

# PALM BEACH COUNTY 2016 LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION REPORT



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# Message from the Delegation Chair, Rep. MaryLynn Magar

It is my pleasure to present the 2016 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 2016 Legislative Session. Also included in the report are the contact information and committee assignments for each of the thirteen members of our delegation.

During the Session, the Legislature passed an \$82.3 billion budget, while cutting taxes by \$400 million. Approximately \$256 million was vetoed from the budget, including over \$10 million which had been appropriated for Palm Beach County.



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, and I am very proud to serve with my colleagues on behalf of Palm Beach County's residents.

## Executive Director's Report

As the new Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, I am excited to work closely with the thirteen members of the delegation and their staff.

We have composed this report to give you a comprehensive overview of the priority issues that the delegation has worked on during this past legislative session. You will also find a detailed list of the appropriations that the legislature allocated to Palm Beach County, as well as those vetoed by the Governor. Our delegation members worked countless hours to bring these appropriations home.

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), several weeks of committee hearings, and the annual 60-day Legislative Session in Tallahassee.

I would like to thank Todd Bonlarron, Assistant County Administrator, for all of his tireless work in Tallahassee during his previous role as Legislative Affairs Director; Rachael Ondrus, my predecessor, whose successful leadership as the Executive Director I look forward to continuing; and Joseph Sophie, PBC Legislative Affairs/Delegation Aide, for helping keep the Delegation office running smoothly during this period of transition.

Lastly, I want to thank our Delegation Chair, Representative MaryLynn Magar, for her leadership over the past year. Her commitment to ensuring that the Palm Beach County Delegation remains the greatest delegation in the state has been invaluable to its success.

## A Successful Session for Palm Beach County

The 2016 legislative session finished on time and did not see a repeat of the divisiveness that rocked Tallahassee last year. The budget passed the Senate unanimously and the House by a 119-1 vote. This year was also successful in terms of appropriations headed to Palm Beach County. The Glades area had significant victories, including \$1 million for roadway improvements and street resurfacing, \$1.5 million for water infrastructure, \$470,900 for South Bay's Inland Port Road infrastructure, \$1 million for the Pahokee Marina, and \$1.47 million for the West Tech HVAC program. Other highlights include Palm Beach State College receiving a \$9 million appropriation, which had been vetoed last year, to complete construction of the first phase of its new Loxahatchee Groves campus, and Florida Atlantic University receiving \$3 million for a Life Sciences Building on its Jupiter campus. Finally, another highlight is \$2 million for the Lake Worth Lagoon Preservation Initiative.

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# Palm Beach County Appropriations

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## EDUCATION

### Florida Atlantic University

Florida Atlantic University - Operating	\$103,332,960
Florida Atlantic University – Grants & Aid	\$22,506,154
Florida Atlantic University – Medical School	\$26,342,165
Florida Atlantic University – STEM Life Sciences Building	\$3,031,247
Florida Atlantic University - Autism Program	\$1,056,776
Florida Atlantic University – STEM Life Science Initiatives	\$1,500,000
Florida Atlantic University – Robotics Team	\$100,000
Florida Atlantic University – Financial Assistance	\$399,658

### Palm Beach State College

Palm Beach State College - Lottery Funds	\$13,733,434
Palm Beach State College - Program Funds	\$ 45,898,242
Palm Beach State College – Loxahatchee Groves Campus	\$9,004,182

Glades West Tech HVAC Training	\$1,471,714
<del>PBC Library System Online Tutor Assistance</del>	<del>\$74,000</del>

Voluntary Prekindergarten Program	\$27,612,671
School Readiness Program	\$34,481,170
Public Schools Workforce Development	\$17,103,328
Adults with Disabilities	\$5,375,369

### Palm Beach County Schools K-12

Public Schools K-12 FEFP (including RLE)	\$1,413,934,239
Palm Beach Schools Readiness	\$34,481,170
Palm Beach County Voluntary Prekindergarten	\$27,612,671
Palm Beach County Workforce Development	\$17,103,328

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## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

