

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Legislative Affairs Office 2019 Session Report - Week 1

Overview

The 2019 Legislative Session is officially underway! The Legislature convened this past Tuesday, March 5th, to begin its 60-day regular Session, and is scheduled to conclude, or Sine Die, on May 3rd.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) legislative package in the House is found in HB 377 (Residential Conservation Programs), sponsored by Representative Stone; HB 1121 (Citizen Support Organizations), sponsored by Representative Altman; and in the Senate in SB 320 (Residential Conservation Programs), sponsored by Senator Hooper; SB 7022 (FWC Citizen Support Organizations), sponsored by the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee. HB 377 was referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee, Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, and the State Affairs Committee. It was voted favorably to move forward in both the Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee and the Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee. It currently is in the State Affairs Committee and has not yet been agenda'd. HB 1121 was referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee, Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, and the State Affairs Committee. HB 1121 is scheduled to be heard on March 12th in House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee. SB 320 was referred to Environment and Natural Resources Committee, Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment and General Government, and Appropriations Committee. It was voted favorably to move forward in Environment and Natural Resources and is scheduled to be heard on March 13th in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment and General Government. SB 7022 was referred to Environment and Natural Resources Committee, Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment and General Government, and Appropriations Committee. It was voted favorably to move forward in both Environment and Natural Resources Committee and Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment and General Government. It is now in Appropriations Committee.

In addition to agency legislation, FWC works continuously with the Legislature on other bills that affect fish and wildlife. FWC staff regularly meet with bill sponsors, committees, and their staffs pertaining to such legislation. Following the FWC Legislative Package section, there is a section entitled Other Bills of Interest to FWC that lists the bills the agency is monitoring, describing each bill's impact primarily as it relates to fish and wildlife, and the actions that have occurred with each bill. As Session moves forward, more bills may be added to this list.



This report will be updated on a weekly basis to indicate the current status of the bills and if there are any changes as they move through committees. At the end of each weekly report there will also be a special section pertaining specifically to bills that impact state employees - this section is written by FWC's Director of Human Resources, Emily Norton.

Staff is also working with the Legislature on the development of FWC's budget for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year. The accompanying budget report and worksheet is written by FWC's Chief Financial Officer, Charlotte Jerrett.

The weekly substantive and budget reports can be found on FWC's Legislative Affairs website.

The Legislative Process

To provide some background on the Legislative process, bills are placed in numerical order. "Companion" bills are bills from the other chamber that contain the same issue(s) and these will be listed and explained in the same entry. The lowest bill number of the companions will be listed first. With each weekly report, the title line of a bill that has had activity will be highlighted in green for the reader's convenience. *It should be noted that during Session, committees are on a two-day notice requirement. This means at the time that this weekly report is written, committee agendas for the following Wednesday through Friday may not be known.*

Explanation of abbreviations, terms, and actions in this report:

"HB" means House Bill.

"SB" means Senate Bill.

"HM" means House Memorial.

"CS" means Committee Substitute. When a CS is filed, it indicates that the bill has been approved with amendments during a committee meeting. CS/CS means that the bill has been approved and amended in two committees; CS/CS/CS means it was approved and amended in three committees, etc. When looking for the most current version of a bill, always defer to the version with the most "CS"s, if any. It is important to note that a bill can go through all of its committees without any amendments or "CS"s.

Before a bill is considered passed it has to be "read" three times and approved with a majority vote by the full chamber: the First Reading is done when it is introduced to the respective chamber; the Second Reading is done after the bill has passed all committees of



reference and is placed on the Special Order Calendar to be discussed and amended (if necessary) by the full chamber; and the Third Reading is when the bill is debated and voted upon by the full chamber. It also must be passed in both the Senate and House before it can be sent to the Governor for his action. Because of the limited time during a Session, a bill (except as noted below) is filed in both chambers so that it can get through its three readings in both chambers concurrently; these bills are called “companions”. Either the House bill or the Senate bill will pass its respective chamber first, then it will be sent to the other chamber, who will substitute its companion version by the one just received. This (second) chamber will have to pass the substituted bill, in order for the bill to be sent to the Governor. *Note: Bills that only apply to a limited geographical area (typically a city or county) are referred to as “local” bills; local bills are generally non-controversial, are initiated in one chamber (typically the House), and do not have companions; local bills have few committee references, are scheduled before committees in groups, and are considered in each chamber in a separate “Local Bill Calendar”.*

