



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE #2 – January 29, 2013

### **OVERVIEW OF JANUARY INTERIM COMMITTEE WEEKS**

Legislative Committees met the weeks of January 14 and 21 and began hearing substantive presentations on a variety of policy issues. Below is a brief synopsis of the committee meetings tracked by FRCA:

- **Senate Agriculture Committee:** The Committee heard presentations regarding the health of the oyster industry in Apalachicola Bay. Studies and analyses of the Bay's wildlife are ongoing and solutions were suggested by a number of speakers, including Chris Doolin, Small County Coalition, who stressed the need for immediate action to force an increased flow of water to the Bay. He discussed the economic impact of the declining industry on at least 16 counties touching the Big Bend coastline. Related news article: [Senate panel told that Florida lacks quarterback on Apalachicola Bay issues.](#)
- **Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee:** The Committee heard from Marshall Stranburg, Interim Executive Director, Florida Department of Revenue (DOR), which serves as a contract service provider for the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) pertaining to the reemployment assistance tax. Through an interagency contract, DOR collects reemployment assistance contributions from employers for distribution by DEO to the unemployed. Tom Clendenning, Director of the Division of Workforce Services at DEO, explained Florida's Workforce System. Questions were raised by the members regarding the skills assessment requirements of the reemployment system and whether this and other new requirements denied some unemployed workers access to the system. Chair Nancy Detert (R-Venice) defended the revised system stating that technology resources are available to anyone who needs them at local workforce offices and libraries.

Kerri Post, Deputy Secretary of State, gave a presentation on Viva Florida 500, which marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ponce de Leon's arrival on Florida's east coast. For more information on this initiative including an interactive calendar of statewide events, please visit <http://www.vivaflorida.org/>.

Gray Swoope, President and CEO of Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI), and Secretary of Commerce, gave a presentation on economic development incentives. This presentation was given in other committees as well and the Legislature clearly has an interest in exploring this topic further. A link to EFI's annual incentives report is provided below along links to related news articles:

- [http://www.eflorida.com/IntelligenceCenter/download/ER/BRR\\_Incentives\\_Report.pdf](http://www.eflorida.com/IntelligenceCenter/download/ER/BRR_Incentives_Report.pdf)
- [Florida's economic incentives work when Legislature follows rules](#)
- [Lawmakers scrutinize economic incentive programs as budget battles brew](#)
- [Lawmakers challenge Gov. Scott's economic-incentives claims](#)
- [Florida trying to recoup money from corporations that failed to meet jobs goals](#)



## MONTHLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: January, 2013

### OUTREACH

- Met with Doug Wheeler, Director of the Florida Ports Council, and shared with him examples of the interaction between seaports and RPCs, including RPCs' efforts to secure grants in support of port related projects and the involvement of ports in economic development activities throughout the regions, including representation on Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committees.
- Prepared an Economic Impact Analysis Program Fact Sheet to share at the Enterprise Florida, Inc. Stakeholders Meeting, but the breakout sessions were cancelled at the last minute and rescheduled for August.
- Began working with Michelle Dennard to establish a process for identifying and appointing representatives of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to each of the RPC Boards.
- Met with John Kaliski (Cambridge Systematics) to discuss the Policy Board's interest in receiving a presentation in June regarding the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's three sustainability projects in Florida; and, discussed the Florida Department of Transportation's Corridors Initiative and the importance of its linkage to the sustainability projects, regional visions, and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies.
- Met with Juan Flores, State Freight, Logistics, and Passenger Operations Administrator at the Florida Department of Transportation, to explain FRCA governance and invited him or Richard Biter, Assistant Secretary, to speak at the June Policy Board meeting.
- Attended a meeting of the North Florida Economic Development Partnership in Lake City.

### RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- Participated in Enterprise Florida, Inc.'s (EFI's) Stakeholders meeting, Community Competitiveness and Marketing Task Force meetings, and monthly conference call, and attended EFI's meeting of its Board of Directors; all of which focused on the new Florida Brand for attracting business, funding for the marketing plan, incentives, FPL's new economic development programs, and ways to begin rolling out the Community Competitiveness Self-Assessment Program.
- Participated in a meeting of the Rural Economic Development Initiative, which discussed the Klausner Lumber One catalyst site project in Suwannee County as well as a proposal for a new Tallahassee Community College educational facility in Wakulla County.

