



PALM BEACH COUNTY 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION FINAL REPORT



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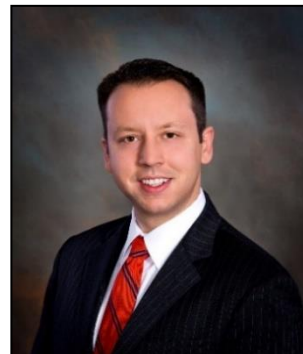
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2022 Session Overview

The 2022 Legislative Session convened in January and, like recent sessions, became a microcosm of national politics with a uniquely Florida twist. Among the most hotly contested bills were redistricting, election reform, the relocation of immigrants, limits on abortions, and the power of local governments. However, perhaps the most significant factor impacting the session was an abundance of revenue as the State's economy enjoyed a robust post-pandemic recovery providing the State with sufficient funds to address both the Governor's and leadership priorities.

Every 10 years after completion of the Census, the Legislature is required to re-draw district boundaries for the U.S. Congressional members, as well as those of the state Senate and House of Representatives. SB 100 by Sen. Rodrigues relating to the Florida Joint Resolution of Apportionment, was passed unanimously by the Senate but along party lines in the House. The adoption of SB 102, Establishment of the Congressional Districts of Florida, was less harmonious due in part to the submittal of an unorthodox proposal by Governor DeSantis. In the end, the Legislature adopted a bill that contained two maps; a primary choice, as well as a back-up proposal should the courts strike down leadership's first alternative. Gov. DeSantis said he would veto that Congressional map proposal.

Florida's local government associations focused their efforts on addressing the Senate President's priority "preemption" bills. If SB 280, Local Ordinances, had passed, it would have authorized courts to assess and award attorney fees and costs and damages in certain civil actions filed against local governments associated with the adoption of local ordinances as well as required local governments to prepare a business impact statement before the adoption of a proposed ordinance.

However, its companion measure, SB 620, Local Business Protection Act, did pass. This bill authorizes businesses to claim damages from local governments that enact or amend certain ordinances or charter provisions that result in an economic impact of 15% or more. After extensive negotiations, both the Florida League of Cities and Florida Association of Counties succeeded in limiting the types of ordinances subject to claims.

This session, 1,753 general, 61 local, and 1,729 appropriations projects bills were filed. Of those, 267 general bills, 37 local bills, and two concurrent resolutions passed both chambers.

On the pages to follow, we will highlight some of the priority appropriations and legislative issues which affect Palm Beach County.

2022-2023 Budget Highlights

Total State Budget: \$112.1 billion [\$43.7 billion GR; \$68.4 billion TF]

Reserves: \$8.9 billion Total Aggregate

- \$5.3 billion Unallocated General Revenue
- \$3.1 billion Budget Stabilization Fund
- \$0.5 billion Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund
- \$1 billion for Inflation Fund

Major Issues

Compensation and Benefits

- Minimum Wage Increase to \$15 per hour
 - State Employees (including OPS)
 - FEFP (funding provided in overall BSA increase)
 - VPK Supplemental Payments
 - Agency for Health Care Administration - Medicaid Services
 - Agency for Persons with Disabilities - Medicaid Waiver Services
 - Nursing Homes
 - Department of Juvenile Justice – Contracted services
 - Department of Veterans Affairs – Contracted services
- 5.38% State Employee across-the-board increase to address inflation

Other Pay Issues – All in addition to 5.38% across-the-board increase

- State Law Enforcement Officers/Troopers - Increase minimum salary to \$50,000 or an additional 5% pay increase, whichever is greater
- Correctional and Probation Officers - Increase minimum salary to \$41,600 (\$20 per hour) and other position classifications ranging from \$45,760 to \$57,886
- State Firefighters - Increase minimum salary to \$41,600 (\$20 per hour)
- Juvenile Justice Detention Officers – Increase minimum salary to \$39,520 (\$19 per hour)
- Juvenile Justice Probation Officers - Increase minimum salary to \$41,600 (\$20 per hour)
- Veterans’ Homes Nurses - \$5.6 million for salary and recruitment incentives
- Assistant State Attorneys and Public Defenders - \$5,000 - \$10,000 pay increase

EDUCATION

Total Appropriations: \$25.7 billion [\$18.7 billion GR; \$7 billion TF, excludes tuition]

Total Funding - Including Local Revenues: \$39.2 billion [\$25.7 billion state/federal funds; \$13.5 billion local funds]

Early Learning Services

Total: \$1.7 billion [\$610.9 million GR; \$1.1 Billion TF]

- Partnerships for School Readiness – \$53.2 million

- School Readiness Program - \$1.1 billion
- Early Learning Standards & Accountability - \$4.9 million
- Voluntary Prekindergarten Program - \$553.4 million
 - Decrease of 2,645 fewer students (\$6.4 million)
 - Voluntary Prekindergarten Program Additional Base Student Allocation (BSA) Payments - \$151.3 million; these additional payments are provided to ensure all VPK instructors are paid a minimum wage of at least \$15 per hour

Public Schools/K12 FEFP

Total Funding: \$24.3 billion [\$13.5 billion state funds; \$10.7 billion local funds]

- FEFP Total Funds increase is \$1.69 billion or 7.5%
- FEFP increases in Total Funds per Student is \$384.55, a 4.96% increase [from \$7,758.3 to \$8,142.8]
- Base Student Allocation (BSA) increase by \$214.49 or 4.90%
- FEFP Base Funds (flexible \$) increase of \$1 billion or 7.15%
- Required Local Effort (RLE) increase of \$633.2 million; RLE millage maintained at prior year level of 3.606 mills
- Teacher Salary Increase Allocation - \$250 million increase for a total of \$800 million that school districts must use to increase the minimum salaries of classroom teachers to at least \$47,500
- Safe Schools Allocation - \$30 million increase for a total of \$210 million for School Safety Officers and school safety initiatives
- Mental Health Assistance Allocation - \$20 million increase for a total of \$140 million to help school districts and charter schools address youth mental health issues
- Reading Instruction Allocation - \$40 million increase for a total of \$170 million to provide comprehensive reading instruction
- Turnaround School Supplemental Services Allocation - \$24.4 million – funds for services designed to improve the overall academic and community welfare of students and their families at designated lower performing schools
- Funding Compression & Hold Harmless Allocation - \$68.2 million – compression funds for districts with total funds per FTE that are less than the statewide average and hold harmless funds for districts that have a reduction in the District Cost Differential
- FEFP increases are provided to school districts to ensure all employees are paid a minimum wage of at least \$15 per hour beginning in the 2022-23 school year

Public Schools/K12 Non-FEFP & Ed Media

Total: \$574.1 million [\$565.7 million GR; \$8.3 million TF]

- School Recognition Program - \$200 million
- Community School Grant Program - \$7.6 million
- Mentoring Programs - \$11.9 million
- Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources Centers - \$8.7 million
- Schools of Hope - \$40 million
- SEED School of Miami - \$11.7 million
- Computer Science and Teacher Bonuses - \$10 million

- School and Instructional Enhancement Grants - \$46.4 million
- School Hardening Grants - \$20 million
- Capital Projects - \$37.3 million

State Board of Education

Total: \$301 million [\$132.1 million GR; \$168.9 million TF]

- Assessment and Evaluation - \$134.7 million
 - VPK and Student Literacy Program Monitoring Systems - \$15.5 million
- Just Read Florida Early Literacy Professional Development - \$1 million
- ACT and SAT Exam Administration - \$8 million

School District Workforce

Total: \$619.7 million [\$328.9 million GR; \$253.8 million TF; \$37 million tuition/fees]

- Workforce Development for career and technical education and adult ed. - \$390.4 million
- Perkins Career and Technical Education grants and Adult Ed. and Literacy funds - \$123.3 million
- CAPE Industry Certifications Funding List - \$6.5 million
- School and Instructional Enhancement Grants - \$4.4 million
- Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program for apprenticeships - \$15 million
- Open Door Grant Program - \$15 million
- Workers Compensation Ins. Premiums for apprenticeship and pre-app. students - \$2 million
- Nursing Education Initiatives - \$20 million
- No tuition increase

Vocational Rehabilitation

Total: \$246.9 million [\$59.1 million GR; \$187.8 million TF]

- Adults with Disability Funds - \$11.6 million
 - Inclusive Transition and Employment Management Program - \$1.5 million

Florida College System

Total: \$2.2 billion [\$1.3 billion GR; \$241 million TF; \$715.6 million tuition/fees]

- CAPE Industry Incentive Funding List - \$14 million
- Nursing Education Initiatives - \$59 million
- Open Door Grant Program - \$20 million
- System Wide Base Funding Increases - \$55 million
- Student Open Access Resources (SOAR) - \$5.4 million
- Student Success Incentive Funds - \$30 million GR
 - 2+2 Student Success Incentive Funds - \$20 million GR
 - Work Florida Incentive Funds - \$10 million GR
- Deferred Building Maintenance Program - \$843.7 million
 - Palm Beach State College - \$18.4 million
- Florida College System Projects:
 - **Palm Beach State College - Dental & Medical Services Tech Bldg - \$25 million**
- No tuition increase

State University System

Total: \$5.6 billion [\$3.0 billion GR; \$620.8 million TF; \$1.97 billion tuition/fees]