FWC Legislative Package

SB 320 by Senator Hooper and HB 377 by Representative Stone These bills would give FWC explicit statutory authority to organize, operate, staff, and equip residential programs, including the ability to provide meals and meal services.

HB 1121 by Representative Altman and SB 7022 by Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee These bills would repeal the October 1, 2019 sunset provision of FWC’s Citizen Support Organizations (CSOs): Wildlife Alert Reward Association (Association) and the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida (Foundation).



Other Bills of Interest to FWC

LAW ENFORCEMENT		
Bill	Description	Action Summary
<p>SB 766 by Senator Gruters HB 75 by Representative Yarborough</p>	<p>Expanded Uses of Unmanned Aircraft These similar bills permit use of drones by law enforcement agencies & other specified entities for specified purposes.</p> <p>As it relates to FWC, the bills expand the exceptions to the prohibition on drone surveillance to permit use of a drone:</p> <p>By a state agency or political subdivision for the assessment of damage due to a flood, wildfire, or natural disaster or for vegetation or wildlife management on publicly owned land.</p>	<p>It has three committee references in both the House and the Senate. SB 766 was heard, 3/4 in Senate Criminal Justice, a CS was introduced and reported favorable. CS was filed on 3/6. It is now in Senate Infrastructure and Security, not yet on the agenda. HB 75 was heard, 2/6 in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee. It was then heard, 2/19 in House State Affairs Committee, a CS was introduced and reported favorable. CS was filed on 2/20. It was heard, 3/7 in House Judiciary Committee, a CS was introduced and reported favorable. CS was filed on 3/8.</p>
<p>SB 132 by Senator Rouson HB 1131 by Representative Valdes</p>	<p>Drones These identical bills define the terms “dangerous or deadly weapon” and “large-scale event”; authorizes the use of a drone by a law enforcement agency to prepare for or monitor safety and security at a large-scale event; prohibits a law enforcement agency using a drone in an authorized manner from equipping it with specified attachments or using it to fire projectiles, etc.</p>	<p>It has three committee references in both the House and the Senate. SB 132 was heard, 2/11 in Senate Criminal Justice, a CS was introduced and reported favorable. CS was filed on 2/12. It is now in Senate Infrastructure and Security, not yet on the agenda. HB 1131 is not currently scheduled to be heard.</p>
<p>HB 1221 by Representative Polsky</p>	<p>Anchored Vessels This bill directs FWC to conduct a study of impacts of long-term stored vessels on local communities and the state; to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature; revises distribution of vessel registration fees to provide grants for derelict vessel removal;</p>	<p>It has three committee references in the House. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.</p>



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	authorizes FWC to use certain funds to remove, or pay private contractors to remove, derelict vessels; prohibits residing or dwelling on certain derelict vessels until certain conditions are met.	
SB 1530 by Senator Rouson HB 1319 by Representative Diamond	Vessels These identical bills require vessel operators to reduce speed in specified hazardous situations; revise criteria for at-risk vessel determinations; require that such vessels be moved after certain notice; provide penalties for failure to present certificate of title showing proper transfer of vessel ownership; revise civil penalties relating to certain at-risk vessels & prohibited anchoring or mooring; provide civil penalties for vessels creating special hazards.	It has three committee references in both the House and Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
SB 1502 by Senator Bradley	Department of Environmental Protection This bill transfers and reassigns functions and responsibilities of the Division of Law Enforcement relating to investigators of environmental crimes within FWC to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); provides requirements for a memorandum of agreement between DEP and FWC regarding the responsibilities of DEP and FWC; establishes the Division of Law Enforcement within DEP.	It has three committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
SB 1666 by Senator Flores	Anchoring and Mooring of Vessels Outside of Public Mooring Fields This bill defines the terms “store” and “stored”; prohibits the owner, operator, or person in charge of a vessel from anchoring or mooring outside of public mooring fields for longer than a specified period of time; requires the relocation or removal from the water of vessels anchored or moored in violation of the prohibition; provides that such a violation is noncriminal and is punishable by a fine, etc.	It has three committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.