- Participated in a meeting of the state agency Economic Development liaisons, hosted by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, which included an overview of the Florida Economic Development Council by its Executive Director, Amy Evancho; an explanation of the Governor's initiative to create a dashboard that would measure each state agency's progress toward achieving the Governor's priorities; and, a discussion regarding the Department's approach to developing the tactics and metrics appendix in the State Strategic Plan for Economic Development, which is still scheduled for release in February, 2013.
- Attended a meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force, which met to receive presentations from its 2013 grant applicants and decide on grant awards (grant award announcements are expected in February); also had the opportunity meet and spend time with the Lt. Governor's Chief of Staff, John Konkus.
- Reviewed and provided comments on the Florida Defense Support Task Force's 2012 Annual Report and 2013 Work Plan.

### **LEGISLATIVE**

- Attended legislative committee meetings and issued two legislative updates and bill tracking reports during the month.
- Participated in a 1000 Friends of Florida webinar focused on the 2013 Legislative Session.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

- Made the following changes to the FRCA website:
  - Added a section on Sequestration to the Advocacy Webpage;
  - Posted the 2013 Legislative Guiding Principles and Procedures;
  - Posted the presentations from the January FRCA Policy Board meeting;
  - Updated and posted the list of Policy Board members to reflect the new Executive Committee; and,
  - Posted FRCA meeting documents and legislative updates.
- Finalized the logistical and food and beverage arrangements for the January Policy Board meeting and reception; helped brief Commissioner Asseff prior to the Policy Board meeting; helped speakers prepare their presentations; finalized the Partners Agenda for the February FRCA meeting, and drafted meeting summaries for the Chair's approval.
- Completed a NARC dues survey and a survey of RPC retirement programs.
- Helped distribute announcements to interested parties pertaining to the WFRPC's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Transportation Symposium and SWFRPC's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Southwest Florida Brownfield Symposium.

- **Senate Community Affairs Committee**: Kathy Neill, Florida Department of Transportation, gave a report on proportionate share calculations, beginning with an overview of transportation concurrency, an explanation of proportionate share, changes made to growth management in 2011 (House Bill 7207), and the findings of the Department's Proportionate Share Calculation Report. Her conclusions included recommending no immediate substantive changes to the calculation of proportionate share until more experience with implementing the new calculation is gained. Nevertheless, legislation addressing this issue has been filed (see HB 319). Related news article: [New push for legislation dealing with how developers must pay for roads](#).
- **Senate Military Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee**: This committee received an overview of the Florida Defense Support Task Force from Rocky McPherson, Vice President, Military and Defense Programs with Enterprise Florida, Inc. Legislative opportunities were included in Mr. McPherson's presentation and addressed increasing the Defense Grant Program funding, which currently receives \$2.5M annually; continuing the Task Force and increasing its funding in consideration of Base Realignment and Closure; enhancing military value through energy efficiency; enhancing service member and family support; improving transportation access; and, avoiding encroachment.
- **Senate Transportation Committee**: Howard Glassman provided an overview of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council's Transportation Revenue Study and reviewed the top six revenue options, as follows:
  - Index All Fuel Taxes not Currently Indexed
  - Once Cent Municipal Optional Sales Tax
  - Two Cent Fuel Tax Increase per Year – 5 Years (10 cents) Indexed for Inflation
  - Vehicle Miles Traveled Study
  - Five Cent Local Diesel Tax
  - Return Motor Vehicle License, Registration and Titling Fee Increases to the State Transportation Trust Fund

Secretary Ananth Prasad, Florida Department of Transportation, pointed out in his presentation on future revenues and future needs that "the fuel tax will become a less sustainable and less equitable proxy fee for road use into the future." He discussed various alternatives proposed by others, including tolling, increasing the fuel tax, increasing general sales tax in lieu of fuel tax, instituting a sales tax on gasoline, and mileage-based user fees. Related news article: [Senate panel searches for solutions to dwindling transportation revenue](#).