### Health & Human Services

Place of Hope	\$200,000
Jerome Golden Center for Behavioral Health Services	\$575,000
Mental Health/Substance Abuse – Sinfonia	\$750,000
Community Based Providers of Child Welfare Services (Risk Pool)	\$5,000,000
Rape Crisis Center Operating PBC	\$98,000
Alzheimer’s Community Care – Palm Beach, Martin	\$400,000
Palm Beach Habilitation Center for Mentally Disabled	\$225,000
Palm Beach Habilitation Center Maintenance	\$649,111
PACE (Morse) Expansion for Elderly	\$5,132,890
Ruth and Norman Rales Jewish Family Services	\$75,000
Homeless Housing Statewide	\$3,290,800
<del>Scripps Research Institute</del>	<del>\$2,000,000</del>

### Projected Net Payments for LIP, DSH, and Rate Enhancements

Bethesda Healthcare System	\$4,080,107
Boca Raton Community Hospital	\$40,386
Columbia Hospital	\$1,290,845

Delray Medical Center	\$167,821
Good Samaritan Medical Center	\$121,770
JFK Medical Center	\$5,085,467
Jupiter Medical Center	\$63,564
Kindred Hospital – Palm Beaches	\$7,213
Lakeside Medical Center	\$1,368,127
Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center	\$98,756
Palms West Hospital	\$3,405,193
St. Mary’s Hospital	\$19,370,601
Wellington Regional Medical Center	\$1,677,907
West Boca Medical Center	\$38,167

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## CRIMINAL & CIVIL JUSTICE

### *Criminal & Civil Justice*

PILT – South Bay Correctional	\$275,560
PILT – Sago Palms South Bay	\$142,900
South Bay Correctional Facility	\$2,893,625
Sago Palm Work Camp	\$857,125
4 <sup>th</sup> DCA Courthouse Construction	\$7,509,276
15 <sup>th</sup> Circuit Prosecution of PIP Fraud	\$272,075
15 <sup>th</sup> Circuit Workers Comp Fraud	\$276,558
PBC Sheriff’s Office Unmanned Aircraft System Pilot Program	\$1,000,000
RESTORE Re-entry Grant	\$500,000
Sober Home Enforcement	\$275,000

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## TRANSPORTATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### *Transportation Economic Development*

South Bay Park of Commerce - Inland Logistics Center	\$470,900
Glades Area Street Resurfacing/Reconstruction – Belle Glade	\$1,000,000
<del>Lake Worth Park of Commerce</del>	<del>\$2,500,000</del>
US 1 “Complete Streets” – Village of Tequesta	\$300,000
<del>15<sup>th</sup> Street Beautification – Riviera Beach</del>	<del>\$450,000</del>
Broadway Corridor Revitalization	\$450,000
Small County Transportation Fund [Rural Area of Opportunity]	\$9,000,000
Lake Okeechobee Wave Attenuation Project	\$1,000,000
Chain of Lakes Blueway Access Project	\$286,900
Lantana Community Center	\$500,000
<del>Marine Navigability Improvements – Loxahatchee River</del>	<del>\$1,500,000</del>
West Palm Beach Calloway Armory	\$3,000,000
<del>Delray Beach CRA Business Incubator</del>	<del>\$125,000</del>
JARC Transition Pre-Employment Training Program	\$180,000
Transportation Disadvantaged	\$55,211,227

### *Aviation Development Grants*

N. PB County Airport Runway Pavement Rehab & Repair (8R-26L & 13-31)	\$1,072,188
Palm Beach Int’l Airport Cargo Facilities Access	\$1,135,000
Palm Beach Int’l Airport Parking Revenue Center	\$1,304,773

**Bridge Construction**

SR 804/East Ocean Avenue over ICWW Bridge Painting \$3,570,221

**Road Construction Inspections**

Resurface Tpk MainLine (Mp 92.53-102.47 NB & SB) & (Mp. 90.06-90.30 NB) \$1,543,310  
SR 7 from 60<sup>th</sup> Street to Northlake Blvd \$5,544,884  
SR 7/US 441 from Broward/PB Co/Line to SR 808/Glades Road \$1,273,436  
SR 809/Military Trl from Lake Worth Rd to S of SR 80/Southern Blvd \$1,030,745  
SR 9/I-95 from Brow/Palm Bch Co Line to South of Glades Rd \$5,537,472