- Performance Based Funding - \$560 million
 - State Investment - \$265 million
 - Institutional Investment - \$295 million
- **UF West Palm Beach Global Center for Technology and Innovation (GCTI) - \$100 million**
- Moffitt Cancer Center Workload - \$10 million in additional funds
- Johnson Matching Grant Program Workload - \$20,000 in additional funds
- IFAS Workload - \$3.6 million
- Nursing Education Initiatives - \$46 million
- Student Open Access Resources (SOAR) - \$5.4 million
- Cybersecurity Resiliency - \$20.5 million
- No tuition increase

Private Colleges

Total: \$173.5 million GR

- HBCUs - \$32 million
- Nursing and Health related education initiatives - \$2 million
- Engineering and Technology initiatives - \$29 million

Student Financial Aid

Total: \$994 billion [\$268 million GR, \$726 million TF]

- Bright Futures - \$620.9 million
- Benacquisto Scholarship Program - \$36.4 million
 - \$2.2 million workload increase
- Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans - \$13.5 million
 - \$2.5 million workload increase
- Dual Enrollment Scholarship - \$18.05 million
- Law Enforcement Academy Scholarship - \$5 million

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Summary

Total Budget: \$48.9 billion [\$14.7 billion GR; \$34.2 billion TF]; 31,191.26 positions

Agency for Health Care Administration

Total: \$38.6 billion [\$10.2 billion GR; \$28.4 billion TF]; 1,539.50 positions

- Medicaid Price Level and Workload - \$2.2 billion
- KidCare Workload (Due to Caseload Shift to Medicaid) - (\$58.8) million
- Minimum Wage for Medicaid Providers - \$273.6 million
- Minimum Wage for Nursing Homes - \$212.8 million
- Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) Reimbursement Rates - \$29.6 million

- Maternal Fetal Medicine Provider Rate Increase - \$2.5 million
- Organ Transplant Rate Increase - \$6.3 million
- Specialty Children's Hospitals - \$84.9 million
- Hospital Outlier Payments - \$50.2 million
- Florida Cancer Hospitals - \$156.2 million
- Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS) - \$112 million
- Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) – \$82.7 million

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Total: \$2.1 billion [\$912.2 million GR; \$1.2 billion TF]; 2,698.5 positions

- Establish Recurring Dental Services Program for the Developmentally Disabled - \$8.5 million
- Direct Service Provider Rate Increases to Address Minimum Wage - \$403 million
- Waiver Rates for Behavior Services - \$14.2 million
- Home and Community Based Services Waiver Waitlist - \$59.6 million

Department of Children and Families

Total: \$4.2 billion [\$2.5 billion GR; \$1.7 billion TF]; 12,231.75 positions

- Child Welfare:
 - Community Based Care Funding Increase - \$158.4 million
 - Mitigate Title IV-E Earnings Shortfall - \$32.6 million
 - Foster Care Child Daycare Subsidy - \$24.9 million
 - Foster Care Board Rate Parity - \$19.1 million
 - Fatherhood Engagement and Family Involvement Programs - \$31.8 million
 - Increased Subsidy for Foster Youth Attending Postsecondary Education - \$16.9 million
 - Maintenance Adoption Subsidies - \$10.1 million
 - Guardianship Assistance Program - \$8.7 million
 - Foster Care Board Rate Adjustment - \$3.3 million
 - Expand Adoption Incentive Benefits to Law Enforcement Officers - \$4 million
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse:
 - Community Based Behavioral Health Services - \$211.1 million
 - Opioid Response Grant - \$24.6 million
 - State Mental Health Treatment Facilities Forensic Beds - \$20 million
 - Legal Settlement Funds for Opioid Epidemic Abatement - \$11.3 million
 - Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) Team Funding - \$7 million
- Florida System and Florida Safe Families Network Technology Modernization - \$31.5 million

Department of Elder Affairs

Total: \$349.9 million [\$208 million GR; \$141.9 million TF]; 407 positions

- Alzheimer's Disease Initiative - \$12 million
- Community Care for the Elderly - \$9 million
- Aging Resource Centers - \$1 million

Department of Health

Total: \$3.4 billion [\$750.6 million GR; \$2.7 billion TF]; 12,832 positions

- Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program - \$37.7 million
- H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute - \$20 million
- Fatherhood Grants – Home Visiting Program - \$4.4 million
- Primary Care Health Professional Loan Repayment Program - \$6.6 million and 3 FTE
- Hearing Aids for Children - \$5 million
- Dental Student Loan Repayment Program - \$1.8 million
- Hormonal Long-acting Reversible Contraception Program - \$2 million

Department of Veterans Affairs

Total: \$186 million [\$71.5 million GR; \$101 million TF]; 1,482.5 positions

- State Veterans’ Nursing Homes - Nurses Salary and Recruitment Incentives - \$5.6 million
- State Veterans’ Nursing Homes - Contracted Services Increase to Increase Wages to \$15 per hour - \$6.9 million
- Florida is For Veterans Increase for Administration and Programs - \$2.06 million

CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JUSTICE

Summary

Total Budget: \$6.9 billion [\$6 billion GR; \$938 million TF]; 45,211.5 positions

Department of Corrections

Total: \$3.8 billion [\$3.75 billion GR; \$63.9 million TF]; 23,380 positions

- Construction of one 4,500 Bed Prison - \$650 million
- Construction of one 250 Bed Prison Hospital - \$200 million
- Price Level Increase for Correctional Officers in Private Prisons - \$33.9 million
- Offender Based Information System (OBIS) Replacement - \$10.2 million
- Statewide Recruitment Staffing - \$1.9 million and 12 positions
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Program Compliance - \$1.2 million and 11 positions

Attorney General/ Legal Affairs

Total: \$345.7 million [\$77.3 million GR; \$268.4 million TF]; 1,293.5 positions

- Statewide Prosecutor Workload - \$1.8 million and 12 positions
- Solicitor General Workload - \$1.7 million and 10 positions

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Total: \$387.6 million [\$226 million GR; \$161.6 million TF]; 1,954 positions

- Cyberfraud Analysis and Education - \$0.5 million and 6 positions
- Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System - \$0.9 million and 2 positions
- Election Crimes Investigations - \$1.5 million and 10 positions
- Salary Increases for Deputy Sheriffs and County Correctional Officers in Fiscally Constrained Counties - \$15.0 million
- Increase Federal Grants Trust Fund Authority - COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP) Grant - \$0.8 million

- Criminal Justice Data Technical Assistance Grant - \$5.0 million
- Biometric Identification Solution (BIS) Modernization - \$3.5 million
- Criminal Justice Data Transparency - \$3.0 million
- Statewide Behavioral Threat Assessment Management Strategy - \$1.3 million and 3 positions

Department of Juvenile Justice

Total: \$607.4 million [\$457.7 million GR; \$149.6 million TF]; 3,247.5 positions

- Increase Provider Pay to Minimum Wage - \$5.3 million
- Expansion of Vocational and Educational Services - \$3.7 million
- Continuation and Expansion of Prevention and Early Intervention Programs - \$1.6 million
- Electronic Monitoring Enhancements - \$1.0 million
- Establishment of an Electronic Health Record - \$0.7 million and 3 positions

Justice Administrative Commission

Total: \$1.07 billion [\$885.0 million GR; \$182.9 million TF]; 10,684 positions

- Child Representation Pilot Program - \$2.4 million and 3 positions
- Clerks of Court Pandemic Recovery Plan - \$6.3 million
- Guardian ad Litem Trust Fund Authority - \$4.4 million and 67.5 positions
- State Attorney and Public Defender Motor Vehicle Replacement - \$2.5 million

State Court System

Total: \$702.8 million [\$591.3 million GR; \$111.4 million TF]; 4,506.5 positions

- Appellate Court Operational Increases - \$9.7 million and 62 positions
- Appellate Case Management Solution - \$4.5 million
- Maintain Early Childhood Courts - \$1.0 million and 9 positions
- Trial Courts Pandemic Recovery Plan - \$10.0 million
- Support for Post-Pandemic Proceedings - \$1.9 million
- Supreme Court Fellows Program - \$0.6 million

TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Summary

Total Budget: \$16.5 billion [\$1.0 billion GR; \$15.5 billion TF]; 13,126 positions

Department of Economic Opportunity

Total: \$1.3 billion [\$236.9 million GR; \$1.1 billion TF]; 1,510 positions



- **State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) - \$209.5 million (allocated to local governments)**
- **Affordable Housing Programs - \$153.25 million: \$53.25 million for the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) and \$100 million for a Florida Hometown Hero Housing Program**

- Job Growth Grant Fund - \$50 million SFRF
- **VISIT Florida - \$50 million**
- Noncustodial Parent Employment Program - \$7.0 million recurring
- Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Program - \$20 million
- First Responders Recognition Payments - \$125 million SFRF
- Broadband Opportunity Grant Program - \$400 million SFRF
- Consumer-First Workforce Information System - \$150 million SFRF
- Rural Infrastructure Fund - \$30 million (\$25 million SFRF)
- Economic Development Projects - \$6.0 million
- Housing and Community Development Projects - \$107.9 million
- Workforce Projects - \$9.5 million

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Total: \$529.2 million [\$10 million GR; \$519.2 million TF]; 4,340 positions