- **House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee**: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection discussed potential legislation regarding its Consumptive Use Permit Consistency (CUPcon) program and other environmental resource permitting rulemaking priorities and goals. For more information on the Department's Office of Water Policy and CUPcon rulemaking, visit <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/waterpolicy/>.
- **House Economic Affairs Committee**: Crystal Sircy, Senior Vice President for Business Development at Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI), presented the results of the [Florida Target Industry Competitiveness Report](#) and discussed some of EFI's recent initiatives, including branding Florida as a business destination. Related news article: [Committee chaired by Patronis to examine economic development](#).
- **House Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee**: This committee also heard a presentation on the Florida Target Industry Competitiveness Report mentioned

above, and reviewed the legislative priorities of Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI), Workforce Florida, Inc., Space Florida, and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). Among the many legislative recommendations presented, EFI's included supporting clarification of Florida's economic development confidentiality laws; institutionalizing spaceports into the Florida Department of Transportation's budget; creation of a Florida Infrastructure Fund to increase private capital; and, reducing the 5% increase in productivity requirement to qualify for sales tax exemptions on manufacturing machinery and equipment. DEO's legislative recommendations were primarily focused on the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program. The agency is seeking to give itself more latitude to use funds to provide more effective economic development outcomes and remove burdensome and unnecessary requirements.

- **House Transportation and Highway Safety Subcommittee:** Secretary Ananth Prasad, Florida Department of Transportation, presented the Department's 2013 Legislative Proposals, which included a minimum of \$15 million annually for spaceport projects with a match requirement; \$5 million annually for spaceport project financing; deleting the requirement for an intermodal development plan and directing funds associated with that plan to be targeted for airport, seaports, spaceports, intermodal logistics centers, and freight facilities; and, allow for an exception to the current cap of 19 members of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) where the boundary of an MPO is expanded to encompass a new urbanized area or where two or more MPOs consolidate within a single urbanized area, raising the membership to a maximum of 25 members, which is consistent with federal law.
- **House Veterans and Military Affairs Subcommittee:** The members heard an update on compliance with military compatibility land use from Tom Beck, Director of the Division of Community Development with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Mr. Beck announced that to date, 37 out of 43 local governments had either submitted or adopted plan amendments, and that those failing to adopt by December 2013 would be subject to sanctions by the Governor and Cabinet. He added that mediation was unnecessary since there were no issues in dispute. Rocky McPherson, Vice President, Military and Defense Programs with Enterprise Florida, Inc., discussed the potential for Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) in 2015; the impact of sequestration, which he pointed out would bypass BRAC and allow no opportunity for community input; and, the successful history of using the Florida Forever program to address encroachment and the need for similar successes when dealing with non-conservation lands.

## **FLORIDA CHAMBER'S 2013 COMPETITIVENESS AGENDA**

The Florida Chamber's 2013 Competitiveness Agenda was announced this month. The agenda includes the following:

- **Tax Reform** - Leveling the playing field for small businesses and Main Street through E-Fairness, and eliminating manufacturing equipment sales tax to help grow Florida-origin exports.
- **Legal Reform** - Improving Florida's 41st worst legal climate which, studies show, could save \$2.8 billion in legal costs and increase employment by as much as two percent.
- **Business Climate Reform** - Preempting special interests from creating a patchwork of local paid sick referendums, stabilizing and lowering workers' comp rates that are artificially higher due to drug repackaging abuses, and reforming Florida's broken

property insurance system by addressing major systemic flaws in Citizens Property Insurance and the CAT Fund.

- **Excellence in Education** - Provide a globally competitive education by ensuring education readies Floridians for the 21st century economy, enhancing education options, preparing future generations for a changing workforce, and making Floridians competitive in the global marketplace.
- **Quality of Life** - While every state is dealing with the federal health care act, the Florida Chamber looks forward to being a part of the Florida's debate. As we grow another six million people by 2030, Florida will need more healthcare professionals to pursue medical residencies. Additionally, Florida must repair its unfair medical malpractice system that's causing doctors to choose other states to open their practices. The Florida Chamber continues to oppose the expansion of Las Vegas-style gambling.