Habitat & Species Conservation		
Bill	Description	Action Summary
SB 134 by Senator Stewart	Florida Black Bears This bill creates the "Florida Black Bear Protection Act"; it prohibits FWC from allowing the recreational hunting of Florida black bears mothering cubs that weigh less than 100 pounds under a Florida black bear hunting permit; specifies a penalty for the unlawful harvesting of saw palmetto berries on state lands; prohibits prescribed burns in certain designated habitats during specified times.	It has four committee references. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
SB 590 by Senator Albritton HB 809 by Representative Bell	State Park Fees These identical bills require the Division of Recreation and Parks to create by rule a state park annual entrance pass program to allow entrance at no charge to persons who perform certain volunteer work (50 hours of volunteer work per year on conservation and recreation lands to remove nonnative and invasive plant species).	It has three committee references in both the House and Senate. SB 590 is on the agenda for 3/12 in Senate Environment and Natural Resources. HB 809 is not currently scheduled to be heard.
HB 737 by Representative Good	Water Pollution Operation Permits This bill provides condition for exemption from requirement to obtain a water pollution permit for application of herbicides to state waters; revises requirements for water pollution operation permits.	It has three committee references. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
SB 988 by Senator Stewart	Florida Black Bear/ Endangered and Threatened Species Act This bill requests FWC to consider relisting the Florida black bear as a threatened species under the Endangered and Threatened Species Act.	It has two committee references. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
SB 1236 by Senator Farmer, Jr. HB 1105 by Representative Gottlieb	Transactions for the Possession of Animals These identical bills prohibit a person, party, firm, association, or corporation from keeping, possessing, importing, selling, bartering, trading, or breeding for personal use or sale green iguanas or black & white tegus; declares that certain contracts entered into on or	It has three committee references in both the House and Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.



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	after a specified date for sale or lease of pet are against public policy of this state and are void and unenforceable.	
SB 1150 by Senator Pizzo	<p>Wildlife Protection</p> <p>This bill prohibits the import, sale, purchase, and distribution of ivory articles and rhinoceros horns; provides that it is unlawful to take, possess, injure, shoot, collect, or sell Florida black bears; provides that the illegal taking, possession, injuring, shooting, collecting, or selling of Florida black bears is a Level Four violation, which is subject to criminal and civil penalties.</p>	It has three committee references. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
SB 1340 by Senator Cruz	<p>Water Pollution Operation Permits</p> <p>This bill removes the exemption from the requirement to obtain a water pollution permit for the application of herbicides to state waters; defines the term “herbicide”; requires certain pesticide management plans for water pollution operation permits.</p>	It has three committee references. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
SB 7068 by Senate Infrastructure and Security Committee	<p>Transportation</p> <p>This bill creates the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program within the Department of Transportation; specifies that projects undertaken in the corridors are tolled facilities and certain approved turnpike projects, and are considered as Strategic Intermodal System facilities; requires the department to identify certain opportunities to accommodate or co-locate multiple types of infrastructure-addressing issues during the project development phase, etc.</p>	SB 7068 was submitted as a committee bill and reported favorably by Infrastructure and Security on 3/5. It was referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development and Appropriations.