- Florida Highway Patrol Academy Driving Track - \$10 million
- Increased Authority for Work Zone Traffic Enforcement - \$5.8 million
- Additional Commercial Driver License Third Party Testing - \$570,119; 6.0 positions
- Motorist Modernization Project - Phase II - \$10 million

Department of Military Affairs

Total: \$75.3 million [\$31.8 million GR; \$43.5 million TF]; 459 positions

- Florida National Guard Tuition Assistance - \$5.2 million for FYs 2021-2022 and 2022-2023
- Florida State Guard - \$10 million; 6.0 FTE
- New Counterdrug Program Headquarters Building - \$2.2 million

Department of State

Total: \$193.7 million [\$163.6 million GR; \$30.1 million TF]; 444 positions

- **Libraries Maintenance of Effort - \$23.9 million**
- **Library Cooperatives - \$2 million**
- Cultural and Museum Programs and Initiatives - \$73.2 million
 - General Program Support Grants - \$46 million (fully funds all 556 projects)
 - Culture Builds Florida Ranked List - \$3.1 million (funds all 131 projects)
 - Cultural Facilities Grants Ranked List - \$10 million SFRF (funds 24 projects)
 - Cultural and Museum Projects - \$14.1 million
- Historical Preservation Programs and Initiatives - \$31.1 million
 - Historic Preservation Small Matching Grants Ranked List - \$1.6 million (funds all 58 projects)
 - Historic Preservation Special Category Ranked List - \$21.5 million (funds all 77 projects)
 - Historic Preservation Projects - \$9.4 million
- African-American Cultural and Historical Grants Ranked List - \$30.3 million (SFRF)
- Elections - \$16.2 million GR and TF - includes:
 - Additional Positions for Voter Registration Activities - \$1.1 million; 15.0 positions
 - Office of Election Crimes and Security Investigators - \$1.1 million; 15.0 positions

- Florida Voter Registration System Modernization Feasibility Study - \$450,000
- Grants to Supervisors of Elections for Cyber Security - \$8 million
- Memorial for Champlain Towers South - \$1.0 million
- New Artifacts Curation Facility - \$13.8 million SFRF

Department of Transportation

Total: \$12.7 billion [\$498.6 million GR; \$12.3 billion TF]; 6,175 positions

- Transportation Work Program - \$11.6 billion



- **County Transportation Programs:**

- **Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) - \$115.2 million (\$30 million SFRF)**
 - \$9 million to small cities
- **Small County Road Resurface Assistance Program (SCRAP) - \$47.7 million (\$20 million SFRF)**
- **County Transportation Programs - \$49.6 million**
- **Local Transportation Initiatives (Road Fund) Projects - \$498.6 million**

- Transportation Disadvantaged - \$56.6 million
 - Florida Innovative Grant Program for Transportation Disadvantaged - \$4 million
- Aviation Development Grants - \$314.5 million
- Seaport Grants - \$100.8 million
- Public Transit Development Grants - \$529.6 million
- Right of Way Land Acquisition - \$540.7 million

Division of Emergency Management

Total: \$1.6 billion [\$63.4 million GR; \$1.6 billion TF]; 198 positions

- New Positions - 11.0 FTE; \$1.2 million GR
- Urban Search and Rescue Teams Training and Equipment Grants - \$10 million GR
- Mobile Home Tie-Down Program Increased Funding - \$7 million GR
- Open Federally Declared Disaster (FEMA reimbursement and pass-through) - \$1.5 billion
- Community Recovery, Preparedness, and Critical Facilities Projects - \$30.8 million GR

AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT and GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Summary

Total Budget: \$9.3 billion [\$2.5 billion GR; \$1.6 billion LATF; \$5.2 billion Other TF]; 20,385 positions

Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Total: \$2 billion [\$271 million GR; \$209.4 million LATF; \$1.5 billion TF]; 3,876 positions

- Rural and Family Lands Protection Program/Wildlife Corridors - \$300 million
- Wildfire Suppression Equipment/Aircraft - \$42.7 million
- Florida Forest Service Aerial Protection Program - 10 positions and \$15.9 million
- Road/Bridge and Facility Maintenance - \$8.4 million

- Citrus Protection and Research - 5 positions and \$16.6 million
- Lake Okeechobee Agriculture Projects - \$5 million
- Florida Agriculture Promotion Campaign - \$19 million
- Licensing Concealed Weapons Program - 25 positions and \$1.7 million
- Office of Energy Grants - \$3.5 million
- Feeding Programs/Farm Share/Feeding Florida - \$15.1 million
- Agriculture Education and Promotion Facilities - \$31.8 million

Department of Citrus

Total: \$41.8 million [\$20.6 million GR; \$21.2 million TF]; 28 positions

- Citrus Recovery Program - \$13 million

Department of Environmental Protection

Total: \$4.2 billion [\$1.4 billion GR; \$1.3 billion LATF; \$1.5 billion TF]; 3,088 positions

- Everglades Restoration - \$885.9 million
- Water Quality Improvements - \$782.4 million
 - Wastewater Grant Program - \$125 million
 - **C-51 Reservoir - \$65 million**
 - Staffing for Environmental Permitting - 33 positions and \$3.3 million
 - Indian River Lagoon WQI - \$38 million
 - Biscayne Bay Water Quality Improvements - \$20 million
 - Springs Coast Watershed - \$20 million
 - Caloosahatchee WQI - \$6 million
 - Water Projects - \$368.4 million
 - Total Maximum Daily Loads - \$50 million
 - Septic Upgrade Incentive Program - \$10 million
 - Non-Point Source Planning Grants - \$10 million
 - Water Restoration Assistance Staff - 25 positions and \$3 million
- Flood and Sea-Level Rise Program - \$470.9 million
- Alternative Water Supply - \$50 million
- Water Quality Improvements - Blue Green Algae Task Force - \$10.8 million
- Innovative Technology Grants for Harmful Algal Blooms - \$15 million
- Resilient Florida Program - 25 position \$2.4 million
- Springs Restoration - \$75 million
- Florida Forever Programs and Land Acquisition - \$168.7 million
 - Division of State Lands - \$100 million
 - Florida Recreational Development Assistance Grants - \$10.7 million
 - Green Heart of the Everglades Acquisition - \$35 million GR
 - Rattlesnake Key Acquisition - \$23 million GR
- Petroleum Tanks Cleanup Program - \$180 million
- Volkswagen Settlement - \$53 million
- Hazardous Waste and Dry Clean Site Cleanup - \$40 million
- Beach Management Funding Assistance - \$50 million
- State Park Beach Projects - \$55 million

- Drinking Water Revolving Loan Program - \$202.6 million
- Wastewater Revolving Loan Program - \$264.8 million
- Water Infrastructure Improvements - \$178.9 million
- Small County Wastewater Treatment Grants - \$12 million
- Land and Water Conservation Grants - \$13.5 million
- Local Resiliency Projects - \$5 million
- Local Parks - \$58.2 million
- State Parks Maintenance and Repairs - \$239.5 million

Department of Financial Services

Total: \$477.2 million [\$55.4 million GR; \$421.8 million TF]; 2,568.5 positions

- Florida Firefighter Cancer Research - \$2.0 million
- Local Government Fire and Firefighter Services - \$46.3 million
- Law Enforcement Positions, Equipment, Training and Enhancements – 12 FTE; \$4.3 million

Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Total: \$481.2 million [\$108.6 million GR; \$107.6 million LATF; \$265 million TF]; 2,149 positions

- Marine Fisheries Recovery Grant Program - \$2.5 million
- Law Enforcement Equipment Replacement - \$12.7 million
- Law Enforcement Enhanced Patrol and Support - 12 positions and \$2.6 million
- FWC Buildings Maintenance and Repair - \$4.2 million
- Manatee Management Care - \$20 million
- Boating Infrastructure and Improvement Program - \$7.2 million
- Derelict Vessel Removal - \$19.9 million
- Nuisance and Invasive Species Response - \$2 million
- Apalachicola Bay Oyster Restoration - \$3.2 million
- Land Use Planning Program - 10 positions and \$0.8 million

Department of Management Services

Total Budget: \$1 billion [\$421.2 million GR; \$623.4 million TF]; 1,025.5 positions

- Capitol Complex Renovations and Repairs - \$115 million
- State Emergency Operations Center - \$80 million
- Department of Corrections Facilities Master Plan - \$5 million
- MyFloridaMarketPlace - \$5.8 million
- Division of Retirement Critical Workload - 20 positions and \$2.4 million
- Executive Aircraft Program - 17 positions and \$30.8 million
- Cybersecurity - 8 positions and \$119.2 million
- Cloud Modernization and Migration - \$163.4 million

Department of Revenue

Total: \$637.8 million [\$230 million GR; \$407.8 million TF]; 5,012 positions

- Fiscally Constrained Counties - \$38.8 million

Palm Beach County Appropriations

Those projects marked with * indicate that it was a PBC delegation member sponsored project.

