
MEMORANDUM

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TO: SEFLUC

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SUBJECT: 2026 Legislation - SEFLUC Update

The following is a summary of legislation which may be of interest to the Southeast Florida Utility Council (“SEFLUC”). A summary of proposed changes and an analysis of impacts to SEFLUC are presented for each bill. In some cases, because of the length of the bill, the analysis may be limited to only those provisions impacting SEFLUC. In the event a more extensive summary and analysis is required, a separate memo addressing the specific legislation can be prepared upon request.

2026 Session

Committees begin meeting week of October 6, through December 12, 2025.

Regular Session – Begins January 13, 2026

Last Day for Regular Committee Meetings – March 3, 2026

Last Day of Regular Session – March 13, 2026

Speaker of the House – Daniel Perez (Miami)

Senate President – Ben Albritton (Wauchula)

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Bill Summaries and Status

1. SB 290/HB 433—Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Truenow/Alvarez)

Summary:

- The main FDACS bill with various agriculture and consumer measures.
- Requires new permits or permit renewals for biosolids land application to ensure that only Class AA biosolids are applied to the soil.
- Law currently allows for permitted land application of Class A or Class B Biosolids with additional limitations within certain basins, covering much of south Florida.
- Since Class AA biosolids are authorized for distribution and marketing as fertilizer, the amendment effectively subsumes land application permitting. Options for non-Class AA biosolids would include adding Class AA treatment processes, landfill disposal, transportation out of state, or incineration.
- Committee amendments extended the implementation of the new biosolids land application limitations to July 1, 2028.

SB 290 Status: In Senate Rules

10/24/25	SENATE	Filed
11/17/25	SENATE	Referred to Agriculture; Fiscal Policy; Rules
11/24/25	SENATE	On Committee agenda – Agriculture
12/02/25	SENATE	Favorable with CS by Agriculture; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays
12/04/25	SENATE	Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
12/05/25	SENATE	In Fiscal Policy
01/09/26	SENATE	On Committee agenda – Fiscal Policy; 17 Yeas, 3 Nays
01/14/26	SENATE	Favorable with CS by Fiscal Policy; 17 Yeas, 3 Nays
01/15/26	SENATE	Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
01/16/26	SENATE	Now in Rules

01/22/26 SENATE On Committee agenda – Rules, 01/27/26, 9:00 am, 412 K
01/27/26 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Rules

HB 433 Status: In Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee

11/17/25 HOUSE Filed
11/24/25 HOUSE Referred to Commerce Committee; State Affairs Committee;
Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
01/16/26 HOUSE On Committee agenda – Commerce Committee, 01/21/26, 8:00
am, 212 K
01/21/26 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/26/26 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
01/29/26 HOUSE Reference to Judiciary Committee removed; Remaining
references: Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee, State Affairs
Committee
02/02/26 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Natural Resources
Budget Subcommittee, 02/04/26, 1:30 pm, 314 H

**2. SB 1510/HB 1417—Department of Environmental Protection (Massullo, Jr./La
Marca)**

Summary:

- Eliminates Environmental Regulation Commission.
- Expands local government and special district 5-year wastewater reporting requirements to also include analysis of domestic biosolids and septage generation, treatment and disposal.
- Requires inspection fee payment of \$0.30 per ton rather than \$1 per ton for fertilizer products containing or composed of Class AA Biosolids produced by a domestic wastewater or biosolids treatment facility. Specifies that inspection fee payments for Class AA biosolids must be based on the equivalent dry tons of material sold.
- Imposes statutory fee of \$0.25 per ton for Class AA biosolids produced by a domestic wastewater facility, calculated based on the equivalent dry tons of the Class AA biosolids-derived product.