**Highway Maintenance**

I-95 Asset Management Palm Beach County \$3,415,000  
Palm Beach County JPA's for Maintenance Lighting Maintenance \$2,641,238  
Palm Beach County Maintenance \$1,500,000  
Palm Beach County Road Ranger Service Patrol \$1,656,000  
SR 25/US 27 Asset Management Contract US 27 & Belle Glade Area \$1,859,778

**Highway Safety Grants**

Lyons Road from Norte Lago to Pine Springs Drive \$4,064,275  
SR 809/Military Trl from Lake Worth Rd to S of SR 80/Southern Blvd \$2,049,813

**Intrastate Highway Construction**

Adaptive Traffic Control System – SR 786/PGA Blvd \$1,417,272  
Palm Beach County Push-Button Contract for Signalization \$1,000,000  
Roadside Improvement for Tpk MainLine from Mp 92.53 to 102.47 \$1,529,472  
SR 7 from 60<sup>th</sup> Street to Northlake Blvd \$44,590,200  
SR 7/US 441 from Broward/PB Co Line to SR 808/Glades Road \$9,051,393  
SR 808/Glades Road from SR 7 to SR 5/US 1 \$2,900,191  
SR 9/I-95 from Brow/Palm Bch Co Line to South of Glades Rd \$43,184,369

**Preliminary Engineering**

Bridge Replacement at Various Locations \$1,000,000  
SR 5/US 1 Federal Highway from CR A1A to Beach Road \$5,000,000  
SR 806/Atlantic Ave from SR 7/US 441 to West of Lyons Road \$1,700,000  
SR 9/I-95 from Brow/Palm Bch Co Line to South of Glades Rd \$1,407,390  
SR 9/I-95 from Broward/Palm Beach County Line to Linton Blvd \$1,104,486  
Widen Tpk from Glades to Atlantic (Mp 76.4 – 81.6) (6 to 8 Lns) W/EI \$4,500,000  
Widen Tpk from SR 710 (Mp 106.1) to MP 117 (4 to 8 Lns) \$8,205,000

**Public Transit Development**

Palm Beach County Block Grant Operating Assistance \$5,025,177

**Rail Development**

Northwood Connection from CSX MainLine to FEC MainLine \$3,933,503  
SFRTA New Station Study Area, N. of Glades Rd to N. of Palmetto Pk Rd \$1,500,000  
South Central Florida Express \$3,320,625  
Villa Rica Siding Extension \$2,441,983

**Resurfacing**

I-95/SR 9 Fr C-18 to Palm Beach/Martin County Line \$4,264,327  
Resurface of Tpk MainLine from Mp 103.70 to 106.11 \$2,550,313  
Resurface Tpk MainLine (Mp 92.53 -102.47 NB & SB) & (Mp 90.06 - 90.30 NB Only) \$12,381,106  
SR 7/US 441 from 0.7 Mile N. of Clint Moore Rd to West Atlantic Ave \$3,884,717  
SR 809/Military Trl from Lake Worth Rd to S of SR 80/Southern Blvd \$5,753,275



**Right of Way Land Acquisition**

SR 786/PGA Blvd at SR 811/FEC RR W of I-95 to Fairchild	\$1,000,000
SR 80 from W of Lion Country Safari Rd to Forest Hill/Crestwood Blvd	\$1,832,239
SR 9/I-95 at Linton Blvd Interchange	\$6,296,840

**Toll Operation Contracts**

Account Management System/CCSS	\$20,862,640
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**Traffic Engineering**

Palm Beach County Signal Maintenance & Operations on State Hwy System	\$2,285,642
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**Transportation Planning Grants**

Palm Beach UPWP FY 2016/2017 and 2017/2018	\$1,070,561
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**Turnpike System Equipment & Development**

Sunpass Capital Assets	\$1,200,000
Video Tolling	\$1,250,000

Affordable Housing Programs	\$64,600,000
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State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP)	\$135,500,000
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State Apartment Incentive Loan Program (SAIL)	\$32,300,000
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Homeless Challenge Grants – recurring	\$5,200,000
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<b>Palm Beach County SHIP Total Allocation</b>	<b>\$8,719,117</b>
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(County Breakdown Below)