For more information and a complete listing of the agenda, which outlines over two dozen priorities that fall under the Six Pillars framework, visit <http://www.flchamber.com/issues-legislation/florida-chamber-business-agenda/>.

### **FLORIDA TAXWATCH GOVERNMENT COST SAVINGS TASK FORCE FOR FY 2013-14**

On January 17, Florida TaxWatch Government Cost Savings Task Force released recommendations to save more than \$1 Billion. Please view the [press release](#) or download the report and recommendations at <http://floridataxwatch.org/home.aspx>. Related news article: [Florida TaxWatch calls for \\$1 billion savings](#).

### **FLORIDA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (MPOAC) 2013 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

The MPOAC supports State Legislation that:

- Implements the interim and long-term recommendations from the MPOAC transportation revenue study on new and innovative funding options. Implementation of the interim recommendations includes restoring the purchasing power of Florida's transportation dollar to the year 2000 through an additional \$12.1 billion over the next eight years. The long-term recommendation is to develop a plan to move Florida toward a Mileage Based User Fee in lieu of the traditional fuel tax.
- Restores funding for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program in order to promote regional planning and project development.
- Reduces distracted driving by regulating the use of electronic wireless communications devices and other similar distracting devices while operating a moving motor vehicle.

To view the MPOAC's complete 2013 Legislative Priorities and Policy Positions document, please visit <http://www.mpoac.org/>.

## **BILL TRACKING REPORT**

### **Sorted by Bill Number**

<b>SB 0002</b>	<b>Relating to Ethics</b>	Ethics and Elections
	Ethics; Prohibiting public officers from accepting additional employment with the state or any of its political subdivisions; authorizing the Commission on Ethics or the Department of Financial Services to collect an unpaid fine within a specified period of the initial report of the automatic fine; prohibiting a reporting individual or procurement employee from soliciting or knowingly accepting a gift from a vendor; authorizing specified parties to submit written referrals of a possible violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees or other possible breaches of the public trust to the Commission on Ethics, etc. Upon becoming a law. 1/23/2013 SENATE Filed (formerly PCB 7006) 1/24/2013 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Rules 1/28/2013 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 02/06/13, 10:30 am, 301 S	
<b>HB 0007</b>	<b>Relating to Water Management Districts</b>	Porter
	Water Management Districts: Requires districts to include certain reservations & water bodies in priority lists & schedules; provides for adoption of certain reservations & minimum flows & levels by DEP; requires districts to provide certain information & support to DEP; requires districts to apply, without adopting by rule, certain reservations, minimum flows & levels, & recovery & prevention strategies; authorizes water management districts to enter into interagency agreements for resource management activities under specified conditions; exempts cooperative funding programs from rulemaking requirements; requires regional water supply authority & applicable district to jointly develop component of regional water supply plan. Effective Date: July 1, 2013 12/4/2012 HOUSE Filed 1/11/2013 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Rulemaking Oversight & Repeal Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee 1/11/2013 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	
<b>HB 0023</b>	<b>Relating to Public Meetings</b>	Rodrigues (R)
	Public Meetings: Requires that member of public be given reasonable opportunity to be heard before board or commission takes official action on proposition before board or commission of state agency or authority or of agency or authority of county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision; provides that opportunity to be heard is subject to rules or policies adopted by board or commission; specifies certain exceptions; provides requirements for rules or policies governing opportunity to be heard; provides that compliance with requirements of act is presumed under certain circumstances; authorizes court to assess reasonable attorney fees in actions filed against board or commission; provides that any action taken by board or commission which is found in violation of act is not void; provides that circuit courts have jurisdiction to issue injunctions for purposes of act. Effective Date: July 1, 2013 12/6/2012 HOUSE Filed 1/11/2013 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Rulemaking Oversight & Repeal Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee 1/11/2013 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee	
<b>SB 0050</b>	<b>Relating to Public Meetings</b>	Negron
	Public Meetings; Requiring that a member of the public be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard before a board or commission takes official action on a proposition before a board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision; providing that the opportunity to be heard is subject to rules or policies adopted by the board or commission; providing that compliance with the requirements of the act is presumed under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to assess reasonable attorney fees in actions filed against a board or commission; providing that any action taken by a board or commission which is found in violation of the act is not void; providing that circuit courts have jurisdiction to issue injunctions for purposes of the act, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013 11/19/2012 SENATE Filed 12/5/2012 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations; Rules 1/28/2013 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 02/06/13, 3:00 pm, 412 K	
<b>SB 0084</b>	<b>Relating to Public-private Partnerships</b>	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; providing for notice to affected local jurisdictions; providing for comprehensive agreements between a public and a	