EDUCATION

Florida Atlantic University

Florida Atlantic University - Operating	\$ 136,401,331
Florida Atlantic University - Education Enhancement (Tuition Authority)	\$ 158,498,804
Florida Atlantic University - Deferred Maintenance	\$ 17,847,700
Florida Atlantic University - Medical School	\$ 27,464,420
Florida Atlantic University - Nursing Education	\$ 4,185,054
Florida Atlantic University - Autism Program	\$ 1,349,076
Florida Atlantic University - Max Planck Scientific Fellowship Program (Recurring)	\$ 889,101
Florida Atlantic University - Max Planck Scientific Fellowship Program (Non-Recurring)*	\$ 750,000
Florida Atlantic University - Need Based Financial Assistance	\$ 399,658
Florida Atlantic University - Grants	\$ 246,190,574
Florida Atlantic University - Lottery Funds	\$ 47,070,460
Florida Atlantic University - FAU University Galleries	\$ 56,300
TOTAL:	\$ 641,102,478

Palm Beach State College

Florida College System Program Fund	\$ 71,032,972
Florida College System Education Enhancement	\$ 9,949,475
Palm Beach State College Dental & Medical Services Tech Bldg (Replace Bldg 115 LW) - Loxahatchee Groves*	\$ 25,000,000
Palm Beach State College - Deferred Maintenance	\$ 18,354,479
Palm Beach State College - Nursing Education	\$ 1,472,143
Palm Beach State College - Work Florida Student Success Incentive	\$ 535,783
Palm Beach State College - Student Success Incentives	\$ 1,051,933
TOTAL:	\$ 127,396,785

Palm Beach County Schools K-12

P. B. Co. Public Schools K-12 FEFP Total Funds	\$ 1,680,235,959
P. B. Co. Workforce Education Programs	\$ 18,107,877
Palm Beach School Readiness Services Early Learning	\$ 46,734,163
Palm Beach School Readiness Services transition to the school readiness program	\$ 11,741,472
P. B. Co. Voluntary Prekindergarten	\$ 33,914,015
TOTAL	\$ 1,790,733,486

Private Colleges and Universities

Palm Beach Atlantic University Business School Building*	\$ 5,000,000
Keiser University - Nursing Shortage: Increasing the Talent Workforce Supply Through Simulation, Faculty, and Technology	\$ 1,200,000
Keiser University - Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource Centers	\$ 1,450,000
TOTAL	\$ 7,650,000

Other Education

Security Funding in Jewish Day Schools*	\$ 3,500,000
Boca Raton Habilitation Center Education Programs for Adults with Disabilities (AWD)*	\$ 300,000
West Technical Education Center Adult Vocation Training*	\$ 397,288
Busch Wildlife Sanctuary Environmental Education Center*	\$ 791,054
Loggerhead Marinelife Center Educational Material for Underserved Youth*	\$ 250,000
UF West Palm Beach Global Center for Technology and Innovation	\$ 100,000,000
TOTAL:	\$ 105,238,342

COMMUNITY SERVICES**Behavioral Health Services**

Faulk Center - No-Cost/Low-Cost Mental Health Counseling for the Economically Disadvantaged*	\$ 100,000
The Alpert Jewish Family and Children's Service Mental Health First Aid*	\$ 200,000
The Hanley Foundation Community Recovery Center*	\$ 1,500,000
Jewish Family Services Affordable Mental Health Collaboration*	\$ 998,400
Alpert Jewish Family Service – Community Access Life Line*	\$ 270,000
TOTAL:	\$ 3,068,400

Community Based Care

ChildNet - Palm Beach	\$ 38,263,137
ChildNet - Preventing Opioid and General Substance Abuse based child removals*	\$ 360,000
P. B. Co. Homeless Resource Center 2 Construction*	\$ 250,000
PEAR Project - Habilitation Center for the Handicapped*	\$ 250,000
Promise for Women's Health Equity*	\$ 450,000
Love Serving Autism's INTERACT Therapeutic Tennis and Multi-Sport Facility*	\$ 299,519
Place of Hope Child Welfare Services*	\$ 700,000
Drug Free America Foundation - Reducing the Use of Marijuana During Pregnancy and Postpartum (Statewide) *	\$ 221,903
Florida Senior Living Association Certified Nursing Assistants OTJ (Statewide)*	\$ 500,000
TOTAL:	\$ 41,294,559

Elder Affairs

Alzheimer's Community Care Association - Critical Support Initiative*	\$ 750,000
Alzheimer's Community Care Association	\$ 1,500,000
Wandering Rescue and Prevention Project*	\$ 200,000
Rales Rides - Senior Transportation Program*	\$ 212,000
Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program - Boca Raton Jewish Federation	\$ 92,946
TOTAL:	\$ 2,754,946

Vocational Rehabilitation

Palm Beach Habilitation Center (Recurring)	\$ 225,000
Boca Raton Habilitation Center for the Handicapped - Adults with Disabilities*	\$ 300,000
JARC Florida*	\$ 400,000
Unicorn Children's Foundation: Vocational Jobs Training for Developmentally Disabled Young Adults (Statewide) *	\$ 200,000
TOTAL	\$ 1,125,000

PUBLIC SAFETY

Criminal & Civil Justice

Sago Palm Facility - Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)	\$ 142,900
South Bay Correctional Facility - PILT	\$ 275,560
South Bay Correctional Facility - Certificates of Participation purchase	\$ 1,540,025
Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel of the First Region (Region 1 OCCRC) -Child Representation Pilot Program (Palm Beach/Broward) (Recurring)	\$ 2,392,216
(Non-recurring)	\$ 10,877
Maintenance/repair of the Hillsborough, Broward, and Palm Beach detention centers	\$ 1,582,200
Justice Administrative Commission for PIP Fraud (Palm Beach and other counties)	\$ 1,973,678
P. B. Co. Rape Crisis Center*	\$ 282,039
RESTORE Ex-Offender Reentry Program*	\$ 375,000
The LAB YMCA Leadership Academy*	\$ 170,000
Regional Crime Prevention Strategy*	\$ 525,000
Riviera Beach Mobile Command Center*	\$ 500,000
TOTAL:	\$ 9,769,495

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation/Economic Development

Everglades Restoration Workforce Training*	\$ 1,700,000
City of Boca Raton City Hall and Municipal Complex Emergency Generators*	\$ 1,100,000
Village of North Palm Beach Emergency Operations Center Emergency Generator*	\$ 200,000
Palm Springs Public Safety Building/EOC Hardening*	\$ 630,022
TOTAL:	\$ 3,630,022

Arterial Highway Construction

Barwick Road from West Atlantic Avenue to Lake Ida Road	\$ 2,235,340
Lindell Boulevard from SR 5/US 1/Federal Highway to SW 10th Avenue	\$ 2,193,943
Parker Avenue from SR 882/Forest Hill Boulevard to Nottingham Boulevard	\$ 3,467,578
TOTAL:	\$ 7,896,861

Aviation Development Grants

F45 Hangars and Infrastructure Development	\$ 2,000,000
Palm Beach County Park Airport – Lantana	\$ 1,800,000
Palm Beach International Airport Access Roadway Rehabilitation- Phase 1	\$ 2,000,000
Palm Beach International Airport Expand Air Cargo Ramp	\$ 1,500,000
TOTAL:	\$ 7,300,000

Bridge Construction

SR 5/US 1 over Earman River (C-17) Bridge 930003	\$ 9,153,567
SR 80/US 98 from East of Lake Avenue to West of US 1/South Dixie Highway	\$ 1,660,082
SR 800/Spanish River Boulevard over Intracoastal Waterway	\$ 3,145,127
SR A1A/Blue Heron Boulevard over Intracoastal Waterway	\$ 3,099,661
TOTAL	\$ 17,058,437

Construct/Inspect/Consult

SR 15 from North of 1st Street to Palm Beach/Martin County Line	\$ 1,597,769
SR 5/US 1 over Earman River (C-17) Bridge 930003	\$ 1,302,934
SR 710/Beeline Highway from Northlake Boulevard to SR 708/Blue Heron Boulevard	\$ 11,583,819
SR 9/I-95 at 6th Avenue South	\$ 1,420,013
TOTAL:	\$ 15,904,535

County Transportation Programs

SR 809/Military Trail at Forest Hill Boulevard	\$ 1,000,000
TOTAL:	\$ 1,000,000

Highway Maintenance

I-95 Asset Maintenance Palm Beach County	\$ 4,336,613
Lighting Contract in Palm Beach	\$ 3,695,334
Palm Beach County Intelligent Transportation System Maintenance	\$ 2,125,848
SR 25/US 27 Asset Management Contract US 27 and Belle Glade Area	\$ 2,995,034
TOTAL:	\$ 13,152,829

Intermodal Development/Grants

SR 5/US 1 from Palmetto Park Road to SR 850/Northlake Boulevard	\$ 2,000,000
TOTAL:	\$ 2,000,000

Intrastate Highway Construction

Palm Beach County Pushbutton Contract for Signalization	\$ 1,027,000
SR 5/US 1 from Broward/Palm Beach County Line to SR 794/Yamato Road	\$ 2,283,920
SR 710/Beeline Highway from Northlake Boulevard to SR 708/Blue Heron Boulevard	\$ 128,602,890
SR 80 from SR 15 to CR 880 - Phase 1	\$ 15,268,326
SR 802/Lake Worth Road Roundabout Pedestrian Improvements	\$ 1,020,718
SR 9/I-95 at 6th Avenue South	\$ 9,659,181
SR 9/I-95 at Belvedere Road Northbound Off-Ramp	\$ 1,406,262
SR 9/I-95 from Broward/Palm Beach County Line to Linton Boulevard	\$ 2,705,077
SR 9/I-95 from South of Glades Road to South of Linton Boulevard	\$ 1,100,000
SR 9/I-95 Northbound Off-ramp at Indiantown Road	\$ 5,838,611
TOTAL:	\$ 168,911,985