SB 1510 Status: In Environment and Natural Resources

01/08/26 SENATE Filed
01/16/26 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources;
Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Fiscal
Policy
01/29/26 SENATE On Committee agenda – Environment and Natural Resources,
02/03/26, 3:30 pm, 110 S

HB 1417 Status: In Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

01/09/26 HOUSE Filed

01/15/26 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
02/02/26 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee, 02/04/26, 9:00 am, 404 H

3. SB 1474/HB 1285—Biosolids Management (Boyles/Gaetz)

Summary:

- Prohibits issuance or renewal of biosolid land application permits when authorizing disposal or land application of Class B biosolids if there is a permitted wastewater treatment facility accepting septage for higher level treatments which is
 - Less than 50 miles from a proposed Class B biosolids land application site;
 - Owned or operated by a federal or state agency, or a political subdivision;
 - Not defunct, used for other purposes, or out of capacity.
- Takes effect on July 1, 2026.

SB 1474 Status: In Environment and Natural Resources

01/08/26 SENATE Filed
01/16/26 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Rules
01/22/26 SENATE On Committee Agenda – Environment and Natural Resources, 01/27/26, 3:30 pm, 110 S
01/27/26 SENATE Favorable with CS by Environment and Natural Resources; 8 Yeas, 0 Nay
01/28/26: SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

HB 1285 Status: In Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

01/08/26 HOUSE Filed
01/15/26 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

4. HB 1245/SB 1294—Biosolids Management (Shoaf/Bradley)

Summary:

- Prohibits land application of Class AA biosolids fertilizer and compost products above the agronomic rate and impose new sale, recordkeeping, and labeling requirements.
- Prohibits distribution or marketing of Bulk Class AA biosolids or biosolids products as fertilizer unless such acts involve the sale of such materials for fair market value.
- Bulk Class AA biosolids compost and fertilizer products not distributed, marketed, or sold for fair market value may only be land applied at FDEP approved land application sites. Does not apply to Biosolids treatment facilities that also own the land application sites.

HB 1245 Status: In Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee

01/08/26 HOUSE Filed
01/15/26 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
01/26/26 HOUSE On Committee agenda – Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee, 01/28/26
01/28/26 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/29/26 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
01/30/26 HOUSE Now in Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee

SB 1294 Status: In Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

01/07/26 SENATE Filed
01/12/26 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment and General Government; Rules
01/22/26 SENATE On Committee agenda – Environment and Natural Resources, 01/27/26, 3:30 pm, 110 S
01/27/26 SENATE Favorable with CS by Environment and Natural Resources; 8 Yeas, 0 Nay
01/28/26 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed.

5. HB 225—Consumer Fairness in Utility Rates (Robinson, F.)

Summary:

- Existing law (Section 180.191, F.S.) allows municipalities to charge a 25% surcharge to customers outside its boundaries when using the same rates, fees, and charges as customers inside boundaries, or can charge different rates to outside customers that are equitable, with a 25% surcharge, not to exceed 50% of the total amount charged to customers inside boundaries.
- Expanded version of 2025 HB 11, which was vetoed by governor.
- Prohibits municipal utilities from requiring additional payment for extraterritorial sewer or water services when services derive from facilities that are located within the municipal area receiving services.
- “Facility” defined as “a water treatment facility, a wastewater treatment facility, a pumping station, a well, or other physical component of a utility system.”
- Prohibits municipalities from requiring additional payment for extraterritorial sewer or water services when services derive from facilities located with municipal boundaries, unless such payments are:
 - 1) directly tied to costs of service,
 - 2) clearly disclosed to consumer in writing at time of billing,
 - 3) not directed towards general revenue or used as a profit margin, and
 - 4) announced at public hearing in recipient municipality before establishment.
- Requires municipal water or sewer utility to file an annual report with the Public Service Commission detailing use of surcharge revenues.

- Requires submission of consumer disputes over rates, fees, or surcharges to Public Service commission for review to determine fairness and compliance with section.

Status: In Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee

10/21/25 HOUSE Filed

**10/28/25 HOUSE Referred to Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee;
Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee**

6. HB 773—Municipal Utilities (Brackett)

Summary:

- Limits transfer of public utility earnings to general fund when they are supplied by customers located within municipal boundaries, with stricter limitations when outside of municipal boundaries.
- Earnings from customers within boundaries may not exceed 10% of the general revenue and must be fixed.
- Earnings from customers outside boundaries also may not exceed 10% of the general revenue, but shall be in a variable amount. The amount shall decrease when the percentage of customers outside boundaries increases.
- Percentage of transfer to general fund shall be established by local referendum, subject to majority vote of all customers.
- Percentage of transfers may exceed 10% limit in states of emergency.
- Restricts transfer of public utility earnings for nonpublic utility purposes, including but not limited to: (a) any restricted revenues, (b) grant funds designed for specific capital or operational purposes, (c) any revenues from impacts fees and (d) any proceeds from debt, including bonds, notes, or loans.
- Requires annual reporting of public utility earnings transfers to the general fund.