Marine Fisheries Management		
Bill	Description	Action Summary
<p>SB 352 by Senator Gruters HB 99 by Representative Jacobs</p>	<p>Shark Fins and Ray Parts These bills would amend section 379.2426, F.S., to prohibit the possession, sale, purchase, or distribution of shark fins or ray parts, with certain exceptions. The bill would define the terms ray, and ray part, modify the terms land and shark, and remove the definition of the term separated. The bill would direct FWC to adopt rules to implement provisions of s. 379.2426, F.S., modify applicable administrative penalties for violations committed by commercial and recreational harvesters.</p>	<p>It has three committee references in both the House and Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.</p>
<p>HB 1135 by Representative Grant, M SB 1552 by Senator Gruters</p>	<p>Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative These identical bills establish the Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative; require the Initiative to submit an annual report by a specified date to the Governor, the Legislature, the Secretary of Environmental Protection, and the Executive Director of FWC; establish the Initiative Technology Advisory Council, etc.</p>	<p>It has three committee references in both the House and Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.</p>



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<p>HB 1 by Representative Sabatini SB 1702 by Senator Baxley</p>	<p>Ethics Reform These identical bills repeal provisions relating to state, state university, & community college employee lobbyists; prohibit certain public officers & employees from soliciting specified employment & contractual relationships; revise lobbyist registration, compensation report, principal designation cancellation, & investigation requirements.</p>	<p>It has three committee references in both the House and Senate. HB 1 was workshopped by House Public Integrity and Ethics Committee on 2/12. SB 1702 is not currently scheduled to be heard.</p>
<p>HB 9 by Representative LaMarca</p>	<p>Community Redevelopment Agencies This bill specifies ethics training requirements for community redevelopment agency commissioners; establishes procedures for appointing board of community redevelopment agency board members; requires referendum to create community redevelopment agency; establishes procurement procedures; provides reporting and boundary map requirements; provides termination dates for certain community redevelopment agencies; provides phase-out period for existing community redevelopment agencies; requires DEO to declare inactive certain community redevelopment agencies; requires DEO to maintain website identifying inactive community redevelopment agencies; specifies level of tax increment financing that governing body may establish; revises requirements for budgets of community redevelopment agencies; revises requirements for annual audit.</p>	<p>HB 9 has three committee references in the House. It was heard, 3/5 in House Local, Federal & Veterans Subcommittee and was voted favorably to move forward. It is now in House Ways & Means Committee.</p>
<p>HB 7017 by House Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee SB 186 by Senator Lee</p>	<p>Public Records/ Victim of Mass Violence These similar bills define the term “killing of a victim of mass violence”; expand an existing exemption from public records requirements for a photograph or a video or audio recording held by an agency which depicts or records the killing of a law enforcement officer to include a photograph or a video or audio recording held by</p>	<p>It has two committee references in the House and three in the Senate. HB 7017 was heard, 2/21 in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee and voted favorably to move forward to State Affairs Committee. It was heard, 3/5 in House State Affairs Committee. Currently on its 2nd</p>



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	an agency which depicts or records the killing of a victim of mass violence; provide for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; provide a statement of public necessity, etc.	reading and placed on the calendar. SB 186 was heard, 2/11 in Senate Criminal Justice Committee and voted favorably to move forward to Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee. It was heard, 2/19 in Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee where it was voted favorably to move forward to Senate Rules Committee. It was heard, 3/6 in Senate Rules Committee and voted favorably to move forward. It is now on second reading and placed on the calendar.
HB 203 by Representative Zika SB 248 by Senator Hooper	Public Record/ Civilian Personnel Employed by Law Enforcement Agency These identical bills define term "home address" for purposes of public records exemptions for personal identifying & location information of certain agency personnel & their family members; exempt personal identifying & location information of active or former civilian personnel employed by law enforcement agency, & of spouses & children of such personnel, from public records requirements; authorize certain persons to request release of exempt information in specified manner; provide for legislative review & repeal of exemptions; provide statements of public necessity.	It has three committee references in both the House and Senate. HB 203 was heard, 2/6 in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee and voted favorably to move forward to House Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee. It was heard, 2/20 in House Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee and voted favorably to move forward to House Judiciary Committee. It was heard, 3/7 in House Judiciary Committee and voted favorably.
SB 228 by Senator Gruters	Public Records/ Probable Cause Finding This bill increases the length of time before an election during which the Florida Elections Commission may not make public a probable cause finding and any related proceedings and records; prohibits the Commission on Ethics from publicly releasing a notification of a	It has three committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.



