive more miles to reach our destinations. As gas prices rise, we spend more at the pump to drive our cars while business owners incur higher fuel costs, passing the cost to consumers.

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The average Tampa Bay household spends about \$1,100 a month, or \$13,000 per year in transportation costs.<sup>8</sup>

## Air Quality



Air pollution is a regional issue that requires regional solutions. Increasing transit options as part of the TBARTA Master Plan will improve regional air quality conditions by reducing the number of miles we drive as compared to today. TBARTA is part of the long-term solution to improve regional air quality both with large, system-wide proposals and smaller, incremental projects.

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Air quality is influenced by emissions of both “point” sources, like factories and electric power plants, and “mobile” sources, like cars and trucks, lawn mowers, airplanes, and anything that moves and puts pollution into the air.

## Development Patterns



Transportation systems and land use patterns influence each other. Where people live, work, shop, and play affects where and how they travel. A dispersed pattern of low-density development relies almost exclusively on cars as the primary mode for transportation. Alternatively, denser urban centers combine different land uses in closer proximity and encourage walking, biking, and transit usage; provide transportation choices; and make a transit system viable.

TOD creates liveable, walkable neighborhoods by maximizing access to transit from offices, retail, and housing. Focusing many of our daily activities near a rail or major bus transit station allows us to enjoy a lifestyle with fewer car trips.

## Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety



Walking and bicycling are important travel modes in our regional transportation system. Connecting bicycle and pedestrian facilities will enhance the use of transit and facilitate more compact growth. TBARTA supports these local efforts and seeks to provide safe travel options.

With Tampa Bay leading the nation in pedestrian injuries and fatalities,<sup>9</sup> partners around the region are joining forces to develop educational programs to promote pedestrian safety.

## Technology and Transportation



A major technological shift could change the way we commute, the way we work, and how we get around in the future. In planning for future movement of people and goods, it is critical that TBARTA take into account the potential benefits technology may have on congestion and commuting, as well as an element of uncertainty with regard to how it may affect travel patterns.

Studies show that young people are increasingly abandoning the idea of owning a car and home in the suburbs. More and more, the preference is shifting towards living in the urban core closer to work, having amenities and recreation within walking or biking distance, and connecting with smartphones and tablets.<sup>10,11</sup>

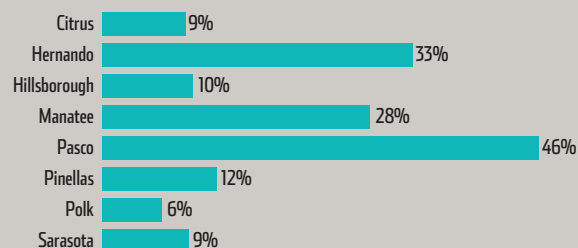


## A Regional Approach

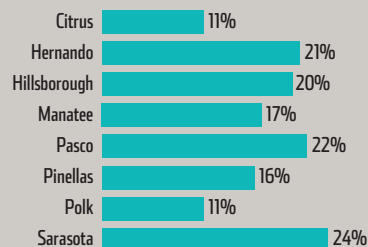
Traffic congestion does not start or stop at county lines. Neither should our solutions. Focusing on a regional approach to our transportation issues allows for seamless travel between counties and neighboring regions. This will give us choices to connect housing to employment, shopping, medical, educational, and entertainment centers. With the funding available for

transportation diminishing, it is crucial to establish priorities as a region to maximize funding opportunities as they arise. **TBARTA brings partners to the table to plan collectively for the region, speaking with one voice to clearly communicate the priorities of Tampa Bay.**

### Residents traveling to work in another county from..



### Workers traveling from another county to...



FDOT Trends and Conditions, February 2013

**IN TAMPA BAY, 20% OF RUSH HOUR TRIPS ARE MADE BETWEEN COUNTIES, ILLUSTRATING THE NEED FOR A STRONG REGIONAL NETWORK.**



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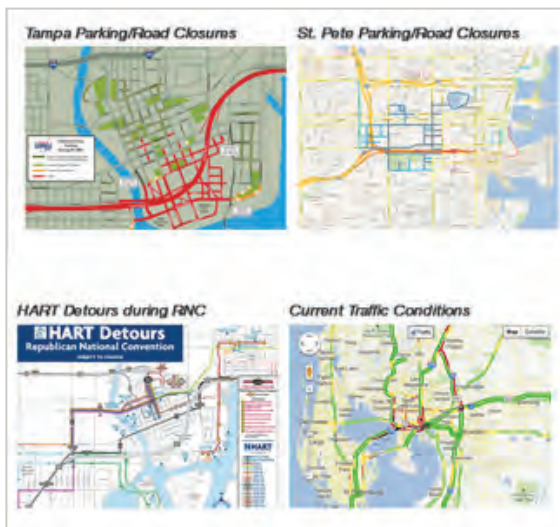
## TBARTA'S PLANNING PARTNERS

- FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
- METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS
- LOCAL TRANSIT AGENCIES
- AIRPORTS
- SEAPORTS
- RAILROADS
- EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY
- REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS
- LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
- BUSINESS COMMUNITY
- CITIZENS



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IN 2012, TAMPA WAS HOME TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION WHILE THE ENTIRE REGION HOSTED THE THOUSANDS OF ATTENDEES. TBARTA LAUNCHED A “COMMUTER SOLUTIONS” WEBSITE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT ROAD CLOSURES, DETOURS, AND PARKING, AS WELL AS CARPOOLING, CURRENT TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, TRANSIT ROUTES, TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHER LINKS. THE WEBSITE RECEIVED OVER 12,000 VISITS BETWEEN AUGUST 15TH AND SEPTEMBER 2ND.

“*The time has come for us to move forward...not continue to sit still...to address and provide solutions for regional connectivity.*” – Ronnie Duncan, TBARTA Chairman

## Competitive Advantage

The Tampa Bay region’s ability to maintain and expand economic competitiveness, attract new businesses, and draw major events, such as national conventions and international sporting events, is greatly affected by the quality and effectiveness of our transportation connections. In business leadership surveys, transportation was named the number one issue affecting Tampa Bay’s economic competitiveness.<sup>13</sup> Tampa Bay’s economy is directly affected by how easy it is for businesses to access clients, employees, customers, and suppliers throughout the region. Workers also base where they live on cost and lifestyle needs, including transportation options, such as transit.

An efficient transportation system is needed to move goods and freight. Freight often passes through multiple facilities including seaports, rail yards, and trucking distribution centers before reaching its final destination. If those facilities don’t connect seamlessly and logically, money is lost, and Tampa Bay’s competitive advantage diminishes. With improved freight facilities, goods can arrive at stores quicker with a lower transportation cost. Every hour of delay due to traffic congestion costs \$16.01 for a personal vehicle

and \$105.67 for freight trucks.<sup>14</sup> This translates to higher costs for consumer goods that everyone in the Tampa Bay region pays.



## About the Master Plan

The vision of the TBARTA Regional Transportation Master Plan is to provide choices to conveniently get between home and work, to educational and medical facilities, and to the area's many recreational, sports, and cultural assets. The Master Plan also identifies a network of freight facilities to move our goods efficiently to locations within and outside of our region. An improved, multi-faceted transportation network will encourage economic development and support redevelopment throughout our region.

### Implementing the Master Plan

While progress is being made to implement the Master Plan, taking a phased, flexible approach over time will accommodate changing lifestyles and a dynamic economic climate. TBARTA is working with its state,

regional, and local partners to find short-term solutions to improve transportation now in the Tampa Bay area by preparing for and implementing the next phase of transit, freight, and roadway projects that make sense.

### Updating the Networks

The Master Plan addresses our transportation challenge by defining networks of high-capacity corridors for improving mobility for passengers and freight. Every two years, the Master Plan is updated to ensure the plan continues to reflect the community's vision for a balanced transportation system. The 2009 inaugural Master Plan was an extensive technical effort focused on creating seamless transit connections to give residents and visitors transportation options to travel around the

region. Building the regional transit network, regional freight and roadway networks were developed during the 2011 update to align the region's transit, freight, and roadway priorities and create a multi-faceted transportation network for the 2050 Vision.

This Master Plan update for 2013 refines the regional networks based on how projects have progressed since 2011 and defines the priorities for the region. Due to local planning agencies' schedules, the Long Range Transportation Plans and new jobs and population data have not yet been updated. This local information is important to understand needs for the region, and will be included in the next Master Plan update.



2009 ■ TRANSIT EMPHASIS



2011 ■ FREIGHT AND  
ROADS EMPHASIS



2013 ■ REGIONAL  
PRIORITIES EMPHASIS

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## REGIONAL TRANSIT NETWORK

In 2009, a detailed technical process was used to identify regionally significant transit options to be included in the Regional Transit Network. Based on TBARTA's guiding principles and thoughtful participation of elected officials, hundreds of local and regional professional staff, and more than 12,000 members of the public, the following networks were adopted:

- **Long-Term Regional Transit Network** illustrates the vision for 2050 and beyond
- **Mid-Term Regional Transit Network** for 2035 used to prioritize which projects to study first
- **Supporting Transit Network** of feeder service to improve circulation and connections within each county

### Supporting Transit Network

Today, the amount of local transit service provided per capita in Tampa Bay is low compared to similar metropolitan areas. Expanding local service to reach more potential riders is essential to a comprehensive and effective regional system. To do this, TBARTA is working closely with its local transit partners to define a Supporting Transit Network to connect with the Regional Network, as well as improve circulation within each county. In some areas, existing local service would be expanded up to nine times the existing service.



### TBARTA is Advancing Regional Corridor Studies

In December 2009, the following key corridor studies were identified through regional coordination and initiated through a partnership with FDOT:

- **SR 54/56 Transit Corridor Plan** (SR 54/56 from US 19 to Bruce B Downs Boulevard in Pasco County) ..... Completed
- **Pinellas Alternatives Analysis** (St. Petersburg to Clearwater through Greater Gateway Area) ..... Completed
- **Sarasota/Manatee SMARTConnect Regional Transit Study** (extension of Premium Services from Sarasota to Bradenton and North Port)..... Completed
- **Howard Frankland Bridge Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study**..... Underway
- **Westshore Area to Crystal River/Inverness Transportation Corridor Evaluation** ..... Underway
- **USF to Wesley Chapel Regional Transportation Corridor Evaluation** ..... Underway
- **I-75 Wesley Chapel-Bradenton/Manatee Transportation Corridor Evaluation** ..... Underway

Additionally, Sarasota County Area Transit completed a study consistent with the FTA's Alternatives Analysis process to connect the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport with Downtown Sarasota and other destinations to the south.

TBARTA also initiated a Short-Term Regional Premium Transportation Enhancements Study to consider interim improvements that could be implemented within the next two to five years to decrease congestion and improve mobility in our region, such as park-and-ride facilities, bus-on-shoulder operations, and transit signal priority. TBARTA will coordinate with ongoing local projects that are part of creating a seamless regional transit network.

## LONG-TERM TRANSIT NETWORK



The Long-Term Regional Transit Network illustrates the vision for 2050 and beyond. The type of transit services and specific alignments shown are conceptual and will be decided locally after further evaluations are completed.

## SUPPORTING TRANSIT NETWORK



The Supporting Transit Network is comprised of local bus and waterborne transit.

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## REGIONAL FREIGHT NETWORK

Freight transportation plays an important role in Tampa Bay's economy. Both trucks and rail are integral

in moving goods, from raw materials to finished projects, within and outside the region. An improved freight network will decrease shipping delay and lower the cost of bringing goods to stores.

The balance must be made between providing a safe transportation system that efficiently moves goods with one that preserves personal mobility. TBARTA's Regional Freight Network identifies regional corridors where investments are needed to support this continued growth in goods movement.

To be included, freight facilities must:

- Be consistent with FDOT's Tampa Bay Regional Goods Movement Study\*, other regional long range planning efforts, and FDOT's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) designated rail corridors and corridors serving freight activity centers
- Provide connections to and between major freight activity centers
- Contribute significantly to a reduction of trucks on other roadways
- Separate freight and passenger movements
- Be compatible with existing and planned land uses in the corridor
- Carry significant truck volume (excluding two-lane, low-volume roadways)

\*Corridors identified in the Tampa Bay Regional Goods Movement Study but not included in the TBARTA Regional Freight Network are included in the Supporting Freight Network (included in Freight Technical Memorandum).

Many of the major rail facilities included are owned and operated by CSX and move the bulk of rail freight in the region. These facilities are supported by local spurs that provide critical access to locations such as the Port of Tampa and Port Manatee, as well as other major freight activity centers.

## REGIONAL FREIGHT NETWORK



## REGIONAL ROADWAY NETWORK

The regional roadways in West Central Florida provide the backbone for moving people

and goods. These roads are integral in helping the seven-county region maintain and expand its economic competitiveness with other regions around the nation. Due to the number of people that use these roads each day, their function and maintenance also has a direct impact on quality of life.

The following criteria established by the CCC and FDOT were used to identify regionally significant roadways:

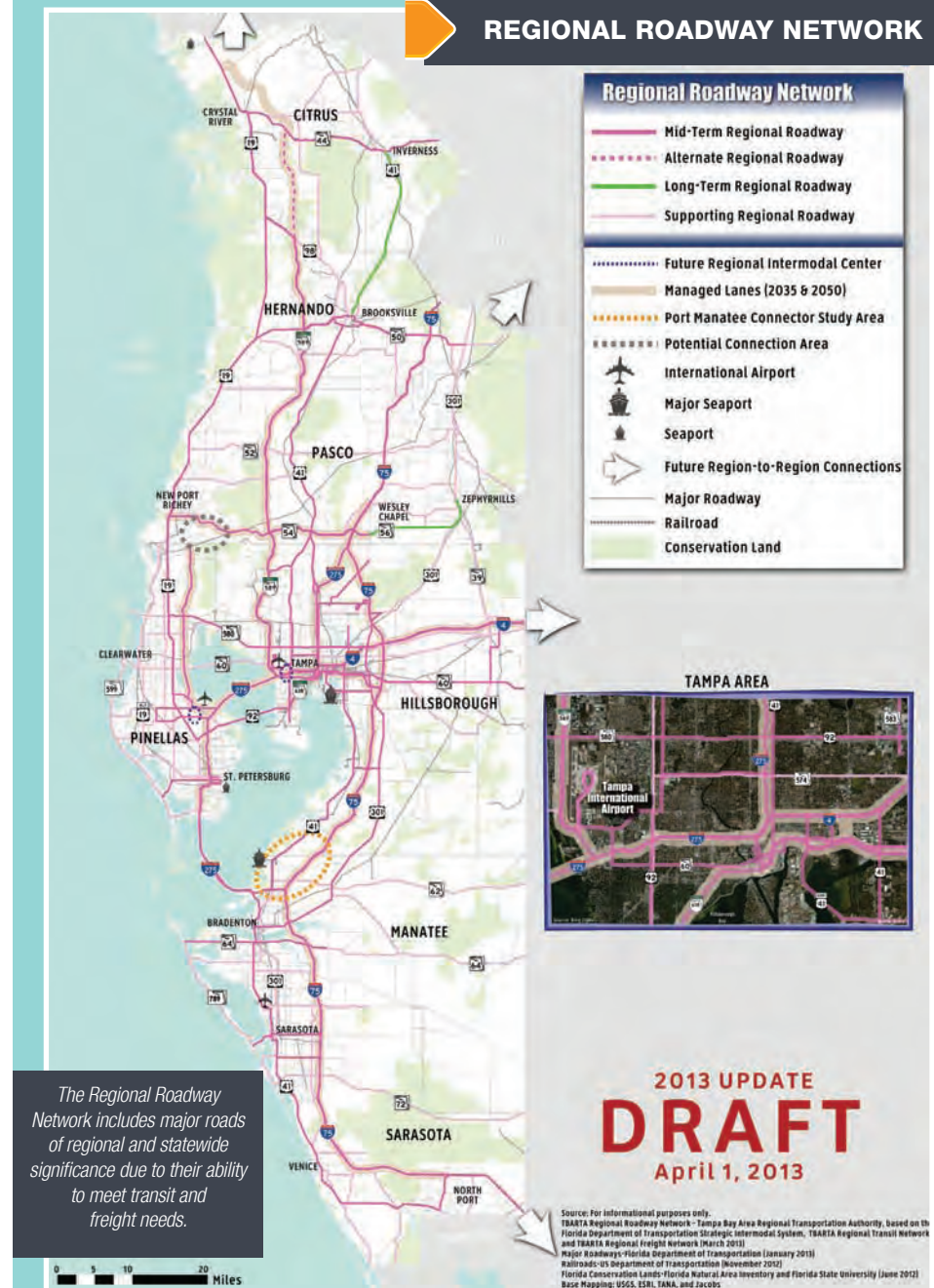
- Transportation facility or service included in the FDOT SIS
- Transportation facility or service is part of the region's economic development infrastructure and provides linkages to regional activity centers or is designated as a regional freight mobility corridor in the TBARTA Regional Freight Network
- The facility or service is planned for transit that offers a significant alternative to regional highway travel in the TBARTA Regional Transit Network

The Supporting Regional Roadway Network consists of roadways identified by the CCC as regionally significant roadways, but did not meet TBARTA criteria (included in the Regional Roadway Technical Memorandum). These facilities are important to the function of the regional transportation system, but are of secondary priority to TBARTA and its initiatives.

### TRANSPORTATION VISION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

FDOT SECRETARY ANANTH PRASAD ESTABLISHED A TRANSPORTATION VISION FOR FLORIDA IN THE 21ST CENTURY THAT INCLUDES ALL MODES OF TRAVEL, FROM TRANSIT AND FREIGHT, TO BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND CONGESTION MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGIES. THE VISION EMPHASIZES MANAGED LANES WITH TOLLING CAPACITY, AS WELL AS INNOVATIVE FINANCING TOOLS TO ADVANCE PROJECTS.

## REGIONAL ROADWAY NETWORK



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## IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES

Building the Networks over a 40-year time period requires prioritizing individual projects. TBARTA works

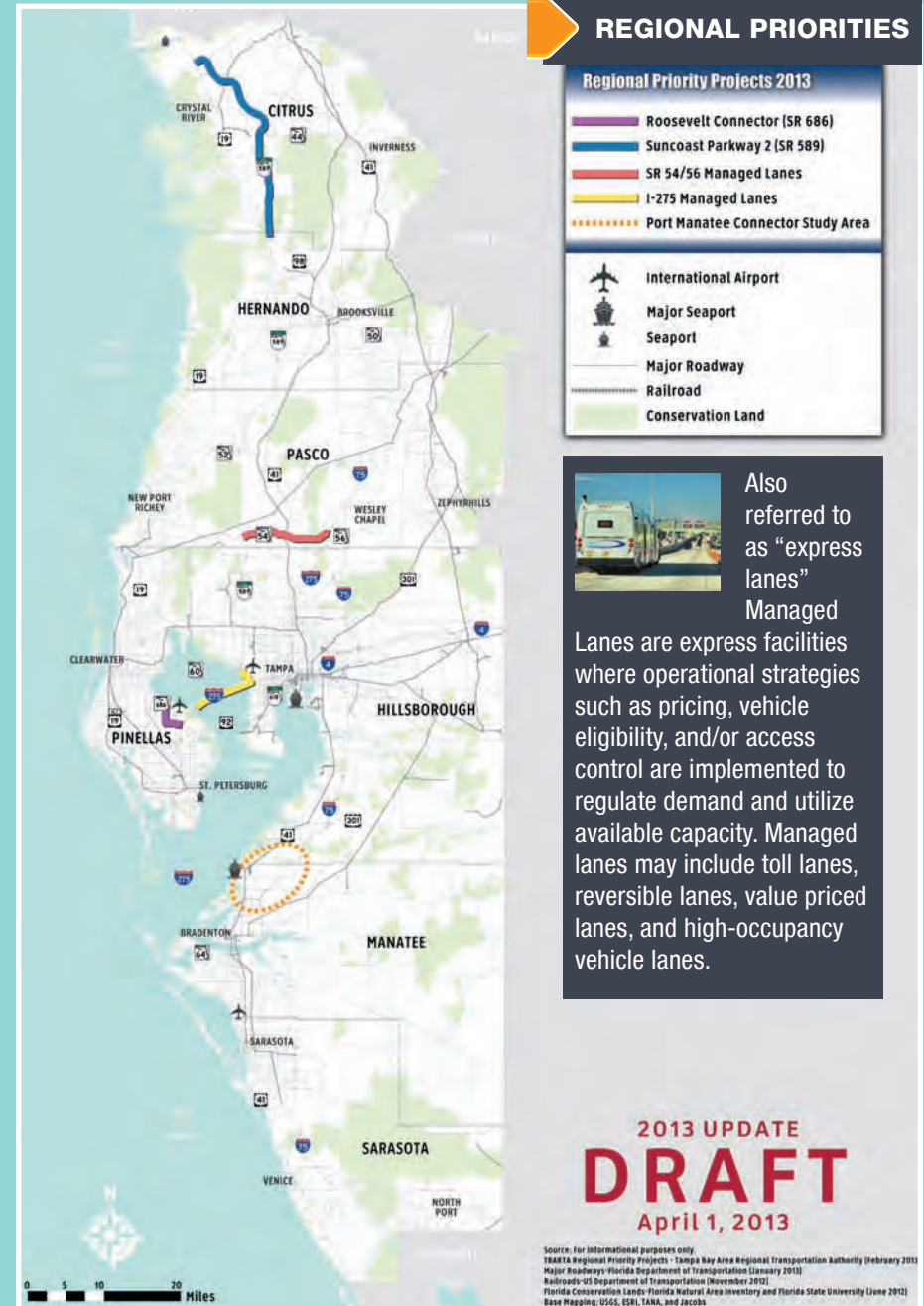
with FDOT, the CCC, transit agencies, airports and seaports, CSX, and private entities such as the Tampa Bay Partnership. Many have identified priorities that were analyzed and adopted into local and regional plans, including TBARTA's Master Plan.

The following factors were considered when identifying TBARTA's priorities:

- Is the project regional?
- Does it provide connectivity to transportation spines and major activity centers?
- Is it ready to advance and be implemented soon?
- Is it multimodal?
- Is it defined, understandable, and supported?
- Can the project bring in other funds or accelerate other projects?

