

THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION 2014 LEGISLATIVE REPORT



Palm Beach County **Legislative Delegation Office**

Rachael Ondrus,
Executive Director

Melissa McKinlay,
Legislative Delegation Aide
561.355.2406
fax: 561.242.7171

Inside the **Legislative Report:**

Executive Director Report	2
State Senators	3
State Representatives	4–5
Local Appropriations	6–7
Local Bills	8
Delegation Member Sponsored Legislation	8–17

MESSAGE FROM THE DELEGATION CHAIR, REP. PAT ROONEY JR.



**Rep. Pat Rooney Jr.,
Delegation Chair**

It is my pleasure to present the 2014 Palm Beach County Legislative wrap-up report.

Inside, you will find highlights of legislation and appropriations that members of the delegation worked diligently on during the 2014 Legislative Session.

Also included in the report are the contact information and committee assignments for each of the thirteen members of our delegation.

This Session, we passed an extensive \$77.1

billion budget, a \$2.3 billion increase from FY 2013-14., and we still were able to place \$3 billion in reserves.

Additionally, we continued with the yearly Hurricane Preparedness sales tax holiday in June, the Back to School sales tax holiday in August, and an Energy Efficient sales tax holiday in September.

As a delegation, we had eight local bills, five of which passed the Legislature.

It has been an honor to serve as Chair of the Delegation this past Session. It is a privilege to be one of the thirteen who serve Palm Beach County in the Legislature. I am very proud to serve with my colleagues on behalf of Palm Beach County's residents.

FLORIDA PASSES LARGEST BUDGET IN STATE HISTORY

There is only one piece of legislation that we as a state Legislature are constitutionally mandated to pass—a balanced budget. Fortunately, this year, we were provided with an amount that exceeded our expectations. Even with \$500 million in tax and fee reductions, we were able to allocate and increase funds to areas that have either decreased or gone without in recent years.

The overall state Education budget increased by \$360.4 million to a total of \$20.7 billion—the largest in state history.

The William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act, passed by the Florida Legislature in 1992, was appropriated \$167.7 million. These dollars are being used for state and local housing trust fund programs such

as the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) and the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) programs.

Health and Human Services received the largest portion of funding with approximately \$31.9 billion. The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) received an increase in funding for 200 additional slots in Palm Beach.

Max Planck and Scripps Research Institute, two world renown bioscience research institutions, received \$2 million and \$3 million, respectively.

Public Safety received roughly \$4.6 billion, including \$7.1 million for the construction of a new 4th DCA courthouse in West Palm Beach.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



As the Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, I have had the pleasure of working closely with the thirteen members of the delegation and their staff both in Palm Beach County and Tallahassee.

We've composed this report to help you better understand the efforts and successes that each member of the delegation has worked on over the past year.

These legislators have been elected to represent something greater than themselves, a constituency that depends on their willingness to serve and give hundreds of hours of their time in what can only be called, "The Most Time-Consuming Part-Time Job, Ever."

These hours consisted of individual meetings with constituents and groups, numerous public hearings throughout the County (including joint workshops with the local League of Cities, School Board and Board of

County Commissioners), a Multi-County Legislative Delegation Meeting, several weeks of committee hearings, and of course, the grueling 60-day Legislative Session in Tallahassee.

It has been an absolute privilege to work with every member of this delegation. And behind every successful legislator stands talented, skilled and efficient staff. They have humored me with my numerous emails, phone calls and random pop-ins to their offices. Thank you for always receiving me with a smile and willingness to assist.

Also, I need to thank Todd Bonlarron, PBC Legislative Affairs Director, and Melissa McKinlay, PBC Legislative Affairs/Delegation Aide. I couldn't have asked for better allies and guidance in this unpredictable, yet enthralling, legislative process.

Lastly, I want to say thank you to our Delegation Chair, Representative Pat Rooney Jr. for his leadership, dedication, commitment and patience. It has truly been a pleasure.

RECOGNIZING DELEGATION MEMBERS IN LEADERSHIP

Sen. Joe Negron

Chair of Senate Appropriations — "Budget Chief"
Chair of Senate Select Committee on Indian River Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee Basin



Rep. MaryLynn Magar
House Majority Deputy Whip



Sen. Maria Sachs
Minority Leader Pro Tempore



Rep. Mark Pafford
House Minority Leader Designate



Rep. Lori Berman
House Minority Deputy Whip



PALM BEACH COUNTY'S STATE SENATORS

Sen. Joseph Abruzzo

District # 25 (D)



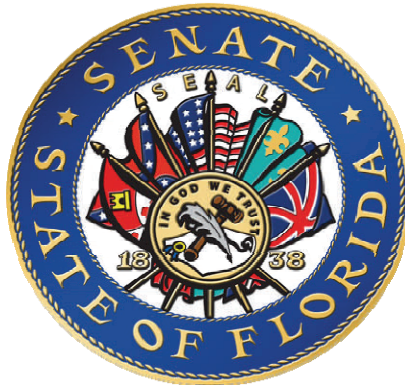
Wellington City Hall
12300 West Forest Hill Blvd.
Suite 200
Wellington, FL 33414-5785
Phone: 561/ 791-4774
Fax: 888/ 284-6495

abruzzo.joseph.web@flsenate.gov

Staff: Kimberly Diaz; Shreya Kuntawala;
Van Coppedge; Ben Durgan

Committee Assignments:

Joint Legislative Auditing Committee,
Alternating Chair; Commerce and Tourism,
Vice Chair; Environmental Preservation and
Conservation, **Vice Chair**; Appropriations
Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations
Subcommittee on Finance and Tax;
Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities;
Gaming; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space,
and Domestic Security



Sen. Jeff Clemens

District # 27 (D)



508-C Lake Avenue
Lake Worth, FL 33460
Phone: 561/ 540-1140
Fax: 561/ 540-1143

clemens.jeff.web@flsenate.gov

Staff: Evelyn DuPlec; Chauncey Graham;
Beth Hartnett-Murphy

Committee Assignments:

Banking and Insurance, **Vice Chair**;
Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and
Civil Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on
Finance and Tax; Children, Families, and Elder
Affairs; Ethics and Elections; Gaming;
Transportation

Sen. Joe Negron

District # 32 (R)



3500 SW Corporate Pkwy.
Suite 204
Palm City, FL 34990
Phone: 772/ 219-1665
Fax: 772/ 219-1666

negron.joe.web@flsenate.gov

Staff: Holly Demers; Carrie Lira;
Audra Robitaille Tullis

Committee Assignments:

Appropriations, **Chair**; Select Committee on In-
dian River Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee Basin,
Chair; Select Committee on Patient Protection
and Affordable Care Act, **Chair**; Joint Legislative
Budget Commission, **Alternating Chair**; Banking
and Insurance; Rules;

Sen. Maria Lorts Sachs

District # 34 (D) - Minority Leader Pro Tempore



Delray Beach City Hall
100 NW 1st Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33444
Phone: 561/ 279-1427
Fax: 561/ 279-1429

sachs.maria.web@flsenate.gov

Staff: Matthew Damsky; Joshua Freeman;
James Rusciano

Committee Assignments:

Gaming, **Vice Chair**; Agriculture;
Appropriations Subcommittee on Education;
Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax;
Education; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space,
and Domestic Security; Regulated Industries;
Select Committee on Indian River Lagoon and Lake
Okeechobee Basin

PALM BEACH COUNTY'S STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. Kevin Rader

District # 81 (D)



9045 La Fontana Blvd, Suite 117
Boca Raton, FL 33434-5641
Phone: 561/ 218-5010
Fax: 561/ 218-5012

kevin.rader@myfloridahouse.gov

Staff: Takeata King Pang; Alexis Andrés;
Barbara Davis

Committees: Agriculture & Natural Resources
Subcommittee, **Dem. Ranking Member**; Health Quality Sub-
committee; Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; State Affairs
Committee

Rep. MaryLynn Magar

District # 82 (R) - Majority Deputy Whip



11704 Southeast Dixie Highway
Hobe Sound, FL 33475-5457
Phone: 772/ 545-3481
Fax: 772/ 545-3483

marylynn.magar@myfloridahouse.gov

Staff: Matthew Choy; Ann Bolduc

Committees: Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee,
Vice Chair; Health Innovation Subcommittee; Local & Federal
Affairs Committee; Rulemaking Oversight & Repeal Subcommit-
tee; Select Committee on PPACA (Patient Protection and Afford-
able Care Act); Select Committee on Health Care Workforce
Innovation

Rep. Pat Rooney, Jr. Delegation Chair

District # 85 (R)



3970 RCA Blvd., Suite 7001
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-4231
Phone: 561/ 625-5176
Fax: 561/ 625-5178

pat.rooney@myfloridahouse.gov

Staff: Andrew Watt; Sheri Healy

Committees: Health Quality Subcommittee, **Vice Chair**;
Regulatory Affairs Committee, **Vice Chair**; Agriculture &
Natural Resources Subcommittee; Ethics & Elections
Subcommittee; Healthy Families Subcommittee

Rep. Mark Pafford

District # 86 (D) - Democratic Leader Designate



2240 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 102
West Palm Beach, FL 33409-3403
Phone: 561/ 682-0156
Fax: 561/ 682-0158

mark.pafford@myfloridahouse.gov

Staff: Audrey Piedra; Allyssa Sophie

Committees: Agriculture & Natural Resources
Appropriations Subcommittee, **Dem. Ranking Member**;
Appropriations Committee; Joint Legislative Budget Commission

Rep. Dave Kerner

District # 87 (D)



226 Cypress Lane, Suite 250
Palm Springs, FL 33461-1604
Phone: 561/ 641-3406
Fax: 561/ 357-4811

dave.kerner@myfloridahouse.gov

Staff: David Shane; Elaine Higgins

Committees: Joint Administrative Procedures Committee;
Judiciary Committee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice
Appropriations Subcommittee; Rulemaking Oversight & Repeal
Subcommittee

Rep. Bobby Powell, Jr.

District # 88 (D)



2715 Australian Avenue, Suite 105
West Palm Beach, FL 33407 -4500
Phone: 561/ 650-6880
Fax: 561/ 650-6882

bobby.powell@myfloridahouse.gov

Staff: Tradrick McCoy; Delano Allen;
Clarice Redding

Committees: Local & Federal Affairs Committee; Healthy
Families Subcommittee; Higher Education & Workforce Subcom-
mittee; Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee

PALM BEACH COUNTY'S STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. Bill Hager

District # 89 (R)



301 Yamato Road, Suite 1240
Boca Raton, FL 33431-4931
Phone: 561/ 470-6607
Fax: 561/ 470-6609

bill.hager@myfloridahouse.gov

Staff: Beth Lerner

Committees: Civil Justice Subcommittee, **Vice Chair**;
Insurance & Banking Subcommittee, **Vice Chair**; Judiciary
Committee; Choice & Innovation Subcommittee; Finance & Tax
Subcommittee;



Rep. Lori Berman Delegation Vice Chair

District # 90 (D) - Democratic Deputy Whip



2300 High Ridge Road, Suite 161
Boynton Beach, FL 33426-8747
Phone: 561/ 374-7850

lori.berman@myfloridahouse.gov

Staff: Jennifer Gurland Brown; Irena Sas

Committees: Healthy Families Subcommittee, **Dem.**
Ranking Member; Energy & Utilities Subcommittee; Finance &
Tax Subcommittee; Joint Committee on Public Counsel
Oversight; Rules & Calendar Committee



FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL

Rep. Irv Slosberg

District # 91 (D)