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	probable cause finding, and the documents made and received in disposition of a complaint or referral, during a specified period immediately preceding an election; provides for future legislative review and repeal; providing statements of public necessity, etc.	
SB 236 by Senator Book	<p>Public Records and Public Meetings</p> <p>This bill provides an exception to the expiration of certain public records and public meetings exemptions under specified circumstances; prohibits the disclosure of the personal identifying information of an alleged victim of sexual harassment or sexual misconduct, or information that could assist an individual in determining the identity of such alleged victim, in any portion of a proceeding conducted by the Commission on Ethics, a commission on ethics and public trust, or a county or a municipality that has established a local investigatory process which is open to the public; provides for future legislative review and repeal; providing statements of public necessity, etc</p>	It has three committees of reference in the Senate. It was heard, 2/11 in Senate Criminal Justice Committee. A CS was introduced and reported favorable. The CS was filed, 2/12. It was heard, 3/6 in Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability and voted favorably to move forward to Senate Rules Committee.
SB 240 by Senator Book	<p>Sexual Harassment</p> <p>This bill creates the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Misconduct; prohibits public officers, qualified candidates, agency employees, and lobbyists from sexually harassing any person; provides penalties for lobbyists who violate the prohibition against sexual harassment, etc.</p>	It has three committees of reference in the Senate. It is currently not scheduled to be heard.



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HB 251 by Representative Drake	Constitution Revision Commission This bill repeals references to Constitution Revision Commission, powers of chair, & assistance by state & local agencies.	It has three committees of reference in the House. It was heard, 2/13 in House Civil Justice Subcommittee and voted favorably to move forward. It is now in House State Affairs Committee.
HB 407 by Representative Rodrigues SB 602 by Senator Perry	Public Records These identical bills prohibit agency that receives request to inspect or copy record from responding to such request by filing civil action against individual or entity making request.	It has three committee references in both the House and the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
HB 479 by Representative Polo	Public Records This bill requires custodian of public records to respond to request to inspect or copy records in specified manner.	It has three committees of reference in the House. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
HB 511 by Representative Willhite SB 744 by Senator Book	Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System These identical bills add 911 public safety telecommunicators to class; require such members to have retirement benefits calculated in accordance with provisions for Regular Class members; specify required employer retirement contribution rates for new membership subclass of 911 public safety telecommunicators; declare that act fulfills important state interest.	It has three committee references in both the House and the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.



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SB 548 by Senator Brandes	Electronic Legal Documents This bill revises provisions relating to use of the office of notary public; authorizes online notarizations; specifies registration and qualification requirements for online notaries public; prescribes online notarization procedures; specifies the manner by which an online notary public must verify the identity of a principal or a witness, etc.	It has three committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
HB 631 by Representative Watson, C SB 1096 by Senator Perry	Reemployment After Retirement These identical bills authorize retiree of Florida Retirement System to be reemployed under certain circumstances.	It has three committee references in both the House and the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
HB 663 by Representative Bush III	Furloughed Government Employees This bill provides process for furloughed government employees to receive moratorium on repayment of debts for specified time; prohibits adverse credit reporting during moratorium; requires DEO to adopt rules; provides for retroactivity	It has three committee references in the House. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
SB 702 by Senator Lee	Qualified Blind Trusts This bill repeals provisions relating to qualified blind trusts, etc.	It has three committee references in the Senate. On the agenda to be heard, 3/12 in Senate Ethics and Elections Committee.
HB 759 by Representative Massullo, Jr. SB 1416 by Senator Gruters	Public Records These identical bills provide that certain information related to agency contracts is not confidential or exempt from public records requirements; remove or revise numerous provisions relating to exemptions from public records requirements for trade secrets.	It has three committee references in both the House and the Senate. HB 759 was heard, 3/6 in House Oversight, Transparency, & Public Management Subcommittee and voted favorably to move forward. It is now in House Commerce Committee. SB 1416 is not currently scheduled to be heard.