private entity; providing for financing sources for certain projects by a private entity; providing for the applicability of sovereign immunity for public entities with respect to qualified projects, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
 1/23/2013 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 1/25/2013 SENATE Committee Substitute (C1) Text Filed  
 1/28/2013 SENATE Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability

**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. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
 1/3/2013 HOUSE Filed  
 1/11/2013 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee  
 1/11/2013 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

**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  
 1/3/2013 HOUSE Filed  
 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

**HB 0121 Relating to Department of Economic Opportunity** Combee  
 Department of Economic Opportunity: Requires DEO to create web page accessible through DEO's Internet website that provides comprehensive data & information relevant to creation of new businesses, or expansion of existing businesses, within state; provides purposes of web page; requires DEO to contact local governmental entities & collect specified data & information; requires cities & counties to provide notice of changes in data collected by DEO. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
 1/23/2013 HOUSE Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee  
 1/29/2013 HOUSE Reference to Education Committee removed; Reference to Economic Affairs Committee added; Remaining references Local & Federal Affairs Committee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee  
 1/29/2013 HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

**HB 0153 Relating to Economic Development** Cruz  
 Economic Development: Provides tax credits for use by corporation against state corporate income tax in amount equal to specified percentage of corporation's payments to small business providing goods or services to corporation pursuant to contract; provides qualification criteria; requires business to submit application to DEO for approval to earn credits; provides application requirements; provides procedures & requirements for DEO approval; specifies amount of tax credit; prohibits tax credits from being carried forward or backward or being transferred or sold; provides criminal & administrative penalties for fraudulently claiming tax credits; authorizes DEO & DOR to adopt rules; revises order in which credits against corporate income tax or franchise tax may be taken to include certain credits relating to corporation's execution of business contract with small business; redefines term "adjusted federal income" to include amount of such tax credits. Effective Date: January 1, 2014  
 1/14/2013 HOUSE Filed  
 1/23/2013 HOUSE Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee  
 1/23/2013 HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

**HB 0183 Relating to Stormwater Management Permits** Raulerson  
 Stormwater Management Permits: Authorizes municipalities & counties to adopt stormwater adaptive management plans & obtain conceptual permits for urban redevelopment projects; provides requirements for establishment of such permits by water management districts in consultation with



DEP; provides that certain urban redevelopment projects qualify for noticed general permit; provides summary hearing requirements for challenges to consolidated environmental resource permits or associated variances or sovereign submerged lands authorizations proposed or issued by DEP in connection with specified deepwater ports. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

1/15/2013 HOUSE Filed

1/23/2013 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

1/23/2013 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

**SB 0192 Relating to Targeted Economic Development**

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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

1/7/2013 SENATE Filed

1/11/2013 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations

**HB 0203 Relating to Agricultural Lands**

Beshears

Agricultural Lands: Prohibits governmental entities from adopting or enforcing prohibitions, restrictions, regulations, or other limitations on activity of bona fide farm operation on land classified as agricultural land or charging assessment or fee upon such activity. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

1/16/2013 HOUSE Filed

1/23/2013 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee; State Affairs Committee