7499 West Atlantic Avenue, Suite 200
Delray Beach, FL 33446-1394
Phone: 561/ 496-5940
Fax: 561/ 496-5942

irv.slosberg@myfloridahouse.gov

Staff: Krista Ziehler; Lawrence Victoria

Committees: Criminal Justice Subcommittee, **Dem.**
Ranking Member; Government Operations Subcommittee,
Dem. Ranking Member; Transportation & Highway Safety
Subcommittee, **Dem. Ranking Member**; Justice Appropriations
Subcommittee



Palm Beach County Appropriations

TRANSPORTATION

Aviation

Belle Glade State Municipal Airport Rehab Runway 9/27	\$1,070,000
Boca Raton Airport Construct Building	\$1,200,000
North Palm Beach Cty General Aviation Airport Hangars & Infrastructure	\$1,600,000
Palm Beach County Park Airport Construct Hangars	\$2,400,000
Palm Beach International Airport Construct Apron Golfview	\$1,325,276
Palm Beach International Airport Security Improvements, Phase 2	\$1,302,328
Palm Beach International Airport Taxiway Lima Upgrades & Improvements	\$2,604,656

Bridges

SR 80/Southern Blvd Bridges 930097 & 930098	\$1,500,000
---	-------------

Arterial Highway Construction

23rd Street from Tamarind Avenue to Spruce Avenue	\$1,142,494
---	-------------

Seaport Grants

Port of Palm Beach Port - Wide Slip Redevelopment	\$3,301,100
---	-------------

Construction Inspection & Consulting

Northwood Connection from CSX Mainline to FEC Mainline	\$1,434,391
--	-------------

Resurfacing/Right-of-Way Land Acquisition

SR 812/Hooker Hwy. from SR 715 to SR 15/US 441 — Resurfacing	\$1,649,851
SR-80 from West of Lion Country Safari Rd to Forest Hill/Crestwood Blvd— Right-of-Way	\$2,063,791
SR A1A Flagler Memorial Bridge - Bridge #930157 — Right-of-Way	\$1,150,000

2012 FDOT Workplan/Major Disasters

CR 880 Easter Most 1.5 Miles Embankment Washout	\$2,030,000
---	-------------

Highway Safety Construction/Grants

SR 809/Military Trail @ Community Drive	\$1,236,000
---	-------------

Intermodal Development/Grants

Port of Palm Beach Port-Wide Slip Redevelopment	\$1,300,000
---	-------------

Intrastate Highway Construction

Landscaping for Okeechobee Blvd. Interchange (Tpk Mp 99)	\$1,000,000
Palm Beach County Push-Button Contract for Signalization	\$1,000,000
SR 786/PGA Blvd. from SR 710 to West of Florida's Turnpike	\$6,007,608
SR 809/Military Trail from Shilo Dr. to SR 710/Bee Line Hwy	\$1,225,060
SR 9/I-95 @ Blue Heron Blvd. Interchange	\$2,133,385

Highway Maintenance Construction

I-95 Asset Management Palm Beach County	\$3,415,000
Palm Beach County ITS Maintenance	\$14,000
Palm Beach County JPA's for Maintenance Lighting	\$2,022,617
Palm Beach County Road Ranger Service Patrol	\$1,497,000
SR-25/US-27 Asset Management Contract US-27 & Belle Glade Area	\$1,549,778

Public Transit Dev/Grants

Palm Beach County Block Grant Operating Assistance	\$4,994,697
--	-------------

Turnpike System Equipment & Development

Sunpass Capital Assets	\$1,100,000
------------------------	-------------

FY 2014/2015 & 2015/2016 Transport Planning Grants

Palm Beach UPWP	\$1,069,161
-----------------	-------------

Economic Development

Scripps Florida Economic Development	\$3,000,000
--------------------------------------	-------------

Palm Beach County Appropriations

TRANSPORTATION CONT'D

Preliminary Engr Consult

I-95/SR 9 at Linton Blvd Interchange Palm Beach	\$1,600,000
SR 7/US 441 from Broward/Palm Beach County Line to SR 808/Glades Rd.	\$1,300,000
SR 710/Beeline Hwy from Northlake Blvd to SR 708/Blue Heron Blvd.	\$4,500,000
SR 808/Glades Rd from SR 7 to SR 5	\$4,150,000
SR 9/I-95 @ Gateway Blvd Interchange	\$1,000,000
SR 9/I-95 @ Northlake Blvd Interchange	\$1,000,000
SR 9/I-95 @ SR 80/Southern Blvd Interchg. Ultim. Imprvmt.	\$2,000,000
SR 9/I-95 @ SR 804/Boynton Beach Blvd Interchange	\$1,000,000
SR 9/I-95 @ SR 808/Glades Rd	\$4,500,000
SR 9/I-95 from Broward/Palm Beach County Line to Linton Blvd	\$1,000,000

Rail Development/Grants

Northwood Connection from CSX Mainline to FEC Mainline	\$11,500,000
Northwood Connection from CSX Mainline to FEC Mainline	\$2,886,260
South Central Fl Express Cane Block	\$16,312,500
Villa Rica Siding Extension	\$2,441,983

Palm Beach County School District

Palm Beach County Schools K-12	\$1,301,250,944
--------------------------------	-----------------

Workforce Development

Florida Goodwill Association - Workforce Projects	\$750,000
Public Schools Workforce Education Program Funds	\$17,026,477
WestTech Adult Ed Glades Workforce	\$426,628

Florida Atlantic University

FAU - Autism Program	\$856,065
FAU - Education & General Activities	\$119,326,556
FAU - Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute's Indian River Lagoon Observatory Project	\$2,000,000
FAU - Max Planck Scientific Fellowship Program	\$2,000,000
FAU - AMI Experiential Education Curriculum	\$1,500,000
FAU - Student Financial Assistance	\$399,658
FAU - Bioscience Initiative's Jupiter Bioscience Gateway Program	\$500,000
FAU - Sparsity Supplement for FAU Boca Raton Lab School	\$537,000

Health and Human Services

Adults with Disabilities Funds -	
Vocational Rehabilitation	\$760,481
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program	\$200,000
Bethesda Health for the Bethesda College of Health Sciences - VETOED	\$3,629,325

