



The Delegation Digest 2017-2018 Legislative Session

Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation

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Week Recap

State and government offices were closed Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Although it was a short week, the legislature was extremely busy with many subcommittees and committees meeting to hear legislation. The House also heard a number of appropriation bills in anticipation of budget allocations coming out next week.



City of West Palm Beach's Martin Luther King Memorial on Flagler Drive.

Bills and Policy

On Tuesday, the Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee heard SB 1130 - Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of State by Sen. Bobby Powell. The bill re-creates, without modification, the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of State and repeals s. 20.106(5), F.S., which is the subsection of law relating to the termination of such trust fund. The bill was found favorable and is now in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development.

HB 1099 - Advanced Birth Centers by Rep. MaryLynn Magar creates a new licensure program within the Agency for Health Care Administration for advanced birth centers. The bill requires advanced birth centers to be operated and staffed 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The bill requires a mother and her infant to be discharged from the advanced birth center within 48 hours after the birth of the infant for a vaginal delivery and within 72 hours when delivery is by cesarean section, except in unusual circumstances as defined by rule. The bill was passed favorably with a committee substitute out of the House Health Quality Subcommittee on Tuesday. The bill is now in the House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee.

The House Health Quality Subcommittee on Tuesday passed favorably HB 1101 - Pub. Rec./Advanced Birth Centers by Rep. MaryLynn Magar. The bill amends the current requirements relating to clinical records and inspection reports of birth centers to include advanced birth centers. The bill requires advanced birth centers to maintain clinical records that include patient's identifying information and health information. The bill amends the current public records exemption for confidential information in the clinical records and inspection reports of birth centers to include the confidential information in the clinical records and inspection reports of advanced birth centers. This bill is linked to HB 1099 - Advanced Birth Centers takes effect on the same date that HB 1099 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session. The bill is now in the House Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee.

Rep. Matt Willhite's bill, HB 813 - Licensure of Unarmed Security Guards was heard Tuesday in House Careers & Competition Subcommittee. The bill will allow applicants for a Class "D" unarmed security officer license to take the required training online. Such training is valid only if the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services receives verification of such applicant's identity, attendance, and successful completion of such training. The bill was found favorably with a committee substitute and is now in the House Commerce Committee.

HB 1069 - Substance Abuse Services by Rep. Bill Hager was heard Wednesday in the House Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee. The bill expands the statutory findings on who may benefit from living in a recovery residence to include not only those individuals who have completed treatment, but also those who are continuing to receive substance abuse treatment. The bill allows for licensed service providers to accept referrals from a noncertified recovery residence if it is determined the individual would benefit from the service and no recovery residence employees/owners directly or indirectly benefit from the referral. It would also require recovery residences to comply with fire code standards according to the type of facility. The bill also expands background screening requirements and adds staff and volunteers who are subject to a level 2 background screening to include anyone with direct contact with individuals receiving treatment. The bill was passed favorably with a committee substitute.

On Wednesday, Rep. Rick Roth's bill, HB 505 - Dependency Proceedings was heard in the House Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee. The bill revises types of information relating to identity the location of a child's legal father that fall within scope of court inquiry at a dependency, shelter hearing, or hearing regarding petition for termination of parental rights. The bill provides conditions for establishing paternity in dependency proceeding and requires notice of petition for termination of parental rights to be served on unmarried biological father identified under oath or by diligent search of Florida Putative Father Registry. The bill was found favorable with a committee substitute.

HB 443 - Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facility Resident Rights by Rep. Emily Slosberg requires nursing homes to notify residents and the State Long Term Care Ombudsman with the facility's current contact information, including a functional telephone number, and to notify residents and the State Long Term Care Ombudsman of any change in contact information within 30 days after such change. The bill requires an assisted living facility to provide residents with 45 days' written notice of relocation or termination of residency. The bill also requires an assisted living facility that is relocating a resident to provide the reasons for relocation to the resident or the resident's legal

representative. The bill was passed favorably out of committee with committee substitute and is now in the House Health & Human Services Committee.