Palm Beach County	\$6,630,016
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Boca Raton	\$555,408
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Boynton Beach	\$460,369
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Delray Beach	\$399,336
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West Palm Beach	\$673,988
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**Economic Development**

Florida Atlantic University Tech Runway	\$750,000
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Scripps Florida Biotech Partnership	\$1,000,000
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**ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES**

<b><u>Water Projects</u></b>	<b>\$81,764,005</b>
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Belle Glade NW 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Corridor Stormwater Conveyance Improvements	\$350,000
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Delray Beach Reclaimed Water System Expansion Area 12-C	\$300,000
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J.W. Corbett Levee	\$500,000
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Lake Region Water Infrastructure Improvement	\$1,500,000
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<del>Lantana ICW Subaqueous Water Main Crossing Replacement Project</del>	<del>\$350,000</del>
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<del>Lantana Lift Stations 1, 3, 4, &amp; 9 Electrical Upgrades</del>	<del>\$150,000</del>
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<del>Palm Beach Gardens Stormwater Maintenance Repairs and Operations Program</del>	<del>\$300,000</del>
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Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative	\$2,000,000
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<del>Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative</del>	<del>\$1,050,000</del>
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<del>Royal Palm Beach Canal System Rehabilitation Project</del>	<del>\$200,000</del>
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West Palm Beach Currie Park Water Quality and Low Impact Development Retrofits	\$175,000
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C-51 Reservoir Implementation	\$2,000,000
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<b><u>Beach Restoration</u></b>	<b>\$32,069,924</b>
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North Boca PBC Shore Protection	\$106,150
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North Boca Raton Segment/PBC Shore Protection Monitoring	\$52,500
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Jupiter/Carlin Shore Protection Monitoring	\$100,000
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Delray Beach Nourishment Monitoring	\$25,514
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Ocean Ridge Shore Protection Monitoring	\$100,000
South Boca Raton Beach Nourishment Monitoring	\$191,492
Petroleum Tanks Cleanup	\$125,000,000

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## PARKS & RECREATION

Palm Beach County Public Recreational Shooting Park	\$3,090,000
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<b><u>FRDAP</u></b>	\$10,400,000
Acreage Community Park Phase III (Indian Trail Improvement District)	\$50,000
Congress Avenue Park (Boynton Beach)	\$50,000
Beach Access (Juno Beach)	\$50,000
Davis Road Park (Village of Palm Springs)	\$50,000
Lilac Park – Phase VI (Palm Beach Gardens)	\$50,000
Kagan Park (Juno Beach)	\$50,000

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## CULTURE & FINE ARTS

<b><u>Cultural Facilities Grants (Statewide)</u></b>	\$36,313,921
Norton Museum of Art—Renovation	\$500,000
Loggerhead Marinelife Center—New Construction	\$500,000
South Florida Science Center and Aquarium—Renovation	\$500,000
Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches—Renovation	\$500,000
Center for Creative Education—Renovation	\$400,000
Benzaiten Center for Creative Arts—Renovation	\$129,000
Village of Wellington—Renovation	\$500,000
Indian Trail Improvement District	\$100,000
<del>Norton Museum of Art</del>	<del>\$1,000,000</del>
<del>Young Singers of the Palm Beaches Choir in the Glades</del>	<del>\$100,000</del>

<b><u>Historic Preservation Small Matching Grants</u></b>	
Lake Worth Historical Resources Survey Update	\$25,000
Peanut Island Restoration—Palm Beach Maritime Museum	\$50,000

<b><u>Cultural and Museum Grants (Statewide)</u></b>	\$20,585,000
<del>Spady Museum</del>	<del>\$20,000</del>
Kravis Center	\$97,558
Maltz Jupiter Theatre	\$96,892
Henry Morrison Flagler Museum	\$96,060
Young Singers of the Palm Beaches	\$43,024
Palm Beach Opera	\$95,144
Norton Museum of Art	\$94,894
The Morikami	\$94,727
Palm Beach Dramaworks	\$94,395
SunFest of Palm Beach County	\$92,897
Spady Museum - Expanding and Preserving our Cultural Heritage	\$13,090
The Lake Worth Playhouse	\$49,333
The Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches	\$92,397
Boca Raton Museum of Art	\$92,326
Center for Creative Education	\$68,602
Aequalis	\$14,258
Delray Beach Center for the Arts	\$91,398
Florida Atlantic University	\$19,485