Based on these factors and on projects and priorities identified by local and regional partners, the following projects were identified as TBARTA's top priorities:

- **Roosevelt Connector:** potential toll highway facility, with premium transit ability, in Pinellas County connecting the Bayside Bridge, St Petersburg–Clearwater International Airport, the Greater Gateway business district, and Interstate 275
- **Suncoast Parkway 2:** potential toll highway facility to support connections between Hernando and Citrus Counties and northwest Florida with the urbanized core of the Tampa Bay region
- **SR 54/56 Managed Lanes:** potential managed lane facility with premium transit connecting the Suncoast Parkway and Interstate 75 (the northern portion of the Tampa Bay Beltway)
- **Interstate 275 Managed Lanes (Howard Frankland Bridge/SR 60-Memorial interchange and connection to Veterans Expressway):** potential managed lane facility to support roadway and premium transit connections between Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties and the Tampa International Airport
- **Port Manatee Connector:** potential toll facility geared toward freight trucks to connect Port Manatee with Interstate 75



## Progress on the Regional Transportation System

Progress is being made towards the regional vision. From expanded transit services, to safer interstate interchanges, investments in freight facilities, and cross-county collaboration, our planning partners are implementing groundbreaking and trendsetting projects around the region.

### CITRUS COUNTY

Establishing a public port within Citrus County will take advantage of the Cross Florida Barge Canal's direct connection to the Gulf of Mexico. Development of Port Citrus will generate economic opportunities and jobs. A feasibility study will be completed to assess market conditions, infrastructure needs, and potential funding sources.



Citrus County Transit began fixed-route transit service connecting the towns of Crystal River, Homosassa, Beverly Hills, and Inverness. It provides more than 7,000 trips each month. The county is planning additional services in the coming years.



### HERNANDO COUNTY

Hernando County's priorities are regional connections: expanding SR 50 to six lanes from US 19 to Suncoast Parkway in a three-year program already under construction; extending the Suncoast Parkway to US 19; and improving the I-75 interchange at SR 50, an important link for the greater Orlando and Tampa Bay regions.



The City of Brooksville initiated a visioning process to develop a plan for its downtown and provisions for Traditional Neighborhood Design in South Brooksville, both efforts seek to preserve Hernando County's quality of life and character.

### HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The City of Tampa and the Hillsborough County MPO are united in support of holding a city-initiated referendum to fund transportation in the future. The MPO has asked the Hillsborough legislative delegation to support a change in state law that would allow Florida cities with at least 250,000 people to hold referenda.



The Hillsborough County Commission created the Economic Prosperity Stakeholder Committee in March 2012 to examine and make recommendations about development and land use regulations. Recommendations include creating targeted economic development areas prioritized for transportation

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and other investments, and providing guidance for policies related to sustainable economic development and planning. Relating to this, the County drafted a Strategic Plan for this fiscal year that is focused on economic growth.

InVision Tampa is an effort to develop a master plan for the downtown area and evaluation of a transit corridor. The plan is focused on the waterfront, livable neighborhoods, a mixed-use pedestrian environment, sensible community linkages between neighborhoods, and an urban pattern that supports transit.

As part of an effort to make cycling easier and safer, Tampa is beginning a bike share program where members can easily rent and return street bikes at multiple kiosks around the city. The program will begin operating in fall 2013.



Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority's MetroRapid service will begin in June 2013, connecting Downtown with the University of South Florida. The next phase, presently being designed, will connect Tampa International Airport, Westshore Business District, and Temple Terrace. MetroRapid's new amenities and increased frequencies will help to redefine transit in Tampa Bay.

## MANATEE COUNTY

Manatee County's *2012-2035: How Will We Grow? A Conversation with the Community* is a vision to guide future land use and growth decisions. The County Commission will be challenged to adopt one of three alternatives growth plans that will impact infrastructure and service delivery. A decision is expected in June 2013.



The City of Bradenton developed an award-winning (2012 Driehaus Award from the Form-Based Codes Institute) Form-Based Code which was incorporated in the City's growth management process. It is a model for infill development of an existing community.

Realize Bradenton has been working to develop and promote downtown Bradenton and the riverfront as a central hub of the community. Bringing new energy and direction to the City of Bradenton, the recently completed Bradenton Riverwalk project promises to be a catalyst for economic development, attracting tourists, new residents, and businesses.

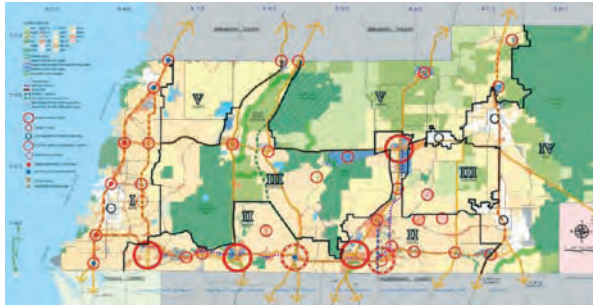


Manatee County and the Lakewood Ranch community are coordinating with Sarasota County Area Transit and FDOT District One to add new express bus routes to make regional connections.

## PASCO COUNTY

Pasco County recently adopted trendsetting growth management tools. The New Smart Pasco Market Area Plan and TOD amendments create the planning framework to support and implement the TBARTA Master Plan and One Bay vision. In specified areas, new Comprehensive Plan policies encourage future growth of mixed-use compact development necessary to support transit opportunities, especially along the SR 54/56 corridor. The county has been creating public-private partnerships with land owners and developers to incorporate TOD concepts within specific projects such as Wiregrass.





The Pasco County Mobility Fee program is both a funding source and economic development tool. It is intended to help reduce transportation infrastructure costs by focusing growth in certain areas to attract new employers. It encourages compact design to conserve environmental and agricultural lands. It also provides options for alternate modes of travel (transit, walking, and biking) and housing options that are less auto-dependent.

## PINELLAS COUNTY

The 2012 Pinellas Alternatives Analysis evaluated transit options connecting major residential, employment, and activity centers in Pinellas County to Hillsborough County via the Howard Frankland Bridge corridor. After evaluating over one hundred different options, the study identified a 24-mile light rail Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for its ability to offer transportation options that are safe, sustainable,



affordable, and efficient, and have the potential to act as a catalyst for a vibrant and economically sustainable future. Significant countywide local bus enhancements are recommended to support the LPA, nearly doubling existing local bus service with portions being implemented before light rail. The study was prepared in partnership with FDOT, Pinellas County MPO, PSTA, and TBARTA.



Pinellas County is considering a countywide referendum for the November 2014 ballot, proposing up to a one-penny sales tax to fund a variety of transportation improvements. Greenlight Pinellas was recently launched as an awareness and education campaign to facilitate a conversation about transportation in anticipation of residents being asked to vote on this referendum.

St. Petersburg's CityTrails program continues to be a regional trendsetter. In the past two years, nearly 10 miles of new off-road trails have been added that

connect to the Pinellas Trail and the Skyway Trail. This is in addition to an on-road bicycle lane network of more than 100 miles.



The City of St. Petersburg, PSTA, and Pinellas County MPO received federal grants to provide bus shelters and intersection improvements to benefit patrons of the current trolley service in this corridor, leading to the development of bus rapid transit service connecting Downtown St. Petersburg with St. Pete Beach along Central Avenue. The project will help coordinate land development plans with transit, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements.



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## SARASOTA COUNTY

Sarasota County Area Transit is working to add bus shelters throughout the system. New express bus service along US 41 connecting Venice with North Port and Sarasota began in January 2013. That month, the new Cattlemen Intermodal Transit Station opened to help with expanded bus services.



The University Parkway Corridor is emerging as a mixed-use regional activity center that will require improved connectivity with the region as it develops. Focusing growth in regional activity centers helps to maximize transportation investments.

Traffic congestion is felt in both Sarasota and Manatee Counties, and local officials hope to coordinate with FDOT to improve local intersections in conjunction with safety and capacity changes to the interstate interchange at University Parkway and I-75.

## REGION, STATE, FEDERAL

The Citrus County TPO, Hernando County MPO, and FDOT District Seven began coordinating the creation of a joint MPO for Citrus and Hernando Counties. TBARTA provides technical assistance to the TPO, and recognizes the economic opportunities and benefits of such a merger, by combining local resources and speaking as one larger voice for state, federal and private resources and funding. Regional coordination and cooperative planning will help identify priorities that will benefit a large area of the Tampa Bay geography.



The Sarasota/Manatee Area Regional Transit Study, or SMARTConnect, is a premium transit feasibility study recently completed by FDOT District One in partnership with TBARTA and through coordination with the Sarasota/Manatee MPO, Manatee County Area Transit, and Sarasota County Area Transit. It evaluated potential premium transit options to provide mobility choices and connect with the Alternatives Analysis bus rapid transit corridor from south of Downtown Sarasota to the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport.

FDOT Secretary Ananth Prasad's transportation vision for Florida as we move into the future includes all modes of travel, from transit and freight, to bicycle, pedestrian, and congestion management technologies. However, the vision emphasizes managed lanes with tolling to address capacity. The vision also highlights pursuing innovative financing tools to advance projects.

Enactment of new transportation funding authorization, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), outlines federal funding requirement changes for transportation projects. Specifically, MAP-21 includes new reporting criteria designed to improve efficiency through consolidation of programs and streamlining the project development process. As the Master Plan moves forward into subsequent phases of implementation, funding requirements under MAP-21 will be reviewed and monitored.

## AIRPORTS

**St. Petersburg–Clearwater International Airport** and **Sarasota–Bradenton International Airport** both participated in studying future transit services to connect airport visitors with their destinations. Many different partners are coming together to plan for a regional intermodal center in the Westshore Business District.

**Tampa International Airport's** updated master plan includes moving passenger parking off-site with a tram connection to the future Westshore Multimodal Center, now under site selection study. This connection replaces the rail line through airport property that was shown in the previously adopted master plan.



## PORTS

Two key projects that will significantly enhance intermodal efficiency at the **Port of Tampa** and improve the Port's connectivity to its customers are advancing. Construction is underway on the Tampa Gateway Rail project, adjacent to the Port's container terminal, and on the I-4/Selmon Expressway Connector, which includes a dedicated truck ramp that will link truck traffic from the Port directly to the interstate. The \$11 million Tampa Gateway Rail facility is a multipurpose rail terminal that will provide capacity for 100-car trains arriving from the U.S. Midwest to the Port's container terminal, providing direct on-dock access to the CSX rail network.<sup>15</sup>



**Port Manatee** broke ground on the first 10 acres of a 52-acre container terminal at its Berth 12 in August 2012. Expected to be completed mid-2013, it is the final piece of the port's 11-year, \$200 million expansion. The work at Berth 12 is aimed at attracting new cargoes expected with the completion of the Panama Canal expansion in 2014. The project is expected to create 595 construction jobs and 180 permanent jobs.<sup>16</sup>



## RAIL

CSX is adding tracks to the rail line adjacent to US 301 in Hernando County. This allows freight transport to be diverted from the Orlando region due to the new SunRail commuter service currently underway.

TBARTA is coordinating with CSX and FDOT to understand freight needs, the potential to use certain rail lines for future passenger service, and how that could be accommodated at a regional level.





## A Sound Investment in Our Future

While transportation is a major investment, the cost of not improving our infrastructure is much higher. Just like we buy our houses over many years, the costs of the proposed improvements would not be incurred all at once, but would be incremental over a period of time to make it more affordable. Right now, our cities, counties, and FDOT collectively invest \$2 billion a year in transportation improvements in our region, building our transportation network piece by piece.

### Why is this investment so important?

Our region will benefit from investing in transportation in many ways. It will expand our travel options and provide better access to jobs, school, medical facilities, and affordable housing. It will help our families save money on personal transportation costs. It will drive economic development along key corridors

in our urban areas, helping to preserve our rural areas. It will reduce pollution in the air we breathe. It will help our community retain and attract talented workers and modern businesses. It will generate more tourism by improving access to our attractions.

**We all benefit from better transportation and more options. The benefits are real. We cannot afford not to make this investment in our future.**

### *Creating Jobs and Building a Strong Economy*

Investing in transportation improvements creates immediate jobs in the form of construction and operation. The money spent by people working in these new jobs means more demand for everyday services, and increased demand creates new jobs. Another form of increased employment choices comes from new businesses relocating to the

area to take advantage of the available amenities, new development opportunities, and better goods movement. For this region to maintain its economic competitiveness, we must grow jobs for a growing population. Nearly 21,000 quality full-time jobs will be created for each year over the 40 years it will take to implement the Long-Term Regional Transit Network alone.<sup>16</sup>

The Regional Transit Network must be planned, built, maintained, and operated. With each step, the economy benefits – each dollar invested means \$5.84 in the economy, of which \$4.79 stays in our region.<sup>17</sup> Plus we gain more choices in how we get around; better access to jobs, schools, medical facilities, attractions, sporting events, and affordable housing; lower transportation costs; and reclaimed personal and family time.



### Quality Communities

Transportation systems and land use patterns influence each other. A dispersed pattern of low-density development relies almost exclusively on cars as the primary mode for transportation. Alternatively, quality community centers combine land uses and encourage walking, biking, and transit usage; provide choices; and make a transit system viable. Many benefits that a balanced transportation system will bring to our lives are interrelated. Providing choices to travel around the region will improve mobility, resulting in more free time with our families and less time stuck in traffic.

Transit-friendly development and focusing new growth in already developed areas can slow the growth of congestion, preserve our rural and natural areas, minimize the costs of providing utilities and other

services, improve air quality, and give us more variety in housing choices. In that way, transit options benefit us all – even if we don’t use them every day, or at all.

### Environmental and Health Benefits

Reducing the carbon footprint of our transportation system can have a significant impact on our environment and our health. Providing transit options, making carpooling easier, investing in our freight facilities, and adding managed lanes to the interstates to keep traffic flowing are all ways to reduce the carbon footprint of the region.

### Where will the money come from?

Just as planning the transportation system has been a collaborative process between federal, state, and local governments and the public, the development of

financing strategies will be as well. Locally and across the country, major transportation projects often include a package of funding sources, including federal and state grants, locally-generated funds to match those grants, and private sector participation where possible.

The region receives significant state and federal roadway and freight funding already, but transit will require local funding. TBARTA will work with its planning partners to leverage local contributions with opportunities for federal, state, and private dollars.

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## What do YOU think?

Developing and updating a Master Plan that reflects the community's interests cannot be done without extensive and meaningful public engagement. In addition to presentations, displays at community events and workshops, print and electronic tools, and media outreach, thousands of individuals participated in the planning process through their telephone.

TBARTA hosted five Telephone TownHall Meetings during this update. These meetings function as huge conference calls, allowing thousands of people to participate without leaving their home, spending money on gas, or finding a babysitter. The calls were recorded and are available on the TBARTA website.

### During the 2013 Telephone TownHall series:

- TBARTA spoke with nearly **40,000** residents in the seven-county region; an average of nearly **7,900** per evening.
- TBARTA averaged nearly **1,400** maximum participants (or "peak" participation) at any one time during the event per evening.
- TBARTA answered **116** live questions, an average of **23** per evening.
- TBARTA received close to **600** questions and comments throughout the five events; an average of **118** per evening.

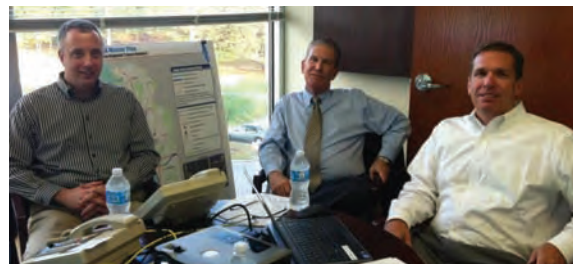
**Some of the frequently asked questions and common themes that emerged include:**

### ■ Frequently Asked Questions:

- What is being done right now to improve transportation?
- What is being planned to improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians as well as the mobility needs of disabled citizens and senior residents?
- We need to change the mindset of people in order to increase public transit usage; what incentives could be used?

### ■ Common Themes:

- Connections are needed to Tampa International Airport, Tampa Bay Rays baseball games, and between counties.
- Local bus service needs to be improved and expanded so there are more stops and earlier and later service.
- Regional transportation is important and interconnecting the different bus systems should be considered.
- Thank you for having this conversation and in a setting in which I could join. We need to talk about our transportation problems and how to solve them.



**If you would like to participate in the future, we have many ways to get involved.**

**Visit our website** for the latest information:

[www.tbarta.com](http://www.tbarta.com)

**Email your comments or questions to:**

[comments@tbarta.com](mailto:comments@tbarta.com)

**Call TBARTA at:**

**(813) 282-8200**

**Join the discussion on TBARTA's online forum:**

[www.TellTBARTA.com](http://www.TellTBARTA.com)

*This site is for regional, multi-county involvement where visitors can browse the site and once registered, comment on various regional and local transportation topics, post their ideas, and converse with each other and TBARTA staff.*

**Stay connected with TBARTA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#).**

Please continue to share your views in the way that is easiest for you. We want to hear your ideas, your solutions, and your questions.

### **TBARTA WANTS TO MEET YOU!**

TBARTA is in your community. Please request a Speakers Bureau presentation today by calling TBARTA or visiting the website. It has been a pleasure meeting with the hundreds of student, civic, business, and professional organizations over the years. We look forward to seeing you soon!

## What do YOU think?

The TBARTA Board is asking for your continued participation as we work to prioritize projects, develop financial strategies for implementation, coordinate more detailed planning and environmental analysis for the prioritized projects, and continue public engagement and education efforts. We will work with our partners to explore our funding options, including how to use private partnerships, and answer the questions of how the regional system will operate and who will operate it.

### Our Next Steps towards Implementation:

- Work with local governments to continue to implement incremental pieces of the Master Plan;
- Build more partnerships with a focus on service implementation, freight movement, and FDOT capital improvements;
- Expand collaboration and communication;
- Coordinate people and goods movements with ports and CSX; and
- Expand commuter services such as carpool, VanPool, school pool, and telework programs.

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## TBARTA Programs

### Commuter Services:

TBARTA offers commuters tools to help people get where they need to go while saving commuters money, fuel, and wear and tear on their vehicles. TBARTA programs include:

#### *VanPool:*

Provides a mini-van or passenger van to a group of commuters. The vans, insurance, preventative maintenance and repairs, and customer support is provided for a monthly fee, and participants share the cost of fuel, tolls, and sales tax.

#### *School Pool:*

Allows parents to create carpools for their children to get to school.

#### *Bike Buddy:*

Matches two or more bicycle commuters together to encourage more residents to try bicycle commuting.

#### *Online Ride Matching:*

Computerized program matches commuters by identifying people that are looking for a carpool, vanpool, or bike buddy.

#### *Emergency Ride Home:*

TBARTA offers an emergency ride home to commuters that carpool, VanPool, ride the bus, bike, or walk to work at least twice a week to ensure that no one is stranded without a ride.



### One Call-One Click:

In 2011, TBARTA received a grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to create a “one-stop-shop” for transportation information to the public via telephone and web. While geared toward veterans and military families, the program will benefit everyone.



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## Acronyms

**Bus**—A rubber-tired, self-propelled, manually-steered vehicle with fuel supply carried on board the vehicle.

**Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**—Enhanced limited-stop bus system that operates on roadways or dedicated lanes to operate at faster speeds than traditional bus service by utilizing a combination of advanced technologies.

**Carpool or VanPool**—A group of commuters who voluntarily participate in a ridesharing arrangement, and shares the cost of the monthly rate plus sales tax (where applicable), fuel, tolls and any other commute related expenses that may be incurred. Carpool and VanPool programs can help match commuters with similar trips and schedules.

**Corridor**—A broad geographical band that follows a general directional flow connecting major sources of trips that may contain a number of streets, highways and transit route alignments.

**Express Bus**—A bus that operates a portion of the route without stops or with a limited number of stops.

**FDOT**—The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is a decentralized agency charged with the establishment, maintenance, and regulation of transportation in the state of Florida.

**Freight**—Goods carried by a vessel or vehicle, or the commercial transportation of goods.

**Managed Lanes**—Express facilities where operational strategies such as pricing, vehicle eligibility, and/or access control are implemented to regulate demand and utilize available capacity. Managed lanes may include toll lanes, reversible lanes, value priced lanes, and high-occupancy vehicle lanes.

**Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**—Transportation policy-making organization made up of local government and transportation authority representatives of areas with a population greater than 50,000. Federal funding for transportation projects and programs are prioritized through the MPO planning process.

**Rail**—Land transport of passengers and goods along railways or railroads.

**School Pool**—Carpool to school, a pilot program offered to parents at selected elementary, middle and high schools in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. The primary focus is to match parents whose children attend the same school, in order to facilitate carpooling of the children. The match list is distributed to parents through a designated School Pool Coordinators at the participating schools. Parents are responsible for making the rideshare arrangements.

**Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)**—Integrated network of all types of transportation facilities and services of statewide and interregional significance for moving people and goods with efficient transfer points. It includes Florida's largest and most significant airports, spaceport, deepwater seaports, freight rail terminals, passenger rail and intercity bus terminals, rail corridors, waterways and highways.

**Telecommute or Telework**—The practice of working at home or another location on a full or part time basis using telecommunications technologies. While telework can be done with as little technology as a phone, it most often involves some remote access, computer hardware and software, email and other technologies.

**Transit Oriented Development (TOD)**—A mixed-use residential or commercial area designed to maximize access to public transport, and often incorporates features to encourage transit ridership.

**USF**—University of South Florida campus located in Tampa.

**West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC)**—Transportation policy-making body composed of chairpersons from the six member-MPOs (Hernando, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Polk, Manatee and Sarasota Counties). Citrus County, FDOT, Florida's Turnpike Authority, four Regional Planning Councils, and TBARTA are represented in a non-voting capacity.





This Master Plan could not have been developed without the determination of the Bay Area Legislative Delegation, financial and technical support of the Florida Department of Transportation, and the thoughtful participation of elected officials and hundreds of professional staff at regional and local agencies, as well as the more than 120,000 members of the public who have participated in the planning process.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Carl Harness  
Pinellas County Assistant County Administrator

FROM: Peter M. Dunbar and Martha J. Edenfield

DATE: June 4, 2013

RE: Post-Session Legislative Report

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The updated Post-Session report from the 2013 Legislative Session follows below. The Governor has not taken final action on many of the measures as of this date. We will update the report with the appropriate Session Law numbers once the Governor has acted on all of the bills. The full text of each enrolled bill, as well as applicable legislative staff reports, are available on the legislative web sites ([www.flsenate.gov](http://www.flsenate.gov); [www.myfloridahouse.com](http://www.myfloridahouse.com); and [www.leg.state.fl.us](http://www.leg.state.fl.us)).