Status: In Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee

12/15/25 HOUSE Filed

**01/05/26 HOUSE Referred to Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee;
Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee**

7. SB 940—Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates (McClain)

- Limits surcharge increases on consumers outside of municipal boundaries to the extent necessary to comply with terms of bond covenants in effect as of July 1, 2024.
- Requires utilities to submit, to FDEP, routine rate studies indicating future capital investment needs, expected rate increases and whether costs are equitably distributed among all customer classes.

Status: In Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee

12/17/25 SENATE Filed

01/05/06 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Rules

8. SB 1014—Provision of Municipal Utility Service to Owners Outside the Municipal Limits (Mayfield)

Summary:

- Prohibits a municipal utility from declining to extend service to properties outside its corporate limits on the basis that owner refuses annexation.
- Requires a municipal utility to expand its service to an owner who requests coverage if either:
 - 1) the property is not within the service territory of another water or wastewater utility,
 - 2) The municipal utility has sufficient capacity to serve the property’s anticipated water or wastewater load, or
 - 3) the property is within ½ mile of the municipal utility’s main line, measured by the closest property boundary line from such facility.
- Requires a municipal utility to determine and provide extension of coverage within certain time frames and in a specified manner.
- Authorizes owners to bring a civil action to enforce the act, and to collect fees and costs when prevailing.

Status: In Regulated Industries

12/29/25 SENATE Filed
01/07/26 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Rules
01/29/26 SENATE On Committee agenda – Regulated Industries, 02/03/26, 1:00 pm, 412 K
02/03/26 SENATE Favorable with CS by Regulated Industries; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

9. HB 1451/SB 1724—Utility Services (Busatta/Martin)

Summary:

- Requires a public meeting with each affected municipality or unincorporated area before any new or extended utility service agreement becomes effective, and mandate that all such agreements be in writing.
- Requires annual public customer meetings to gather feedback on rates, fees, services, and related utility matters.
- Limits the amount of utility service revenue used for a municipality’s general government functions to 10 percent and direct that any remaining excess be reinvested into the utility or returned to customers outside the municipality’s boundaries.
- Mandates annual reporting of utility service data, including out-of-boundary customers, sales volume, and rate differentials, to the Florida Public Service Commission, which must then submit a compiled report to the Governor and Legislature.

HB 1451 Status: In Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee

01/09/26 HOUSE Filed
01/15/26 HOUSE Referred to Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee;
Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee
02/02/26 HOUSE On Committee agenda – Economic Infrastructure
Subcommittee, 02/04/26, 1:30 pm, 102 H

SB 1724 Status: In Regulated Industries

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01/16/26 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Rules
01/29/26 SENATE On Committee agenda – Regulated Industries, 02/03/26, 1:00
pm, 412 K
02/03/26 SENATE Favorable with CS by Regulated Industries; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

10. SB 1188—Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates (Grall)

Summary:

- Retains surcharge provisions for service outside municipal boundaries but rates must be the same as that charged within municipality.

Status: In Regulated Industries

01/06/26 SENATE Filed
01/12/26 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Rules

11. SB 1420—Local Utility Revenues (DeCeglie)

Summary:

- Prohibits counties or municipalities from transferring utility revenue to finance general government functions. Any revenue surplus must be transferred back to ratepayers.
- Prohibits counties or municipalities from charging a higher rate or adding a surcharge to customers outside of jurisdictional boundaries which, in aggregate, exceed the actual costs of providing services at locations more distant from central utility operations.