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HB 779 by Representatives Clemons & Willhite SB 784 by Senator Gruters	Retirement These identical bills specify minimum amount of factor used to calculate cost-of-living adjustment of benefits for certain retirees & beneficiaries of FRS.	It has three committee references in both the House and the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
SB 786 by Senator Book	Public Records/ Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Disorders/ Substance Use Disorder This bill provides an exemption from public records requirements for petitions for involuntary assessment and stabilization, court orders, related records, and personal identifying information regarding persons with potential mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders; provides for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; expands the exemption from public records requirements for petitions for involuntary treatment, court orders, related records, and personal identifying information regarding substance abuse impaired persons to include a respondents name; revises the date for the future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.	It has three committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
HB 803 by Representative Aloupis SB 1190 by Senator Montford	Special Risk Class These similar bills add specified Florida State Hospital employees to class	It has three committee references in both the House and the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
HB 825 by Representative Watson, C	Other Personal Services Employment This bill requires review process for seasonal employees; provides for duration of employment & benefits for OPS employees.	It has three committee references in the House. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.



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SB 836 by Senator Powell	Public Records/ Public Shelter During an Emergency This bill creates an exemption from public records requirements for certain information of a person using a public shelter during an emergency; provides retroactive application of the exemption; provides for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; provides statements of public necessity, etc.	it has three committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
SB 838 by Senator Powell	Public Records/ Mental Health Treatment and Services This bill provides an exemption from public records requirements for petitions for voluntary and involuntary admission for mental health treatment, court orders, related records, and personal identifying information regarding persons seeking mental health treatment and services; provides for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.	It has three committee references in the Senate. It is on the agenda for 3/11 in Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee.
HB 845 by Representatives Andrade and Hage SB 980 by Senator Harrell	Public Records/ Petition for Certain Protective Injunctions These identical bills provide exemption from public records requirements for all information contained in petition for certain protective injunctions, & any related affidavit, notice of hearing, & temporary injunction, until respondent has been personally served; provides statement of public necessity.	It has three committee references in both the House and the Senate. HB 845 is not currently scheduled to be heard. SB 980 was heard, 3/4 in Senate Judiciary Committee and voted favorably to move forward. It is now in Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability.
SB 938 by Senator Bracy	Public Records/ Criminal History Records This bill expands an existing public records exemption to include the administrative sealing of specified criminal history records; provides for future review and repeal of the expanded exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.	It has three committee references in the Senate. It is on the agenda for 3/11 in Senate Criminal Justice Committee.



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HB 995 by Representative Geller SB 1004 by Senator Rodriguez, J	Regional Agency and Regional Planning Council Meetings These identical bills provide requirements for establishing quorum for meetings of certain agencies & councils when voting member appears via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication; require notice of intent to appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication by specified time.	It has three committee references in both the House and Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
SB 1008 by Senator Rodriguez, J	Ethics This bill prohibits a state public officer from voting in an official capacity on any measure that he or she knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of certain principals, parent organizations or subsidiaries of a corporate principal, relatives, or business associates of the officer; revises disclosure requirements applicable to state public officers in the event of a voting conflict, etc.	It has three committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
HB 1047 by Representative Tomkow SB 1542 by Senator Hutson	Government Integrity These similar bills create Florida Accountability Office under Auditor General; provide duties & powers of Florida Accountability Officer & Auditor General; provide criminal penalties for unreasonably delaying audit; provide investigative duties of Chief Inspector General & agency inspectors general; provide requirements & authorizes expenditures for awards given to employees who make report under Whistle-blower's Act; prohibit tax incentives from being awarded or paid to state contractor; provide responsibilities of Florida College System institution presidents.	It has three committee references in both the House and the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.