1/23/2013 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

**SB 0214 Relating to Florida Forever Program Trust Fund/Department of Environmental Protection**

Hays

Florida Forever Program Trust Fund/Department of Environmental Protection; Terminating the Florida Forever Program Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection; providing for the disposition of balances in and revenues of the trust fund; prescribing procedures for the termination of the trust fund; repealing provisions relating to the Florida Forever Program Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection; revising the designation of revenues from the disposal of lands in the Preservation 2000 program, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

1/24/2013 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/25/2013 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/28/2013 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

**SB 0222 Relating to Reemployment Assistance**

Detert

Reemployment Assistance; Transferring the functions of the Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission to the Department of Economic Opportunity; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to create a regional appeal office at each regional workforce board; requiring the tax collection service provider to calculate a certain additional rate; requiring assessments to be available to pay interest on federal advances; requiring certain excess funds to be transferred to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund after a certain time period, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

1/15/2013 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 01/22/13, 3:30 pm, 110 S

1/22/2013 SENATE Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/23/2013 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

**SB 0224 Relating to Florida Small Business Development Center Network**

Detert

Florida Small Business Development Center Network; Providing that the Florida Small Business Development Center Network's statewide director is subject to the approval of the Board of Governors of the State University System; providing that the Board of Governors, the Department of Economic Opportunity, and the network's statewide advisory board are jointly responsible for establishing certain policies and goals; requiring the statewide director to work with regional small business development centers to establish and approve budgets; requiring the statewide director to coordinate with the Board of Governors to establish an innovative incentive program, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

1/15/2013 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 01/22/13, 3:30 pm, 110 S

1/22/2013 SENATE Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/23/2013 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic

Development

- 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  
1/17/2013 HOUSE Filed
- 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  
1/9/2013 SENATE Filed  
1/17/2013 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations
- SB 0244 Relating to Water Management Districts** Dean  
Water Management Districts; Providing for the adoption of certain reservations and minimum flows and levels by the Department of Environmental Protection; requiring water management districts to apply, without adopting by rule, the reservations, minimum flows and levels, and recovery and prevention strategies adopted by the department; requiring a regional water supply authority and the applicable water management district to jointly develop the water supply component of the regional water supply plan, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
1/10/2013 SENATE Filed  
1/17/2013 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability  
1/28/2013 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 02/06/13, 3:00 pm, 110 S
- HB 0273 Relating to Eminent Domain** Gibbons  
Eminent Domain: Provides exception to restrictions on eminent domain; permits conveyance of property by condemning authority under certain circumstances when property is condemned pursuant to noise mitigation or noise compatibility program at airport governed by Federal Aviation Administration requirements. Effective Date: upon becoming a law  
1/17/2013 HOUSE Filed
- 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  
1/18/2013 HOUSE Filed
- HB 0309 Relating to Renewable Energy Producers** Rehwinkel Vasilinda  
Renewable Energy Producers: Revises definition of term "public utility" to exclude certain producers of

renewable energy; requires public utilities to purchase electricity from renewable energy producers at certain rate. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
1/18/2013 HOUSE Filed