Ballet Palm Beach	\$21,008
Boca Ballet Theatre Company	\$62,607
Palm Beach State College	\$90,756
Lighthouse ArtCenter	\$63,723
Cultural Council of Palm Beach County	\$90,699
Boca Raton Historical Society	\$53,737
Arts Garage Creative City Collaborative	\$89,101
School of the Arts Foundation	\$88,901
Boca Raton Philharmonic Symphonia	\$29,289
South Florida Science Center and Aquarium	\$44,166
Artists Showcase of the Palm Beaches	\$5,720
Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center	\$14,680
Lynn University	\$67,683
Armory Art Center	\$85,762
Boynton Cultural Centre	\$13,107
The Children's Museum	\$11,029

**Culture Builds Florida**

Palm Beach Poetry Festival	\$25,000
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**Library Grants**

State Library State Aid	\$22,298,834
Library Cooperatives	\$2,000,000
City of Riviera Beach – Riviera Beach Public Library	\$500,000

*\*strikethrough indicates item was vetoed.*

# Local Bills & Legislation Sponsored by Delegation Members

## **Local Bills**

### **HB 911 – Repeal of the City of Delray Beach Civil Service Code**

**Rep. Kevin Rader**

This bill repeals ch. 49-25784, Laws of Florida, which created the civil service code for the City of Delray Beach. The current civil service code is included in the city's code of ordinances and repealing the act provides flexibility for the city to make changes pursuant to its home-rule authority. The repeal will not take effect until it is approved by a majority vote of those qualified electors of the city in a referendum to be held in conjunction with a general election.

*This bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 25, 2016; Chapter No. 2016-256.*

### **HB 1437 – Port of Palm Beach**

**Rep. Bill Hager**

This bill would have amended ch. 74-570, Laws of Florida, to raise the yearly compensation rate of the Port of Palm Beach Board of Commissioners from \$9,500 to \$16,000. The salary would have been able to be adjusted annually by up to 3% by a majority vote of the Board. The bill would have also authorized the Port to apply for Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) site locations outside of Palm Beach County, within 60 miles of the port of entry pursuant to the new Alternative Site Framework regulations implemented in 2008. The bill would have removed language requiring approval from local governments before establishing FTZ site locations outside of the district but notes all such FTZ remain subject to local codes, ordinances, and laws.

*This bill died on the House Calendar.*

## **Other Legislation Sponsored by Delegation Members**

### **SB 86/HB 527 – Scrutinized Companies**

**Sen. Joe Negron/Rep. Kevin Rader**

This bill requires the State Board of Administration (SBA) to identify and assemble a list of all companies that boycott Israel and make publicly available on a quarterly basis a Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List (List). The List must be distributed to the trustees of the SBA, the President of the Florida Senate and the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.

*This bill was signed by the Governor on March 10, 2016; Chapter No. 2016-36.*

### **HB 173/SB 878 – Medical Faculty Certification**

**Rep. MaryLynn Magar/Sen. Maria Sachs**

This bill revises the list of schools at which certain faculty members are eligible to receive a medical faculty certificate. Under this legislation, Florida Atlantic University is now eligible.

*This bill was signed by the Governor on March 10, 2016; Chapter No. 2016-54.*

### **HB 185 – Instructional Personnel Salaries**

**Rep. Kevin Rader**

This bill would have required the legislature to fund FEFP at a level that ensures a guaranteed minimum annual starting salary for instructional personnel, required a statewide minimum salary for instructional personnel for the 2016-2017 school year, and provided for the annual adjustment of instructional personnel minimum salaries.

*This bill died in the House Education Appropriations Subcommittee.*



**SB 206 – Jury Service****Sen. Jeff Clemens**

This bill allows a Floridian with a permanent disability to request, in writing along with medical verification, to be permanently excused from jury service.

*This legislation passed as HB 111 (Combee) and was signed by the Governor on March 10, 2016; Chapter No. 2016-52.*

**HB 217/SB 440 – Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs****Rep. Dave Kerner/Sen. Joe Abruzzo**

This bill would have created a program to care for retired law enforcement dogs to ease the financial burden for their handlers or adopters. Awards up to \$1,500 per dog per year would have been provided for reimbursement for veterinary expenses for qualified dogs.