The updated tracking chart for the 2013 Session accompanies this memo. Issues of interest that passed are shown below in alphabetical order. The full text of each bill can be found on the legislative web sites ([www.flsenate.gov](http://www.flsenate.gov) and [www.myfloridahouse.gov](http://www.myfloridahouse.gov) and [www.leg.state.fl.us](http://www.leg.state.fl.us))

### **Issues of Interest That Passed**

**Alternative Water Supplies:** CS/SB 364 by Senator Hays provides incentives for the development of alternative water supply sources. It revises the conditions for 20-year consumptive use permits, and it provides for 30-year permits for the development of alternative water supplies. (*Chapter 2013-\_\_*, *Laws of Florida*.)

**Beach Nourishment Projects:** The budget includes funding for the Treasure Island Segment-Pinellas County Shore Protection Project and Long Key Segment-Pinellas County Shore Protection Project. *Line item 1626 – Beach Projects.*



**Design Professionals:** CS/SB 286 by Senator Negron would permit limitations of liability for design professions by terms of the contract for services and other conditions. (*Chapter 2013-28, Laws of Florida.*)

**Designer/Synthetic Drugs:** HB 619 and SB 294 add additional new formulas of synthetic drugs to the schedule of controlled substances. SB 294 passed the Legislature and was signed by the Governor on 4/24/13. (*Chapter 2013-029, Laws of Florida.*)

**Economic Development and Brownfields:** SB 406 by Senator Gardiner requires an evaluation process for state economic development initiatives and programs and requires the Department of Economic Opportunity to establish a website that details state investments in economic development programs. The bill:

- Streamlines the process by which all incentive program applicants are evaluated by requiring that all applicants be evaluated for the “economic benefits” of the proposed project.
- Creates a rotating, 3-year review schedule for specified incentives and programs to be evaluated by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA).
- Consolidates required reports and reporting dates for various economic development program reports by the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI), the Office of Film and Entertainment, and Space Florida.
- Requires the DEO to publish project-based information on economic development programs provided to businesses on its website in a user-friendly format.
- Creates a new certification process for local governments to receive state funds for the construction and renovation of spring training facilities, contingent upon passage of SB 306, or similar legislation, which repeals section 220.63(5), Florida Statutes, the corporate income tax deduction for an international banking facility.
- Specifies the meaning of the term “brownfield” for purposes of the sales tax exemption for building materials in redevelopment projects and for the brownfield redevelopment bonus refund.

SB 406 has passed the Senate and was substantially amended in the House. The provisions of SB 406 will likely be the subject of continued negotiations with the House. (*Chapter 2013-42, Laws of Florida.*)

**Environmental Permitting:** HB 999 by Rep. Patronis and SB 1684 by Sen. Altman are comprehensive permitting bills that would restrict cities and counties in requesting additional information for permit applications and impacts how local development codes are implemented. All provisions related to the preemption of fertilizer ordinances were removed from the bill. (*Chapter 2013-92, Laws of Florida.*)

**Ethics Fines—Liens of Property:** CS/SB 2 by Senator Latvala is the comprehensive ethics reform package. The legislation contains a provision providing for liens on property for unpaid fines and enhanced penalties for violations of the Code of Conduct for Public Officers and Employees. It will permit an attorney or CPA to prepare financial disclosure filings for officials; it will provide a curative period for mistakes on disclosure forms; and it enhances collection procedures for fines levied by the Ethics Commission. CS/SB 2 has passed the Legislature and is pending in the Governor's Office. (***Chapter 2013-036, Laws of Florida.***)

**Family or Medical Leave Benefits:** HB 655 as originally field would have prohibited counties from requiring or regulating employee benefits. The bill was amended to create a workgroup to sturdy the issue of statewide medical and sick leave benefits. The bill passed as amended and will go next to the Governor. (***Chapter 2013-\_\_\_, Laws of Florida.***)

**Foreclosure Settlement Funds:** Five major lenders last year reached a \$25 billion settlement with attorneys general across the nation to end investigations over foreclosure abuses. Of that total, an estimated \$8 billion is available to help homeowners in Florida including \$170 million in payments to people who lost their homes to foreclosure. The state received \$334 million directly under the settlement.

The Senate version, SB 1852, appropriates \$200,080,474 to several state entities for various housing and foreclosure-related programs and services, contingent upon such funds being deposited into the state treasury from the National Mortgage Settlement.

Funds are appropriated, with specific restrictions and requirements, as follows:

\$159 million – Housing Assistance Focused on Persons with Disabilities, Elders, and Extremely Low Income Floridians

\$60 million through the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) Program.

- \$10 million for rental developments in which 10 to 25 percent of the units are designed for individuals with developmental disabilities;
- \$25 million for the elderly;
- \$25 million extremely low income persons.

\$40 million for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP) to be used for:

- Rehabilitating or modifying owner-occupied houses (including blighted homes and neighborhoods);
- Assisting low income families to purchase existing housing;
- Providing housing counseling services;
- Providing lease-purchase assistance; and
- Implementing other approved strategies to assist households impacted by foreclosure, using existing housing stock.
- 20 percent of the SHIP funds must be used for persons with special needs, which includes disabled veterans, former foster care young adults, and



domestic violence survivors. First priority for these funds will be for persons with developmental disabilities. The funds will be used for home modifications, including technological enhancements and devices which will allow homeowners to live independently and safely in their own homes.

\$50 million In Competitive Grants for Housing for Floridians who are Disabled, Homeless or Who Have Been the Victims of Domestic Violence:

- \$20 million for rehabilitation of existing housing for low-income persons throughout Habitat for Humanity;
- \$20 million for competitive grants for housing for homeless individuals and persons with disabilities; and
- \$10 million for competitive grants creating more domestic violence center beds

\$9.1 million for Take Stock in Children to purchase prepaid dormitory contracts for students in grade 10 and 11 who are participating in the Florida Prepaid Tuition Scholarship Program.

\$41 million – Support for Judicial Branch to Address Foreclosure Cases

- State Courts – \$31 million to address the foreclosure backlog;
- \$16 million for temporary court staffing;
- \$9.7 million for temporary staffing for the clerks of court; and
- \$5.3 million for court technology improvements.

Legal Aid Programs – \$10 million for legal aid services for low and moderate-income individuals experiencing foreclosure, or at eminent risk of foreclosure on their homestead residence. Approved by the Governor on 6/4/13. (**Chapter 2013-\_\_\_, Laws of Florida.**)

**Growth Management:** HB 537 clarifies which local initiative and referendum processes relating to development orders, comprehensive plan amendments, or map amendments are not prohibited. Under the bill, the local initiative and referendum processes that are allowed to continue are limited to those that:

- were in effect on June 1, 2011;
- affect more than five parcels of land; and
- were expressly authorized in a local government charter specifically for matters such as development orders or comprehensive plan or map amendments.

The bill applies retroactively to any initiative or referendum process on local growth management issues commenced after June 1, 2011.

The bill also retroactively repeals s. 4, ch. 2012-75, L.O.F., relating to a presumption regarding agricultural enclaves. The Governor must act on this bill by 6/12/13. (**Chapter 2013-\_\_\_, Laws of Florida.**)

**International Drivers License:** The House and the Senate unanimously passed HB 7059 to retroactively remove the 2012 requirement that nonresident out-of-country visitors carry a valid International Driving Permit in order to drive in Florida. HB 7059 was approved by Governor; (***Chapter 2013-001, Laws of Florida.***)

**Internet Sweepstakes Café:** In the wake of the recent internet café probe, HB 155 by Rep. Trujillo and SB 1030 by Sen. Thrasher were amended to clarify that internet cafes are illegal in Florida. HB 155 has passed both the House and the Senate and has been signed by the Governor; (***Chapter 2013-002, Laws of Florida.***)

**Manufacturing Development:** HB 357 by Representative Boyd and SB 582 by Sen. Galvano create the "Manufacturing Competitiveness Act" authorizing local governments to establish local manufacturing development programs for master development approval. HB 357 directs the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to create a model ordinance for local governments to use as a guide to establish local manufacturing development programs which encourage local governments to grant master development approval for manufacturers. The bill creates a coordinated state development and permit approval process for manufacturers that are developing or expanding within the jurisdiction of a local government that has a local manufacturing development program. DEO is directed to coordinate the process with the cooperation of any involved state agencies. HB 357 directs DEO to develop materials that identify each local government with a local manufacturing development program, and for those materials to be distributed by Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) to prospective, new, expanding, and relocating businesses. HB 357 passed both houses and has been ordered enrolled. (***Chapter 2013-\_\_\_, Laws of Florida.***)

**Manufacturing Equipment Sales Tax Exemption and RESTORE ACT Funding:** HB 7007 is an economic development bill that includes the Governor's priority tax exemption for machinery and equipment purchased and used in Florida. HB 7007 was also amended to create the Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., a quasi-public corporation to distribute funds that may be recovered by the Attorney General in BP oil spill related litigation. The bill clarified that the legislation would not in any way impact RESTORE Act funds. HB 7007 passed and will become effective upon the Governor's signature. (***Chapter 2013-039, Laws of Florida.***)

#### ***Medicaid Issues:***

**Diversion of Local Tax Benefits:** The Senate proposed to divert 45% of the federal share of each hospital's optional rate buy back to a statewide pool. In addition to establishing an awful precedent and a "taking" of local tax benefits, calculations indicated that the Senate proposal would cost safety net hospitals \$46 million on a statewide bases, while creating an additional windfall to the for-profits of \$32 million. The House held firm against this proposal and the issue was bumped up to the full appropriations committee chairs. The Senate ended up offering the House a smaller version of the diversion at "25%", but the House held firm. In the end, the House and Senate agreed on a diversion of 10% of the federal funds. So, if a county on behalf of



its hospitals, contributed monies to buy back hospital rate cuts, the monies would flow as follows. First, the county's contributed share would be paid back to the designated hospitals in the county. Second, of the federal money, 90% would be used to buy back rate cuts of the particular county designated hospital. The remaining 10% of the federal money would be benefiting other hospitals on a statewide basis. I am not sure whether Pinellas contributes local dollars to buy back rate cuts for its safety net hospitals, but notwithstanding, the confiscation of local taxpayer benefits by the legislature to distribute statewide should be of concern to the County.

**County Medicaid Billing:** Senate and House leadership settled on an approach to county Medicaid contributions. The approach replaces the current Medicaid county billing methodology with a new cost-sharing system. The language bases county contribution percentages on 2012-13 actual collections for the first two years and then transitions to percentages based on county Medicaid enrollees over 5 years. In year 1, the language sets the total county contribution at \$269.6M using a 100% utilization-based formula. In year 2, the language sets the total county contribution at \$277M using a 100% utilization-based formula. For years 3-7, the language grows the total county contribution at 50 percent of growth in state Medicaid expenditures and transitions from a utilization- to an enrollment-based formula. The transition to county shares based on Medicaid enrollees begins in Fiscal Year 2015-16 using a weighted approach (80% utilization/20% enrollment, 60% utilization/40% enrollment, etc), with the complete transition occurring in Fiscal Year 2019-20. Growth in the total county contribution is 100% of growth in state Medicaid expenditures beginning in 2020-21.

**Medicaid Expansion:** With the enactment of PPACA and the U.S. Supreme Court ruling, every state must consider whether to expand the Medicaid program on January 1, 2014 to include coverage for persons (men and women) who are at or below 138% of the federal poverty level, with or without children. In Florida, full expansion would have included approximately 1.0 million people. By way of background, Florida can expect a reduction of approximately \$600 million in hospital disproportionate care federal funding under the PPACA. If fully adopted, an expanded Medicaid program would generate around \$1 billion in additional federal funding in the first year to Florida and approximately \$3 billion annually thereafter in federal funding. The major point of discussion centered on what cost would be borne by the state if the Medicaid program was expanded by accepting federal funding. Governor Rick Scott expressed support for Medicaid expansion. The House was consistent in its approach not to expand Medicaid and refusal of federal dollars associated with expansion, arguing that the state could not afford the long-term cost associated with Medicaid expansion. The Senate was more interested in expansion and actually put forth a proposal to take federal dollars and cover the population through the Florida Healthy Kids program. In the end, the House would not accept the federal monies and agree to Medicaid expansion. Most observers believe that Medicaid expansion will be the subject of a special session later in the year.

**Numeric Nutrient Criteria:** CS/SB 1808 provides guidance for setting numeric nutrient criteria (NNC) for flowing waters of the state. The bill states the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) may implement its adopted nutrient standards for streams, springs, lakes, and estuaries in accordance with the document, "Implementation of Florida's Numeric Nutrient Standards." The bill states the conditions that have to be met to trigger the repealing of Rule 62-302.531(9), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The bill subjects any nutrient criteria rules for estuaries adopted by the DEP in 2013 to the provisions of rule 62-302.531(9), F.A.C., and exempts them from legislative ratification.

The bill directs the DEP to establish estuary specific NNC for estuaries not already subject to DEP NNC, and set NNC for chlorophyll a for non-estuarine coastal waters by December 1, 2014. The bill establishes the water quality standard for non-estuarine coastal waters until such time as NNC are established for those waters. The bill directs the DEP to provide the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report by August 1, 2013, detailing the status of setting NNC for estuaries and non-estuarine coastal waters for which NNC have not been set. (***Chapter 2013-071, Laws of Florida.***)

**Prescription Drug Monitoring:** HB 1159 was amended to delete provisions that would allow the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to receive state funding as well as funding from pharmaceutical companies and prescription drug manufacturers. The amendment also granted the Department of Health \$500,000 in non-recurring general revenue funds to administer the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. The Governor must act on this bill by 6/18/13. (***Chapter 2013-\_\_\_, Laws of Florida.***)

**Property Tax:** SB 1830 clarifies provisions relating to tax exemptions, notices, appeals and penalties. (***Chapter 2013-072, Laws of Florida.***)

**Public Meetings:** CS/CS/CS/SB 50 by Senator Negron requires members of the public to be given a reasonable opportunity to speak at meetings of boards and commissions prior to official action being formally taken. (***Chapter 2013-\_\_\_, Laws of Florida.***)

**Public Private Partnerships:** CS/CS/HB 85 by Representative Steube establishes the authority for public-private partnerships to develop and operate public purpose projects, including a process for local governments to follow in P3 partnerships. The bill also includes provisions related to county transportation initiatives. (***Chapter 2013-\_\_\_, Laws of Florida.***)

**Preemption of Alarm System Contracting:** SB 1442 and HB 973 preempt local government regulation of alarm system contracting to the state and bill establish uniform regulation of alarm system contracting while allowing local governments to maintain their varying alarm permit fees as long as those fees are below \$55. There is a limited exemption for local governments who on January 1, 2013 charged an alarm permit fee above \$55. Local governments who charged more than \$55 for alarm permits on that date may charge up to \$175 until January 1, 2015. On January 1, 2015, all local

governments must reduce their alarm system permit fee to \$55. HB 973 has passed the House and the Senate and has been ordered enrolled. (**Chapter 2013-\_\_\_, Laws of Florida.**)

**Red Light Cameras:** HB 7125, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles legislative package was amended to include red light camera language relating to issuing citations for “right on red.” HB 7125 passed as amended. The Governor must act on this bill by 6/12/13. (**Chapter 2013-\_\_\_, Laws of Florida.**)

**Texting:** SB 52 makes texting while driving a secondary offense. (**Chapter 2013-058, Laws of Florida.**)

**Theft of Utility Services:** CS/SB 338 by Senator Simmons provides additional criminal penalties for utility services wrongfully taken by an individual. (**Chapter 2013-30, Laws of Florida.**)

**Tourist Development Tax:** SB 336 by Sen. Latvala corrects provisions to permit counties to use the tax revenues from the tourist development tax for purposes related to aquariums that are owned and operated by not-for-profit organizations, including the acquisition, construction, maintenance, or promotion of such aquariums. SB 336 passed both Houses and was ordered enrolled. (**Chapter 2013-\_\_\_, Laws of Florida.**)

**Water Authority Lands—Archeological Sites:** CS/HB 975 by Representative Metz authorizes the Division of Historical Resources to issue permits for excavation and archeological activities on lands owned by a water authority. (**Chapter 2013-\_\_\_, Laws of Florida.**)

**Water Management Districts:** SB 244 by Senator Dean deals with water management districts and water supply plans. The legislation establishes priority for certain water bodies; provides for the adoption of MFLs; authorizes districts to enter into resource management agreements; and expands the right of other regional water supply authorities to participate in water supply plans required to be adopted by the districts. (**Chapter 2013-\_\_\_, Laws of Florida.**)

**Water Quality Credit Trading:** CS/CS/HB 713 by Representative Pigman modifies the water quality credit trading provisions of s. 403.067 (8). It will authorize permitting in basin board action plans by the department; direct participants to report prices for the credits and how the prices were determined; and expand the trading options statewide. The Governor must act on this bill by 6/12/13. (**Chapter 2013-\_\_\_, Laws of Florida.**)

**Water Supply Sources:** CS/SB 364 by Senator Hays provides incentives for the development of alternative water supply sources. It revises the conditions for 20-year consumptive use permits, and it provides for 30-year permits for the development of alternative water supplies. (**Chapter 2013-\_\_\_, Laws of Florida.**)



**Water Supplies—Cooperative Efforts:** CS/SB 948 by Senator Grimsley expands the cooperative efforts in supply planning to include private landowners, utility companies and the Departments of Agriculture and Environmental Protection. It encourages multijurisdictional supply entities; includes the option for self-suppliers to participate; and requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a water supply planning program. (*Chapter 2013-\_\_*, *Laws of Florida*.)

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**PMD - Pinellas County**

Sorted by Bill Number

**SB 0002****Relating to Ethics**

Ethics and Elections

Ethics; Prohibiting public officers from accepting additional employment with the state or any of its political subdivisions under specified conditions; providing circumstances under which the Commission on Ethics must determine if an attorney or a certified public accountant failed to disclose information provided by the filing individual on the filed statement; authorizing the commission to collect an unpaid fine within a specified period of issuance of the final order; deleting references to committees of continuous existence, etc. Effective Date: May 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/24/2013 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

4/24/2013 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 05/01/13)

5/1/2013 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2013-036

**Compare****HB 0233** Relating to Governmental Ethics (Fasano)**SB 0272** Relating to Ethics (Clemens)**HB 0285** Relating to Commission on Ethics (McBurney)**HB 0379** Relating to Ethics (Clelland)**SB 0926** Relating to Commission on Ethics (Detert)**HB 7133** Relating to Public Records and Meetings (Ethics & Elections Subcommittee)**Similar****HB 7131** Relating to Ethics (Ethics & Elections Subcommittee)**Linked****SB 0004** Relating to Public Records and Meetings/Commission on Ethics (Ethics and Elections)**SB 0004****Relating to Public Records and Meetings/Commission on Ethics**

Ethics and Elections

Public Records and Meetings/Commission on Ethics; Creating an exemption from public records requirements for written referrals and related records held by the Commission on Ethics, the Governor, the Department of Law Enforcement, or a state attorney; creating an exemption for records relating to a preliminary investigation held by the Commission on Ethics; creating an exemption from public meetings requirements for portions of proceedings of the Commission on Ethics in which the referrals are discussed or acted upon; providing for future repeal and legislative review of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act, etc. Effective Date: May 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/24/2013 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

5/7/2013 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 05/22/13)

5/15/2013 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2013-038

**Compare****HB 0287** Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Commission on Ethics (McBurney)**HB 0297** Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Governmental Ethics (Fasano)**HB 0381** Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Ethics (Clelland)**SB 0652** Relating to Public Records and Public Meetings/Commission on Ethics (Detert)**HB 7131** Relating to Ethics (Ethics & Elections Subcommittee)**Similar****HB 7133** Relating to Public Records and Meetings (Ethics & Elections Subcommittee)**Linked****SB 0002** Relating to Ethics (Ethics and Elections)**HB 0023****Relating to Public Meetings**

Rodrigues (R)

Public Meetings: Requires that member of public be given reasonable opportunity to be heard by board or commission before it takes official action on proposition; provides exceptions; establishes requirements for rules or policies adopted by board or commission which govern the opportunity to be heard; provides that compliance with requirements is deemed to have occurred under certain circumstances; provides that circuit court has jurisdiction to issue injunction for enforcement under certain circumstances; authorizes court to assess reasonable attorney fees in actions filed against board or commission. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/17/2013 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

4/29/2013 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/30/13

4/30/2013 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 0050; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0050

**Similar****SB 0050** Relating to Public Meetings (Negron)

- HB 0049**      **Relating to Drug Paraphernalia**      Rouson  
Drug Paraphernalia: Prohibits retail sale of certain drug paraphernalia; provides criminal penalties.  
Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
4/29/2013      HOUSE Ordered enrolled  
4/30/2013      HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed  
5/28/2013      Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 06/12/13)  
**Similar**  
SB 1140      Relating to Drug Paraphernalia (Stargel)
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- SB 0050**      **Relating to Public Meetings**      Negron  
Public Meetings; Requiring that a member of the public be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard by a board or commission before it takes official action on a proposition; providing that compliance with the requirements of this section is deemed to have occurred under certain circumstances; providing that a circuit court has jurisdiction to issue an injunction under certain circumstances; providing that an action taken by a board or commission which is found in violation of this section is not void, etc. Effective Date: October 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
5/1/2013      HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 113 Yeas / 2 Nays)  
5/1/2013      SENATE Ordered enrolled  
5/6/2013      SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed  
**Similar**  
HB 0023      Relating to Public Meetings (Rodrigues (R))
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- SB 0084**      **Relating to Public-private Partnerships**      Diaz de la Portilla  
Public-private Partnerships; Providing legislative findings and intent relating to the construction or improvement by private entities of facilities used predominantly for a public purpose; creating the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Task Force to establish specified guidelines; providing for interim and comprehensive agreements between a public and a private entity; authorizing counties to enter into public-private partnership agreements for construction, operation, ownership, and financing of transportation facilities, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
4/30/2013      SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading  
4/30/2013      SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 05/02/13  
5/2/2013      SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0085; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0085  
**Compare**  
HB 0085      Relating to Public-Private Partnerships (Steube)  
SB 0238      Relating to Public-private Partnerships (Flores)  
HB 0817      Relating to Health Care (Gaetz (M))  
SB 1132      Relating to Department of Transportation (Brandes)
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- HB 0085**      **Relating to Public-Private Partnerships**      Steube  
Public-Private Partnerships: Provides legislative findings & intent relating to construction or improvement by private entities of facilities used predominantly for public purposes; provides for procurement procedures, requirements for project approval, project qualifications & process, notice to affected local jurisdictions, comprehensive agreements between public & private entities, use fees, financing sources for certain projects by private entities, & applicability of sovereign immunity for public entities with respect to qualified projects; authorizes counties to enter into public-private partnership agreements to construct, extend, or improve county roads; provides requirements & limitations for such agreements; provides procurement procedures; requires fee for certain proposals; revises limit on terms for leases that Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority may enter. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
5/3/2013      HOUSE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled  
5/6/2013      HOUSE Engrossed Text (E3) Filed  
5/7/2013      HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed  
**Compare**  
SB 0084      Relating to Public-private Partnerships (Diaz de la Portilla)  
SB 0238      Relating to Public-private Partnerships (Flores)  
SB 0952      Relating to Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (Simmons)  
SB 1132      Relating to Department of Transportation (Brandes)  
HB 7127      Relating to Department of Transportation (Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee)
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- HB 0089**      **Relating to Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program**      Pafford  
Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program: Establishes Urban Infill & Redevelopment