At Thursday's House Education Committee, Rep. David Silvers' bill HB 577 - High School Graduation Requirements was heard and passed favorably out of committee. The bill allows a student to use credit earned upon completion of a Department of Education registered apprenticeship or pre apprenticeship program to satisfy the credit requirements for fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or practical arts. The bill has been added to Second Reading Calendar.

The House Health & Human Services Committee heard HB 721 - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services by Rep. David Silvers on Wednesday. The bill requires county jails to continue to administer psychotropic medications as were prescribed at mental health treatment facilities upon a facility client's discharge. The bill also requires county jails to send all medical information for individuals in their custody who will be admitted to state mental health treatment facilities. The bill passed favorably with a committee substitute.

HB 533 - Unfair Insurance Trade Practices by Rep. Bill Hager was heard Thursday in the House Commerce Committee. The bill allows a property and casualty insurer to condition the sale of insurance on the purchase of motor vehicle services if such services are purchased from a membership organization affiliated with the property and casualty insurer and the affiliated membership organization has maintained more than one million members in Florida continuously since January 1, 2018. The bill has been added to Second Reading Calendar.

On Friday, Rep. Joseph Abruzzo filed HB 8017 - 70th Anniversary of Founding of State of Israel. The cosponsors for this resolution are Rep. Lori Berman, Rep. Bill Hager, Rep. Emily Slosberg, and Rep. Matt Willhite. SB 584 - Anniversary of the Modern State of Israel is the Senate version filed by Sen. Kevin Rader. Both resolutions recognize the 70th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the State of Florida and Israel.

Local Bills

HB 1113 - Palm Beach County Housing Authority by Rep. David Silvers and Rep. Lori Berman was heard in House Local, Federal, & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, its first committee, on Tuesday. The bill allows the governing body of Palm Beach County to appoint two additional members to the Palm Beach County Housing Authority in addition to the five members that are appointed by the Governor for a total of seven members. The members appointed must be qualified electors of the county and are subject to removal or suspension by the governing body of the county. The bill was reported favorably and is now in the House Public Integrity & Ethics Committee.

Member Highlights

Rep. Emily Slosberg held a press conference Tuesday to highlight her legislation, HB 443 - Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facility Resident Rights. The bill requires nursing home facilities to provide access to or copies

of resident's medical records under certain conditions and notice requirements regarding relocation or termination of residency from assisted living facilities.

Rep. Matt Willhite was elected as Chair at the first meeting for the Veterans and Military Families Caucus, Wednesday. The Caucus was originally formed in 2011 but has not been active in a number of years. The Caucus was reformed to help build support for legislation aimed at assisting active military members, veterans, and their families. Members of the Caucus include legislators from both chambers and both political parties.

On Thursday, Rep. Matt Willhite held a joint press conference presenting a petition to urge Governor Rick Scott to protect state lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender workers via an executive order to end discriminatory practices.

Appropriations

This week the House took up hundreds of appropriation bills. Project bills passed are not guaranteed to be funded in the budget but are eligible for inclusion. Below are the delegation sponsored appropriations heard this week in various committees.

Tuesday, January 16

Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

- HB 3167 - Pahokee Marina Improvements by Rep. Joseph Abruzzo
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Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

- HB 2431 - Palm Beach Habilitation Center Cultural Arts Building by Rep. David Silvers. Senate sponsor is Sen. Bobby Powell.
[Appropriations Project Details](#)
- HB 3799 - Crohn's & Colitis Foundation - University of Florida Research on Colitis Associates Colorectal Cancer by Rep. Lori Berman
[Appropriations Project Details](#)

Wednesday, January 17

PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

- HB 2439 - Florida Atlantic University-A.D. Henderson University Lab School by Rep. Bill Hager
[Appropriations Project Details](#)