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HB 1053 by Representative Brannan III	<p>Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles This bill revises & provides requirements relating to compliance with federal commercial motor vehicle regulations, investigations & inspections by DHSMV, apportionable vehicles, the International Registration Plan, identification cards & driver licenses, motor vehicle dealer licensing, inspection of rebuilt vehicles, crash reports, electronic transactions, & truancy reporting.</p>	It has three committee references in the House. It is on the agenda for 3/12 in House Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee.
SB 1054 by Senator Lee	<p>Community Redevelopment Agencies This bill prohibits a person from lobbying a community redevelopment agency until he or she has registered as a lobbyist with that agency; authorizes an agency to establish an annual lobbyist registration fee, not to exceed a specified amount; requires ethics training for community redevelopment agency commissioners; revises the list of projects that are prohibited from being financed by increment revenues; specifies the level of tax increment financing that a governing body may establish for funding the redevelopment trust fund, etc.</p>	It has three committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
HB 1055 by Representative Brannan III	<p>Public Record/ Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles This bill provides exemptions from public records requirements for personal information in certain vessel records & for certain e-mail addresses & verified texting numbers held by DHSMV; provides exemption from public records requirements for information received by DHSMV as result of certain investigations or examinations; authorizes release of confidential information under certain circumstances; provides for future legislative review & repeal; provides statement of public necessity.</p>	It has three committee references in the House. It is on the agenda for 3/12 in House Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee.



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SB 1114 by Senator Taddeo	Electronic Payment of Governmental Fees This bill requires clerks of the circuit court to provide an electronic option for payment of court-related fines and other fees; requires an agency subject to ch. 119, F.S., to provide an electronic option for payment of fees associated with a public records request, etc	It has three committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
SB 1130 by Senator Bean	Public Records/ Criminal Investigative Information This bill expands an existing public records exemption by redefining the term active to include an ongoing, good faith reinvestigation that previously resulted in the conviction of the accused person; provides for future review and repeal of the expanded exemption; provides a statement of public necessity, etc.	It has three committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
SB 1146 by Senator Bean	Public Records/ Photograph, Video, or Audio Recording that Depicts or Records the Killing of a Person This bill expands an exemption from public records requirements for a photograph or video or audio recording held by an agency which depicts or records the killing of a law enforcement officer to include a photograph or video or audio recording held by an agency which depicts or records the killing of a person; provides for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.	It has three committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
SB 1176 by Senator Baxley	Public Records/ Exemption Claim Investigation by a Property Appraiser’s Office This bill provides an exemption from public records requirements for information obtained by a property appraiser’s office during an investigation of an exemption claim until the office has taken specified actions; provides for future legislative review and repeal; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.	It has three committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.



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SB 1210 by Senator Book	Ratification of Rules of the Department of Financial Services This bill ratifies a specified rule relating to implementation of expanded workers compensation benefits for first responders 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 specified thresholds for likely adverse impact or increase in regulatory costs, etc.	It has two committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
HB 1235 by Representative Fine SB 1676 by Senator Baxley	Legal Notices These similar bills remove provisions relating to publication of legal notices in newspapers; require counties to publish legal notices on their websites; require counties to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving notices; specify form for affidavits of publication.	It has three committee references in both the House and Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
HB 1289 by Representative Smith, C SB 1714 by Senator Bracy	Cannabis These similar bills provide that possession of personal use quantity of cannabis or cannabis accessory by adult or minor is civil violation; provide for fines or community service; require minor violators to perform community service, attend drug awareness program, or both; prohibit arrests; limit collateral use of violation; prohibit state or local penalties or obligations other than specified penalties or obligations; prohibit additional state or local penalties or obligations for having cannabinoids or cannabinoid metabolites in tissue or fluid of body; provide for distribution of revenue from civil penalties.	It has three committee references in both the House and Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
SB 1414 by Senator Gruters	Public Records/ Trade Secrets Held by an Agency This bill provides an exemption from public records requirements for trade secrets held by an agency; provides that an agency employee is not liable for the release of records in compliance with the act;	It has three committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.