*This bill died in the House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee. Its Senate companion passed the Senate unanimously and died in Messages.*

**HB 251 – Driving Safety****Rep. Irv Slosberg**

This bill would have amended Florida Statute 316.305 to prohibit the use of electronic devices in school zones. The amended statutory language would have created a primary traffic violation for drivers who use their cellphones (or other electronic communication devices) while driving in a school zone, school crosswalk, or on school district property.

*This bill died in the House Highway and Waterway Safety Subcommittee.*

**HB 353/SB 448 – Discrimination in Employment Screening****Rep. Bobby Powell/Sen. Jeff Clemens**

This bill would have addressed two issues of statewide concern: reducing hiring barriers to employment for qualified applicants and lowering unemployment rates in communities that have concentrated numbers of people affected by restrictive hiring policies. The legislation would have restricted any public employer from inquiring into or considering an applicant's criminal history on an initial employment application, unless expressly required by law. The aim was to increase access to gainful employment opportunities for qualified individuals who have a criminal history and, as a result, reduce the rate of recidivism and improve economic stability.

*This bill died in the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee. Its companion died in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism.*

**SB 380 – Violation of an Injunction Against Domestic Violence****Sen. Joe Abruzzo**

This bill increases the penalty for a third or subsequent violation of an injunction or foreign protection order against the same victim for domestic violence, stalking or cyberstalking, and repeat violence if a person has two or more prior convictions for the same offense. Currently, a violation of an injunction is punished by a first degree misdemeanor resulting in up to one year in jail or one year probation. This bill will increase the penalty to a third degree felony.

*This bill was signed by the Governor on April 6, 2016; Chapter No. 2016-187.*

**HB 427/SB 746 – Recreational Vessel Registration****Rep. MaryLynn Magar/Sen. Joe Negron/  
Sen. Maria Sachs**

This bill reduces state vessel registration fees for recreational vessels equipped with an Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon, or for recreational vessels where the owner owns a Personal Locator Beacon. The beacon must be registered with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in order for the owner to qualify for the reduced registration fee.

*This bill was signed by the Governor on March 25, 2016; Chapter No. 2016-126.*

**HB 741/SB 762 – Public Records/Substance Abuse Treatment Involuntary Admissions  
Court Proceedings**

**Rep. Dave Kerner/  
Sen. Joe Abruzzo**

This bill would have provided an exemption from public records requirements for certain records of court proceedings relating to involuntary admissions for substance abuse treatment services. It would have permitted a clerk of court to allow only certain persons access to such records.

*This bill died in the House Government Operations Subcommittee. Its Senate companion passed the Senate unanimously but died in Messages.*

**SB 752/HB 587 – Public Records/Agency Inspector General Personnel**

**Sen. Joe Abruzzo/  
Rep. Bobby Powell**

This bill provides public records exemption for certain information of current or former personnel & spouses & children of such personnel employed in agency's office of inspector general or internal audit department whose duties include auditing or investigating certain activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline.

*This bill was signed by the Governor on March 30, 2016; Chapter No. 2016-164.*

**HB 821 – Reimbursement of Assessments**

**Rep. Pat Rooney**

This bill provides that it is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree misdemeanor for any accredited agent to request, receive or obtain reimbursement of the administrative fee from the V.A. from a veteran that they represented in applying for or appealing a denial of benefits charged to the agent by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

*This bill was signed by the Governor on April 14, 2016; Chapter No. 2016-228.*

**HB 823 – Substance Abuse and Recovery Fraudulent Business Practices Pilot Project**

**Rep. Pat Rooney**

This bill would have established the Substance Abuse and Recovery Fraudulent Business Practices Pilot Program (Program) within the office of the State Attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit. The Program would have been tasked with identifying and implementing strategies to address fraudulent business and unethical marketing practices in the provision of substance abuse services. These strategies would have to have been possible within current resources and existing law.