Criminal Justice and Corrections

City of Pahokee (PILT - Sago Palm)	\$142,900
South Bay Correctional (PILT)	\$275,560
State Attorney—Insurance Fraud Prosecution	\$139,437
4th DCA Courthouse Construction	\$7,145,763

Statewide Funding of Interest

Libraries	\$27,400,000
Homeless Housing Assistance Grants	\$3,560,000

Palm Beach State College

PBSC - Lottery Funds	\$12,804,319
PBSC - Operating Funds	\$44,064,312
PBSC - Multipurpose Classroom/Admin Building site - Loxahatchee Campus	\$6,000,000

Environmental Protection Projects

Beach Restoration	\$45,100,000
Indian River Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee Basin	\$22,800,000 GR
Everglades Restoration (DEP)	\$135,000,000
Florida Forever	\$57,500,000
Underground Petroleum Tank Cleanup	\$110,000,000

Parks & Recreation

Town of Lantana - Recreation Fields Relocation	\$1,000,000
--	-------------

*GR denotes funds coming out of General Revenue

LOCAL BILL & LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY DELEGATION MEMBERS

LOCAL BILLS

HB 931 - WEST PALM BEACH FIREFIGHTERS PENSION FUND

REP. DAVE KERNER

This legislation addresses the West Palm Beach Firefighters Pension Fund. The City of West Palm Beach and the Firefighters Local 727 have agreed in collective bargaining to these benefit and funding changes. The bill provides for the use of Ch. 175, F.S., premium tax funds, to lower the actual employee contribution rate in Fiscal Year 2013-14 from 25 percent to 13.1 percent, and to lower the required employee contribution rate to 13.1 percent, effective October 1, 2014.

The bill was signed by the Governor on May 12, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-238. The effective date of this law is May 12, 2014.

HB 1143 - ACME IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT / WELLINGTON MEDICAL ARTS DISTRICT

REP. MARK PAFFORD

This bill corrects glitches in a local bill that passed in 2012 relating to the dependent special Medical Arts District in Wellington. Due to the errors, the boundaries failed to include the Medical Center and southern portions of the Medical Arts District, erroneously included portions of suburbs to the north of the Medical Arts District, and created a gap in the boundary line in Acme Improvement District's north border. This legislation corrects the aforementioned errors, and it expands the boundaries to include five acres of land located along the northern edge of the Medical Arts District.

The bill was signed by the Governor on May 12, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-242. The effective date of this law is May 12, 2014.

HB 1145 - WEST PALM BEACH POLICE PENSION FUND

REP. DAVE KERNER

This legislation addresses the West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund. These changes are necessary to reflect a collective bargaining agreement between the City of West Palm Beach and the Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association. The bill provides for the use of Ch. 185, F.S., premium tax funds to lower the actual employee contribution rate in Fiscal Year 2013-14 from 20 percent to 11 percent, and requires the city to provide funding if the tax funds are not enough to lower the actual rate to 11 percent. The bill clarifies that contributions from Ch. 185, F.S., tax funds are not employee contributions for contribution refund purposes.

The bill was signed by the Governor on May 12, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-243. The effective date of this law is May 12, 2014.

HB 1335 - LOXAHATCHEE GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT - EASEMENTS TO THE PUBLIC

REP. MARK PAFFORD

This bill formalizes existing easements that are based on a 1918 agreement between the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District (District) and the Southern States Land & Timber Company. These perpetual easements are for access roads and drainage and flood control canals on either side of the 30 miles of canals throughout the District. This bill is necessary to formalize the existing public uses and benefits.

In 2011, the width of the four main roads in the District went through an identical process through a local bill approved by this legislature. The language in this local bill formalizes the easements in the same manner as the 2011 legislation for the remaining roads in the District. The bill provides that to the extent that the roads have been actually constructed and maintained or repaired continuously and without interruption by the District for 7 years, the easement right would be dedicated to the public.

The bill was signed by the Governor on May 12, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-246. The effective date of this law is May 12, 2014.

HB 1337 - LOXAHATCHEE GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT - TRAILS

REP. MARK PAFFORD

This bill authorizes for Loxahatchee Groves Maintenance Easements for recreational trail purposes to the public. It formalizes existing easements that are based on a 1918 agreement between the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District (District) and the Southern States Land & Timber Company. The bill allows the District to issue permits to the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, which has contemporaneous boundaries, to complete constructing and maintain these trails. It also provides that to the extent that the maintenance roads adjacent to the canals have been actually constructed and maintained or repaired continuously and without interruption by the District for 7 years, the easement right would be dedicated to the public and used for horse trails.

The bill was signed by the Governor on May 12, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-247. The effective date of this law is May 12, 2014.

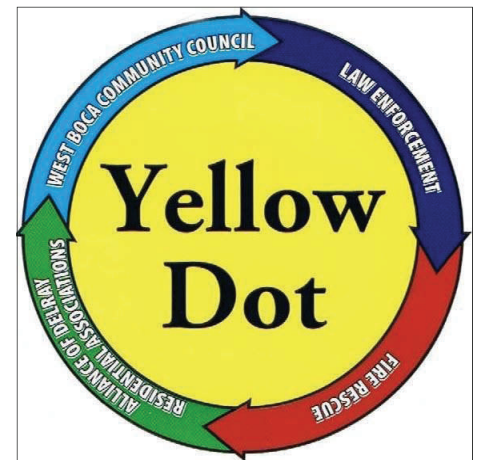
LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY DELEGATION MEMBERS

OTHER DELEGATION MEMBER SPONSORED LEGISLATION

HB 17 / SB 262 - YELLOW DOT CRITICAL MOTORIST MEDICAL INFO PROGRAM **REP. IRV SLOSBERG / SEN. JOSEPH ABRUZZO**
This legislation is a local option bill that would allow the county to create a “Yellow Dot” program. The idea came from the West Boca Community Council, the Alliance of Delray and the Community of West Boynton Residential Associations (COWBRA), residential organizations in their districts.