Status: In Regulated Industries

01/08/26 SENATE Filed
01/16/26 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Rules

12. HB 1075—Municipal Utility Connections (Sirois)

Summary:

- Under current law, municipalities *may* provide service to other municipalities or properties outside their boundaries.

- The proposed bill would *require* municipalities operating utility services to allow connections from other municipalities and property owners outside their boundaries if sufficient capacity exists and the requesting entity agrees to authorized rates and fees.
- Mandates a written capacity determination based on engineering standards within 30 days of a completed application.
- Establishes a court appeal process for denied connections, including an award of attorney fees and court costs if the denial is found unlawful.
- Provides an exemption from fees and costs if the municipality shows by clear and convincing evidence a good faith, reasonable engineering determination of insufficient capacity.

Status: In Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee; Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

01/06/26 HOUSE Filed
 01/12/26 HOUSE Referred to Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee; Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee
 01/15/26 HOUSE On Committee agenda – Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee, 01/20/26, 2:30 pm, 102 H
 01/20/26 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee
 01/26/26 HOUSE On Committee agenda – Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee, 01/28/26, 1:00 pm, 102 H
 01/28/26 HOUSE Favorable by Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 1 Nay

13. SB 1576—Residential Utility Disconnections (Smith)

Summary:

- Prohibits public, water, and wastewater utilities from disconnecting service for nonpayment to any residential customer during extreme heat or cold, or during an extreme weather event.
 - Extreme heat occurs when the forecasted heat index is at or above 90 degrees Fahrenheit for more than 3 consecutive hours within the 24 hours before or after the scheduled disconnection.
 - Extreme cold occurs when the forecasted temperature is at or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit for more than 3 consecutive hours within 48 hours before the scheduled disconnection.
- Also prohibits disconnection to residential customers for nonpayment of bills or fees on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday, state holiday, or day immediately preceding a state holiday.
- The utility must waive reconnection or late fees if disconnection occurs in violation of the above rules.
- Utilities must also provide residential customers with a copy of disconnection for nonpayment policy when a new residential account is established or disconnection is scheduled.
- Disconnection may not occur until payment is at least 60 days past due.

- Utilities are liable for actual and consequential damages deriving from any violation of the above rules.

Status: In Regulated Industries

01/09/26 SENATE Filed

01/16/26 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Fiscal Policy

14. HB 855/SB 1058—Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (Long/Berman)

Summary:

- Ratifies FDEP rules consistent with US EPA PFAS standards for statewide cleanup target levels.
- Expands “PFAS” definition to include “any other compounds designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.”
- Removes governmental entity or private water supplier immunity to administrative or judicial actions under F.S. 376.91 until FDEP PFAS rules are ratified.
- Provides for Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser Protection, which affords protections against liability for purchasers who apply for the status, are not affiliated with other liable parties, and purchased contaminated materials after contamination.

HB 855 Status: in Natural Resources and Disasters Committee

12/19/25 HOUSE Filed

01/05/26 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee; Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

SB 1058 Status: In Senate Environment and Natural Resources

01/05/26 SENATE Filed

01/12/26 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Fiscal Policy

15. HB 1019—Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (Conerly)

Summary:

- Requires all public entities disposing of domestic wastewater biosolids that have a designed average daily flow of 25,000 or more gallons per day to conduct at least one annual sampling for PFAS, and to submit results to the FDEP.

- “PFAS” regulated under subsection includes perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, including perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctane sulfonate.
- 01/27/26 Amendment by Conerly (adopted) amends reporting requirements—requires quarterly, rather than annual reporting; applies to public entities disposing of both 1) domestic wastewater biosolids, and 2) treated effluent, rather than just former.