Justice Appropriations Subcommittee

- HB 2889 - Enhancing Critical incident Response Capability in West Palm Beach by Rep. Roth. Senate sponsor is Sen. Bobby Powell.
[Appropriations Project Details](#)

- HB 3889 - Riviera Beach Summer Youth Employment Program by Rep. Al Jacquet. Senate sponsor is Sen. Bobby Powell.
[Appropriations Project Details](#)

Thursday, January 18

Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

- HB 2181 - Riviera Beach Singer Island South Stormwater Improvements by Rep. Bill Hager
[Appropriations Project Details](#)
- HB 2279 - Royal Palm Beach Canal System Rehabilitation Project by Rep. Matt Willhite. Senate sponsor is Sen. Bobby Powell.
[Appropriations Project Details](#)
- HB 2481 - Delray Beach Reclaimed Water System Expansion Area 9 by Rep. Bill Hager
[Appropriations Project Details](#)
- HB 2547 - Palm Beach Gardens Stormwater Maintenance, Repairs and Operation Program by Rep. Rick Roth. Senate sponsor is Sen. Bobby Powell.
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- HB 2549 - Palm Beach Gardens Septic to Sewer and Water Infrastructure Improvements Project by Rep. Rick Roth. Senate sponsor is Sen. Bobby Powell.
[Appropriations Project Details](#)
- HB 2605 - Delray Beach Atlantic Dunes Park Coastal Dune Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Project by Rep. Bill Hager
[Appropriations Project Details](#)
- HB 2893 - Riviera Beach Water Treatment Plant Disinfection Facility by Rep. Al Jacquet. Senate sponsor is Sen. Bobby Powell.
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- HB 2895 - Boynton Beach Fuel Cell Power Generation by Rep. Al Jacquet. Senate sponsor is Sen. Bobby Powell.
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- HB 2971 - Delray Beach Sand Search for Beach Nourishment Project by Rep. Bill Hager
[Appropriations Project Details](#)
- HB 3187 - Boynton Beach Mangrove Park Water Quality and Access Improvements by Rep. Al Jacquet
[Appropriations Project Details](#)
- HB 3451 - Riviera Beach Avenue H East and West - North of Blue Heron Stormwater by Rep. Al Jacquet
[Appropriations Project Details](#)
- HB 3863 - Boynton Beach - Alternative Reclaimed Water Supply Project by Rep. Emily Slosberg
[Appropriations Project Details](#)

Justice Appropriations Subcommittee

- HB 3163 - Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Expansion of the Unmanned Aircraft System by Rep. Joseph Abruzzo. Senate sponsor is Sen. Bobby Powell.

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Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

- HB 2163 - City of West Palm Beach - Rosemary Corridor Enhancement by Rep. David Silvers. Senate sponsor is Sen. Bobby Powell.

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- HB 2365 - Florida Atlantic University Tech Runway by Rep. Bill Hager. Senate sponsor is Sen. Bobby Powell.

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- HB 3039 - City of Palm Beach Gardens City Hall Expansion Emergency Facility by Rep. Rick Roth. Senate sponsor is Sen. Bobby Powell.

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- HB 3179 - Glades Communities Street Resurfacing and Reconstruction by Rep. Joseph Abruzzo

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Friday, January 19

Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

- HB 2119 - Place of Hope, Inc. - Child Welfare and Foster Care Regionalization Phase IV by Rep. MaryLynn Magar. Senate sponsor is Sen. Bobby Powell.

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- HB 2367 - Federation Transportation Services by Rep. Bill Hager

[Appropriations Project Details](#)

- HB 3797 - Addiction Receiving Facility - Palm Beach County by Rep. Matt Willhite

[Appropriations Project Details](#)

- HB 3915 - ChildNet - Opioid and Substance Abuse Services for Children and Affected Families by Rep. Lori Berman

[Appropriations Project Details](#)

Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee

- HB 3055 - Florida Atlantic University - Max Planck Florida Scientific Fellows by Rep. MaryLynn Magar. Senate sponsor is Sen. Bobby Powell.

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