The life-saving program calls for a Yellow Dot sticker to be placed on the left corner of the rear-window, so that in the event of a car crash, first responders may recognize the sticker and know to locate medical documents in the glove compartment. These documents would provide the following:

- A picture to positively identify the participant;
- Information on whether the participant has a medical condition that might impede communications between the participant and responders;
- Emergency contact information to inform about location, condition, or death of a participant; and
- The participant’s current medications and preexisting medical conditions which would need to be considered when emergency medical treatment is administered to the participant for any injury or condition.



*HB 17 passed all of its referred Committees unanimously but was never heard by the full House. SB 262 passed the full Senate by a unanimous vote but was held up in Messages in the House. However, the Transportation Package, HB 7005, was amended to include the Yellow Dot language and was signed into law by the Governor on June 20, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-216.
The effective date of this law is July 1, 2014.*

HB 97 - ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR THE UNDERSERVED

REP. MARYLYNN MAGAR

The Access to Health Care Act (Act) was enacted to provide sovereign immunity to health care professionals who contract with the state to provide free medical care for indigent persons. The contract must be for “volunteer, uncompensated services” for the benefit of low-income recipients. Dentists and dental hygienists licensed by the state are among those health care professionals who are protected by sovereign immunity under the Act.

The bill allows a dentist or dental hygienist to accept reimbursement of some or all of an indigent patient’s dental laboratory costs without being considered to have accepted compensation, thus retaining sovereign immunity protection. If a patient becomes ineligible for treatment under the Act, the bill allows a 30-day transition period where the dental provider continues to be an agent of the state.

The Health Access Dental Program provides for limited licensure of certain out-of-state dentists for the purpose of practice in health access settings. The statutory authority for the program is scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2015. The bill extends the repeal of the Health Access Dental Program until January 1, 2020.

This bill was signed by the Governor on June 13, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-108. The effective date of this law is July 1, 2014.

HB 105 - FLORIDA CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

REP. LORI BERMAN

This legislation seeks to include women who are pregnant as a protected class under Florida Statutes. Pregnant women would be protected from discrimination in employment, dining, entertainment and lodging.

*This bill passed out of all of its committees of reference but died without being considered by the full House.
Its Senate companion bill passed the full Senate but died in Messages in the House.*

LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY DELEGATION MEMBERS

HJR 119 - REAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OF ALIENS INELIGIBLE FOR CITIZENSHIP

REP. KEVIN RADER

This resolution would have given Florida voters a second chance to remove the unsightly mark of discrimination against Asian Americans that exists in the Florida Constitution. Florida is the only state in the country that has yet to remove such language. If amended, the Florida Constitution would state that all natural persons are equal before the law and have the inalienable right to acquire, possess and protect property.

This bill died in the House Civil Justice Subcommittee. Its Senate companion died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

HB 135 - PUBLIC RECORDS & PUBLIC MEETINGS / POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION EXECUTIVE SEARCH

REP. DAVE KERNER

This legislation provides that any personal identifying information of an applicant for president, provost, or dean of any state university or Florida College System (FSC) institution is confidential and exempt from public record requirements. Any meeting or interview held after a final group of applicants has been established and held for the purpose of making a final selection to fill the position of president, provost, or dean is subject to public meeting requirements and the names of any applicants who comprise a final group of applicants must be released by the state university or FSC institution no later than 10 days before the date of the meeting at which final action or vote is to be taken on the employment of the applicants.

This bill passed the full House. However, the Senate companion bill was never heard in the Senate.

SB 156 - MOTOR VEHICLE AND MOBILE HOME TAXES, FEES, AND SURCHARGES

SEN. JOE NEGRON

This bill reduces most annual motor vehicle, mobile homes and vessel registration fees and taxes to the level that existed in 2009.

The annual savings to motor vehicle owners ranges from \$14.55 for an antique motorcycle to \$25.05 for automobiles and trucks in the higher weight categories. This last group contains the highest number of registered vehicles.

This bill was signed by the Governor on April 2, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-6. The effective date of this law is September 1, 2014.

HB 159 - ESTABLISHMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING PROGRAM

REP. LORI BERMAN

This legislation would require the Department of Children and Families to establish a mental health first aid training program. The program is intended to train individuals to identify and understand the signs of mental illness and substance abuse disorders.

This bill passed the full House but its Senate companion died in its last committee of reference, Appropriations.



HB 227 - VICTIMS OF WRONGFUL INCARCERATION

REP. DAVE KERNER

This bill makes James Joseph Richardson eligible to qualify for \$1.2 million compensation under Florida's wrongful incarceration law. Richardson, now 77, lived in Arcadia in 1967 when he was wrongfully accused of poisoning and murdering his seven children. After spending 21.5 years in prison, Richardson was released in 1989 after an investigation revealed misconduct by investigators and prosecutors.

The bill would affect only someone sentenced to life in prison or death before January 1, 1980 and would be automatically repealed in two years. This measure also broadens the state's wrongful incarceration law to include someone who has received a nolle prosequi declaration from a special prosecutor.

*This bill was signed by the Governor on June 20, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-198.
The effective date of this law is July 1, 2014.*

LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY DELEGATION MEMBERS

SB 320 - COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL WATER ACTIVITIES

SEN. MARIA SACHS

This bill requires operators to cease parasailing during potentially dangerous weather conditions. The weather conditions which require operations to halt include sustained winds of 20 miles per hour or higher, wind gusts exceeding 25 mph, rain or fog which diminishes visibility to less than a half mile or if there is a lightning storm detected within seven miles. The bill also requires operators to maintain a valid license and carry a minimum liability insurance policy.

This bill was signed by the Governor on June 13, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-70. The effective date of this law is October 1, 2014..