Assistance Grant Program; provides program for grants to counties & municipalities with urban infill & redevelopment areas; authorizes transfer of unused funds between grant categories under program; requires DEO to administer program; requires DEO to adopt rules establishing grant review criteria.  
Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

1/11/2013 HOUSE Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee

1/11/2013 HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

**Identical**

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**SB 0348** Relating to Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program (Soto)

**HB 0091**

**Relating to Traffic Infraction Detectors**

Campbell

Traffic Infraction Detectors: Removes provisions relating to installation & use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when driver fails to stop at traffic signal; removes provisions that authorize DHSMV, county, or municipality to use such detectors. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

1/4/2013 HOUSE Filed

1/11/2013 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

**Identical**

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**HB 4011** Relating to Traffic Infraction Detectors (Campbell)

**HB 0097**

**Relating to Concealed Weapons and Firearms**

Powell

Concealed Weapons and Firearms: Creates exception to preemption of regulation of firearms to Legislature to allow state agency or local government to prohibit possession of concealed firearms & ammunition at specified publicly sanctioned or sponsored events conducted in public buildings or at government-sponsored outdoor public venues. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Criminal Justice Subcommittee

1/23/2013 HOUSE Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

1/23/2013 HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

**Identical**

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**SB 0374** Relating to Concealed Weapons and Firearms (Braynon)

**SB 0098**

**Relating to New Markets Development Program**

Richter

New Markets Development Program; Revising limits on tax credits that may be claimed by qualified community development entities under the New Markets Development Program, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

2/21/2013 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

2/27/2013 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/01/13, 1:45 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

**Compare**

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**SB 0406** Relating to Economic Development (Gardiner)

**HB 5601** Relating to Economic Development (Finance & Tax Subcommittee)

**Identical**

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**HB 0515** Relating to New Markets Development Program (Oliva)

**HB 0117**

**Relating to Rental Car Surcharges**

Stewart

Rental Car Surcharges: Authorizing counties to impose additional surcharge on lease or rental of motor vehicles; requires referendum; provides for distribution & use of funds collected from local surcharges. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee

1/23/2013 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee

1/23/2013 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee

**Identical**

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**SB 1366** Relating to Rental Car Surcharges (Thompson)

**SB 0122**

**Relating to Sales Tax Exemptions**

Montford

Sales Tax Exemptions; Exempting from the sales tax certain separately stated charges imposed on a lessee or licensee of leased or licensed premises, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax  
1/23/2013 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax  
1/30/2013 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/01/13, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)  
5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax  
**Identical**  
**HB 0765** Relating to Sales Tax Exemptions (Ray)

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**HB 0141** **Relating to Florida Clean Indoor Air Act** Cummings  
Florida Clean Indoor Air Act: Authorizes municipalities & counties to restrict smoking on certain properties.  
Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
1/11/2013 HOUSE Filed  
1/18/2013 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction  
**Compare**  
**SB 0258** Relating to Florida Clean Indoor Air Act (Bradley)  
**Similar**  
**HB 0439** Relating to Regulation of Smoking by Municipalities and Counties (Hager)

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**HB 0147** **Relating to Governing Board of Southwest Florida Water Management District** Pilon  
Governing Board of Southwest Florida Water Management District: Revises number of governing board members & membership residency requirements; provides for applicability. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
1/23/2013 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee  
2/7/2013 HOUSE Withdrawn from Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Local and Federal Affairs Committee; State Affairs Committee  
2/7/2013 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction  
**Identical**  
**SB 0412** Relating to Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (Detert)

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**HB 0179** **Relating to Eminent Domain Proceedings** Young  
Eminent Domain Proceedings: Revises distribution of interest on certain deposits held by clerks of court in eminent domain proceedings. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
4/11/2013 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed  
4/12/2013 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 04/19/13)  
4/17/2013 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2013-023  
**Identical**  
**SB 0322** Relating to Eminent Domain Proceedings (Brandes)

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**HB 0183** **Relating to Stormwater Management Permits** Raulerson  
Stormwater Management Permits: Requires statewide environmental resource permitting rules to provide conceptual permits for certain stormwater management master plans & associated general permits for construction & operation of certain urban redevelopment projects; provides permit requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
4/3/2013 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading  
4/26/2013 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/29/13  
4/29/2013 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 0934; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0934  
**Similar**  
**SB 0934** Relating to Stormwater Management Permits (Lee (T))

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**SB 0192** **Relating to Targeted Economic Development** Legg  
Targeted Economic Development; Requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to create economic development zones for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; authorizing a STEM zone in counties with a state university classified as having very high research activity located in its jurisdiction; providing that the incentives and benefits provided for enterprise zones are available to the STEM zones; requiring the department to work with the STEM zone development agency, the Department of Education, and Workforce Florida, Inc., to develop accountability requirements and measurable objectives, etc.  
Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** Commerce and Tourism  
1/7/2013 SENATE Filed  
1/11/2013 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Commerce and Tourism

**Identical**

**HB 0299** Relating to Targeted Economic Development (Grant)

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**SB 0196**

**Relating to Domestic Partners**

Sobel

Domestic Partners; Authorizing the clerk of the circuit court to collect a filing fee for domestic partner registrations; requiring that nursing homes allow a domestic partner access to his or her partner who is a resident and requiring that the domestic partner be allowed to meet with the families of other residents; establishing requirements for domestic partnership; providing that the act does not preempt the authority of a county or municipality to enact a domestic partnership ordinance unless in conflict with the act, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Judiciary

4/3/2013 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

4/4/2013 SENATE Now in Judiciary

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Judiciary

**Compare**

**HB 0259** Relating to Families First (Pafford)

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**SB 0230**

**Relating to Flag Etiquette**

Ring

Flag Etiquette; Requiring that the Governor adopt a protocol on flag display; requiring the protocol to have guidelines for proper flag display and for lowering the state flag to half-staff on certain occasions; authorizing the Governor to adopt, repeal, or modify any rule or custom as the Governor deems appropriate which pertains to the display of the state flag, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/30/2013 SENATE Ordered enrolled

4/30/2013 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

6/3/2013 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 06/18/13)

**Similar**

**HB 0323** Relating to Flag Etiquette (Moskowitz)

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**HB 0233**

**Relating to Governmental Ethics**

Fasano

Governmental Ethics; Requires that disclosures be made in writing on forms prescribed by Commission on Ethics; provides that public officer may not act in way that suggests that officer can be improperly influenced while performing official duties; provides penalties if public official makes prohibited appointment, employment, promotion, or advancement decision; establishes criteria for qualified blind trusts for public officials; provides responsibilities of public officer when abstaining from vote; revises candidate's disclosure responsibilities for financial interests; defines "vendor"; prohibits reporting individual or procurement employee from soliciting or accepting gift in excess of certain value from vendor; requires reporting of certain gifts; increases civil penalties for violation of ch. 112, F.S.; establishes criminal penalties & attorney fees for certain violations; provides noncriminal infraction & fine for certain violations for persons required to register as lobbyist; provides procedures for investigation of complaints filed with commission. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Ethics & Elections Subcommittee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Referred to Ethics & Elections Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Now in Ethics & Elections Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Ethics & Elections Subcommittee

**Compare**

**SB 0002** Relating to Ethics (Ethics and Elections)

**SB 0272** Relating to Ethics (Clemens)

**HB 0285** Relating to Commission on Ethics (McBurney)

**HB 0287** Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Commission on Ethics (McBurney)

**HB 0379** Relating to Ethics (Clelland)

**SB 0652** Relating to Public Records and Public Meetings/Commission on Ethics (Detert)

**SB 0926** Relating to Commission on Ethics (Detert)

**HB 7131** Relating to Ethics (Ethics & Elections Subcommittee)

**Linked**

**HB 0297** Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Governmental Ethics (Fasano)

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**SB 0238**

**Relating to Public-private Partnerships**

Flores

Public-private Partnerships; Providing legislative findings and intent relating to the construction or upgrade of facilities by private entities which are used predominately for a public purpose; requiring public entities to develop and adopt guidelines governing procedures and criteria for the selection of projects and public-private agreements; providing for financing from private sources and public entities; providing for the applicability of sovereign immunity for public entities with respect to qualified projects, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013



**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

1/9/2013 SENATE Filed

1/17/2013 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Community Affairs

**Compare**SB 0084 Relating to Public-private Partnerships (Diaz de la Portilla)HB 0085 Relating to Public-Private Partnerships (Steube)**HB 0247****Relating to Paper Reduction**

Nelson

Paper Reduction: Requires that uniform statewide voter registration application be designed to elicit e-mail address of applicant & whether applicant desires to receive sample ballots by e-mail; authorizes supervisor of elections to send sample ballot to registered elector by e-mail under certain circumstances; permits electronic filing of certain affidavits; authorizes clerk of court to mail or electronically transmit notice relating to bond forfeiture proceeding. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

5/2/2013 HOUSE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

5/2/2013 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E2) Filed

5/2/2013 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

**Compare**SB 1260 Relating to Public Records/E-mail Addresses/Voter Registration Applicants (Ring)SB 1352 Relating to Paper Reduction (Ring)SB 1830 Relating to Ad Valorem Taxation (Appropriations)HB 7159 Relating to Ad Valorem Taxation (Finance & Tax Subcommittee)**Linked**HB 0249 Relating to Public Records Exemption (Nelson)**SB 0256****Relating to State Debtors**

Margolis

State Debtors; Directing the Department of State to publish on its website a list of persons owing money to the state; requiring that the Department of State notify the Chief Financial Officer or the governing body of a county, municipality, or special district of any unpaid debt or fines levied against a person who has been elected to a state, county, municipal, or special district office; requiring that the Chief Financial Officer or the governing body of a county, municipality, or special district withhold salary payments that would otherwise be paid to an elected official when that official owes a debt or fine to the state; Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Governmental Oversight and Accountability

1/11/2013 SENATE Filed

1/17/2013 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Governmental Oversight and Accountability

**HB 0257****Relating to Game Promotions**

Tobia

Game Promotions: Provides for registration of electronic devices & computer terminals used to conduct electronic game promotions; prohibits DOACS from accepting filing from certain entities; establishes requirements for electronic game promotions; requires annual terminal fee; authorizes county or municipality to regulate operator that provides electronic devices or computer terminals for electronic game promotion or to prohibit future operation of game promotions. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Select Committee on Gaming

1/30/2013 HOUSE Referred to Select Committee on Gaming; Regulatory Affairs Committee; Appropriations Committee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Now in Select Committee on Gaming

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Select Committee on Gaming

**Compare**HB 0155 Relating to Prohibition of Electronic Gambling Devices (Trujillo)SB 1030 Relating to Prohibition of Electronic Gambling Devices (Thrasher)**Similar**SB 0502 Relating to Game Promotion (Diaz de la Portilla)**SB 0258****Relating to Florida Clean Indoor Air Act**

Bradley

Florida Clean Indoor Air Act; Authorizing municipalities and counties to restrict smoking on certain properties; providing limitations on such restrictions; authorizing a law enforcement officer to issue a citation under certain circumstances; providing a definition, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

3/7/2013 SENATE Favorable with 1 amendment by Health Policy; 6 Yeas, 3 Nays

3/11/2013 SENATE Now in Community Affairs

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Community Affairs

**Compare**

**HB 0141** Relating to Florida Clean Indoor Air Act (Cummings)  
**HB 0439** Relating to Regulation of Smoking by Municipalities and Counties  
(Hager)

**HB 0259**

**Relating to Families First**

Pafford

Families First: Sets fees & costs for dissolution or registration of domestic partnership; requires DOH to examine certificates of domestic partnership & dissolution reports; requires clerk to transmit declarations of domestic partnership; authorizes DOH to issue certified copy of certain vital records to domestic partner; includes domestic partnership within domestic violence provisions; requires DOH to create & distribute forms; provides jurisdiction over partnership proceedings; requires partnership registry; requires form to be filed to form partnership & specifies contents; authorizes partners to retain surnames; provides that any privilege or responsibility granted or imposed by statute, administrative or court rule, policy, common law, or any other law because individual is or was related to another by marriage, or is child of either spouse, is granted on equivalent terms to domestic partners or individuals similarly related to domestic partners; provides exceptions; provides methods to prove existence of partnership when certificate is lost or unavailable; provides for termination of partnership. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Civil Justice Subcommittee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Civil Justice Subcommittee

**Compare**

**SB 0196** Relating to Domestic Partners (Sobel)

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**SB 0272**

**Relating to Ethics**

Clemens

Ethics; Prohibiting a member of the Legislature from voting upon or participating in any legislation inuring to the personal gain or loss of the member or his or her relative; prohibiting a member of the Legislature from participating in any legislation inuring to the personal gain or loss of a business associate, employer, board on which the member sits, principal by whom the member is retained, or parent corporation or subsidiary of such principal; requiring that members of the Legislature vote on the General Appropriations Act and disclose conflicts of interest with any line-item appropriation, etc. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Ethics and Elections

1/14/2013 SENATE Filed

1/17/2013 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Rules

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Ethics and Elections

**Compare**

**SB 0002** Relating to Ethics (Ethics and Elections)

**HB 0233** Relating to Governmental Ethics (Fasano)

**HB 0285** Relating to Commission on Ethics (McBurney)

**SB 0926** Relating to Commission on Ethics (Detert)

**HB 7131** Relating to Ethics (Ethics & Elections Subcommittee)

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**HB 0285**

**Relating to Commission on Ethics**

McBurney

Commission on Ethics: Authorizes Commission on Ethics to acquire liens on real & personal property for certain fines imposed by final order of the commission; requires that automatic fines imposed by the commission for failure to comply with certain financial interests disclosure requirements be assigned as claims to the state & assigned to collection attorneys who shall reduce such claims to judgments. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Ethics & Elections Subcommittee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Referred to Ethics & Elections Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Now in Ethics & Elections Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Ethics & Elections Subcommittee

**Compare**

**SB 0002** Relating to Ethics (Ethics and Elections)

**HB 0233** Relating to Governmental Ethics (Fasano)

**SB 0272** Relating to Ethics (Clemens)

**HB 0297** Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Governmental Ethics (Fasano)

**HB 0379** Relating to Ethics (Clelland)

**SB 0424** Relating to Commission on Ethics (Detert)

**SB 0652** Relating to Public Records and Public Meetings/Commission on Ethics (Detert)

**HB 7131** Relating to Ethics (Ethics & Elections Subcommittee)

**Identical**

**SB 0926** Relating to Commission on Ethics (Detert)

**Linked**

**HB 0287** Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Commission on Ethics  
(McBurney)

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**HB 0287****Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Commission on Ethics**

McBurney

Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Commission on Ethics: Expands public records & public meetings exemptions to include Commission on Ethics' determination & proceedings regarding written referral of alleged violation of code & breach of public trust submitted by certain enumerated officials; provides for duration of exemptions; provides for future legislative review & repeal; provides statement of public necessity.

Effective Date: on the same date that HB 285 or similar legislation takes effect

**Current Committee of Reference:** Ethics & Elections Subcommittee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Referred to Ethics & Elections Subcommittee; Government Operations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Now in Ethics & Elections Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Ethics & Elections Subcommittee

**Compare**

SB 0004 Relating to Public Records and Meetings/Commission on Ethics (Ethics and Elections)

HB 0233 Relating to Governmental Ethics (Fasano)

HB 0297 Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Governmental Ethics (Fasano)

SB 0926 Relating to Commission on Ethics (Detert)

HB 7133 Relating to Public Records and Meetings (Ethics & Elections Subcommittee)

**Similar**

HB 0381 Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Ethics (Clelland)

**Identical**

SB 0652 Relating to Public Records and Public Meetings/Commission on Ethics (Detert)

**Linked**

HB 0285 Relating to Commission on Ethics (McBurney)

**SB 0294****Relating to Controlled Substances**

Bradley

Controlled Substances; Adding to the list of Schedule I controlled substances certain specified materials, compounds, mixtures, or preparations that contain hallucinogenic substances, or any of their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, if the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation; providing reduced penalties for possession of 3 grams or less of specified controlled substances; providing criminal penalties for a person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, a specified quantity of specified controlled substances, etc. Effective Date: April 24, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/18/2013 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

4/22/2013 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 04/29/13)

4/24/2013 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2013-029

**Similar**

HB 0619 Relating to Controlled Substances (Ingram)

**HB 0297****Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Governmental Ethics**

Fasano

Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Governmental Ethics: Provides an exemption from public records requirements for a determination of legal sufficiency relating to an alleged violation of pt. III of ch. 112, F.S., the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees; provides an exemption from public meeting requirements for any proceeding relating to such determination; authorizes the Commission on Ethics and its staff to share investigative information with criminal investigative agencies; provides for review and repeal of the exemptions; provides a statement of public necessity; provides a contingent effective date. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Ethics & Elections Subcommittee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Referred to Ethics & Elections Subcommittee; Government Operations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Now in Ethics & Elections Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Ethics & Elections Subcommittee

**Compare**

SB 0004 Relating to Public Records and Meetings/Commission on Ethics (Ethics and Elections)

HB 0285 Relating to Commission on Ethics (McBurney)

HB 0287 Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Commission on Ethics (McBurney)

HB 0381 Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Ethics (Clelland)

SB 0652 Relating to Public Records and Public Meetings/Commission on Ethics (Detert)

SB 0926 Relating to Commission on Ethics (Detert)

HB 7131 Relating to Ethics (Ethics & Elections Subcommittee)



**HB 7133** Relating to Public Records and Meetings (Ethics & Elections Subcommittee)

**Linked**

**HB 0233** Relating to Governmental Ethics (Fasano)

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**HB 0299**

**Relating to Targeted Economic Development**

Grant

Targeted Economic Development: Requires DEO to create economic development zones for science, technology, engineering, & mathematics (STEM); authorizes STEM zone in counties with state university classified as having very high research activity located in its jurisdiction; provides that incentives & benefits provided for enterprise zones are available to STEM zones; requires DEO to develop grant program that applies to STEM zone; requires DEO to work with STEM zone development agency, DOE, & Workforce Florida, Inc., to develop accountability requirements & measurable objectives; assigns duties for administration of STEM zones to local governing bodies that have jurisdiction over such zones; provides eligibility criteria for incentives, & benefits provided in zones; requires that applicable requirements for employee residency for higher refund or credit thresholds be based on employee residency in STEM zone or enterprise zone; limits annual amount of such incentives; authorizes carryforward of any unused amount of incentives for specified period; requires local governing body to certify to DOR or DEO which businesses or properties are eligible for incentives; requires DOR to send written instructions to eligible businesses on claiming credit on sales & use tax return initiated through electronic data interchange. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

**Identical**

**SB 0192** Relating to Targeted Economic Development (Legg)

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**HB 0303**

**Relating to Communications Services Tax**

Grant

Communications Services Tax: Provides Legislative findings & intent; revises communications services tax rate on sales of communications services; deletes provisions that impose communications services tax on retail sale of direct-to-home satellite services & require collection & remittance of gross receipts tax on same transaction; deletes exemption from communications services tax & gross receipts tax for separately stated sales price of communications services sold to residential households; revises allocation & disposition formula applicable to proceeds of communications services tax & certain proceeds of gross receipts tax; requires local government to reduce its ad valorem tax mileage rate to offset certain increases in communications services tax revenues; authorizes local government to elect not to offset such revenues by adoption of resolution in specified manner; repeals provisions relating to authorization to impose local communications services tax; deletes authority for municipalities, charter counties, & noncharter counties to collect permit fees from providers of communications services that use or occupy municipal or county roads or rights-of-way. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Finance & Tax Subcommittee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Now in Finance & Tax Subcommittee

2/6/2013 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/08/13, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Finance & Tax Subcommittee

**Similar**

**SB 1422** Relating to Communications Services Tax (Richter)

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**SB 0306**

**Relating to Economic Development**

Braynon

Economic Development; Providing that tourist development tax revenues may also be used to pay the debt service on bonds that finance the renovation of a professional sports facility that is publicly owned, or that is on publicly owned land, and that is publicly operated or operated by the owner of a professional sports franchise or other lessee; requiring a majority plus one vote of the membership of the board of county commissioners to levy a tax for renovation of a sports franchise facility after approval by a majority of the electors voting in a referendum to approve the proposed use of the tax revenues; providing that the Department of Economic Opportunity shall screen applicants for state funding for sports development, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/29/2013 SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

4/29/2013 HOUSE In Messages

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Messages

**Compare**

**HB 0165** Relating to Professional Sports Franchise Facilities (Gonzalez)

**SB 0406** Relating to Economic Development (Gardiner)

**HB 0641** Relating to Economic Development (Rodriguez (R))

**HB 5601** Relating to Economic Development (Finance & Tax)

Subcommittee)  
**HB 7007** Relating to Economic Development (Economic Development &  
Tourism Subcommittee)

**HB 0307**

**Relating to Preference in Award of Governmental Contracts**

Tobia

Preference in Award of Governmental Contracts: Authorizes agency, university, college, school district, or other political subdivision of state to provide preferential consideration to Florida business in awarding competitively bid contracts to purchase construction services; provides that for specified competitive solicitations authority to grant preference supersedes any local ordinance or regulation which grants preference to specified vendors; requires university, college, school district, or other political subdivision to make specified disclosures in competitive solicitation documents; requires legal written opinions to accompany specified bids, proposals, & reply documents; expands provisions that require agency, university, college, school district, or other political subdivision of state to provide preferential consideration to Florida business in awarding competitively bid contracts to purchase personal property to require counties & municipalities to provide such preferential consideration; provides that for specified competitive solicitations authority to grant preference supersedes any local ordinance or regulation which grants preference to specified vendors; requires university, college, county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision to make specified disclosures in competitive solicitation documents. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Local & Federal Affairs Committee

3/11/2013 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

3/12/2013 HOUSE Now in Local & Federal Affairs Committee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Local & Federal Affairs Committee