Local Transportation Projects

SR A1A Drainage Repairs – Highland Beach*	\$ 750,000
Highland Beach Crosswalks Phase 2*	\$ 60,000
South Flagler Drive Resurfacing and Bike Lane Project*	\$ 250,000
Lake Clarke Shores-Pine Tree Lane Bridge Safety Upgrades*	\$ 600,000
Palm Springs Public Safety Building/EOC Hardening*	\$ 200,000
Chickasaw Road Expansion Project*	\$ 300,000
Loxahatchee Groves North Road Equestrian/Multi-use Trail*	\$ 45,000
TOTAL:	\$ 2,205,000

Preliminary Engineering Consult

E-2W Canal Bulkhead Wall, North Glades Road to North Atlantic Avenue (Milepost 76.8-81.9)	\$ 2,696,516
SR 811 from South of RCA Boulevard to North of Donald Ross Road	\$ 1,033,279
SR 9/I-95 at Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard	\$ 1,064,455
SR 9/I-95 from 6th Avenue South to North of SR 704/Okeechobee Boulevard	\$ 1,500,000
SR 9/I-95 from South of Linton Boulevard/CR 782 to 6th Avenue South	\$ 2,000,000
TOTAL:	\$ 8,294,250

Public Transit Development/Grants

Palm Beach County Block Grant Operating Assistance	\$ 6,099,129
TOTAL:	\$ 6,099,129

Resurfacing

SR 15 from North of 1st Street to Palm Beach/Martin County Line	\$ 14,066,898
SR 7 from North of SR 80/Southern Boulevard to SR 704/Okeechobee Boulevard	\$ 6,078,774
SR 710/Beeline Highway from East of Pratt and Whitney to East of Railroad Tracks	\$ 1,832,637
SR 715 from SR 80 to West of Canal Street South	\$ 3,994,646
SR 80 from SR 25/US 27 to East of Glades Glen Drive	\$ 3,286,616
SR 809/Military Trail from South of Devons Road to North of Flag Drive	\$ 1,683,450
TOTAL:	\$ 30,943,021

Right-of-Way Land Acquisition/Support

SR 806/Atlantic Avenue from West of SR 7/US 441 to East of Lyons Road	\$ 6,580,117
SR 9/I-95 at Gateway Boulevard Interchange	\$ 6,166,605
SR 9/I-95 at Lantana Road	\$ 3,443,425
SR 9/I-95 at Northlake Boulevard Interchange	\$ 1,077,066
SR 9/I-95 at PGA Boulevard/Central Boulevard	\$ 4,378,344
SR 9/I-95 at SR 804/Boynton Beach Boulevard Interchange	\$ 4,866,450
SR 9/I-95 from South of Woolbright Road to North of Woolbright Road	\$ 1,137,545
TOTAL:	\$ 27,649,552

Seaport Grants

Port of Palm Beach Upland Cargo Improvements	\$ 1,400,000
TOTAL:	\$ 1,400,000

Small County Outreach Program

Belle Glade Various Locations	\$ 1,059,685
TOTAL:	\$ 1,059,685

Toll Operations Contracts

Account Management System/Centralized Customer Service System Operations	\$ 54,546,207
TOTAL:	\$ 54,546,207

Traffic Engineering Consultants

Palm Beach County Road Ranger Service Patrol	\$ 2,559,000
Palm Beach County Signal Maintenance and Operations	\$ 2,706,985
TOTAL:	\$ 5,265,985

Transportation Planning Grants

Palm Beach Unified Planning WP FY 2022/2023-2023/2024	\$ 4,384,277
TOTAL:	\$ 4,384,277

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Water Projects

P. B. Co. C-51 Reservoir Phase 2 Cell 13	\$ 65,000,000
North Palm Beach Stormwater Master Plan*	\$ 150,000
Palm Beach Gardens Stormwater System Improvements*	\$ 500,000
Hypoluxo Septic-to-Sewer Conversion (LWLI)*	\$ 359,375
Delray Beach Thomas Street Stormwater Pump Station Improvement*	\$ 1,837,500
Delray Beach City-Wide Tidal Backflow Prevention –WaStop Inline Check Valve Install*	\$ 445,000
Lake Park Lake Shore Drive Drainage Improvements*	\$ 700,000
Lake Worth Beach Parrot Cove Stormwater Resilience*	\$ 450,000
Riviera Beach Utility Special District Essential Lift Station Rehabilitation*	\$ 500,000
Riviera Beach Utility Special District Water Treatment Plant*	\$ 500,000
Riviera Beach Rehabilitation of Existing Wells and Construction of New Wells*	\$ 500,000
Loggerhead Marinelife Center Lifesaving Water Treatment System for Sick or Injured Sea Turtles*	\$ 250,000
Mangonia Park Septic to Sewer*	\$ 1,500,000
Jupiter Pennock Industrial Stormwater Improvements* (LRPI)	\$ 75,000
South Indian River Water Control District Canal C Realignment (LRPI) *	\$ 312,500
P. B. Co. Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Culvert Replacement Project (LRPI)*	\$ 125,000
Cypress Creek Floodplain Restoration Project (LRPI)*	\$ 750,000
Canal C Storage Project (LRPI)*	\$ 312,500
TOTAL:	\$ 74,266,875

Beach Projects

Coral Cove Dune Restoration	\$ 655,000
North County Comprehensive Shore protection - Segment 2	\$ 837,643
TOTAL:	\$ 1,492,643

Inlet Management Projects

South Lake Worth Inlet Mgmt. Design, Construction & Monitoring	\$ 3,463,750
Lake Worth IMP Implementation	\$ 342,000
Boca Raton Inlet Management Implementation	\$ 332,609
Jupiter Inlet Management Plan Implementation	\$ 476,468
TOTAL:	\$ 4,614,827

Environmental Project

Florida Ocean Alliance Expanding Florida's Blue Economy (Statewide)	\$ 320,000
TOTAL:	\$ 320,000

**Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)
(Large Development Projects)**

Bert Winters Park Redevelopment Project	\$ 200,000
Town of Lake Clarke Shores – Pickleball Court Project	\$ 112,500
Northern P. B. Co. Improvement District - Mirasol Boardwalk	\$ 200,000
TOTAL:	\$ 512,500

(Small Development Projects)

Village of Wellington - Staimford Park	\$ 50,000
Village of Palm Springs – Village Center	\$ 50,000
Northern P. B. Co. Improvement District – Abacoa II – Preserve Structures	\$ 50,000
Town of Juno Beach – Kagan Park	\$ 50,000
TOTAL:	\$ 200,000

Fixed Capital Outlay Local Parks

P. B. Co. Chain of Lakes Blueway Trail Access Project*	\$ 250,000
Delray Beach Catherine Strong Park Improvements*	\$ 100,000
Delray Beach Pompey Park Improvements*	\$ 935,000
TOTAL:	\$ 1,285,000

State Parks and Repairs

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park	\$ 246,903
TOTAL:	\$ 246,903

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Cox Science Center and Aquarium Expansion - West Palm Beach*	\$ 10,000,000
Royal Palm Beach - Commons Park Corporate Picnic Pavilions*	\$ 450,000
TOTAL:	\$ 10,450,000

GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES

Highland Beach Fire Rescue Resiliency and Safety Enhanced EOC Firehouse*	\$ 400,000
Palm Beach Historic North Fire Station Renovation*	\$ 875,000
Greenacres Fire Station Headquarters Renovation*	\$ 150,000
TOTAL:	\$ 1,425,000

CULTURE & FINE ARTS

African-American Cultural and Historical Grants

Roosevelt High School	\$ 450,000
TOTAL:	\$ 450,000

Historic Preservation Grants Special Category

The Armory Art Center’s Creative Future	\$ 500,000
Lake Park Historic Town Hall	\$ 325,000
Historic Wellbrock House, Delray Beach	\$ 147,525
TOTAL:	\$ 972,525