SB 322 / HB 539 - USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES WHILE DRIVING **SEN. MARIA SACHS / REP. IRV SLOSBERG**

This legislation would move texting while driving from a secondary to a primary offense. This would allow law enforcement officers to stop motor vehicles and issue citations to persons who are texting while driving.

Both bills died in their respective Transportation Committees.

SB 450 - TELEPHONE SOLICITATION

SEN. JEFF CLEMENS

This bill expands the “no sales solicitation calls” list maintained by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to include voice, text or electronic communication through a landline, mobile, or internet telephone service.

This bill was signed by the Governor on June 13, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-75. The effective date of this law is July 1, 2014..

HB 461 - PROSECUTION OF JUVENILES

REP. BOBBY POWELL JR.

This legislation would set statewide standards when deciding whether juveniles can be tried as adults in criminal cases. Currently, state law provides nineteen discretionary crimes where the State Attorney can choose the to file criminal charges in the juvenile or adult court. This legislation would further require that prosecutors follow established criteria when deciding to file those discretionary crimes and provide a written explanation to the court. When these cases have been filed in adult court, the adult court may hold a hearing to decide if a case should be remanded back to the juvenile court.

This bill was workshopped in the House Criminal Justice Committee.

Both HB 461 and its Senate companion died in their respective Criminal Justice Committees.

HB 479 / SB 582 - SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

REP. BILL HAGER / SEN. JEFF CLEMENS

These bills would have defined a sober home, also known as a recovery residence, as a transitional living home that is a residential dwelling unit that provides peer-supported, peer-managed, alcohol and drug-free living environment for one or more persons. Due to federal laws, sober homes cannot be regulated or zoned by municipalities.

The House bill would have established programs for the volunteer certification of sober homes and sober home administrators. It would have required the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to publish a list of all sober homes and sober home administrators on its website. The bill also required that all certified sober home administrators pass a Level II background screening. By setting up a volunteer registry for sober homes with a designated agency, and mandating that treatment centers can ONLY refer to registered sober homes, it is estimated that between 80%-90% of residents would find themselves in registered sober homes.

The Senate bill would have required all sober homes to annually register with DCF in order to operate in the state and provides a criminal penalty for operating without a valid certificate of registration. This legislation outlined how these facilities can be operated and address public safety concerns while ensuring those in recovery receive the care they need.

HB 479 passed the full House but died in Messages in the Senate. SB 582 died in its last committee of reference, Appropriations..

LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY DELEGATION MEMBERS

HB 491 - INFECTIOUS DISEASE ELIMINATION PILOT PROGRAM

REP. MARK PAFFORD

This bill would authorize the University of Miami and its affiliates to establish a 5-year needle and syringe exchange pilot program in Miami-Dade County to offer free, clean, and unused needles and syringes in exchange for used needles and syringes as a means to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases among intravenous drug users. The program would be privately funded and use no state funds.

The legislation was amended and voted on in both the full House and Senate, but died in Messages in the Senate.

SB 654 / HB 685 - BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (B-CORPS)

SEN. JEFF CLEMENS / REP. PAT ROONEY JR.

This legislation creates two new types of corporations in Florida: Benefit Corporations and Social Purpose Corporations. These new entities will allow businesses to engage in significant societal benefit programs that would not be considered the norm for profit maximization and will in turn make Florida a competitive state for social entrepreneurs.

Social Purpose Corporations pursue one or more public benefits of a specific nature while Benefit Corporations allow for a broad purpose to encompass societal and environmental factors that may be impacted by the business. These are optional ways for companies to incorporate and do not include any extra tax advantage, and they must still follow the Florida Business Corporation Act. Increasingly, investors prefer placing their money with companies that are able to dedicate themselves to creating a positive impact on society, above and beyond the company's profit. Simply stated, this legislation allows a Corporate Board to work as both a good corporate citizen while also trying to earn a profit for its shareholders.

This legislation passed as HB 685, which was signed by the Governor on June 20, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-209.

The effective date of this law is July 1, 2014.

HB 687 - MEDICAL GAS

REP. MARYLYNN MAGAR

This bill creates part III of Ch. 499, F.S., which separates the regulation, including permit requirements, of manufacturers and wholesale distributors of medical gases, as well as medical oxygen retail establishments, from the provisions of part I and part II of the chapter, which regulate the manufacturers and distributors of other drugs, devices, and cosmetics. The bill includes many provisions governing medical gases that are substantially similar to existing provisions in part I, but revises those provisions for applicability to medical gases.

This legislation passed as SB 836, which was signed by the Governor on June 13, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-89.

The effective date of this law is October 1, 2014.

HB 723 - DISCRETIONARY SALES SURTAXES

REP. PAT ROONEY JR.

This legislation authorizes a county to use proceeds and interest of local government infrastructure surtax for maintenance of transportation infrastructure under certain circumstances and add a ninth discretionary sales surtax, the Homeless Services and Facilities Surtax. This surtax authorizes a county to levy a surtax of up to 0.5 percent to provide homeless services and facilities within the county.

This bill died in the House Local & Federal Affairs Committee. Its Senate companion died in the Senate Transportation Committee.



DOWNTOWN WEST PALM BEACH

LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY DELEGATION MEMBERS



HISTORIC 1916 PALM BEACH COUNTY COURTHOUSE

SB 750 - RIGHTS OF GRANDPARENTS AND GREAT-GRANDPARENTS

SEN. JOSEPH ABRUZZO

This bill grants grandparents and great-grandparents the ability to petition a court for visitation rights of their grandchildren, whose parent is deceased, missing or in a vegetative state. This legislation derived from the Central Florida missing person's case of Ms. Michelle Parker. Michelle's mother, Ms. Yvonne Stewart is no longer able to see her grandchildren after the mysterious disappearance of her daughter and has no legal rights to petition a court for visitation privileges, after years of raising the children.

SB 750 died in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Its House companion died in the House Healthy Families Subcommittee. The legislation was amended onto HB 573 but died on 3rd Reading in the Senate on the final day of Session.