**Compare**

**SB 0684** Relating to Preference in Award of State Contracts (Hays)

**HB 1017** Relating to Preference in Award of Governmental Contracts  
(Fresen)

**HB 0315**

**Relating to Senior Services**

Schwartz

Senior Services: Authorizes each county to create by ordinance independent special district to provide funding for services for seniors; requires elector approval to annually levy ad valorem taxes; requires district to comply with statutory requirements related to levying & fixing millage & filing financial or compliance reports; provides for dissolution of district; creates district governing council; specifies council powers & functions; specifies council responsibilities & duties; authorizes two or more districts to enter into cooperative agreements; requires council to prepare tentative annual budget & compute millage rate to fund district; requires tax moneys collected to be paid directly to council by county tax collector & deposited into qualified public depositories; requires specified members to file surety bond; specifies expenditures of funds; requires council to prepare & file quarterly financial reports with county governing body; prohibits council from requiring specified matching funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Healthy Families Subcommittee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Referred to Healthy Families Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee; Health & Human Services Committee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Now in Healthy Families Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Healthy Families Subcommittee

**Similar**

**SB 0976** Relating to Senior Services (Sobel)

**HB 0319**

**Relating to Community Transportation Projects**

Ray

Community Transportation Projects: Revises provisions for local governments implementing transportation concurrency plans and provides requirements for certain alternatives. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/30/2013 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

5/20/2013 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 06/04/13)

5/30/2013 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2013-078

**Similar**

**SB 0972** Relating to Transportation Development (Hukill)

**HB 0321**

**Relating to Community Development**

La Rosa

Community Development: Prohibits local government from applying transportation concurrency or requiring proportionate-share contribution or construction for new business development for specified period; provides exception; provides for extension of prohibition under certain conditions; provides for applicability; provides for future expiration; prohibits certain counties, municipalities, & special districts from imposing certain new or existing impact fees for specified period; provides exception; provides for extension of prohibition under certain conditions; provides for applicability; provides for future expiration. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/25/2013 SENATE In Messages  
4/25/2013 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Education  
5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Community Affairs

**Similar**

**SB 1716** Relating to Growth Management (Garcia)

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**SB 0336**

**Relating to Tourist Development Tax**

Latvala

Tourist Development Tax; Clarifying that the proceeds of the tax may be used for the benefit of certain museums or aquariums; clarifying that the tax automatically expires upon the retirement of all bonds issued by the county for financing certain facilities, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

5/1/2013 SENATE Ordered enrolled  
5/6/2013 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed  
5/9/2013 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 05/16/13, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

**Compare**

**HB 0555** Relating to Tourist Development Tax (Hooper)

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**SB 0344**

**Relating to Assault or Battery on a Utility Worker**

Soto

Assault or Battery on a Utility Worker; Providing for reclassification of certain offenses committed against a utility worker, etc. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities

1/18/2013 SENATE Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations  
3/20/2013 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Criminal Justice Impact Conference, 03/21/13, 11:00 am, 301 C (No Votes Will Be Taken)  
5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities

**Identical**

**HB 0511** Relating to Assault or Battery on Utility Worker (Fullwood)

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**SB 0348**

**Relating to Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program**

Soto

Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program; Establishing the Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program; providing a program for grants to counties and municipalities with urban infill and redevelopment areas; authorizing transfer of unused funds between grant categories under the program; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to administer the program, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

1/16/2013 SENATE Filed  
1/18/2013 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations  
5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Community Affairs

**Identical**

**HB 0089** Relating to Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program (Pafford)

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**SB 0358**

**Relating to Professional Sports Franchises**

Simmons

Professional Sports Franchises; Adding Major League Soccer to the meaning of the term "league"; providing that a previously certified applicant is not eligible for an additional certification under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to reserve two new facility certifications for new Major League Soccer franchises, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

3/6/2013 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/08/13, 1:00 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)  
3/14/2013 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/16/13, 10:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)  
5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

**Compare**

**HB 0219** Relating to Professional Sports Franchises (Nelson)

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**HB 0379**

**Relating to Ethics**

Clelland

Ethics; Requires reporting of additional transactions & other interests by persons required to file full & public disclosure form pursuant to s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution; requires Commission on Ethics to establish & maintain website with searchable database that contains financial disclosure forms, voting conflict memorandums, & statements of gifts that must be disclosed; expands authority of commission to initiate investigation of alleged violation or breach of public trust upon receipt of written statement that majority of commission finds credible. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Ethics & Elections Subcommittee



1/30/2013 HOUSE Referred to Ethics & Elections Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee  
1/30/2013 HOUSE Now in Ethics & Elections Subcommittee  
5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Ethics & Elections Subcommittee

**Compare**

SB 0002 Relating to Ethics (Ethics and Elections)  
HB 0233 Relating to Governmental Ethics (Fasano)  
HB 0285 Relating to Commission on Ethics (McBurney)  
SB 0926 Relating to Commission on Ethics (Detert)

**Linked**

HB 0381 Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Ethics (Clelland)

**HB 0381**

**Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Ethics**

Clelland

Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Ethics: Expands exemption from public records requirements for a written complaint received by Commission on Ethics of alleged violation of Code of Ethics or other alleged breach of public trust within jurisdiction of commission, to include commission's determination regarding written statement of possible violation of code or other possible breach of public trust; expands exemption from public meeting requirements for proceeding conducted by commission to include proceedings conducted pursuant to written statement; provides for specified duration of exemptions; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemptions; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 379 or similar legislation takes effect

**Current Committee of Reference:** Ethics & Elections Subcommittee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Referred to Ethics & Elections Subcommittee; Government Operations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Now in Ethics & Elections Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Ethics & Elections Subcommittee

**Compare**

SB 0004 Relating to Public Records and Meetings/Commission on Ethics (Ethics and Elections)  
HB 0297 Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Governmental Ethics (Fasano)  
HB 7133 Relating to Public Records and Meetings (Ethics & Elections Subcommittee)

**Similar**

HB 0287 Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Commission on Ethics (McBurney)  
SB 0652 Relating to Public Records and Public Meetings/Commission on Ethics (Detert)

**Linked**

HB 0379 Relating to Ethics (Clelland)

**SB 0382**

**Relating to Daylight Saving Time**

Soto

Daylight Saving Time; Citing this act as the "Sunshine Protection Act;" exempting the State of Florida and its political subdivisions from daylight saving time; requiring that the state and all of its political subdivisions observe standard time; authorizing each district school board to adjust school start times due to the exemption from daylight saving time; authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to study adjustments in standard agricultural practices due to the exemption from daylight saving time, etc. Effective Date: January 1, 2014

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

1/24/2013 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Education; Agriculture

2/6/2013 SENATE Withdrawn from Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Education; Agriculture

2/6/2013 SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction

**Compare**

SB 0734 Relating to Daylight Saving Time (Soto)

**HB 0415**

**Relating to Brownfields**

Hutson

Brownfields: Revises procedures for designation of brownfield areas by local governments; provides relief of liability for property damages for entities that execute & implement certain brownfield site rehabilitation agreements. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/18/2013 SENATE In Messages

4/18/2013 SENATE Received; Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Environmental Preservation and Conservation

**Similar**

SB 0554 Relating to Brownfields (Altman)

**HB 0421**

**Relating to Delinquent Real Property Taxes**

Ahern

Delinquent Real Property Taxes: Revises interest rate applicable to delinquent real property taxes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Finance & Tax Subcommittee

4/1/2013 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Finance & Tax Subcommittee, 04/03/13, 1:30 pm, 17 H

4/3/2013 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by Finance & Tax Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Finance & Tax Subcommittee

**Identical**

**SB 1062** Relating to Delinquent Real Property Taxes (Latvala)

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**SB 0424**

**Relating to Commission on Ethics**

Detert

Commission on Ethics; Authorizing the Commission on Ethics to acquire liens on real and personal property for certain fines imposed by final order of the commission; requiring that automatic fines imposed by the commission for failure to comply with certain financial interests disclosure requirements be assigned as claims, debts, or other obligations owed to the state and assigned to collection attorneys; requiring the collection attorneys to reduce such claims to judgments, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

1/28/2013 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; Judiciary; Rules

2/19/2013 SENATE Withdrawn from Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; Judiciary; Rules

2/19/2013 SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction

**Compare**

**HB 0285** Relating to Commission on Ethics (McBurney)

**SB 0926** Relating to Commission on Ethics (Detert)

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**HB 0431**

**Relating to Development of Oil and Gas Resources**

Broxson

Development of Oil and Gas Resources: Authorizes Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to enter into public-private partnership with business entity to develop oil & gas resources on certain onshore state lands under specified conditions; provides that financial, technical, & operational risk of exploration, development, & production of gas & oil resources is responsibility of private entity; provides for proposals & contracts. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Referred to Energy & Utilities Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Regulatory Affairs Committee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Now in Energy & Utilities Subcommittee

2/20/2013 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

**HB 0439**

**Relating to Regulation of Smoking by Municipalities and Counties**

Hager

Regulation of Smoking by Municipalities and Counties: Authorizes municipalities & counties to impose additional smoking restrictions on specified outdoor municipal & county property. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Health Quality Subcommittee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee; Health & Human Services Committee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Now in Health Quality Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Health Quality Subcommittee

**Compare**

**SB 0258** Relating to Florida Clean Indoor Air Act (Bradley)

**Similar**

**HB 0141** Relating to Florida Clean Indoor Air Act (Cummings)

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**HB 0475**

**Relating to Enterprise Zones**

Nuñez

Enterprise Zones: Provides definitions for Urban Job Creation Investment Act; creates Florida Urban Investment Job Creation Authority; creates zone development corporation for each enterprise program zone; provides for designation of enterprise program zones; reduces rate of tax on sales & transactions conducted in zones; specifies qualifications for businesses to receive state enterprise program zone incentives; establishing enterprise program zone assistance funds; authorizes certain state incentives for projects of qualified businesses; requires OPPAGA to submit report evaluating Urban Job Creation & Investment Act to Governor & Legislature; provides for expiration of Urban Job Creation Investment Act; abolishing designated enterprise program zones; authorizes certain tax credits against sales tax & corporate income tax for qualified businesses located in enterprise program zones. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee

1/30/2013 HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

3/4/2013 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

**SB 0482**

**Relating to County Employees**

Dean

County Employees; Providing that the governing body of a county has authority to determine available

benefits of county employees; specifying the applicability of ch. 121, F.S., to such employees, etc.  
Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations

4/3/2013 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

4/4/2013 SENATE Now in Appropriations

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Appropriations

**Compare**

HB 0551 Relating to Other-Personal-Services Employment (Edwards)

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**HB 0483**

**Relating to Workers' Compensation**

Diaz (J)

Workers' Compensation: Prohibits employer or carrier from refusing to authorize physician to treat injured employee solely because physician is dispensing practitioner; provides for authorized physician to dispense & fill prescriptions; prohibits DFA, employer, or carrier from determining which pharmacy, pharmacist, or dispensing practitioner claimant must use; specifies amount of credit provider must give to carrier or self-insured employer for certain repackaged or relabeled prescriptions; prohibits physician or physician's assignee from holding an ownership interest in licensed pharmaceutical repackaging entity & from setting prices for repackaged pharmaceuticals. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Health Quality Subcommittee

2/1/2013 HOUSE Reference to Health Innovation Subcommittee removed; Reference to Health Quality Subcommittee added; Remaining References Health Quality Subcommittee, Insurance & Banking Subcommittee, Health & Human Services Committee

2/1/2013 HOUSE Now in Health Quality Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Health Quality Subcommittee

**Compare**

HB 0605 Relating to Workers' Compensation (Hudson)

SB 0662 Relating to Workers' Compensation (Hays)

**Similar**

SB 1662 Relating to Workers' Compensation (Grimsley)

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**SB 0502**

**Relating to Game Promotion**

Diaz de la Portilla

Game Promotion; Providing for the registration of electronic devices and computer terminals used to conduct electronic game promotions; requiring the department to remit the fees to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund; authorizing a county or municipality to adopt an ordinance, code, plan, rule, resolution, or other measure to regulate an operator that provides electronic devices or computer terminals for electronic game promotion or to prohibit the future operation of game promotions, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Gaming

1/28/2013 SENATE Filed

2/4/2013 SENATE Referred to Gaming; Regulated Industries; Agriculture; Appropriations

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Gaming

**Compare**

HB 0155 Relating to Prohibition of Electronic Gambling Devices (Trujillo)

SB 1030 Relating to Prohibition of Electronic Gambling Devices (Thrasher)

**Similar**

HB 0257 Relating to Game Promotions (Tobia)

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**SB 0506**

**Relating to Administration of County and Municipal Delinquency Programs and Facilities**

Joyner

Administration of County and Municipal Delinquency Programs and Facilities; Removing the criteria for determining whether a county was in compliance with specified policies and procedures relating to administering county and municipal juvenile programs and facilities, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Criminal Justice

1/29/2013 SENATE Filed

2/6/2013 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Community Affairs; Rules

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Criminal Justice

**Compare**

SB 0882 Relating to Administering County and Municipal Delinquency Programs and Facilities (Gibson)

HB 0947 Relating to Administering County and Municipal Delinquency Programs and Facilities (Thurston)

**Identical**

HB 4021 Relating to County Delinquency Programs and Facilities (Jones (M))

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**HB 0511**

**Relating to Assault or Battery on Utility Worker**

Fullwood

Assault or Battery on Utility Worker: Provides for reclassification of certain offenses committed against utility worker. Effective Date: October 1, 2013



**Current Committee of Reference:** Criminal Justice Subcommittee

3/5/2013 HOUSE Temporarily Deferred by Criminal Justice Subcommittee

3/20/2013 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Criminal Justice Impact Conference, 03/21/13, 11:00 am, 301 C (No Votes Will Be Taken)

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

**Identical**

**SB 0344** Relating to Assault or Battery on a Utility Worker (Soto)

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**SB 0520**

**Relating to Emergency Medical Services**

Bradley

Emergency Medical Services; Deleting a requirement that emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and 911 public safety telecommunicators complete an educational course on HIV and AIDS; revising requirements for the certification and recertification of emergency medical technicians and paramedics; revising requirements for institutions that conduct approved programs for the education of emergency medical technicians and paramedics, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/30/2013 SENATE Ordered enrolled

5/6/2013 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

5/28/2013 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 06/12/13)

**Identical**

**HB 0195** Relating to Emergency Medical Services (Perry)

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**SB 0522**

**Relating to Biodiesel Fuel**

Bradley

Biodiesel Fuel; Exempting municipalities, counties, and school districts manufacturing biodiesel fuel for internal use from certain reporting, bonding, and licensing requirements applicable to biodiesel manufacturers; requiring such entities to pay a tax on such biodiesel fuel, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/22/2013 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

4/22/2013 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 25, 2013

4/25/2013 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0633; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0633

**Identical**

**HB 0633** Relating to Biodiesel Fuel (Perry)

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**SB 0528**

**Relating to Growth Management**

Simpson

Growth Management; Clarifying the prohibition on an initiative or referendum process in regard to development orders, comprehensive plan amendments, and map amendments; clarifying that the exception to the prohibition on an initiative or referendum process in regard to any local comprehensive plan amendment or map amendment is limited to a local government charter provision in effect on June 1, 2011, that specifically authorized an initiative or referendum process for local comprehensive plan or map amendments that affect more than five parcels of land, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/22/2013 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

4/22/2013 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 24, 2013

4/24/2013 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0537; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0537

**Compare**

**HB 7019** Relating to Development Permits (Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee)

**Similar**

**HB 0537** Relating to Growth Management (Moraitis)

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**SB 0532**

**Relating to Discrimination in Employment**

Clemens

Discrimination in Employment; Prohibiting an employer, municipality, or county from inquiring into or considering an applicant's criminal history or to include any inquiry about criminal history on any initial employment application; providing that an employer, municipality, or county may consider an applicant's criminal history after the applicant's qualifications have been screened and the employer, municipality, or county has determined the applicant meets the minimum employment requirements, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

1/30/2013 SENATE Filed

2/6/2013 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Criminal Justice; Rules

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Community Affairs

**SB 0534**

**Relating to Publicly-funded Defined Benefit Retirement Plans**

Brandes

Publicly-funded Defined Benefit Retirement Plans; Deleting the requirement that required actuarial reports for retirement plans include a disclosure of the present value of the plan's benefits; providing that the state is not liable for shortfalls in local government retirement systems or plans; requiring a defined benefit system or plan to report certain information to the Department of Management Services by a certain date; requiring the plan sponsor to make certain information available on certain websites; requiring the

department to provide a fact sheet specifying certain information, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

5/6/2013 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

5/21/2013 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 06/05/13)

5/31/2013 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2013-100

**Identical**

HB 0599 Relating to Publicly-Funded Defined Benefit Retirement Plans  
(Caldwell)

**HB 0537**

**Relating to Growth Management**

Moraitis

Growth Management: Clarifies prohibition on initiative or referendum process in regard to development orders; clarifies prohibition on initiative or referendum process in regard to comprehensive plan amendments & map amendments; clarifies that exception to prohibition on initiative or referendum process in regard to any local comprehensive plan amendment or map amendment is limited to local government charter provision in effect on June 1, 2011, that specifically authorized initiative or referendum process for local comprehensive plan or map amendments that affect more than five parcels of land; provides legislative intent; provides for retroactive application; provides for retroactive repeal of s. 4 of chapter 2012-75, Laws of Florida, relating to presumption regarding agricultural enclaves. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

5/2/2013 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

5/2/2013 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

5/28/2013 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 06/12/13)

**Compare**

HB 7019 Relating to Development Permits (Economic Development &  
Tourism Subcommittee)

**Similar**

SB 0528 Relating to Growth Management (Simpson)

**SB 0538**

**Relating to Special Districts**

Ring

Special Districts; Requiring certain single-county independent special districts to administratively consolidate with the municipality or county in which they are located if such consolidation will result in increased efficiencies; limiting the insurance benefits of district officers and employees to the benefits provided by the local governing authority to its officers and employees; revising the information that must be presented by a community development district to the local governing authority and requiring the information to be provided at a publicly noticed meeting, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Ethics and Elections

3/13/2013 SENATE On Committee agenda - Ethics and Elections, 03/18/13, 1:00 pm, 412 K

3/18/2013 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Ethics and Elections

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Ethics and Elections

**SB 0544**

**Relating to Legislative Lobbying Expenditures**

Braynon

Legislative Lobbying Expenditures; Amending and reenacting provisions relating to lobbying before the Legislature; revising the term "expenditure" to exclude the use of a public facility or public property that is made available by a governmental entity to a legislator for a public purpose, to exempt such use from legislative lobbying requirements; providing exceptions when a member or an employee of the Legislature may accept certain expenditures made by a lobbyist or a principal; providing for the future expiration and the reversion as of a specified date of statutory text, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Judiciary

4/11/2013 SENATE Reference to Judiciary added; Remaining references: Judiciary

4/11/2013 SENATE Now in Judiciary

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Judiciary

**Compare**

HB 0593 Relating to Exemption from Legislative Lobbying Requirements  
(Rogers )

**Identical**

SB 1634 Relating to Legislative Lobbying Expenditures (Lee (T))

**HB 0551**

**Relating to Other-Personal-Services Employment**

Edwards

Other-Personal-Services Employment: Defines "other-personal-services employee"; authorizes governing body of county to employ other-personal-services employees; provides conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Government Operations Subcommittee

2/6/2013 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee; State Affairs Committee

2/6/2013 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Government Operations Subcommittee

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**Compare**

**SB 0482** Relating to County Employees (Dean)

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**HB 0555****Relating to Tourist Development Tax**

Hooper

Tourist Development Tax: Clarifies that the proceeds of the tax may be used for the benefit of certain museums or aquariums. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

3/28/2013 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

4/29/2013 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/30/13

4/30/2013 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 0336; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0336

**Compare**

**SB 0336** Relating to Tourist Development Tax (Latvala)

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**SB 0564****Relating to Neighborhood Improvement Districts**

Simmons

Neighborhood Improvement Districts; Renaming the "Safe Neighborhoods Act" as the "Neighborhoods Improvement Act"; authorizing the governing body of any municipality or county to form a neighborhood improvement district through the adoption of an ordinance rather than by a planning ordinance; revising provisions authorizing a local governing body to create a local government neighborhood improvement district by the enactment of an ordinance; requiring a local government and a special neighborhood improvement district levying an ad valorem tax on real or personal property to prepare a budget in a specified manner, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations

4/4/2013 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; 11 Yeas, 1 Nay

4/8/2013 SENATE Now in Appropriations

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Appropriations

**Compare**

**HB 0741** Relating to Neighborhood Improvement Districts (Jones (S))

**SB 0770** Relating to Neighborhood Improvement Districts (Ring)

**Similar**

**HB 0679** Relating to Neighborhood Improvement Districts (Nelson)

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**SB 0578****Relating to Public Construction Projects**

Clemens

Public Construction Projects; Requiring state agencies to specify certain products associated with public works projects; prohibiting state agencies from excluding the use of certain building rating systems, building codes, or published supplements for certain construction and renovation projects, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

3/4/2013 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/07/13, 8:00 am, 301 S

3/7/2013 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Community Affairs

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Community Affairs

**SB 0584****Relating to Purchase of Land by a Governmental Entity**

Hays

Purchase of Land by a Governmental Entity; Limiting the state, a county, or a municipality's ability to purchase land for conservation purposes, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Environmental Preservation and Conservation

3/28/2013 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 04/02/13, 4:00 pm, 110 S

4/2/2013 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Environmental Preservation and Conservation

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Environmental Preservation and Conservation

**Identical**

**HB 0901** Relating to Purchase of Land by Governmental Entity (Stone)

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**HB 0599****Relating to Publicly-Funded Defined Benefit Retirement Plans**

Caldwell

Publicly Funded Defined Benefit Retirement Plans: Deletes requirement that required actuarial reports for retirement plans include disclosure of present value of plan's benefits; provides that state is not liable for shortfalls in local government retirement systems or plans; requires defined benefit system or plan to report certain information to DMS by certain date; requires plan sponsor to make certain information available on certain websites; provides consequences for failure to timely submit required information; provides method for plan sponsor to request hearing to contest such consequences; requires department to provide fact sheet specifying certain information; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/17/2013 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

4/29/2013 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/30/13

4/30/2013 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 0534; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0534

**Identical**

**SB 0534** Relating to Publicly-funded Defined Benefit Retirement Plans

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(Brandes)