Historic Preservation Grants

P. B. Co. Oral History Project*	\$ 47,400
TOTAL:	\$ 47,400

Cultural and Museum Grants

*Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center, Inc.	\$ 115,000
*Aequalis, Inc.	\$ 90,000
*Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens	\$ 113,000
*Ballet Palm Beach, Inc.	\$ 50,000
*Benzaiten Center for Creative Arts, Inc.	\$ 60,000
*Blue Planet Global Education, Inc.	\$ 15,515
*Boca Ballet Theatre Company	\$ 110,482
*Boca Raton Historical Society, Inc.	\$ 90,000
*Boca Raton Museum of Art, Inc.	\$ 150,000
*Boca Raton Philharmonic Symphonia, Inc.	\$ 90,000
*Boynton Cultural Centre, Inc.	\$ 69,100
*Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc.	\$ 25,000
*City of Riviera Beach	\$ 150,000
*Creative City Collaborative of Delray Beach, Inc.	\$ 103,000
*Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, Inc.	\$ 150,000
*Digital VibeZ, Inc.	\$ 25,000
*Expanding and Preserving Our Cultural Heritage, Inc.	\$ 58,200
*Florida Atlantic University	\$ 56,300
*Friends of Mounts Botanical Garden, Inc.	\$ 90,000
*Historical Society of Palm Beach	\$ 138,940
*Lighthouse ArtCenter, Inc.	\$ 100,000
*Loggerhead Marinelife Center, Inc.	\$ 150,000
*Loxahatchee River Historical Society, Inc.	\$ 141,900
*Lynn University, Inc.	\$ 150,000
*Maltz Jupiter Theatre, Inc.	\$ 150,000
*Norton Museum of Art, Inc.	\$ 150,000
*Old School Square Center for the Arts, Inc.	\$ 150,000
*Palm Beach Dramaworks, Inc.	\$ 150,000
*Palm Beach Opera, Inc.	\$ 150,000
*Palm Beach State College	\$ 150,000
*Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival, Inc.	\$ 5,000
*Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Inc.	\$ 150,000
*School of the Arts Foundation, Inc.	\$ 148,992
*South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, Inc.	\$ 150,000
*Sunfest of Palm Beach County, Inc.	\$ 150,000
*Sunshine District Association of Chapters of S.P.E.B.S.Q.A., Inc.	\$ 25,000
*The Armory Art Center, Inc.	\$ 150,000
*The Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach, Inc.	\$ 50,000
*The Lake Worth Playhouse, Inc.	\$ 90,000
*The Morikami, Inc.	\$ 150,000
*The Palm Beach Symphony Society, Inc.	\$ 150,000
The Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches	\$ 150,000
*Village of Royal Palm Beach	\$ 150,000

*Village of Wellington	\$ 150,000
*Young Singers of the Palm Beaches, Inc.	\$ 90,000
TOTAL:	\$ 4,950,429

Cultural Facilities

Center for Creative Education, Inc. – Media and Visual Arts Center Phase I (Contingent on ARPA funds receipt)	\$ 500,000
Maltz Jupiter Theatre Renovation (Contingent on ARPA funds receipt)	\$ 500,000
TOTAL:	\$ 1,000,000

Culture Builds Florida

* “Florida the Beautiful” Print Portfolios	\$ 25,000
* Ericka Squire	\$ 25,000
* Flamingo Clay Studio/Clay Glass Metal Stone Gallery	\$ 25,000
* For the Children, Inc.	\$ 25,000
* Lake Worth Beach Public Library	\$ 18,350
* Lake Worth Cultural Renaissance Foundation	\$ 11,150
* St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church – Arts at St. Andrew’s 22-23 Season	\$ 15,500
* Ron Garrett, Individual Artist	\$ 25,000
* The Children's Coalition Inc.	\$ 25,000
TOTAL:	\$ 195,000



TAXES

HB 7071 - Taxation

This year's tax bill had one issue of county concern; an open-ended tax abatement for residential property rendered uninhabitable by a catastrophic event. Under current law, tax abatements are granted on a case-by-case basis by the Legislature, rather than being given as a blanket policy for any event rendering a residence uninhabitable for 30+ days. The concern of this language is that an extreme event (e.g., a hurricane, a dirty bomb) affecting a densely populated area would result in significant abatement payments at the same time the tax base is diminished and service demands are increased due to the event, which might cause financial distress to local government.

Other tax bill highlights include:

Motor Fuel Tax Holiday - Creates the Florida Motor Fuel Tax Relief Act of 2022

- Provides for the reduction of total fuel taxes by 25.3 cents per gallon from October 1-31, 2022
- Suspends implementation of the following levies:
 - 1 cent County Fuel Tax
 - 1 cent Municipal Fuel Tax
 - 15 cent State Fuel Sales Tax
 - 8.3 cent State Comprehensive Enhanced Transportation System Levy



(\$200 million from the General Revenue Fund will be transferred to authorized trust funds pursuant to HB 7071 to offset revenue losses associated with the Florida Motor Fuel Tax Holiday.)

Provides for nine sales tax holidays:

- Back to School Holiday: July 25 to August 7
- Disaster Preparedness Holiday: May 28 to June 10
- Energy Star Appliances Holiday: July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023
- Freedom Week Holiday: July 1 to July 7
- Tools Used by Skilled Trade Workers Holiday: September 3 to September 9
- Baby and Toddler Diaper and Clothing Holiday: July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023
- Children's Books Holiday: May 14 to August 14
- Impact resistant Windows and Doors Holiday: July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024.

Other Sales Tax Provisions:

- Reduction in the sales tax rate for new mobile homes from 6% to 3%

- Allows for the purchase of school buses with the School Capital Outlay Sales Surtax authorized in section 212.055(6).

Other Sales Tax Exemptions:

- Total exemption for all farm trailers. Previously only the first \$20,000 of sale price was exempt for trailers weighing 12,000 pounds or less
- Admissions to Formula One Grand Prix races, FIFA World Cup Matches and Daytona 500 races exempted
- Hog wire and barbed wire fencing exempted, including gates and materials used to construct and repair such fencing, used in agricultural production on land classified as agricultural lands under 193.461
- Machinery and equipment necessary in the production of electrical or steam energy resulting from the burning of hydrogen exempted.

HJR 1 / HB 1563 - Additional Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Specified Critical Public Service Workforce

HJR 1 calls for a statewide question to amend the state Constitution, authorizing the legislature to grant an additional homestead property tax exemption on \$50,000 of the assessed property value of homestead property owned by the following “critical” members of the public sector workforce:

- Classroom Teachers
- Law Enforcement Officers
- Correctional Officers
- Firefighters
- Emergency Medical Technicians
- Paramedics
- Child Welfare Services Professionals
- Active-Duty Military
- Members of the Florida National Guard

SB 434 – Florida Tourism Marketing PBC PRIORITY

SB 434 changes the repeal date from October 1, 2023 to October 1, 2028 for the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation, doing business as VISIT FLORIDA, and the Division of Tourism Marketing within Enterprise Florida, Inc.

TAX BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

SB 1898 / HB 6075 – Tourist Development Taxes PBC PRIORITY

This bill would have removed the provision requiring 40 percent of all tourist development tax revenues to be used to promote and advertise tourism. Palm Beach County joined the PBC Tourism Development Council in opposing this measure.

SB 1542 / HB 673 – Tourist Development Taxes PBC PRIORITY

HB 673 and its counterpart, SB 1542, again would have made changes to how TDTs could be utilized, but in a narrower fashion. The bills would have allowed a county that is located adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico or Atlantic Ocean, and who also meets the definition of fiscally constrained, to use up to 10 percent of TDT funds to reimburse public safety expenses associated with the impact of increased tourism. However, the funds would not have been eligible to supplant the normal operating expenses of an EMS department, fire department, sheriff's office, or police department. Palm Beach County joined the PBC Tourism Development Council in opposing this measure.

**HB 685 / SB 800 – Economic Development
PBC PRIORITY**

HB 685 and SB 800 sought to modify economic development programs operating in rural areas and federal designated opportunity zones. If passed, the bills would have created the Rural Opportunity Tax Refund Program to provide tax refunds to qualified target industry businesses in rural areas and reduce the required non-state match amount for the Regional Rural Development Grants Program from 25 percent to 15 percent and allows in-kind contributions to count toward this threshold, a Glades Regional Initiative priority.



HB 923 - Ad Valorem Tax Exemption

The joint resolution proposed an amendment to the State Constitution authorizing the legislature to periodically increase the current \$25,000 ad valorem tax exemption on a homestead property's assessed value that is greater than \$50,000. The implementing bills would have provided a method and index for calculating the additional tax exemption increase year over year.

SB 946 / HB 217 - Film, Television, and Digital Media Project Rebate Program PBC PRIORITY

This bill would have created the Targeted High Wage Production Program within the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) under the supervision of the Commissioner of Film and Entertainment. The bill authorizes applicants to receive rebates up to 23% of qualified expenditures, or \$2 million, whichever is less with the requirement to make a good faith effort to use existing providers of infrastructure or equipment, employ at least 60% of Florida residents, spend at least 70% of their production time in Florida, and additional guidelines.

STATEWIDE BILLS

HB 5 - Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality

The bill prohibits a physician from performing an abortion after the fetus has reached 15 weeks of gestational age and redefines the term “gestation” to measure this time period from the first day of the pregnant woman’s last menstrual period (LMP). The bill applies current law exceptions to the 15-week ban for emergencies and to save the pregnant woman’s life or to prevent a serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function to the new prohibition. The bill also adds a new exception to the 15-week ban that applies if the fetus has a fatal fetal abnormality and has not reached viability. Additionally, the bill specifies that, should a woman provide evidence of human trafficking under a specified exception in current law, human trafficking must be reported as a reason for the abortion.

HB 7 - Individual Freedom

HB 7 includes provisions designed to protect individual freedoms and prevent discrimination in the workplace and in public schools. The bill specifies that subjecting any individual, as a condition of employment, membership, certification, licensing, credentialing, or passing an examination, to training, instruction, or any other required activity that espouses, promotes, advances, inculcates, or compels such individual to believe certain specified divisive concepts constitutes unlawful discrimination. The bill defines individual freedoms based on the fundamental truth that all individuals are equal before the law and have inalienable rights. Accordingly, the bill requires that instruction, instructional materials, and professional development in public schools be consistent with principles of individual freedom.