HB 1019 Status: Now in Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee

01/05/26 HOUSE Filed
 01/12/26 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
 01/26/26 HOUSE On Committee agenda – Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee, 01/28/26, 3:30 pm, 404 H
 01/28/26 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays
 01/29/26 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 01/30/26 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee
 02/02/26 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee, 02/04/26, 1:30 pm, 314 H

16. HB 479/SB 718—Land and Water Management (Maggard/McClain)

Summary:

- Prohibits counties and municipalities from adopting laws, regulations, rules, or policies relating to water quality or quantity, pollution control, pollutant discharge prevention or removal, and wetlands.
- Does not apply to interagency or interlocal agreements between DEP and any agency, water management district, or local government conducting programs relating to or materially affecting the water resources of the state.
- Does not affect the authority of a county or municipality to regulate and operate its own water systems, wastewater systems, or stormwater systems.
- Repeals F.S. 373.027, relating to land management review teams.
- 01/14/26 Amendment (adopted) reduces preemption from water regulation generally to rules or policies which prohibit “adjacent upland activities that are outside a wetland buffer that is a minimum width of 15 feet from the wetland and an average width of 26 feet from the wetland. Strikes other sections which explicitly preempt municipal or county water quality or quantity and sections which provide agency vehicles to report violations of preemption.

HB 479 Status: In Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

11/19/25 HOUSE Filed

11/24/25 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee;
Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
01/09/25 HOUSE on Committee agenda – Natural Resources & Disasters
Subcommittee, 01/13/26, 1:00 pm, 404 H – PCS
01/13/26 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Natural Resources & Disasters
subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 5 Nays
01/14/26 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
01/16/26 HOUSE Now in Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

SB 718 Status: In Senate Environment and Natural Resources

12/3/2025 SENATE Filed
12/16/25 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources;
Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Rules

17. SB 508/HB 611—Landscape Irrigation (Truenow/Cobb)

Summary:

- Prohibits installation of irrigation systems unless installer owns subject property or is a licensed irrigation contractor. Only licensed irrigation contractors may connect irrigation systems to water supplies.
- Requires water management districts to administer irrigation system installation permitting program.
- Allows water management districts or local governments to adopt more stringent requirements for irrigation systems within jurisdiction.
- Creates more stringent requirements with regards to sprinkler spacing, equipment efficiency, watering schedules, etc. Allows for variances.
- Creates exceptions for: (a) Agricultural production systems, (b) Greenhouses, (c) Nurseries, (d) Cemeteries, (e) Golf Courses, (f) Athletic fields, playgrounds, or intensive recreational areas, and (g) Vegetable gardens, fruit tree groves, or nut tree groves.
- No exceptions for government facilities.
- Currently, state requirements are much more limited and only require county-licensed contractors to report noncompliance.

SB 508 Status: In Senate Regulated Industries

11/14/25 SENATE Filed
12/01/25 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Appropriations Committee
on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Rules

HB 611 Status: In Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

12/02/25 HOUSE Filed
12/12/25 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee;
Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources
Budget Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

18. SB 558/HB 239—Standards for Storm Water Systems (Burgess/Grow)

Summary:

- Requires that stormwater systems owned by counties or municipalities must be built in compliance with the “Pipe Culverts” and “Pipe Liner” sections of the Florida Department of Transportation’s (“FDOT”) Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.
- Final inspections for all municipal storm pipe and storm structures must be performed by technicians that are:
 - 1) certified by NASSCO’s Pipeline Assessment Certification Program (PACP); and
 - 2) employed by a third-party licensed engineering firm that does not have a controlling interest in the company that installed the storm systems being inspected.
- 2025 HB 739/SB 1436 was similar, but also included sanitary sewer laterals, sewer pipes, and manhole covers.
- In last legislative session, a bill was tabled which applied similar standards to all installed or repaired sanitary and stormwater laterals, sewer pipes, storm pipes and manhole covers.

SB 558 Status: In Community Affairs

11/18/25	SENATE	Filed
12/09/25	SENATE	Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Community Affairs; Rules
1/22/26	SENATE	On Committee Agenda – Environment and Natural Resources,
01/27/26, 3:30 pm, 110 S		
01/27/26	SENATE	Favorable with CS by Environment and Natural Resources; 7
Yeas, 1 Nay		
01/28/26	SENATE	Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

HB 239 Status: In Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

10/21/25	HOUSE	Filed
10/28/25	HOUSE	Referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

19. HB 751—Infrastructure and Resiliency (LaMarca)

Summary:

- Delegates exclusive authority to execute coastal resiliency projects through public-private partnerships to the FDEP.
- Authorizes FDEP to enter into long-term revenue-sharing agreements and to provide expedited permitting for construction to encourage investment in coastal resiliency projects.