- SB 0602**      **Relating to Local Bids and Contracts for Public Construction Works**      Hukill  
Local Bids and Contracts for Public Construction Works; Eliminating specified conditions under which a local government is exempt from the requirement to competitively award contracts, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs  
3/11/2013      SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/14/13, 8:00 am, 301 S  
3/14/2013      SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Community Affairs  
5/3/2013      SENATE Died in Community Affairs  
**Identical**  
**HB 0687**      Relating to Local Bids and Contracts for Public Construction Works (McBurney)
- HB 0619**      **Relating to Controlled Substances**      Ingram  
Controlled Substances: Adds to list of Schedule I controlled substances certain specified materials, compounds, mixtures, or preparations that contain hallucinogenic substances, or any of their salts, isomers, & salts of isomers, if existence of such salts, isomers, & salts of isomers is possible within specific chemical designation; revises provisions relating to rulemaking; provides reduced penalties for possession of 3 grams or less of specified controlled substances; provides criminal penalties for person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, specified quantity of specified controlled substances. Effective Date: upon becoming a law  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
3/25/2013      HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading  
4/15/2013      HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/17/13  
4/17/2013      HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 0294; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0294  
**Similar**  
**SB 0294**      Relating to Controlled Substances (Bradley)
- SB 0636**      **Relating to Students with Limited English Proficiency**      Soto  
Students with Limited English Proficiency; Authorizing exemption from certain state standardized assessments up to a specified period if certain conditions are met, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** Education  
2/5/2013      SENATE Filed  
2/13/2013      SENATE Referred to Education; Rules  
5/3/2013      SENATE Died in Education  
**Identical**  
**HB 0205**      Relating to Students with Limited English Proficiency (Torres)
- HB 0643**      **Relating to Clerks of Court**      Pilon  
Clerks of Court: Provides requirements for storage of papers & electronic filings; revises provisions relating to service fees; authorizes clerk to provide public records in electronic format; clarifies when office title "Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller" may be used; requires that certain requests for maintenance of public record exemption specify certain information; requires that property appraiser, rather than clerk, provide property record card to petitioner; provides that state is not required to pay fees to enforce judgment for costs & fines. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
4/26/2013      HOUSE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading  
4/29/2013      HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/30/13  
4/30/2013      HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 0556; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0556  
**Similar**  
**SB 0556**      Relating to Clerks of the Court (Ring)
- SB 0652**      **Relating to Public Records and Public Meetings/Commission on Ethics**      Detert  
Public Records and Public Meetings/Commission on Ethics; Expanding the exemption from public records requirements for a written complaint received by the Commission on Ethics of an alleged violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, or any other alleged breach of the public trust within the jurisdiction of the commission, to include the commission's determination regarding a written referral of a possible violation of the code or other possible breach of the public trust from the Governor, the Chief Financial Officer, a state attorney, or the Executive Director of the Department of Law Enforcement, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB \_\_\_\_ or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session, or an extension thereof, and becomes law.  
**Current Committee of Reference:** Ethics and Elections  
2/6/2013      SENATE Filed  
2/13/2013      SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules  
5/3/2013      SENATE Died in Ethics and Elections

**Compare**

**SB 0004** Relating to Public Records and Meetings/Commission on Ethics (Ethics and Elections)  
**HB 0233** Relating to Governmental Ethics (Fasano)  
**HB 0285** Relating to Commission on Ethics (McBurney)  
**HB 0297** Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Governmental Ethics (Fasano)  
**HB 7133** Relating to Public Records and Meetings (Ethics & Elections Subcommittee)

**Similar**

**HB 0381** Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Ethics (Clelland)

**Identical**

**HB 0287** Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Commission on Ethics (McBurney)

**Linked**

**SB 0926** Relating to Commission on Ethics (Detert)

**HB 0655****Relating to Employment Benefits**

Precourt

Employment Benefits: Prohibits political subdivisions from requiring employers to provide certain employment benefits; prohibits political subdivisions from requiring, or awarding preference on basis of, certain wages or employment benefits when contracting for goods or services; provides for applicability & future repeal of certain ordinances; conforms provisions to constitutional requirements relating to state minimum wage; creates Employer-Sponsored Benefits Study Task Force; directs Workforce Florida, Inc., to provide administrative & staff support services for task force; requires task force to submit report to Governor & Legislature by specified date; provides for future repeal of task force; provides that act does not prohibit federally authorized or recognized tribal government from requiring employment benefits under certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

5/2/2013 HOUSE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

5/2/2013 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

5/3/2013 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

**Compare**

**SB 0726** Relating to Regulation of Family or Medical Leave Benefits for Employees (Simmons)

**SB 0656****Relating to Tax on Sales, Use, and Other Transactions**

Hukill

Tax on Sales, Use, and Other Transactions; Providing for the incremental reduction of the tax imposed on the rental or license fees charged for the use of commercial real property; providing for the future repeal of provisions relating to the imposition of a tax on the rental or license fees charged for the use of commercial real property, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Commerce and Tourism

2/13/2013 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/15/13, 1:30 pm, 301 C (No Votes Will Be Taken)

2/13/2013 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Commerce and Tourism

**Similar**

**HB 0629** Relating to Tax On Sales, Use, & Other Transactions (O'Toole)

**SB 0684****Relating to Preference in Award of State Contracts**

Hays

Preference in Award of State Contracts; Expanding provisions that require an agency, university, college, school district, or other political subdivision of the state to provide preferential consideration to a Florida business in awarding competitively bid contracts to purchase personal property to include the purchase of construction services; requiring counties and municipalities to provide such preferential consideration; providing that for specified competitive solicitations the authority to grant preference supersedes any local ordinance or regulation that restricts specified contractors from competing for an award based upon certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

4/4/2013 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 04/09/13, 1:30 pm, 301 S

4/9/2013 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Community Affairs

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Community Affairs

**Compare**

**HB 0307** Relating to Preference in Award of Governmental Contracts (Tobia)

**HB 1017** Relating to Preference in Award of Governmental Contracts (Fresen)

**HB 0687****Relating to Local Bids and Contracts for Public Construction Works**

McBurney

Local Bids and Contracts for Public Construction Works: Eliminates specified conditions under which local government is exempt from requirement to competitively award contracts. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Local & Federal Affairs Committee

3/27/2013 HOUSE Favorable by Government Operations Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays

3/27/2013 HOUSE Now in Local & Federal Affairs Committee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Local & Federal Affairs Committee

**Identical**

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**SB 0602** Relating to Local Bids and Contracts for Public Construction Works (Hukill)

**HB 0723**

**Relating to State Employees**

Watson (C)

State Employees: Requires employing agency of state & its political subdivisions to give priority in its interviewing practices for positions of employment to certain former legislative district office employees; requires all employing agencies of state & its political subdivisions to adopt rules. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Government Operations Subcommittee

2/12/2013 HOUSE Filed

2/20/2013 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Rulemaking Oversight & Repeal Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee

2/20/2013 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

**Compare**

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**SB 1146** Relating to Legislative Employees (Thompson)

**SB 0726**

**Relating to Regulation of Family or Medical Leave Benefits for Employees** Simmons

Regulation of Family or Medical Leave Benefits for Employees; Prohibiting a political subdivision from requiring or otherwise regulating family or medical leave benefits for employees; preempting regulation of family or medical leave benefits to the state; providing that the act does not prohibit a political subdivision from establishing family or medical leave benefits for its employees; providing that the act does not prohibit a federally authorized or recognized tribal government from requiring family or medical leave benefits under certain conditions, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$27,050 Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/22/2013 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

4/22/2013 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 25, 2013

4/25/2013 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Withdrawn (201368); Substituted for HB 0655; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0655

**Compare**

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**HB 0655** Relating to Employment Benefits (Precourt)

**HB 0739**

**Relating to Procurement of Professional Architectural, Engineering, Landscape Architectural, or Surveying and Mapping Services**

Metz

Procurement of Professional Architectural, Engineering, Landscape Architectural, or Surveying and Mapping Services: Revises definition of term "continuing contract," & defines term "best value selection"; clarifies provisions with respect to selection of firms by agency under competitive selection process; provides that agency has right to reject any or all submissions received in response to public announcement under competitive selection process; authorizes agency to award contracts to multiple firms under competitive negotiation process; provides for best value selection process; requires agencies to adopt rules governing use of such process; provides minimum requirements with respect to best value selection procedures. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Government Operations Subcommittee

2/20/2013 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Rulemaking Oversight & Repeal Subcommittee; Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

2/20/2013 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Government Operations Subcommittee

**Similar**

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**SB 1002** Relating to Procurement of Professional Architectural, Engineering, Landscape Architectural, or Surveying and Mapping Services (Soto)

**HB 0765**

**Relating to Sales Tax Exemptions**

Ray

Sales Tax Exemptions: Exempts from sales tax certain separately stated charges imposed on lessee or licensee of leased or licensed premises. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

2/20/2013 HOUSE Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee

2/20/2013 HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

**Identical**

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SB 0122 Relating to Sales Tax Exemptions (Montford)

**SB 0770** **Relating to Neighborhood Improvement Districts** Ring  
Neighborhood Improvement Districts; Providing that an ordinance that creates a neighborhood improvement district may authorize the district to exercise certain powers, in addition to those already granted to such districts; specifying such powers; conditioning the exercise of those powers on resolution and referendum, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
4/30/2013 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 1 Nays)  
4/30/2013 HOUSE In Messages  
5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Messages  
**Compare**  
SB 0564 Relating to Neighborhood Improvement Districts (Simmons)  
HB 0679 Relating to Neighborhood Improvement Districts (Nelson)  
HB 0741 Relating to Neighborhood Improvement Districts (Jones (S))

**SB 0772** **Relating to Development Exactions** Brandes  
Development Exactions; Prohibiting local governments from imposing or requiring certain exactions on or against private property, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs  
2/11/2013 SENATE Filed  
2/14/2013 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary  
5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Community Affairs  
**Identical**  
HB 0673 Relating to Development Exactions (Perry)

**SB 0786** **Relating to Comprehensive Plan Amendments** Simpson  
Comprehensive Plan Amendments; Establishing a pilot program in specified areas of the state to test and review an alternative plan amendment; providing a process for the adoption of comprehensive plan amendments; providing an exception for certain local governments and other specified areas; providing that agencies may not adopt rules to implement the program, etc. Effective Date: October 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs  
2/11/2013 SENATE Filed  
2/14/2013 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary  
5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Community Affairs

**HB 0807** **Relating to Emergency Communication System** Steube  
Emergency Communication System: Revises provisions relating to Emergency Communications Number E911 System; revises provisions for administration, distribution, & use of E911 fee; provides for prepaid wireless E911 fee; revises provisions for accounting, distribution, use, & auditing of Emergency Communications Number E911 System Fund. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
4/26/2013 SENATE In Messages  
4/26/2013 SENATE Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations  
5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities

**HB 0831** **Relating to Controlled Substance Prescription** Fasano  
Controlled Substance Prescription: Reduces number of days within which dispenser must report to DOH that controlled substance has been dispensed; removes prohibition against certain funding by prescription drug manufacturers. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
4/10/2013 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed  
4/11/2013 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading  
5/3/2013 HOUSE Died on Second Reading  
**Compare**  
SB 1192 Relating to Provision of Health Care with Controlled Substances (Grimsley)

**HB 0833** **Relating to General Assignments** Passidomo  
General Assignments: Defines "negative notice"; requires assignee's bond to be in at least specific amount or double liquidation value of unencumbered & liquid assets of estate, whichever is higher; authorizes assignee to conduct certain discovery to determine whether to prosecute certain claims or causes of action; extends time period assignee may conduct business of assignor; authorizes assignee to continue conducting business of assignor by serving negative notice; extends time period for which court may authorize assignee to conduct business of assignor; provides procedures for assignee's rejection of unexpired lease of nonresidential real property or of personal property; requires assignee to serve notice



of rejection on certain persons & file with court; requires that notice of rejection for personal property include certain information about affected property; specifies effective date of rejection; requires estate's rights & obligations to & liability for affected property to terminate; extends minimum time period for giving notice to assignor & creditors; provides procedure for serving notice on persons; requires objection to be filed & served within specific time period; requires notice to be in specified form; provides that assignee may take certain actions if objection is not filed. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/26/2013 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 0 Nays)

4/29/2013 HOUSE Ordered enrolled

4/30/2013 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

**Identical**

**SB 1098** Relating to General Assignments (Richter)

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**HB 0853 Relating to Public Retirement Plans**

Taylor

Public Retirement Plans: Specifies applicability of ch. 185, F.S., to certain consolidated governments; provides that consolidated government that has entered into interlocal agreement to provide police protection services to municipality within its boundaries is eligible to receive premium taxes reported for municipality; authorizes municipality receiving police protection services to enact an ordinance levying tax as provided by law; including certain consolidated governments under provisions authorizing imposition of state excise tax on casualty insurance premiums covering certain property. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/22/2013 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

4/29/2013 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/30/13

4/30/2013 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 1246; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 1246

**Similar**

**SB 1246** Relating to Public Retirement Plans (Bean)

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**HB 0881 Relating to Special Districts**

Ray

Special Districts: Requires public facilities projects of independent special districts with taxing authority to be approved by appropriate local general-purpose government; requires local government representative to serve ex officio as nonvoting member of district; provides exemptions. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Local & Federal Affairs Committee

2/28/2013 HOUSE Referred to Local & Federal Affairs Committee; Finance & Tax Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

2/28/2013 HOUSE Now in Local & Federal Affairs Committee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Local & Federal Affairs Committee

**HB 0885 Relating to Independent Special Fire Control Districts**

Caldwell

Independent Special Fire Control Districts: Clarifies provisions that authorize independent special fire control district to levy non-ad valorem assessments to construct, operate, & maintain specified district facilities & services; provides that if district levies non-ad valorem assessments for certain services, district must cease to levy ad valorem assessments for those services; revises provisions relating to district authority to provide for levy of non-ad valorem assessments on lands within district rather than benefited real property; eliminates provisions relating to rate of assessment for benefited real property. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/10/2013 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

4/11/2013 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died on Second Reading

**Compare**

**SB 1410** Relating to Fire Safety and Prevention (Simmons)

**Similar**

**SB 1196** Relating to Independent Special Fire Control Districts (Richter)

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**HB 0901 Relating to Purchase of Land by Governmental Entity**

Stone

Purchase of Land by Governmental Entity: Limits ability of state, counties, & municipalities to purchase land for conservation purposes. Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

**Current Committee of Reference:** Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

2/28/2013 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

2/28/2013 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

**Identical**

**SB 0584** Relating to Purchase of Land by a Governmental Entity (Hays)

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**SB 0922 Relating to Professional Sports Franchise Facilities**

Bradley

Professional Sports Franchise Facilities; Authorizing an applicant previously certified as a facility for a new

or retained professional sports franchise to receive an additional certification under certain circumstances, and to receive an additional monthly distribution of a specified amount of sales tax revenues to improve the condition of the facility to meet or exceed certain facility standards; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to notify the Department of Revenue of applicants that receive an additional certification, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

3/19/2013 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

3/19/2013 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

**Compare**

**HB 0165** Relating to Professional Sports Franchise Facilities (Gonzalez)

**HB 1049** Relating to Sports Facilities (Santiago)

**Similar**

**HB 0721** Relating to Professional Sports Franchise Facilities (Cummings)

**SB 0926**

**Relating to Commission on Ethics**

Detert

Commission on Ethics; Authorizing the Commission on Ethics to acquire liens on real and personal property for certain fines imposed by final order of the commission; providing circumstances under which a state public officer who holds an elective office must disclose certain interests when voting on a matter; expanding the authority of the commission to initiate an investigation of an alleged violation or breach of the public trust upon the receipt of a written referral from certain individuals and which seven members of the commission deem sufficient, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Ethics and Elections

2/15/2013 SENATE Filed

2/21/2013 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Appropriations; Rules

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Ethics and Elections

**Compare**

**SB 0002** Relating to Ethics (Ethics and Elections)

**HB 0233** Relating to Governmental Ethics (Fasano)

**SB 0272** Relating to Ethics (Clemens)

**HB 0287** Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Commission on Ethics (McBurney)

**HB 0297** Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Governmental Ethics (Fasano)

**HB 0379** Relating to Ethics (Clelland)

**SB 0424** Relating to Commission on Ethics (Detert)

**HB 7131** Relating to Ethics (Ethics & Elections Subcommittee)

**Identical**

**HB 0285** Relating to Commission on Ethics (McBurney)

**Linked**

**SB 0652** Relating to Public Records and Public Meetings/Commission on Ethics (Detert)

**SB 0930**

**Relating to Use of Deadly Force**

Simmons

Use of Deadly Force; Requiring the county sheriff or municipal police department to issue reasonable guidelines for the operation of neighborhood crime watch programs; providing that a person who is justified in using force is immune from criminal prosecution and civil action initiated by the person against whom the force was used; providing that any reason, including immunity, used by an aggressor to justify the use of force is not available to the aggressor under specified circumstances, etc. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Criminal Justice

2/15/2013 SENATE Filed

2/21/2013 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Community Affairs; Judiciary

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Criminal Justice

**SB 0934**

**Relating to Stormwater Management Permits**

Lee (T)

Stormwater Management Permits; Requiring that rules for environmental resource permitting provide for conceptual permits and associated general permits for a municipality or county that creates a stormwater management master plan for urban infill and redevelopment areas or community redevelopment areas; specifying requirements for a conceptual permit, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/30/2013 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 117 Yeas / 0 Nays)

4/30/2013 SENATE Ordered enrolled

4/30/2013 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

**Similar**

**HB 0183** Relating to Stormwater Management Permits (Raulerson)

**SB 0938**

**Relating to Recreational Vehicle Parks**

Dean

Recreational Vehicle Parks; Citing this act as "The Jim Tillman Act"; defining the term "occupancy"; providing requirements for the establishment of separation and setback distances in parks; repealing provisions relating to the posting of site rental rates, advertising, and penalties, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/25/2013 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (224816); Ordered engrossed

4/25/2013 SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

4/26/2013 SENATE Read Third Time; Substituted for HB 0969; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0969

**Similar**

HB 0969 Relating to Recreational Vehicle Parks (Raburn)

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**HB 0969**

**Relating to Recreational Vehicle Parks**

Raburn

Recreational Vehicle Parks: Cites this act as "The Jim Tillman Act"; defines term "occupancy"; provides requirements for establishment of separation & setback distances in parks; repealing provisions relating to posting of site rental rates, advertising, & penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

5/2/2013 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

5/20/2013 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 06/04/13)

5/30/2013 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2013-091

**Similar**

SB 0938 Relating to Recreational Vehicle Parks (Dean)

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**HB 0973**

**Relating to Low-Voltage Systems**

Brodeur

Low-Voltage Systems: Revises exemption from licensure related to low-voltage electrical work performed by certain persons & entities; exempts from licensure certain employees & sales representatives of alarm system contractors; provides for construction; provides definitions; provides for applicability; requires local enforcement agencies to offer for sale uniform basic permit labels to contractors for specified cost; requires contractors to post unused label in specified place before commencing work on low-voltage alarm system project; requires contractors to submit specified form within specified period; prescribes form for such notice; provides inspection procedures & requirements for low-voltage alarm system projects; prohibits specified local governments from adopting or maintaining certain ordinances & rules; provides that additional uniform basic permit label shall not be required to perform work on certain alarm systems; provides for applicability. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/26/2013 HOUSE Ordered enrolled

4/30/2013 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

5/1/2013 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 05/08/13, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

**Similar**

SB 1442 Relating to Alarm Systems (Lee (T))

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**HB 0999**

**Relating to Environmental Regulation**

Patronis

Environmental Regulation: Creates, amends, & revises numerous provisions relating to: development permit applications; marinas, boatyards, & marine retailers; general permits for special events; well permits; recovered materials dealers; exemptions from permits, fees & related environmental requirements & regulation; major sources of air pollution; restoration of seawalls; & state-owned land leases. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

5/7/2013 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

5/20/2013 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 06/04/13)

5/30/2013 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2013-092

**Compare**

SB 1470 Relating to State Lands (Detert)

SB 1684 Relating to Environmental Regulation (Altman)

SB 1828 Relating to Tax Administration (Appropriations)

HB 7105 Relating to Tax Administration (Caldwell)

HB 7127 Relating to Department of Transportation (Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee)

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**SB 1002**

**Relating to Procurement of Professional Architectural, Engineering, Landscape Architectural, or Surveying and Mapping Services**

Soto

Procurement of Professional Architectural, Engineering, Landscape Architectural, or Surveying and Mapping Services; Revising the definition of the term "continuing contract" and defining the term "best value selection"; clarifying provisions with respect to selection of firms by an agency under the competitive selection process; providing that an agency has the right to reject any or all submissions received in response to a public announcement under the competitive selection process; authorizing an agency to award contracts to multiple firms under the competitive negotiation process, etc. Effective Date: July 1,

2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Governmental Oversight and Accountability

2/19/2013 SENATE Filed

2/22/2013 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Rules

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Governmental Oversight and Accountability

**Similar**

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HB 0739 Relating to Procurement of Professional Architectural, Engineering, Landscape Architectural, or Surveying and Mapping Services (Metz)

**HB 1019**

**Relating to Motor Vehicles**

Rader

Motor Vehicles: Revises provisions relating to the operation of radios or other soundmaking devices in motor vehicles. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/11/2013 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

4/12/2013 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died on Second Reading

**Identical**

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SB 0634 Relating to Motor Vehicles (Simpson)

**SB 1030**

**Relating to Prohibition of Electronic Gambling Devices**

Thrasher

Prohibition of Electronic Gambling Devices; Revising the definition of the term "drawing by chance" to include the term "raffle" within the meaning of the term and exclude the term "game promotions"; revising conditions for exceptions to prohibitions on lotteries; prohibiting the use of certain devices operated by drawing entrants; providing penalties; prohibiting specified nonprofit organizations from operating a game promotion; providing conditions for exceptions to prohibitions on lotteries; providing a rebuttable presumption that a device, system, or network is a prohibited slot machine, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/2/2013 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

4/2/2013 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/04/13

4/4/2013 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendments Failed (873374, 883746, 460506); Substituted for HB 0155; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0155

**Compare**

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HB 0257 Relating to Game Promotions (Tobia)

SB 0502 Relating to Game Promotion (Diaz de la Portilla)

**Similar**

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HB 0155 Relating to Prohibition of Electronic Gambling Devices (Trujillo)

**SB 1052**

**Relating to Discretionary Sales Surtaxes**

Montford

Discretionary Sales Surtaxes; Authorizing a county school board to use the school surtax to purchase school buses and other needs, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

4/24/2013 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

4/25/2013 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

**Compare**

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HB 1081 Relating to Discretionary Sales Surtaxes (Williams)

**HB 1061**

**Relating to Traffic Control**

Artiles

Traffic Control: Revises provisions for enforcement of traffic control signals using traffic infraction detector; prohibits notice of violation or traffic citation for right on red violation; revises provisions for hearings; requires traffic control signals to maintain certain signal intervals & display durations based on posted speeds. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Committee