HB 781 - LEGAL NOTICES

REP. BOBBY POWELL JR.

This legislation requires legal notices to be posted on a newspaper's website on web pages with specified titles. It prohibits charging a fee or requiring registration for viewing online legal notices. This bill establishes a period for which legal notices are required to be published on the statewide website and requires that legal notices be archived on the statewide site for a specified period of time. It also deletes a provision relating to harmless error and clarifies payment provisions.

This bill was signed by the Governor on June 20, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-210. The effective date of this law is October 1, 2014.

HB 799 - TRANSITIONAL LIVING FACILITIES

REP. MARYLYNN MAGAR

Transitional Living Facilities (TLFs) provide specialized health care services including, but not limited to, rehabilitative services, community re-entry training, aids for independent living, and counseling to individuals who sustain brain or spinal cord injuries. The bill consolidates the oversight, care and services of clients of TLFs under specific licensure requirements of the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA).

The bill promotes coordination between various state agencies involved in the regulation of TLFs by requiring AHCA, the Department of Health (DOH), the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to develop an electronic database to ensure relevant client data is communicated timely and effectively.

HB 799 died in Messages in the Senate. Its Senate companion was substituted for HB 573, which died on 3rd Reading in the Senate.

HB 811 - FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

REP. BILL HAGER

This bill requires that domestic insurers doing business in the state of Florida must provide to the State Board of Administration (SBA) on an annual basis a list of investments that they have in companies on the "Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List" and "Scrutinized Companies with activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List," which is compiled by the SBA. It cleans up language from "Protecting Florida's Investment Act" because Sudan has split into two countries since it was enacted in 2007.

This bill was signed by the Governor on June 13, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-134. The effective date of this law is July 1, 2014.

LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY DELEGATION MEMBERS

HB 863 & HB 865 - MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH REPORTS & PUB. REC. / MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH REPORTS REP. DAVE KERNER

This legislation targets insurance fraud by limiting public access to accident crash reports. Currently, crash reports are confidential and exempt from public record requirements for a period of 60 days after the date the reports are filed. However, various entities, including but not limited to, free newspapers of general circulation, that are published once a week or more often, available and of interest to the public generally for the dissemination of news, are allowed access during this timeframe.

House Bill 863 requires a written sworn statement for each individual crash report requested. House Bill 865 require that these free newspapers meet several prerequisites in order to access a crash report and prohibits such free newspapers from accessing the home, cellular, employment, or other telephone number or the home or employment address of any of the parties involved in the crash, if the newspaper requests ten or more crash reports within a 24 hour period.

*Both bills were signed by the Governor on June 20, 2014; Chapters No. 2014-212 and 2014-213.
The effective date of this law is July 1, 2014.*

SB 962 - MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS

SEN. JEFF CLEMENS

This bill provides for the legal use of cannabis for medicinal purposes and creates a program to control the manufacture, dispensing, delivery, etc. of medical cannabis.

*This bill died in its first committee of reference, Senate Health Policy Committee.
However, SB 1030, which only allows for low-THC cannabis to be prescribed for medicinal purposes to treat such ailments as refractory or intractable epilepsy, was signed by the Governor on June 16, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-157.*

HB 1065—LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPISTS

REP. DAVE KERNER

This legislation requires applicants for licensure as a massage therapist and individuals with ownership in or management responsibilities for massage establishment to submit fingerprints for background screening. The bill also requires the Board of Massage Therapy to deny applications for licensure or licensure renewal if it is determined that an individual has been convicted or found guilty of specified criminal acts. The Department of Health (DOH) is required to issue an emergency order suspending the license of a massage therapist, or massage establishment, upon receipt of information that the individual has been convicted or found guilty of specified criminal acts.

This bill was signed by the Governor on June 13, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-139..



JUPITER LIGHTHOUSE

MORIKAMI MUSEUM & JAPANESE GARDENS



LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY DELEGATION MEMBERS

HB 1085 - BEHAVIORAL ANALYSTS

REP. PAT ROONEY JR.

This bill would have created licensure for Behavioral Analysts in the State of Florida as well as a central database for all analysts that are allowed to practice in state. It sets the standards for testing, oversight, including background checks and fingerprinting, and prohibits the unlicensed practice of behavior analysis and the unlicensed or unauthorized use of the title “licensed behavioral analyst,” “licensed assistant behavior analyst,” or any other title that is substantially similar. Additionally a 7-member Board of Applied Behavior Analysis appointed by the Governor will have similar oversight that other licensure boards have under the Department of Health.

This bill passed unanimously out of its first two committees but died in its last committee of reference, House Health and Human Services Committee. Its Senate companion passed the Senate but died in Messages in the House.

HB1135 - CIVIL LIABILITY OF FARMERS

REP. KEVIN RADER

This legislation would have expanded the current civil liability exemptions for farmers who allow gleaning on their property. This allows farmers who gratuitously allow organizations or individuals to remove crops from their property to be distributed free of charge to those in need, to be exempted from civil liability before or after the harvest.

This bill passed all committees of reference unanimously but died before being heard by the full House. Its Senate companion passed the Senate but died in Messages in the House.



HUNDLEY FARMS

HB 1153 - CITIZEN SUPPORT AND DIRECT-SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

REP. BILL HAGER

Citizen Support Organizations (CSOs) and Direct-Support Organizations (DSOs) are statutorily created or authorized to work to benefit or provide assistance to a local government or agency, and they may provide fundraising support, government responsibilities or maintenance of state agencies such as our state parks. This bill brings Florida’s governmental entities further into the sunshine by creating a uniform standard for reporting their annual reports, code of ethics and tax forms.

This legislation passed as SB 1194, which was signed by the Governor on June 13, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-96 . The effective date of this law is June 13, 2014.