Status: In Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

12/11/25 HOUSE Filed

**01/05/26 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee;
Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee**

20. HB 1167/SB 1468—Advanced Wastewater Treatment (Cross/Berman)

Summary:

- Finds that discharge of inadequately treated wastewater and aging disposal facilities compromises the environment, and the only way to improve wastewater management is to require advance wastewater treatment or better at all sewage disposal facilities with a capacity greater than 1 mgd.
- Mandates annual reporting by such facilities on infrastructure age, maintenance, spill history, treatment performance, and pollutant concentrations.
- Directs DEP and WMDs to compile an annual report for state leaders and the public to prioritize upgrades and investments.

HB 1167 Status: In Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

01/07/26 HOUSE Filed

**01/15/26 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee;
Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee**

**SB 1468 Status: Now in Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and
General Government**

01/08/26 SENATE Filed

**01/16/26 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources;
Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Fiscal
Policy**

**01/22/26 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environment and Natural Resources,
01/27/26, 3:30 pm, 110 S**

**01/27/26 SENATE Favorable by Environment and Natural Resources; 8 Yeas, 0
Nay**

**01/28/26 SENATE Now in Appropriations Committee on Agriculture,
Environment, and General Government**

21. SB 692/HB 635—Cybersecurity Standards and Liability (Leek/Giallombardo)

Summary:

- Delegates promulgation of cybersecurity standards to state agency which will preempt municipal or local standards.
- Establishes a presumption against liability resulting from a cybersecurity incident if party complied with guidance and regulations of state agency.

- 01/19/26 Amendment to HB 635 by Giallombardo (adopted) preempts local government cybersecurity regulation.
- 01/23/26 CS to SB 692 requires local government to impose same or lesser standard or process it has adopted for itself on a vendor that provides IT services.

SB 692 Status: In Judiciary

12/02/25 SENATE Filed
 12/16/25 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
 Judiciary; Appropriations
 01/21/26 SENATE On Committee agenda – Governmental Oversight and
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 Accountability; 5 Yeas, 4 Nays
 01/27/26 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 01/28/26 SENATE Now in Judiciary

HB 635 Status: In Information Technology Budget & Policy Subcommittee; Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee

12/03/25 HOUSE Filed
 12/12/25 HOUSE Referred to Information Technology Budget & Policy
 subcommittee; Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
 01/15/26 HOUSE On Committee agenda – Information Technology Budget &
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 Policy Subcommittee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays
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 01/22/26 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee
 01/30/26 HOUSE On Committee agenda – Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee,
 02/03/26, 2:30 pm, 404 H

22. SB 1120/HB 701—Water Management Districts (Conerly)

Summary:

- Prohibits accepting or advancing “expenditures” for the purposes of lobbying water management districts.
- Prohibits water management districts from using state funds as a local match for any state grant program unless such funds have been specifically appropriated to the district for such purpose.
- Requires majority of governing board approval for water management districts to levy ad valorem taxes.
- Ad valorem taxes to raises revenue for capital improvement projects must also be approved by referendum held at a general election, or by a majority vote of electors in the district or basin.

- Such “capital improvement programs” include projects related to water supply, including alternative water supply and water resource development projects identified in the district’s regional water supply plans, water quality, flood protection and floodplain management, and natural systems.
- Substantially similar to 2025’s HB 1169, which failed to pass.

SB 1120 Status: In Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

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HB 701 Status: In Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

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23. SB 802/HB 593: Governmental Agencies and Personnel-2026 (Mayfield/Andrade)

Summary:

- For purposes of emoluments clause in the Florida Constitution, expands the definition of “office” to include “member[s] of a state, county, or municipal board or commission that exercises governmental authority and is not purely advisory in nature. Does not include individuals who are “employed” by government.
- Prohibits lobbyists to or principals within water management districts from advancing or accepting any “payment, distribution, loan, advance, reimbursement, deposit, or anything of value” for the purposes of lobbying.

HB 593 Status: In Government Operations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

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