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	provides for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; provides a statement of public necessity, etc.	
SB 1488 by Senator Brandes	<p>Whistleblower’s Act</p> <p>This bill designates the "Florida Public Whistleblower’s Act"; revises the actions that an agency or independent contractor is prohibited from taking against an employee who participates in protected activity or discloses certain information; revises applicability of provisions relating to investigative procedures upon receipt of whistleblower information; revises investigative procedures relating to prohibited personnel actions; revises fact-finding responsibilities of the Florida Commission on Human Relations, etc.</p>	It has three committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
SB 1548 by Senator Rodriguez, J	<p>Death Benefits</p> <p>This bill reenacts, and amends specified provisions relating to death benefits for law enforcement, correctional, and correctional probation officers, and firefighters, respectively; revises the payment amounts of death benefits; establishes a death benefit for emergency medical technicians and paramedics to conform to s. 31, Art. X of the State Constitution, etc.</p>	It has three committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.
SB 1670 by Senator Mayfield	<p>Administrative Procedures</p> <p>This bill applies certain provisions regarding the incorporation by reference of material to repromulgated rules; requires an agency to provide notice of a regulatory alternative to the Administrative Procedures Committee by a certain date; requires an agency to provide a copy of any proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative to the committee by a certain date; requires agency review of rules and repromulgation of rules that do not require substantive changes within a specified time period, etc.</p>	It has three committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.



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<p>SB 1786 by Senator Powell</p>	<p>Florida Working Families Tax Rebate Program This bill creates the Florida Working Families Tax Rebate Program within the Department of Revenue; grants specified people and households certain state funds if they received a tax credit under the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit program; specifies criteria to receive such funds, etc.</p>	<p>It has three committee references in the Senate. It is not currently scheduled to be heard.</p>
<p>SB 7016 by Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee</p>	<p>State Administered Retirement Systems This bill revises required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System, etc.</p>	<p>It has two committee references in the Senate. Was heard, 2/5 in Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and voted favorably to move forward. It is now in Senate Appropriations Committee.</p>
<p>HB 7021 by Representative Altman and the House Public Integrity and Ethics Committee SB 7040 by the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee</p>	<p>Financial Disclosure These similar bills require Commission on Ethics to procure & test electronic filing system by certain date; provide requirements for such system; provide duties of units of government, commission, & persons required to file specified form; revise definition of "disclosure period"; require certain forms to be electronically filed; prohibit commission from requesting certain information; require commission to redact certain information under certain circumstances; require certain information be delivered electronically; require commission to provide certain verification to filer upon request; require declaration be submitted with disclosure or statement; specify that certain actions do not constitute unusual circumstance; revise schedule to State Constitution.</p>	<p>It has two committee references in the House and three committee references in the Senate. HB 7021 is not currently scheduled to be heard. SB 7040 was heard, 2/13 and voted favorably to move forward. It is now in Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability.</p>



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<p>HB 7023 by Representative Altman and the House Public Integrity and Ethics Committee</p> <p>SB 7042 by the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee</p>	<p>Public Records/ Financial Disclosure Public Records/ Commission on Ethics</p> <p>These similar bills provide exemption from public records for certain passwords that are held by Commission on Ethics; provide exemption of certain information entered into electronic filing system for certain purposes; provide exception; provide for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provide statement of public necessity.</p>	<p>It has two committee references in the House and three committee references in the Senate. HB 7023 is not currently scheduled to be heard. SB 7042 was heard, 2/13 in Senate Ethics and Elections and was voted favorably to move forward. It is now in Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability.</p>