3/27/2013 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/29/13, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

4/10/2013 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 04/12/13, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Appropriations Committee

**Compare**

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HB 1203 Relating to Traffic Control (Nelson)

SB 1342 Relating to Traffic Control (Abruzzo)

HB 7125 Relating to Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles (Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee)



<b><u>SB 1062</u></b>	<p><b>Relating to Delinquent Real Property Taxes</b> <span style="float: right;">Latvala</span></p> <p>Delinquent Real Property Taxes; Revising the interest rate applicable to delinquent real property taxes, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013</p> <p><b>Current Committee of Reference:</b> Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax</p> <p>3/14/2013 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>3/14/2013 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax</p> <p>5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax</p> <p><b>Identical</b></p> <hr/> <p><b><u>HB 0421</u></b> Relating to Delinquent Real Property Taxes (Ahern)</p>
<b><u>SB 1070</u></b>	<p><b>Relating to Emergency Communication Systems</b> <span style="float: right;">Hays</span></p> <p>Emergency Communication Systems; Extending the date for which the E911 fee may not be collected for prepaid calling arrangements and from prepaid wireless service providers, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013</p> <p><b>Current Committee of Reference:</b> Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax</p> <p>4/2/2013 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p> <p>4/2/2013 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax</p> <p>5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax</p>
<b><u>HB 1075</u></b>	<p><b>Relating to Public Records</b> <span style="float: right;">Rangel</span></p> <p>Public Records: Provides exemption from public record requirements for complaint of misconduct filed with agency against agency employee &amp; all information obtained pursuant to investigation of complaint by agency; provides for limited duration of exemption; provides for future review &amp; repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: July 1, 2013</p> <p><b>Current Committee of Reference:</b> No Current Committee</p> <p>4/30/2013 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 0 Nays)</p> <p>4/30/2013 HOUSE Ordered enrolled</p> <p>4/30/2013 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed</p> <p><b>Identical</b></p> <hr/> <p><b><u>SB 1318</u></b> Relating to Public Records/Complaint of Misconduct Against Public Employee (Soto)</p>
<b><u>SB 1080</u></b>	<p><b>Relating to Public Construction Projects</b> <span style="float: right;">Evers</span></p> <p>Public Construction Projects; Requiring governmental entities to specify certain products associated with public works projects; requiring state agencies to use certain building rating systems and building codes for each new construction and renovation project, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013</p> <p><b>Current Committee of Reference:</b> Appropriations</p> <p>4/17/2013 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>4/17/2013 SENATE Now in Appropriations</p> <p>5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Appropriations</p> <p><b>Compare</b></p> <hr/> <p><b><u>SB 0156</u></b> Relating to Building Construction (Detert)</p> <p><b><u>HB 0269</u></b> Relating to Building Construction (Beshears)</p> <p><b><u>HB 1245</u></b> Relating to Building Construction (Davis)</p>
<b><u>SB 1104</u></b>	<p><b>Relating to Environment</b> <span style="float: right;">Brandes</span></p> <p>Environment; Providing an exclusion from provisions that require all plant materials for highway landscaping be purchased from Florida commercial nursery stock in this state on a uniform competitive bid basis if prohibited by federal law or regulation; revising the criteria of the environmental impact inventory; revising the process and criteria for the payment by the Department of Transportation or participating transportation authorities of mitigation implemented by water management districts or the Department of Environmental Protection, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013</p> <p><b>Current Committee of Reference:</b> Appropriations</p> <p>4/9/2013 SENATE Favorable by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>4/10/2013 SENATE Now in Appropriations</p> <p>5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Appropriations</p> <p><b>Compare</b></p> <hr/> <p><b><u>SB 1132</u></b> Relating to Department of Transportation (Brandes)</p> <p><b><u>SB 1632</u></b> Relating to Transportation (Latvala)</p> <p><b><u>HB 7127</u></b> Relating to Department of Transportation (Transportation &amp; Highway Safety Subcommittee)</p>
<b><u>SB 1118</u></b>	<p><b>Relating to Public Contracting</b> <span style="float: right;">Hays</span></p> <p>Public Contracting; Prohibiting a governmental unit that contracts for the construction, repair, remodeling, or improving of a facility from imposing conditions that requires, prohibits, encourages, or discourages certain bidders, contractors, or subcontractors from entering into or adhering to agreements with a collective bargaining organization; prohibiting certain terms from being placed in bid specifications, project</p>

agreements, or other controlling documents; revising the period during which an agency must file a protest following certain contract solicitations or awards, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

3/11/2013 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/14/13, 8:00 am, 301 S

3/14/2013 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Community Affairs

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Community Affairs

**Compare**

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**HB 0181** Relating to Public Works Projects (Van Zant)

**HB 1121**

**Relating to Community Cats**

Raschein

Community Cats: Provides that release of community cat by community cat program is not abandonment or unlawful release of cat under specified provisions; provides that counties & municipalities may enact ordinances relating to community cat programs to curtail community cat population growth; provides immunity for such ordinances; provides exception. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** Local & Federal Affairs Committee

3/26/2013 HOUSE Reference to Civil Justice Subcommittee removed; Remaining references Local & Federal Affairs Committee, State Affairs Committee

3/26/2013 HOUSE Now in Local & Federal Affairs

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Local & Federal Affairs Committee

**Similar**

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**SB 1320** Relating to Community Cats (Soto)

**HB 1125**

**Relating to Employers and Employees**

Goodson

Employers and Employees: Creates civil cause of action for wage theft; provides jurisdiction; provides procedure for filing of civil action for wage theft; provides jurisdiction; provides limitation on filing fee; requires claimant to notify employer of employee's intention to initiate civil action; provides employer specific time to resolve action; provides statute of limitations; requires claimant to prove wage theft by preponderance of evidence; provides limitation for compensatory damages; prohibits certain damages; authorizes county, municipality, or political subdivision to establish process by which claim may be filed; prohibits local government from adopting or maintaining in effect certain laws, ordinances, and rules for purpose of addressing unpaid wage claims; prohibits preemption of certain local ordinances governing wage theft; provides that any regulation, ordinance, or other provision for recovery of unpaid wages is prohibited & preempted to state. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/25/2013 SENATE In Messages

4/25/2013 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Criminal Justice

**Similar**

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**SB 1216** Relating to Employers and Employees (Bradley)

**HB 1127**

**Relating to Pet Services and Welfare Programs**

Artiles

Pet Services and Welfare Programs: Authorizes counties to create independent special districts to provide funding for pet services & welfare programs; creates Pets' Trust council. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Local & Federal Affairs Committee

4/2/2013 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local & Federal Affairs Committee, 04/04/13, 10:30 am, 212 K

4/4/2013 HOUSE Discussed by Local & Federal Affairs Committee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Local & Federal Affairs Committee

**Similar**

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**SB 1738** Relating to Pet Services And Welfare Programs (Margolis)

**SB 1150**

**Relating to Governmental Accountability**

Benacquisto

Governmental Accountability; Providing that each public agency contract for services must meet specified requirements; revising provisions relating to the Chief Financial Officer's intergovernmental contract tracking system under the Transparency Florida Act; providing that contracts awarded pursuant to an invitation to bid shall be awarded to the responsible and responsive vendor that submits the lowest responsive bid; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to perform audits of executed contract documents and to discuss such audits with the agency officials, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/25/2013 SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

4/26/2013 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays)

4/29/2013 SENATE Called Up For Reconsideration; Substituted for HB 1309; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 1309

**Compare**

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**HB 1261** Relating to State Contracting (Diaz (J))

**HB 1309** Relating to Procurement of Commodities and Contractual Services (Albritton)

**SB 1696** Relating to Governmental Procedures and Legal Proceedings

(Brandes)  
**SB 1764** Relating to Transparency in Government Spending  
(Governmental Oversight and Accountability)  
**HB 5401** Relating to Transparency in State Contracting (Government  
Operations Appropriations Subcommittee)

**SB 1192** **Relating to Provision of Health Care with Controlled Substances** Grimsley  
Provision of Health Care with Controlled Substances; Limiting the application of requirements for prescribing controlled substances; requiring a physician to consult the prescription drug monitoring program database before prescribing certain controlled substances; requiring a pharmacy permittee to commence operations within 180 days after permit issuance or show good cause why operations were not commenced; deleting a provision that prohibits funds from prescription drug manufacturers to be used to implement the prescription drug monitoring program; providing that regulation of the licensure, standards of practice, and operation of pain-management clinics is preempted to the state under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
4/29/2013 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed  
4/29/2013 HOUSE In Messages  
5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Messages  
**Compare**  
**HB 0831** Relating to Controlled Substance Prescription (Fasano)  
**SB 0966** Relating to Health Care (Bean)

**SB 1196** **Relating to Independent Special Fire Control Districts** Richter  
Independent Special Fire Control Districts; Clarifying provisions that authorize a district to levy non-ad valorem assessments to construct, operate, and maintain specified district facilities and services; revising provisions relating to district authority to provide for the levy of non-ad valorem assessments on lands within the district rather than benefited real property; eliminating provisions relating to rate of assessment for benefited real property, to conform, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax  
3/20/2013 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays  
3/21/2013 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax  
5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax  
**Compare**  
**SB 1410** Relating to Fire Safety and Prevention (Simmons)  
**Similar**  
**HB 0885** Relating to Independent Special Fire Control Districts (Caldwell)

**HB 1203** **Relating to Traffic Control** Nelson  
Traffic Control: Revises provisions for use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when a driver has failed to stop at a traffic signal; requires each jurisdiction to establish minimum yellow light-change interval times for each intersection designated to receive traffic infraction detector; requires that traffic infraction officer who issues traffic citation complete training course; provides that person charged with traffic infraction may request hearing within 180 days after date of violation under certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** Economic Affairs Committee  
3/6/2013 HOUSE Referred to Economic Affairs Committee; Appropriations Committee  
3/6/2013 HOUSE Now in Economic Affairs Committee  
5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Economic Affairs Committee  
**Compare**  
**HB 1061** Relating to Traffic Control (Artiles)  
**SB 1342** Relating to Traffic Control (Abruzzo)

**SB 1216** **Relating to Employers and Employees** Bradley  
Employers and Employees; Providing jurisdiction of county courts over wage theft civil actions; providing a definition for the term "wage theft"; creating a civil cause of action for wage theft; providing the procedure for filing of a civil action for wage theft; requiring a claimant to notify the employer of the employee's intention to initiate a civil action; authorizing a county, municipality, or political subdivision to establish a process by which a claim may be filed, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
5/2/2013 SENATE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading  
5/2/2013 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 05/03/13  
5/3/2013 SENATE Died on Calendar  
**Similar**  
**HB 1125** Relating to Employers and Employees (Goodson)

**SB 1244** **Relating to County Contributions to the Medicaid Program** Soto

County Contributions to the Medicaid Program; Creating a study group to evaluate the percentage of funds that counties are required to contribute to the Medicaid program; requiring that the study group provide recommendations to the Governor and Legislature, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Health Policy

2/27/2013 SENATE Filed

3/1/2013 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Health Policy

**Similar**

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**HB 1117** Relating to County Contributions to Medicaid Program (Wood)

**HB 1299**

**Relating to Transportation**

Goodson

Transportation: Revises provisions for outdoor signs along state roads. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/29/2013 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/30/13

4/30/2013 HOUSE Retained on Calendar

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died on Second Reading

**Compare**

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**SB 1632** Relating to Transportation (Latvala)

**SB 1318**

**Relating to Public Records/Complaint of Misconduct Against Public Employee**

Soto

Public Records/Complaint of Misconduct Against Public Employee; Providing an exemption from public record requirements for a complaint of misconduct filed with an agency against an agency employee and all information obtained pursuant to an investigation of the complaint by the agency; providing for limited duration of the exemption; providing for future review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/23/2013 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

4/24/2013 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 29, 2013

4/29/2013 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 1075; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 1075

**Identical**

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**HB 1075** Relating to Public Records (Rangel)

**SB 1320**

**Relating to Community Cats**

Soto

Community Cats; Providing that release of a community cat by a community cat program is not abandonment or unlawful release of the cat under specified provisions; providing that counties and municipalities may enact ordinances relating to community cat programs to curtail community cat population growth; providing that a veterinarian or community cat caregiver who provides services or care for cats in a community cat program is immune from criminal and civil liability, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

**Current Committee of Reference:** Agriculture

3/27/2013 SENATE On Committee agenda - Agriculture, 04/01/13, 12:15 pm, 301 S

4/1/2013 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Agriculture

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Agriculture

**Similar**

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**HB 1121** Relating to Community Cats (Raschein)

**SB 1342**

**Relating to Traffic Control**

Abruzzo

Traffic Control; Revising provisions for enforcement of specified provisions using a traffic infraction detector; providing that initiating a proceeding to challenge the delivery or attempted delivery of the notice of violation or a citation waives any challenge or dispute as to delivery; providing circumstances under which a reviewing traffic enforcement officer may issue a notice of violation or traffic citation for a red light violation; requiring traffic control signals to maintain certain signal intervals and display durations based on posted speeds, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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

3/27/2013 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

4/10/2013 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 04/12/13, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

**Compare**

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**HB 1061** Relating to Traffic Control (Artiles)

**HB 1203** Relating to Traffic Control (Nelson)

**HB 1357**

**Relating to Guaranteed Energy, Water, and Wastewater Performance Savings Contracting Act**

Cummings



Guaranteed Energy, Water, & Wastewater Performance Savings Contracting Act: Revises definitions; provides that contract may provide for repayments to lender of installation construction loan in installments for period not to exceed 20 years; requires contract to provide that repayments to lender of installation construction loan may be made over time, not to exceed 20 years from certain date; requires contract to provide for certain amount of repayment to lender of installation construction loan within 2 years after specified date; authorizes certain facility alterations to be included in performance contract & to be supervised by performance savings contractor; limits time allotted to Office of CFO to review & approve agency's guaranteed energy, water, & wastewater performance savings contract; requires that proposed contract include investment-grade audit certified by DMS. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/23/2013 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

4/26/2013 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/29/13

4/29/2013 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 1594; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 1594

**Similar**

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**SB 1594** Relating to Guaranteed Energy, Water, and Wastewater Performance Savings Contracting Act (Bradley)

**SB 1366**

**Relating to Rental Car Surcharges**

Thompson

Rental Car Surcharges; Authorizing counties to impose an additional surcharge on the lease or rental of motor vehicles; requiring a referendum; providing for the effective date of a local surcharge; providing for the distribution and use of funds collected from local surcharges, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

2/28/2013 SENATE Filed

3/4/2013 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Community Affairs

**Identical**

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**HB 0117** Relating to Rental Car Surcharges (Stewart)

**HB 1381**

**Relating to Value Adjustment Boards**

Wood

Value Adjustment Boards: Revises membership of VABs; provides for appointment & qualifications of professional member & alternate professional member of VAB; provides for election of chairperson & alternate chairperson & requirements with respect thereto; revises requirements relating to composition of quorum of board members; provides duties for board & clerk of board; provides oversight responsibilities for board with respect to activities of specified individuals; provides conditions, requirements, & limitations relating to selection, appointment, & service of board attorney; provides duties, responsibilities, & requirements for board attorney; provides requirements with respect to verbal or written advice given by board attorney; provides requirements relating to written contract between board & board attorney; provides for maintenance of records relating to board & board attorney; provides legislative intent; provides requirements for written decisions of board & special magistrates; provides requirements for board, special magistrates, & DOR with respect to administrative reviews involving just value assessments of real property; provides requirements for board & special magistrates relating to submission & consideration of recommended decisions. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Local & Federal Affairs Committee

4/4/2013 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

4/5/2013 HOUSE Now in Local & Federal Affairs Committee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Local & Federal Affairs Committee

**Compare**

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**SB 1754** Relating to Administrative Review of Property Taxes (Evers)

**HB 1399**

**Relating to Firefighter and Police Officer Pension Plans**

Rooney

Firefighter and Police Officer Pension Plans: Requires additional mandatory payments by municipalities & special fire control districts to pension trust funds & defined benefit plans; requires plan sponsors to have defined contribution plans in place by a certain date; deletes provisions limiting amount of overtime payments for calculating retirement benefits; revises provisions for distribution & use of certain tax funds by municipalities & special fire control districts. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Committee

4/15/2013 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Committee, 04/17/13, 8:30 am, 212 K

4/17/2013 HOUSE Not Considered by Appropriations Committee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Appropriations Committee

**Similar**

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**SB 0458** Relating to Firefighter and Police Officer Pension Plans (Ring)

**HB 1407**

**Relating to State Uniform Traffic Control**

Campbell

State Uniform Traffic Control: Prohibits traffic infraction enforcement officer from issuing notice of violation & traffic citation for failure to stop at red light. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee

3/8/2013 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee  
 3/8/2013 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee  
 5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee

**SB 1410**

**Relating to Fire Safety and Prevention**

Simmons

Fire Safety and Prevention; Revising provisions relating to the authority of the State Fire Marshal; revising provisions relating to hearings, investigations, and recordkeeping duties and the authority of the State Fire Marshal; requiring the State Fire Marshal to investigate certain fires and explosions under certain circumstances; clarifying provisions relating to impersonating the State Fire Marshal, a firefighter, a firesafety inspector, or a volunteer firefighter, for which a criminal penalty is provided; providing penalties for rendering a fire protection system required by statute or by rule inoperative, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

5/6/2013 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed  
 6/3/2013 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 06/18/13)  
 6/4/2013 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 06/06/13, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

**Compare**

**HB 0885** Relating to Independent Special Fire Control Districts (Caldwell)

**SB 1196** Relating to Independent Special Fire Control Districts (Richter)

**Similar**

**HB 0883** Relating to Fire Safety and Prevention (Boyd)

**HB 1411**

**Relating to Pinellas County**

Hooper

Pinellas County: Updates terminology applicable to provisions relating to Pinellas Police Standards Council; revises certain assessments of court costs that provide funding for council. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/30/2013 SENATE Withdrawn from Rules; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 0 Nays)  
 4/30/2013 HOUSE Ordered enrolled  
 5/1/2013 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

**SB 1422**

**Relating to Communications Services Tax**

Richter

Communications Services Tax; Deleting the definition of the term "enhanced zip code" and revising the definition of the term "video service"; revising the communications services tax rate on sales of communications services; deleting an exemption from the communications services tax and gross receipts tax for the separately stated sales price of communications services sold to residential households and the exception to such exemption for transient public lodging establishments, mobile communications services, video services, or direct-to-home satellite services, etc. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities

3/1/2013 SENATE Filed  
 3/7/2013 SENATE Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations  
 5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities

**Similar**

**HB 0303** Relating to Communications Services Tax (Grant)

**SB 1442**

**Relating to Alarm Systems**

Lee (T)

Alarm Systems; Exempting from licensure certain employees and sales representatives of alarm system contractors; requiring a local enforcement agency to offer for sale uniform basic permit labels to contractors; requiring contractors to post an unused label in a specified place before commencing work on a low-voltage alarm system project; providing that a label is not required for the subsequent maintenance, inspection, or service of a permitted alarm system, etc. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/18/2013 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/24/13  
 4/24/2013 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading for 04/25/13  
 4/25/2013 SENATE Read Third Time; Substituted for HB 0973; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0973

**Similar**

**HB 0973** Relating to Low-Voltage Systems (Brodeur)

**SB 1480**

**Relating to Interlocal Agreements**

Latvala

Interlocal Agreements; Modifying the definition of "public agency" to include a public transit provider; providing that a public agency of this state may have membership in a separate legal entity created under the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/24/2013 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays)

4/26/2013 HOUSE In Messages  
5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Messages

**Compare**

HB 1289 Relating to Interlocal Agreements (Peters)  
SB 1632 Relating to Transportation (Latvala)

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**SB 1590**

**Relating to Management and Storage of Surface Waters**

Evers

Management and Storage of Surface Waters; Expanding an exemption to include activities that require a permit issued by a local government which is similar to an environmental resource permit; authorizing a local government to request the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to make a binding determination as to whether an existing or proposed activity qualifies for an agricultural-related exemption, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Environmental Preservation and Conservation

3/3/2013 SENATE Filed

3/7/2013 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Agriculture; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Environmental Preservation and Conservation

**SB 1594**

**Relating to Guaranteed Energy, Water, and Wastewater Performance**

Bradley

**Savings Contracting Act**

Guaranteed Energy, Water, and Wastewater Performance Savings Contracting Act; Revising the terms "agency," "energy, water, and wastewater efficiency and conservation measure," and "energy, water, or wastewater cost savings"; providing that a contract may provide for repayments to a lender of an installation construction loan in installments for a period not to exceed 20 years; authorizing certain facility alterations to be included in a performance contract and to be supervised by the performance savings contractor; requiring that a proposed contract include an investment-grade audit certified by the Department of Management Services which states that the cost savings are appropriate and sufficient for the term of the contract, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/30/2013 SENATE Ordered enrolled

5/6/2013 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

5/28/2013 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 06/12/13)

**Similar**

HB 1357 Relating to Guaranteed Energy, Water, and Wastewater Performance Savings Contracting Act (Cummings)

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**SB 1620**

**Relating to Municipal Public Works**

Garcia

Municipal Public Works; Providing that certain corporate powers of a municipality relating to utility facilities do not extend or apply within the unincorporated areas of any county without the consent of the board of county commissioners of such county, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities

3/3/2013 SENATE Filed

3/7/2013 SENATE Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Community Affairs; Judiciary; Rules

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities

**Compare**

HB 0733 Relating to Government-Owned Utilities (Mayfield)

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**SB 1628**

**Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

Montford

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Requiring public hearings relating to the development of land management plans to be held in any one, rather than each, county affected by such plans; providing for Lee County to retain ownership and assume responsibility for management of a specified portion of the Babcock Crescent B Ranch Florida Forever acquisition; creating chapter 595, F.S., to establish the Florida School Food and Nutrition Act, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$59,239 Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/30/2013 SENATE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading

4/30/2013 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 05/01/13

5/1/2013 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendments Adopted (272976, 467724); Substituted for HB 7087; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 7087

**Compare**

HB 7089 Relating to Public Records Exemption/School Food and Nutrition Service Program Participants (Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee)

**Similar**

HB 7087 Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee)