SB 1808 - Immigration Enforcement

The bill amends chapter 908, F.S., relating to federal immigration enforcement, which was enacted in 2019. Chapter 908, F.S., prohibits sanctuary policies and seeks to ensure that state and local entities and law enforcement agencies cooperate with federal government officials to enforce, and not obstruct, federal immigration laws. Requires each law enforcement agency that operates a county detention facility to enter into a “287(g) Agreement” with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) by January 1, 2023. It prohibits state and local governmental entities from contracting with common carriers or contracted carriers that willfully transport a person into the state knowing the person is undocumented, except to facilitate the detention, removal, or departure of the person from the state or the United States.

SB 1796 - Dissolution of Marriage

CS/CS/SB 1796 amends laws related to dissolution of marriage. Changes to alimony applicable to any final judgment entered on or after July 1, 2022 include:

- Permanent (lifetime) alimony is eliminated, leaving bridge-the-gap, rehabilitative, and durational forms of alimony
- Rehabilitative alimony is limited to 5 years.

SB 1796 also amends several provisions of law governing the modification of alimony upon retirement. Current case law allows for modification or termination of alimony upon “reasonable retirement,” a concept that has been defined by the courts. This bill provides standards and procedures to be applied when a party to a dissolution of marriage retires.

HB 3 - Law Enforcement

The bill responds to understaffing and recruiting challenges faced by state law enforcement by providing for a series of benefits, financial incentives, educational and training opportunities, and service recognition for state of Florida law enforcement entities.

Most notably for counties, very late amendment language was added to the bill that allows a Sheriff to move budgeted funds across all budget levels, without review or approval by the Board of County Commissioners/Budget Commission. Under the status quo, the Florida Supreme Court issued a decision in Alachua County v. Watson that a Sheriff, or any other county constitutional officer, seeking to amend their budget would have to follow the budgetary amendment process laid out in Chapter 129 of Florida Statutes.

SB 524 - Election Administration

The bill creates the Office of Election Crimes and Security within the Department of State to conduct investigations related to election law violations or election irregularities, it increases the annual cap on fines up to \$50,000 from \$1,000, assessed against a third-party voter registration organization that does not timely deliver completed voter registration application. It increases criminal penalties for ballot harvesting and crimes related to ballot petition signatures and prohibits ranked-choice voting in the state of Florida for the nomination of any candidate to any local, state, or federal office.



It requires county commissioners elected in single-member districts to run for re-election following decennial redistricting, excluding Miami-Dade County, any noncharter county, charter counties with term limits, and any county in which voters have not voted to impose term limits, regardless of any judicial nullification.

HB 7055 - Cybersecurity

This bill requires state agencies and local government entities to report cybersecurity and ransomware incidents to the Cybersecurity Operations Center (CSOC) and the Cybercrime office of the Department of Law Enforcement. It prohibits a state agency or local government experiencing a ransomware incident from paying or otherwise complying with the demanded ransom.

Local governments are required to adopt cybersecurity standards that align with NIST and provide notification to the Florida Digital Service when standards are adopted. Counties with a population of 75,000 or more must adopt the standards by January 1, 2024.

This bill also:

- Requires cybersecurity training for all county employees: advanced and basic
- Requires the Legislature be notified of high severity level cybersecurity incidents
- Expands the purpose of the Cybersecurity Advisory Council (CAC) to include advising local governments on cybersecurity and requires the CAC to examine reported cybersecurity and ransomware incidents to develop best practice recommendations.

HB 7057 – Public Records and Meetings/Cybersecurity

Provides a public records exemption related to cybersecurity. Specifically, the bill makes confidential and exempt from public record requirements:

- Cybersecurity insurance coverage limits and deductible self-insurance amounts
- Information related to critical infrastructure
- Network schematics, hardware and software configurations, or encryption information or information that identifies detection, investigation, or response practices for suspected or confirmed cybersecurity incidents.

STATEWIDE BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

HB 7069 - Condominium and Cooperative Associations

The bill addressing the Surfside tragedy of June 2021, required condominium and cooperative buildings three stories or taller to have "milestone" inspections by December 31 upon reaching 30 years of age, and then every 10 years thereafter. For such buildings located within 3 miles of the coastline, the milestone inspection must be conducted when the building reaches 25 years of age, and then every 10 years thereafter.

SB 974 / HB 985 – Sovereign Immunity **PBC PRIORITY**

SB 974 would have created varying levels for an increase in Sovereign Immunity thresholds. This would have included \$400,000 per person / \$600,000 per incident for the state or a local government entity with a population in excess of 250,000, and \$300,000 per person / \$400,000 per incident for a local government entity with a population of 50,000 - 250,000. In addition, the bill would have allowed sovereign entities other than the state to voluntarily pay a claim above the limits without the need for a claim bill. HB 985 would have increased the cap across the board to \$400,000 per person / \$600,000 per incident. Like the Senate bill, it also would have allowed for claims to be paid without a claim bill but would not have allowed claims to be paid above the cap without a claim bill.

SB 1800 / HB 1543 - Broadband Infrastructure

This would have created the Broadband Pole Replacement Program, to be administered by the Office of Broadband (Office) within the Department of Economic Opportunity (Department) and reimbursed eligible broadband Internet service providers for their costs incurred for the removal and replacement of existing utility poles in areas of Florida that are unserved by broadband Internet service. FAC expressed concerns that the bill did not have any metrics or accountability to ensure deployment would be focused in truly unserved areas or be consistent with the state Strategic Plan for Broadband & other grant programs.

Included in the budget, however, was \$5 million for broadband in panhandle rural counties and \$400 million to DEO for broadband in “unserved areas of the state.”

HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES

SB 704 - Substance Abuse Service Providers PBC PRIORITY

The bill requires applicants for substance abuse service provider licensure to include the names and locations of recovery residences the applicant plans to refer patients to or accept patients from in their licensure application. It prohibits certified recovery residence administrators from managing more than 50 patients at once without approval from a certification credentialing entity and prohibits management of more than 100 patients without exception, and removes a cap on the number of recovery residences a certified recovery residence administrator can manage at any given time. The bill requires substance abuse service providers to return an individual’s personal effects upon the individual’s discharge from treatment.

SB 934 / HB 699 - Public Records/Homelessness Counts and Information System PBC PRIORITY

SB 934 makes confidential and exempt from public inspection and copying requirements individual identifying information of a person contained in a Point-In-Time Count and Survey or data in a Homeless Management Information System collected pursuant to federal law and regulations. The exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act (act) and will stand repealed on October 2, 2027, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature.

TRANSPORTATION

SB 160 - Pahokee Road Designation PBC PRIORITY



In the early morning hours of November 28, 2007, Deputy Sheriff Donta Manuel and Deputy Sheriff Jonathan Wallace, as well as several other PBSO deputies, were responding to a report of a stolen vehicle in progress in Belle Glade. While participating in a tactical initiative to apprehend the fleeing stolen vehicle, Deputy Sheriff Manuel,

along with Deputy Sheriff Wallace, were struck by one of the pursuing patrol cars while attempting to remove stop sticks from the roadway on State Road 715, near Lake Okeechobee. Both deputies were killed instantly.

Deputy Sheriff Manuel was 33 years old and served with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office for 13 years. Deputy Sheriff Wallace, 23 years of age, had been with PBSO for 18 months. This legislation names a portion of SR 715, south of the Pahokee Airport in their honor.

HB 399 — Motor Vehicle and Vessel Law Enforcement

The bill amends the crimes under s. 316.191(2), F.S., to add additional types of vehicles and additional prohibited conduct including a street takeover, stunt driving, and operating a vehicle to film or record prohibited activities or to carry fuel for other vehicles involved in prohibited activities. The bill defines the terms "burnout," "doughnut," "drifting," "motor vehicle," "street takeover," "stunt driving," and "wheelie." The bill also amends the current definition of "spectator" to include a person who is knowingly present at and views a street takeover and provides that evidence of filming or recording such an event or posting the event on social media are factors to be considered in determining whether a person qualifies as a spectator. Under the bill, a person commits a noncriminal traffic infraction if he or she is found to be a spectator at a race or street takeover.

TRANSPORTATION BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

SB 728 / HB 1005 - Advanced Air Mobility

CS/SB 728 creates the Advanced Air Mobility Study Task Force adjunct to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The task force is directed to:

- *Assess and describe the current state of development of the advanced air mobility industry, specifically, the deployment of electric vertical takeoff and landing eVTOL aircraft, defined in the bill as "a type of aircraft that uses electric power to hover, take off, and land vertically without a runway."*

- Identify federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and other requirements that may impact the development of the advanced air mobility industry in this state, including the potential deployment of eVTOL aircraft and infrastructure.

SB 436 / HB 271 - Driving Under the Influence PBC PRIORITY

SB 436 and HB 271 create a more rational definition of drug-impaired driving by upgrading the current statute to include “or any other impairing substance, or combination thereof,” allowing prosecutors to have more tools in their toolbox to deal with drug-impaired drivers. This legislation will not lead to more arrests because an officer or deputy must still have probable cause in order to arrest a motorist for impaired driving. This legislation simply enables prosecutors to address impaired driving no matter what drug is causing the driver to be impaired.