SWEET CORN



INCOMING STORM OVER LAKE OKEECHOBEE



RADISHES

LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY DELEGATION MEMBERS

HB 1211 / SB 1406 - CARE FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS

REP. DAVE KERNER / SEN. JOSEPH ABRUZZO

This legislation would have created a program that would have provided a funding source of up to \$1,500 in reimbursements for handlers and adopters of retired law enforcement dogs for their veterinary services. The idea stemmed from our local K-9 hero, Drake, who was shot by armed burglars defending his home in November 2012.

HB 1211 passed out of its first committee of reference but died in the House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee.

SB 1406 also passed out of its first committee of reference but died in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

HB 1223 - MEDICAL TOURISM

REP. PAT ROONEY JR.

This bill would have directed Enterprise Florida via Visit Florida to implement medical tourism in its four year plan. They were directed to promote national and international awareness of the qualifications, scope of services, and specialized healthcare expertise of providers in Florida. The would have also had to create and promote national and international awareness of medical conferences, training, and other business opportunities to attract medical practitioners to the state. The bill would have included an initiative that showcases select qualified providers offering bundled healthcare packages and support services. There was \$3.5 million appropriated for these activities as well as an additional \$1.5 million for matching grants to local economic development organizations.



GOOD SAMARITAN MEDICAL CENTER

This bill passed by a unanimous vote out of the House Finance & Tax Subcommittee but died in the House Appropriations Committee. However, language was added to the state budget, HB 5001, to create this program and includes \$3.5 million for the Medical Tourism Marketing Plan and \$1.5 million for Medical Tourism Matching Grants.

HB 1245 / SB 1584 - BAKER ACT

REP. LORI BERMAN / SEN. JOSEPH ABRUZZO

This legislation would have created a work group to evaluate methods to improve the operational effectiveness of the Florida Mental Health Act. The outcome of this workgroup would have provided suggested language changes for the next Legislative Session. A report would have had to be submitted to the Secretary of the Department of Children and Families, the Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by November 1, 2014.

HB 1245 died in the House Healthy Families Subcommittee.

SB 1584 passed out of its first committee of reference but died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.



THE GLADES

HB 1253 - USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE DRIVING REP. IRV SLOSBERG

This bill would have increased the penalty for texting and driving if a driver breaking the current law causes a fatal car crash. The bill sends a message to the public that a person will be punished for causing a death while breaking the current Texting & Driving Law. This means you cannot manually type anything into a wireless device, such as texting, using your GPS, updating Facebook, etc. This measure would allow prosecutors to charge drivers with vehicular homicide if they cause a death during a texting and driving car crash. The current penalty of texting while driving is a \$30 fine.

This bill passed out of all its committees of reference but died before coming up for a vote by the full House. The Senate companion passed out of its first committee of reference but died in the Senate Transportation Committee.

LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY DELEGATION MEMBERS

SB 1472 - PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION THEFT

SEN. JOSEPH ABRUZZO

This bill enhances penalties for personal identification information crimes to a second degree felony against victims classified as minors, 60 years of age or older, a disabled adult, a public servant, a veteran, a first responder, a State of Florida employee, or a U.S. Government employee

This bill passed out of its first two committees of reference but died in the Senate Appropriations Committee. Its House companion passed out of the House but died in Messages in the Senate. However, language was amended onto HB 409, which was signed by the Governor on June 20, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-200. The effective date of this law is October 1, 2014.

HB 7013 - SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR'S PROGRAM

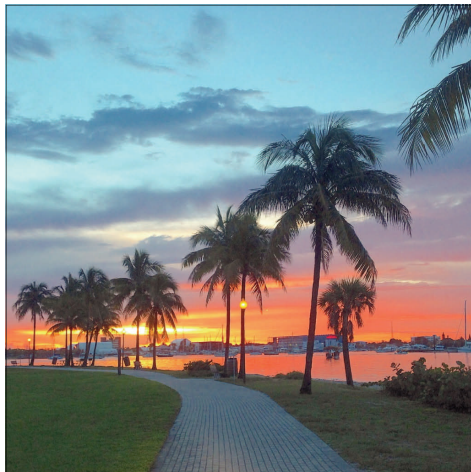
REP. IRV SLOSBERG

The House Criminal Justice Subcommittee conducted a comprehensive review of the state's Sexual Predator laws. Sexually violent predator laws permit states to impose stringent requirements on sex offenders after their sentence has been completed. This bill aimed to strengthen our current post-commitment process by requiring the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to notify the victim, the Department of Corrections (DOC), and the sheriff of the county in which the person plans to reside. This applies to all persons detained as sexually violent predators, not just those committed. Florida has spent half a billion dollars on a system without conducting any research on its effectiveness, so this legislation included an important requirement that DOC collect recidivism rates and other data.

This bill passed out of its first committee of reference but died in the House Judiciary Committee.

Some provisions from HB 7013, including requiring DOC to collect recidivism information, were passed in SB 522, which was signed by the Governor on April 1, 2014; Chapter No. 2014-2. The effective date of this law is July 1, 2014.

PEANUT ISLAND



SUGAR SANDS ARTIFICIAL REEF IN THE LAKE WORTH LAGOON



THE BREAKERS HOTEL



LOXAHATCHEE RIVER

The Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation

301 North Olive Avenue, Suite 1101.11
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

www.PalmBeachDelegation.com

THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OFFICE

The Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation Office is a non-partisan office that serves all thirteen members of the Florida Senate and House of Representatives representing Palm Beach County in Tallahassee.

The delegation office is responsible for: scheduling and coordinating all delegation meetings in Palm Beach County and Tallahassee; developing the delegation's legislative program including local bills, appropriation requests, and county and municipal legislative priorities;



providing legislative assistance and research to the delegation during the legislative session; and serving as a liaison between the delegation and local governments and community organizations.

At the end of each legislative session, this comprehensive report is published by the delegation for all county, municipal and federal offices, as well as other parties interested in all local bills and appropriations affecting Palm Beach County, and general bills passed by Palm Beach County Delegation members.

For more information, or to be put on our mailing list, please call the delegation office at 561/355-2406.