- HB 0319 Relating to Community Transportation Projects** Ray  
Community Transportation Projects: Revises provisions of Community Planning Act and provisions relating to transportation development authorities & community development districts; defines "mobility plan"; provides that certain development projects may not be delayed or denied if applicant has provided payment for transportation impacts, local government must calculate proportionate share contributions based only on certain capital improvements, projects to relieve transportation deficiencies may include projects outside designated deficiency area & mass transit improvements may extend beyond designated deficiency area; revises requirements for replacement by election of community development district board members for certain transit-oriented developments. Effective Date: upon becoming a law  
1/18/2013 HOUSE Filed
- HB 0321 Relating to Growth Management** La Rosa  
Growth Management: Prohibits local government from applying transportation or school concurrency or requiring proportionate-share contribution or construction for new development for specified period; provides an exception; provides for an extension of prohibition under certain conditions; prohibits certain counties, municipalities, & special districts from imposing certain new or existing impact fees for specified period; provides an exception; provides for an extension of prohibition under certain conditions; provides for future expiration. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
1/18/2013 HOUSE Filed
- HB 0345 Relating to Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission** Cummings  
Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission: Creates Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission; provides for organization, powers, and duties of the commission. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
1/18/2013 HOUSE Filed
- 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  
1/16/2013 SENATE Filed  
1/18/2013 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
- HB 0357 Relating to Manufacturing Development** Boyd  
Manufacturing Development: Creates "Manufacturing Competitiveness Act"; authorizes local governments to establish local manufacturing development program that provides for master development approval for certain sites; requires DEO to develop model ordinance containing specified information & provisions; requires local manufacturing development program ordinance to include certain information; provides certain restrictions on termination of such program; requires DEO, in cooperation with participating agencies, to establish a manufacturing development coordinated approval process for certain manufacturers; requires participating agencies to coordinate & review applications for certain state development approvals; requires manufacturer to file certain documents; requires DEO to convene meeting when requested by certain manufacturer; provides for requests for additional information & specifies periods; requires participating agencies to take final action on applications within certain period; requires DEO to facilitate resolution of certain applications; provides for approval by default; requires DEO to develop materials that identify local manufacturing development programs. Effective Date: July 1, 2013  
1/21/2013 HOUSE Filed
- SB 0406 Relating to Economic Development** Gardiner  
Economic Development; Establishing the Economic Development Programs Evaluation; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to present the evaluation; requiring the offices to provide an analysis of certain economic development programs and specifying a schedule; limiting the office's evaluation for the purposes of tax credits, tax refunds, sales tax exemptions, cash grants, and similar programs; revising the date on which the Department of Economic Opportunity and Enterprise Florida, Inc., are

required to report on the business climate and economic development in the state, etc. Upon becoming a law.

1/22/2013 SENATE Filed

1/24/2013 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

1/28/2013 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 02/05/13, 9:00 am, 110 S

**HB 0415 Relating to Brownfields**

Hutson

Brownfields: Revises definition of "housing project" for purpose of tax exemptions relating to building materials used in redevelopment projects; authorizes tax exemptions for substantial rehabilitation of affordable housing in designated brownfield area; 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; provides for retroactive application of such liability relief to certain causes of action. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

1/22/2013 HOUSE Filed

**HB 0437 Relating to Community Development**

Davis

Community Development: Extends expiration date applicable to granting of community contribution tax credits against sales & use tax, corporate income tax, & insurance premium tax for contributions to eligible sponsors of community projects approved by DEO; revises powers of Florida Housing Finance Corporation; revises provisions relating to state apartment incentive loans to provide for competitive evaluation & selection process with respect to loan applications; requires corporation to develop strategic business plan that is not inconsistent with long-range program plan relating to affordable housing; requires corporation to develop such long-range plan in coordination with department; revises provisions relating to required contents & information to be included in corporation's annual report; requires corporation to submit separate audited financial statements that include specified information & incorporate certain reports. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

1/22/2013 HOUSE Filed

**SB 0494 Relating to Community Development Block Grants**

Simpson

Community Development Block Grants; Requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to adopt a rule pertaining to the distribution of funds under the block grant program; requiring approved Section 108 loan applicants to enter into an agreement with the department; requiring that a local government's future community development block grant be reduced in the event of default; providing restrictions on the expenditure of block grant funds by local governments, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

1/25/2013 SENATE Filed

**HB 0537 Relating to Growth Management**

Moraitis

Growth Management: Revises & provides for applicability of provisions that prohibit initiative or referendum process for development orders & local comprehensive plan amendments & map amendments; provides that such initiative or referendum process commenced or completed on or after specified date is void; provides exception for initiative or referendum process specifically authorized by local government charter provision in effect as of such date for certain local comprehensive plan amendments & map amendments. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

1/24/2013 HOUSE Filed

**SB 7008 Relating to Public Records and Meetings of the Commission on Ethics**

Ethics and Elections

Public Records and Meetings of the 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 state attorneys; creating an exemption from public meetings requirements for proceedings of the Commission on Ethics in which the referrals are discussed or acted upon; extending the period in which the disclosure of the intent to file or the filing of a complaint against a candidate is prohibited; providing an exception; providing for future repeal and legislative review of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

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