*This bill died in the House Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 846 – Divers-Down Warning Devices**

**Sen. Joe Abruzzo**

This bill revises and expands the types of devices that are allowed to be used to alert vessels that submerged divers are in the area. In an effort to increase public safety after numerous, unfortunate boating accidents involving divers and snorkelers, this bill will provide additional choices for divers to utilize in order to better signal to vessels of their presence.

*This bill was signed by the Governor on April 1, 2016;  
Chapter No. 2016-171.*



**HB 1041 – Unclaimed Property****Rep. Bill Hager**

This bill ensures that life insurance companies are held accountable for fulfilling the promises they've made to their policyholders. Historically, many life insurance companies have held policy benefits until contacted by a beneficiary, rather than research whether the policyholder is still living. If never contacted, the company never pays the benefit.

The Office of Insurance Regulation discovered that many insurance companies were not using the Death Master File to research the death of a policyholder of a life insurance policyholder, which would have resulted in payment to a beneficiary, or remittance of the policy benefits to a state unclaimed property office. In Florida, 22 prior settlements have resulted in 130,651 accounts being turned over to the State of Florida totaling \$168,173,447, of which \$45,348,823 has been claimed to date. This legislation will codify the settlements and apply these requirements to all life insurance companies in the state.

*This legislation passed as SB 966 (Benacquisto) and was signed by the Governor on April 12, 2016; Chapter No. 2016-219.*

**HB 1043 – Interviews of Victims, Suspects, or Defendants with Autism Spectrum Disorder** **Rep. Bill Hager**

This bill provides protection for persons with autism and related disorders during interactions with law enforcement. The bill also creates a designation on Florida Identification Cards so that those with autism or a related disorder can be easily identified by law enforcement after documentation by a physician if they choose to have that designation.

Known as the "Wes Kleinert Fair Interview Act" the legislation provides that a person with autism or a related disorder whether deemed a suspect, victim or witness will have access to a parent, guardian or a professional familiar with Autism Spectrum Disorders when being questioned by law enforcement. Having a Florida Identification Card with a designation recognizing their disorder will aid law enforcement in being able to recognize these persons.

*This legislation passed as SB 936 (Ring) and was signed by the Governor on April 1, 2016; Chapter No. 2016-175.*

**HB 1089 – Criminal History Information****Rep. Pat Rooney**

This bill provides that the fee for background screenings of vendors of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is set at \$8 dollars per screening. The current price set prior to the bill was set at \$24. The reduced price will put it on par with the Dept. of Children and Families, Dept. of Juvenile Justice, and the Dept. of Elder Affairs.

*This legislation passed as SB 628 (Richter) and was signed by the Governor on March 30, 2016; Chapter No. 2016-162.*

**HB 1101 – Specialty License Plates/I Stand with Israel****Rep. Irv Slosberg**

This bill would have required the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to design a specialty license plate with an annual fee of \$25 to be distributed to I Stand With Israel, Inc. A portion of the proceeds would have gone to fund the Israeli Youth Program, which sends students enrolled in Florida universities to Israel.

*This bill died in the House Economic Affairs Committee.*

**SB 1138 – Ethical Marketing Practices (Sober Homes)****Sen. Jeff Clemens**

This bill would have ensured that treatment and recovery support for individuals who are impaired by substance disorders are offered in an ethical and professional manner that includes the use of ethical marketing practices to ensure the protection of this vulnerable population. The legislation would have prohibited certain marketing practices and provided criminal penalties for violations of those prohibitions.

*This bill died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.*

**SB 1168 – Implementation of Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment****Sen. Joe Negron**

This bill creates a dedicated funding source for Everglades Restoration projects, totaling \$255 million. The legislation, also known as “Legacy Florida,” requires the lesser of 25% or \$200 million be allocated from Amendment 1 dollars towards the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) as well as Lake Okeechobee projects and water quality projects. Its companion bill, HB 989, requires the lesser of 7.6% of the funds or \$50 million to be distributed for spring restoration, protection, and management projects, and \$5 million to be provided through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for projects dedicated to the restoration of Lake Apopka.