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**Linked**

**SB 1756** Relating to Public Records/Applicants or Participants School Food and Nutrition Service Programs (Montford)

**SB 1684** **Relating to Environmental Regulation** Altman  
Environmental Regulation; Authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules requiring or incentivizing the electronic submission of certain forms, documents, fees, and reports; revising provisions for the duration of leases and letters of consent issued by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund for special events; providing conditions for fees relating to such leases and letters of consent; prohibiting other local governmental entities from imposing requirements and fees or establishing programs for installation and abandonment of groundwater wells, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
4/25/2013 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading  
4/30/2013 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 05/02/13  
5/2/2013 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendments Withdrawn (823284, 283230, 729062, 643172, 817210); Substituted for HB 0999; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0999

**Compare**

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**HB 0199** Relating to Lease of Sovereignty Submerged Lands for Private Docks (Peters)  
**SB 0588** Relating to Lease of Sovereignty Submerged Lands for Private Docks (Brandes)  
**HB 0999** Relating to Environmental Regulation (Patronis)  
**SB 1470** Relating to State Lands (Detert)  
**SB 1828** Relating to Tax Administration (Appropriations)  
**HB 7105** Relating to Tax Administration (Caldwell)  
**HB 7127** Relating to Department of Transportation (Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee)

**SB 1694** **Relating to Fireworks** Margolis  
Fireworks; Requiring each county to designate at least one area for the use of aerial devices; specifying minimum periods in which aerial devices may be used; prohibiting the sale or possession of consumer fireworks by persons under 18 years of age; providing an exception; prohibiting the sale of certain consumer fireworks; authorizing a prohibition on the sale of consumer fireworks and fireworks during a declared state of emergency, etc. Effective Date: October 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs  
3/3/2013 SENATE Filed  
3/7/2013 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism  
5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Community Affairs

**Compare**

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**HB 1213** Relating to Fireworks (Danish)

**SB 1698** **Relating to Developments of Regional Impact** Latvala  
Developments of Regional Impact; Repealing provisions relating to the certification of local governments to conduct development-of-regional-impact reviews, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs  
3/3/2013 SENATE Filed  
3/7/2013 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Transportation; Rules  
5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Community Affairs

**Identical**

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**HB 4041** Relating to Developments of Regional Impact (Raulerson)

**SB 1712** **Relating to Stormwater Management System Fees** Altman  
Stormwater Management System Fees; Providing that certain stormwater utility fees or per acreage fees constitute a lien on the land or premises until such fees are paid; establishing the priority of certain liens; providing for foreclosure of certain liens, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
**Current Committee of Reference:** Environmental Preservation and Conservation  
3/3/2013 SENATE Filed  
3/7/2013 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Judiciary; Rules  
5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Environmental Preservation and Conservation

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**HB 1231** Relating to Stormwater Management System Fees (Moskowitz)

**SB 1716** **Relating to Growth Management** Garcia

Growth Management; Prohibiting a local government from applying transportation concurrency or requiring proportionate-share contribution or construction for new business development for a specified period; providing for an extension of the prohibition under certain conditions; providing for future expiration; prohibiting certain counties, municipalities, and special districts from imposing certain new or



existing impact fees for a specified period; providing for an extension of the prohibition under certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Education

4/5/2013 SENATE Now in Education

4/10/2013 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 04/12/13, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Education

**Similar**

**HB 0321** Relating to Community Development (La Rosa)

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**SB 1754**

**Relating to Administrative Review of Property Taxes**

Evers

Administrative Review of Property Taxes; Providing that presiding magistrates must use a specified manual in certain proceedings; deleting the requirement that a value adjustment board must appoint private counsel; requiring the Department of Revenue to appoint a presiding magistrate for each county value adjustment board; requiring a separate school account and program account in the Certification Program Trust Fund in the State Treasury for funding certain expenses with respect to presiding magistrates, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

3/5/2013 SENATE Filed

3/7/2013 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations

5/3/2013 SENATE Died in Community Affairs

**Compare**

**HB 1381** Relating to Value Adjustment Boards (Wood)

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**SB 1756**

**Relating to Public Records/Applicants or Participants School Food and Nutrition Service Programs**

Montford

Public Records/Applicants or Participants School Food and Nutrition Service Programs; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information of an applicant for or participant in a school food and nutrition service program held by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Children and Families, or the Department of Education; providing for specified disclosure; providing for legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 1628 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law.

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/18/2013 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/24/13

4/24/2013 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading for 04/25/13

4/25/2013 SENATE Read Third Time; Substituted for HB 7089; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 7089

**Compare**

**HB 7087** Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee)

**Similar**

**HB 7089** Relating to Public Records Exemption/School Food and Nutrition Service Program Participants (Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee)

**Linked**

**SB 1628** Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Montford)

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**SB 1828**

**Relating to Tax Administration**

Appropriations

Tax Administration; Providing an additional use for tourist development tax revenues for certain coastal counties; deleting a requirement for filing a tax return for a decedent who dies after a certain date; providing that charges for the storage of towed vehicles that are impounded by a local, state, or federal law enforcement agency are not taxable; revising the criteria applicable to the definition of the term "target industry business" to specifically reference sports training or competition for the amateur athlete, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

5/2/2013 SENATE Received from Messages; Amendment Adopted (678958) Concurred with Amendment as Amended (113961); Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 2 Nays)

5/2/2013 HOUSE In returning messages

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in returning Messages

**Compare**

**SB 0492** Relating to Estates (Hukill)

**HB 0583** Relating to Estates (Spano)

**HB 0999** Relating to Environmental Regulation (Patronis)

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SB 1684 Relating to Environmental Regulation (Altman)  
HB 7105 Relating to Tax Administration (Caldwell)

**SB 1864 Relating to Ratification of Rules Implementing Total Maximum Daily Loads for Impaired Water Bodies** Environmental Preservation and Conservation

Ratification of Rules Implementing Total Maximum Daily Loads for Impaired Water Bodies; Ratifying specified rules of the Department of Environmental Protection for the sole and exclusive purpose of satisfying any condition on effectiveness pursuant to s. 120.541(3), F.S., which requires ratification of any rule meeting any of the specified thresholds for likely adverse impact or increase in regulatory costs, etc.

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/23/2013 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

4/24/2013 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 29, 2013

4/29/2013 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 7157; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 7157

**Identical**

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HB 7157 Relating to Ratification of Rules Implementing Total Maximum Daily Loads for Impaired Water Bodies (Rulemaking Oversight & Repeal Subcommittee)

**HB 4041 Relating to Developments of Regional Impact** Raulerson

Developments of Regional Impact: Repeals provisions relating to certification of local governments to conduct development-of-regional-impact reviews. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

3/6/2013 HOUSE Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee; Economic Affairs Committee

3/6/2013 HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

**Identical**

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SB 1698 Relating to Developments of Regional Impact (Latvala)

**HB 5601 Relating to Economic Development** Finance & Tax Subcommittee

Economic Development: Revises length of time that certain cigarette tax collections are dedicated as funding source for DOH to establish activities & grant opportunities with Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute for biomedical research purposes; establishes lower takeoff weight threshold for rotary wing aircraft qualifying for certain tax exemptions; requires DOR to distribute specified amount of money to certain applicants if spring training franchise uses applicant's facility; specifies time periods & limitations on distributions; deletes caps on tax refunds for qualified defense contractors & space flight businesses & for qualified target industry businesses; establishes certification process to retain spring training baseball franchises; authorizes & prohibits certain uses of awarded funds; provides for decertification of certified applicant; authorizes Auditor General to conduct audits; revises limitations on qualified investments that may be approved by DEO under New Markets Development Program; specifies period during which sale of clothing, wallets, bags, school supplies, personal computers, & personal computer-related accessories are exempt from sales tax; provides an appropriation. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/9/2013 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/11/13

4/11/2013 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendment Failed (165177); Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading; On Unfinished Business

4/12/2013 HOUSE Laid on Table

**Compare**

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SB 0098 Relating to New Markets Development Program (Richter)

SB 0236 Relating to Tax Refund Programs (Hukill)

SB 0306 Relating to Economic Development (Braynon)

SB 0406 Relating to Economic Development (Gardiner)

HB 0419 Relating to Tax On Sales, Use, & Other Transactions (Ahern)

SB 0432 Relating to Tax Exemptions (Altman)

HB 0515 Relating to New Markets Development Program (Oliva)

SB 0518 Relating to Economic Business Incentives (Hukill)

HB 0661 Relating to Tax Exemptions (Hood)

SB 0916 Relating to Tax on Sales, Use, and Other Transactions (Flores)

SB 1500 Relating to Appropriations (Appropriations)

HB 4013 Relating to Tax Refund Programs (Santiago)

HB 5001 Relating to General Appropriations Act (Appropriations Committee)

HB 7097 Relating to Tax On Sales, Use, & Other Transactions (Finance & Tax Subcommittee)

**HB 7011 Relating to Florida Retirement System** Government Operations Subcommittee

Florida Retirement System: Limits ability of members of optional retirement program to transfer to FRS; provides for compulsory membership in FRS Investment Plan for employees initially enrolled after specified date; provides for compulsory membership in investment plan for certain employees; prohibits certain membership in Senior Management Service Class or Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program; provides that certain participants in optional retirement program for State University System have choice between optional retirement program & FRS Investment Plan; requires SBA to develop investment products to be offered in investment plan; requires SBA to provide self-directed brokerage account as investment option; requires state board to contract with provider to provide self-directed brokerage account investment option; provides self-directed brokerage account requirements; deletes obligation of system employers to communicate existence of both retirement plans; provides additional death benefit to specified members of the Special Risk Class; limits disability benefits to eligible members; adjusts required employer contribution rates for unfunded actuarial liability of FRS for select classes; provides that act fulfills important state interest; requires SBA & DMS to request determination letter from IRS. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/3/2013 SENATE Received; Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Appropriations

4/30/2013 SENATE Withdrawn from Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Appropriations; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 1392; Read Second Time; Amendment Failed (268786); Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading; On Unfinished Business

5/3/2013 SENATE Died on Calendar

**Compare**

SB 1392 Relating to Retirement (Simpson)

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**HB 7019**

**Relating to Development Permits**

Economic Development & Tourism  
Subcommittee

Development Permits: Requires counties & municipalities to attach certain disclaimers & include certain permit conditions when issuing development permits; provides that initiative or referendum process for any local comprehensive plan amendments & map amendments is prohibited; provides for permit authorizing permittee to locate, construct, operate, & maintain communication facilities within new or existing high speed rail system; provides that county may include commercial development that is ancillary to professional sports facility in lease of sports facility, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

5/2/2013 HOUSE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

5/3/2013 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E2) Filed

5/3/2013 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

**Compare**

HB 0269 Relating to Building Construction (Beshears)

HB 0375 Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems  
(Roberson )

SB 0528 Relating to Growth Management (Simpson)

HB 0537 Relating to Growth Management (Moraitis)

HB 1049 Relating to Sports Facilities (Santiago)

SB 1160 Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems  
(Bullard)

SB 1840 Relating to Development Permits (Military and Veterans Affairs,  
Space, and Domestic Security)

HB 7127 Relating to Department of Transportation (Transportation &  
Highway Safety Subcommittee)

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**HB 7087**

**Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

Agriculture & Natural Resources  
Subcommittee

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: Revises, clarifies, creates, & deletes numerous provisions relating to public hearings for the development of land management; provides for Lee County to retain ownership & assume responsibility for management of specified portion of Babcock Crescent B Ranch Florida Forever acquisition; provides for department to manage & operate preserve; reporting requirements & distribution & use of state funds for local mosquito control programs; restricted-use pesticide surveys & reports; permitting requirements for livestock haulers; development of best management practices; regulation of certain burning & recreational fires; duties of the Division of Food, Nutrition, and Wellness; designated programs, direct-support organizations, & museums; criteria for fertilizer sampling and analysis; investigational allowances for fertilizer deficiencies; animal disease diagnostic laboratories; apiary inspectors; Florida Forestry Council; Operation Outdoor Freedom program; planning level activities of Florida Forest Service; criminal penalties relating to wildfires; and school food & nutrition services & programs. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

5/2/2013 SENATE Called Up For Reconsideration; Amendment(s) Withdrawn; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays)

5/2/2013 HOUSE Ordered enrolled

5/3/2013 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

**Compare**

**SB 1756** Relating to Public Records/Applicants or Participants School Food and Nutrition Service Programs (Montford)

**Similar**

**SB 1628** Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Montford)

**Linked**

**HB 7089** Relating to Public Records Exemption/School Food and Nutrition Service Program Participants (Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee)

**HB 7089**

**Relating to Public Records Exemption/School Food and Nutrition Service Program Participants** Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

Public Records Exemption/School Food and Nutrition Service Program Participants: Provides exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information of applicant for or participant in school food & nutrition program held by DACS, DCF, or DOE; provides for specified disclosure; provides for applicability; provides for legislative review & repeal of the exemption under Open Government Sunset Review Act; provides for contingent effect. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 7087 or similar legislation takes effect

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/25/2013 SENATE Withdrawn from Agriculture; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 1756; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays)

4/26/2013 HOUSE Ordered enrolled

4/30/2013 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

**Compare**

**SB 1628** Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Montford)

**Similar**

**SB 1756** Relating to Public Records/Applicants or Participants School Food and Nutrition Service Programs (Montford)

**Linked**

**HB 7087** Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee)

**HB 7109**

**Relating to Local Business Taxes**

Finance & Tax Subcommittee

Local Business Taxes: Creates business classifications; requires counties & municipalities levying local business tax to use rate structure that applies rates within specified parameters; authorizes county or municipality that has not adopted business tax ordinance to adopt ordinance consistent with ch. 205, F.S.; requires that such ordinance be approved by specified vote of governing body of county; revises conditions, requirements, & limitations with respect to authority of governing body of county to levy business tax; provides that incorporated municipality may levy business tax by ordinance approved by specified vote of governing body; revises conditions & requirements with respect to authority of governing body of municipality to levy business tax; authorizes counties & municipalities sharing common territory to issue business tax receipts on behalf of each other; revises provisions relating to business tax classification method & rate structure; provides limitations & requirements with respect to amount of new revenue that county or municipality may realize as result of new business tax rate structure authorized by act. Effective Date: October 1, 2014

**Current Committee of Reference:** Local & Federal Affairs Committee

3/25/2013 HOUSE Referred to Local & Federal Affairs Committee; Economic Affairs Committee

3/25/2013 HOUSE Now in Local & Federal Affairs Committee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Local & Federal Affairs Committee

**HB 7111**

**Relating to Funding from the National Mortgage Settlement**

Appropriations Committee

Funding from the National Mortgage Settlement: Provides appropriation from General Revenue Fund to Florida Housing Finance Corporation to fund housing down payment assistance loans; provides distribution requirements; provides requirements for loan recipients; provides for loan forgiveness under certain conditions; provides appropriation from General Revenue Fund to Florida Housing Finance Corporation, Florida Prepaid Tuition Scholarship Program, state courts system, clerks of court, DCF, for certain purposes; provides appropriation from General Revenue Fund DEO to provide grant to Habitat for Humanity of Florida for certain purposes; provides requirements for Habitat for Humanity of Florida; provides financial audit reporting requirements; requires certain funds to be repaid by Habitat for Humanity of Florida to DFS for deposit in State Housing Trust Fund; authorizes Office of Attorney General to establish, coordinate, & promote advertising campaign for certain purposes; provides appropriation to Office of Attorney General for certain purposes; provides that certain funds appropriated in this act are not subject to reversion until specified date; provides contingent effective date. Effective Date: upon the



deposit of \$200,080,474 into the General Revenue Fund from the escrow account created as a result of the consent judgment entered into by the Attorney General on April 4, 2012, in the case of United States of America, et al. v. Bank of America Corp., et al., No. 12-0361-RMC, in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

3/21/2013 HOUSE Filed (Formerly APC1)

4/26/2013 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/29/13

4/29/2013 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 1852; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 1852

**Compare**

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SB 1852 Relating to Funding from the National Mortgage Settlement  
(Appropriations)

**HB 7123**

**Relating to Sovereign Immunity**

Select Committee on Claim Bills

Sovereign Immunity: Revises requirements relating to waiver of sovereign immunity; requires judge to determine damages; provides certain damages be placed into trust; provides for distribution of damages in trust upon the death of a claimant; provides for periodic payment of damages; authorizes political subdivisions to insure for certain amounts to avoid claim bill; provides requirements with respect to such insurance; prohibits claim bill upon certain conditions; provides a remedy against insurers who act in bad faith; raises caps on damages for awards against local governments; provides for settlement above the cap on damages; provides for annual adjustment to the cap on damages against local governments; provides requirements for lobbyists of claim bills; removes a limitation on presenting claim to Legislature; limits ability to file claim bill; names provisions as "Florida Fair Claims Act"; provides for severability; provides for applicability. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Committee

3/28/2013 HOUSE Referred to Appropriations Committee; Judiciary Committee

3/28/2013 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in Appropriations Committee

**HB 7127**

**Relating to Department of Transportation**

Transportation & Highway Safety  
Subcommittee

Department of Transportation: Removes provision for certain audits; revises provisions relating to the Transportation Commission, Statewide Passenger Rail Commission, personnel, commercial motor vehicles, Space Florida, aerospace facilities, airports, lease-purchase agreement, maintenance, construction contracts and bids, disposition of property, parking time limit devices, public-private facilities, tolls, bonds, M.P.O.'s, corporations, infrastructure bank, intercity bus service, intermodal development, Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority, & environmental impact; and provides for regional transportation finance authorities. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

5/3/2013 SENATE Read Third Time; Amendment Adopted (814240); Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays)

5/3/2013 HOUSE In returning messages

5/3/2013 HOUSE Died in returning Messages

**Compare**

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HB 0085 Relating to Public-Private Partnerships (Steube)

SB 0632 Relating to Florida Wildflower and Florida Salutes Veterans

Specialty License Plates (Soto)

HB 0699 Relating to Florida Salutes Veterans License Plate (Smith (J))

SB 0766 Relating to Transportation (Brandes)

SB 0884 Relating to Florida Salutes Veterans License Plate (Sachs)

HB 0999 Relating to Environmental Regulation (Patronis)

SB 1104 Relating to Environment (Brandes)

SB 1632 Relating to Transportation (Latvala)

SB 1684 Relating to Environmental Regulation (Altman)

HB 7019 Relating to Development Permits (Economic Development &  
Tourism Subcommittee)

**Similar**

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SB 1132 Relating to Department of Transportation (Brandes)

**HB 7131**

**Relating to Ethics**

Ethics & Elections Subcommittee

Ethics: Prohibits public officers from accepting additional employment with state or political subdivisions under specified conditions; prohibits former legislator from acting as lobbyist before executive branch agency, agency official, or employee for specified period following vacation of office; requires constitutional officers to complete annual ethics training; establishes requirements for creation of blind trusts; requires qualifying officer to electronically transmit full & public disclosure of financial interests of qualified candidate to Commission on Ethics; requires all disclosures of financial interests filed with commission to be scanned & made publicly available on searchable Internet database beginning with 2012 filing year; authorizes withholding of portions of salary for unpaid fines; authorizes specified parties to submit written referrals of possible violation of the Code of Ethics. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/22/2013 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

4/22/2013 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/24/13

4/24/2013 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 0002; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0002

**Compare**SB 0004 Relating to Public Records and Meetings/Commission on Ethics (Ethics and Elections)HB 0233 Relating to Governmental Ethics (Fasano)SB 0272 Relating to Ethics (Clemens)HB 0285 Relating to Commission on Ethics (McBurney)HB 0297 Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Governmental Ethics (Fasano)SB 0926 Relating to Commission on Ethics (Detert)**Similar**SB 0002 Relating to Ethics (Ethics and Elections)**Linked**HB 7133 Relating to Public Records and Meetings (Ethics & Elections Subcommittee)**HB 7133****Relating to Public Records and Meetings**

Ethics &amp; Elections Subcommittee

Public Records and Meetings: Creates exemption from public records requirements for written referrals & related records held by Commission on Ethics, Governor, Department of Law Enforcement, or state attorney; creates exemption for records relating to preliminary investigation held by Commission on Ethics; creates exemption from public meetings requirements for portions of proceedings of Commission on Ethics in which referrals are discussed or acted upon; provides for future repeal & legislative review of exemption under Open Government Sunset Review Act; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 7131 or similar legislation takes effect

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/18/2013 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

4/22/2013 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/24/13

4/24/2013 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 0004; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0004

**Compare**SB 0002 Relating to Ethics (Ethics and Elections)HB 0287 Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Commission on Ethics (McBurney)HB 0297 Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Governmental Ethics (Fasano)HB 0381 Relating to Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Ethics (Clelland)SB 0652 Relating to Public Records and Public Meetings/Commission on Ethics (Detert)**Similar**SB 0004 Relating to Public Records and Meetings/Commission on Ethics (Ethics and Elections)**Linked**HB 7131 Relating to Ethics (Ethics & Elections Subcommittee)**HB 7159****Relating to Ad Valorem Taxation**

Finance &amp; Tax Subcommittee

Ad Valorem Taxation: Provides that postmark date of commercial mail delivery service is considered date of filing for certain ad valorem applications or returns; allows certain ad valorem communications to be sent electronically in lieu of first-class mail; provides requirements & conditions applicable to such electronic communications; requires property appraiser to publish notices of date of tax roll certifications & extensions on property appraiser's website; provides that change of ownership for purposes of assessing property at just value does not apply to lessees entitled to homestead; extends time for appealing value adjustment board's denial of taxpayer's application to transfer prior homestead assessment limitations to new homestead; provides for taxation & assessment of bioproduction feedstocks & certain personal property; provides assessment methodology for structures used in production of bioproduction feedstocks; authorizes county to waive annual application requirement for reduction in assessed value of homestead property used to provide living quarters for parents or grandparents of owner or spouse of owner; requires property owner to notify property appraiser if reduction no longer applies. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

4/22/2013 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

4/29/2013 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/30/13

4/30/2013 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 1830; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 1830

**Compare**HB 0247 Relating to Paper Reduction (Nelson)HB 0437 Relating to Community Development (Davis)SB 0740 Relating to Tax Exemptions for Property Used for Affordable Housing (Simpson)HB 0921 Relating to Tax Exemptions for Property Used for Affordable

SB 0928 Housing (Renuart)  
SB 1352 Relating to Community Development (Simpson)  
SB 1830 Relating to Paper Reduction (Ring)  
SB 1830 Relating to Ad Valorem Taxation (Appropriations)  
SB 1838 Relating to Homestead Property Tax Exemptions (Military and  
Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security)

**APC1** **Relating to Funding from the National Mortgage Settlement** Appropriations Committee  
PCB APC 13-01 -- Funding from the National Mortgage Settlement  
**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Committee  
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3/21/2013 HOUSE Committee Bill Filed as H 7111