*This legislation passed as HB 989 (Harrell) and was signed by the Governor on April 7, 2016; Chapter No. 2016-201.*

**SB 1202/HB 1321 – Discounts on Public Park Entrance Fees and Transportation Fares****Sen. Joe Abruzzo/  
Rep. Kevin Rader**

This bill requires counties and municipalities to provide a partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to military members, veterans, and the spouse and parents of certain deceased military members, law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics who provide evidence of eligibility for the discount. It also requires certain regional transportation authorities to provide a partial or a full discount on fares for certain disabled veterans who present satisfactory information satisfactory which evidences eligibility for the discount. The discount does not extend to park amenities.

*This bill was signed by the Governor on April 6, 2016; Chapter No. 2016-196.*

**HB 1205 – Fumigation****Rep. MaryLynn Magar**

This bill revises the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services’ (DACS) authority to adopt rules relating to safety procedures for fumigation, including:

- Requiring fumigators to notify DACS, rather than notify a DACS inspector, of the location where a fumigation will be performed at least 24 hours before the fumigation;
- Allowing DACS to specify when a fumigator may notify DACS less than 24 hours before performing fumigation, rather than only allowing such notice during an authentic and verifiable emergency; and
- Allowing DACS to require safety procedures for the clearance of residential structures before reoccupation after fumigation.

Further, the bill authorizes DACS to establish conditions on fumigant registration, including requiring registrants to:

- Train distributors and end users in safety measures, proper use, safe storage, and the management of fumigant materials;
- Obtain continuing education program approval for stewardship training programs;
- Conduct quality assurance reviews;
- Report to DACS probation and stop-sale notifications issued to end users; and
- Assist DACS upon its request with the removal of fumigant containers from distributors and end users for compliance with permanent or extended stop-sale notices.

*This bill was signed by the Governor on March 25, 2016; Chapter No. 2016-143.*

**HB 1285 – Insurance Coverage for Mental and Nervous Disorders****Rep. Irv Slosberg**

This bill would have required every insurer, HMO, and nonprofit hospital, as well as medical service plan or group health insurance plan in Florida to provide treatment for mental health conditions without an additional premium. Additionally, it would have required these entities to increase inpatient benefits from 30 days to 45 days and to convey



the patient's right to transfer any unused inpatient hospital benefits to either outpatient benefits or residential treatment benefits.

*This bill died in the House Insurance and Banking Subcommittee.*

**HB 1389 – Special Risk Class**

**Rep. Kevin Rader**

This bill would have added certified 911 public safety telecommunicators to Special Risk Class so that members would have their benefits calculated in accordance with provisions for Regular Class members.

*This bill died in the House Government Operations Subcommittee.*

**HJR 1391/HB 1393 – Homestead Property Tax Exemptions**

**Rep. Irv Slosberg**

These bills would have exempted from taxation the homesteaded property of the parent(s) of an unmarried veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces.

*These bills died in the House Finance and Tax Committee.*

**SB 1544 – Natural Hazards (Weather Impacts)**

**Sen. Jeff Clemens**

This bill would have created a weather interagency workgroup to address the impacts of weather events. Weather events would have been defined to include, but not be limited to, extreme heat, drought, wildfires, sea-level change, high tides, storm surge, saltwater intrusion, stormwater runoff, flash floods, inland flooding, and coastal flooding. The overall aim of the bill would have been to promote collaboration amongst state agencies to ensure maximum utilization of our resources and provide a centralized outlet for this information to be shared and accessed.

*This bill died in the Senate Committee on Fiscal Policy.*

**HB 7027 – Relating to Department of Transportation**

**Rep. Pat Rooney**

This bill includes the following highlights:

- Reallocation of \$10 million within the Work Program to the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development (FSTED) Program, which increases the program's annual funding minimum from \$15 to \$25 million
- Authorizes DOT to designate certain locations and routes as ports of entry, and limits the penalty that may be assessed for specified operators which obtain temporary permits at a port of entry
- Makes several statutory changes relating to autonomous vehicles, including their operation and regulation, technological standards, and incorporation in ongoing transportation planning
- Authorizes DOT to assume specified environmental review responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) with respect to highway projects
- Authorizes DOT to establish a Business Development Program that would assist small businesses and increase competition in the procurement of highway project contractors
- Authorizes the creation of DOT Financing Corporation to serve as a conduit issuer of debt to finance transportation projects

*This bill was signed by the Governor on April 4, 2016; Chapter No. 2016-181.*

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