SB 696 / HB 445 - Transportation Network Companies PBC PRIORITY

This bill would have capped the fee charged by an airport to a transportation network company for picking up at the airport to \$2 per ride. Due to existing law requiring that pickup fees charged to TNCs be consistent with those charged to taxicab companies at the same airport or seaport, the bill appeared to limit the pickup fees for taxicab companies to \$2 per pickup. PBC actively opposed this bill.

HB 1415 - Alternative Mobility Funding Systems PBC PRIORITY

This bill set forth a process for local governments to implement a mobility fee, at the exclusion of an impact fee. PBC actively opposed this bill.

SB 398 / HB 157 – Transportation Projects PBC PRIORITY

This bill would have revised the current requirement for an annual minimum commitment by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) of at least 15 percent of revenues deposited into State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF) for specified public transportation projects, by imposing a maximum commitment of no more than 25 percent of such revenues, excluding state revenues used for matching federal grants, unless otherwise specified in the General Appropriations Act.

An amendment to this bill contained language that would require local governments to provide mobility fee credits for capital improvements by residential developers, as determined necessary by the Department of Transportation. After working directly with the bill sponsor, this language was removed.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

HB 195 - Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction PBC PRIORITY

CS/HB 195 requires FDLE to expunge a juvenile’s nonjudicial arrest record following his or her successful completion of a diversion program for any offense that is not a forcible felony or any

felony involving the manufacture, sale, purchase, transport, possession, or use of a firearm or weapon, rather than only a misdemeanor.

HB 197 - Juvenile Public Records PBC PRIORITY

The bill is the public records exemption linked to CS/HB 195. The bill is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and stands repealed on October 2, 2027, unless reviewed and saved from the repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

HB 7029 - Time Limitations for Preadjudicatory Juvenile Detention Care

This bill extends the time limit for which a juvenile may be detained in a supervised release program from 21 days to 60 days and provides for electronic monitoring of juvenile offenders. Additionally, a hearing to show good cause to extend the detention period must be conducted every 21 days (current law specifies nine days) for both supervised release and secure detention of a juvenile.

EDUCATION

HB 1557 - Parental Rights in Education

Colloquially referred to as the “Don’t Say Gay Bill” by opponents, this bill requires each district school board to adopt procedures for notifying a student’s parent if there is a change in services or monitoring related to the student’s mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being. The bill also prohibits classroom instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity in kindergarten through grade 3 or in a manner that is not age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students.

HB 1467 - K-12 Education

The bill establishes 12 year terms limits for school board members, and modifies school district requirements for instructional materials, including instructional materials in school libraries and media centers to provide increased oversight over, and public access to, all materials used in instruction.

SB 706 - School Concurrency

The bill provides that school concurrency is deemed satisfied when the developer tenders a legally binding written commitment, rather than actually executes such commitment, to provide mitigation proportionate to the demand created by the development. A district school board must notify the local government that capacity is available for the development within 30 days after receipt of the developer's commitment. The bill also provides that such mitigation paid by a developer may be set aside and not spent until an appropriate improvement is identified -rather than being immediately directed toward a school capacity improvement.

SB 520 - Public Records and Public Meetings

The bill makes confidential and exempt from public disclosure requirements any personal identifying information of an applicant for the position of president of a state university or Florida College System (FCS) institution held by a state university or an FCS institution until the earlier of the date the final group of applicants to be considered for president is established or at least 21 days before either an interview of an applicant or final action on the offer of employment.

SB 7044 – Postsecondary Education

The bill authorizes the Board of Governors (BOG) to adopt a regulation requiring each tenured state university faculty member to undergo a comprehensive post-tenure review every five years and specifies considerations the regulation must address. The bill also requires, in the year following reaffirmation or fifth-year review, each public postsecondary institution seek and obtain accreditation from an accrediting agency or association identified by the BOG or SBE, respectively, before its next reaffirmation or fifth-year review date.

EDUCATION BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

SB 244 / HB 35 - Partisan Elections for Members of District School Boards

Proposed amendments to the State Constitution to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan election.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

HB 777 – Local Tax Referenda Requirements

HB 777 requires that a local government seeking voter approval to levy certain taxes must hold such referendum at a general election. The bill applies to tourist development taxes, tourist impact taxes, ad valorem taxes levied by a children’s services independent special district, millage increases, and local option fuel taxes.

HB 921 - Campaign Financing

CS/CS/HB 921 amends Florida law to revise the limit on contributions to petition circulating committees to apply only to non-resident contributors and political committees without a registered Florida office.

A late amendment to the bill will now prohibit local governments from spending taxpayer funds to send any communication concerning an issue, referendum, or amendment that is subject to voter approval, including communications limited to “factual information.”

Local Governments can continue to:

- Report official actions in an accurate, fair, and impartial manner
- Post factual information on a government website or in printed materials

- Host and provide information at a public forum
- Provide factual information in response to an inquiry
- Provide information as authorized or required by law.

SB 518 - Private Property Rights to Prune, Trim, and Remove Trees

This bill more specifically defines the terms "Documentation" and "Residential Property." A local government may not require a notice, application, approval, permit, fee, or mitigation for the pruning, trimming, or removal of a tree on a residential property if the property owner possesses documentation from a certified arborist or a Florida license landscape architect that the tree poses an unacceptable risk. A tree poses an unacceptable risk if removal is the only means of practically mitigating its risk below moderate as determined.

SB 962 - Residential Development Projects for Affordable Housing

SB 962 authorizes a county or municipality, regardless of zoning ordinances or the locality's comprehensive plan, to approve the development of any residential development project, including a mixed-use residential development project, on any parcel zoned for commercial or industrial use if 10 percent of the project's units are reserved for affordable housing. The sponsor of a project so approved must additionally agree not to apply for or receive funding from the state's multi-family affordable housing program, known as the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL), limiting eligible projects to those not already seeking SAIL funding.

HB 423 - Building Regulation

The bill makes several changes to building regulations, including changes concerning internships and licensing of building inspectors and plans examiners, private providers, demolition building permits, and request for information by building departments regarding the review of applications for building permits.

SB 222 - Swimming Pool Specialty Contracting Services

SB 222 authorizes certain persons under the supervision of specified licensed contractors to perform construction, remodeling, repair, or improvement services for commercial or residential swimming pools, interactive water features, hot tubs, and spas. Such supervision does not require a direct contract between the contractor certified and the person performing the work, or for the person performing the work to be an employee of the contractor.

HB 7049 - Legal Notices

CS/HB 7049 allows a governmental agency the option to publish legal notices on a publicly accessible website owned by the county instead of in a print newspaper under specified conditions. The bill reverts the criteria a newspaper must satisfy to be qualified to publish legal notices back to the criteria in place before the passage of chapter 2021-17, Laws of Fla., with the exception of the



requirement that a newspaper be for sale. It requires a governmental agency located in a county that has a population of fewer than 160,000 to first hold a public hearing and determine that its residents have sufficient access to the Internet before publishing legally required advertisements and public notices on a publicly accessible website. Finally, the bill eliminates the obligations of the Florida Press Association relating to equitable legal notice access by minority populations.

HB 1493 - Alachua County

The bill amends the Alachua County Home Rule Charter to require members of the county commission to be elected by the qualified electors of the district they represent. This is a change from the current election process for county commissioners in Alachua County from at-large districts to single member districts. The charter amendment is subject to approval by the electors of Alachua County voting in a referendum to be held on the general election, November 8, 2022.

HB 397 - Court Fiscal Administration

The bill revises various provisions relating to court payment plans. Among the provisions is a limitation on payment plan costs for indigent defendants—specifically, that a monthly payment plan may not exceed 2% of the person’s annual income divided by 12, or \$25, whichever is greater. Additionally, it streamlines coordination between the Clerks of Court and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, to ensure more efficient reinstatement of driver’s licenses following payment of outstanding fees and costs.

HB 31 - Firefighter Inquiries and Investigations

HB 31 revises the Firefighters’ Bill of Rights to expand the rights of a firefighter during questioning under an informal inquiry when a firefighter is under investigation for alleged misconduct. Provides criteria for conducting informal inquiries including where the investigation will take place, the time, and duration, allowing the firefighter to rest. Furthermore, a firefighter may not be threatened with transfer, dismissal, or disciplinary action as an incentive to answer any questions.

SB 838 - Fire Investigators

The bill amends the definition of “firefighter” to include Florida-certified fire investigators, making fire investigators eligible for the special benefit package. The special benefit package provides that firefighters who are diagnosed with certain types of cancer are eligible for a \$25,000 payment and employer-sponsored health insurance, including repayment for any deductible, co-payment, or co-insurance amount the firefighter pays for the treatment of cancer.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

SB 228 / HB 101 - Resiliency Energy Environment Florida Programs **PBC PRIORITY**

SB 228 would have substantially amended the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program, which allows property owners to make qualifying improvements to real property and finance the

cost through annual non-ad valorem tax assessments. Qualifying improvements are those that enhance energy efficiency, renewable energy, and wind resistance. The bill names the program the Resiliency Energy Environment Florida (REEF) program and enhances protections for consumers entering into PACE contracts.

To account for recent consumer protection concerns regarding PACE financing, the bill provides regulations to mitigate these concerns and ensure consumers are well-informed of their obligations before entering into a REEF financing agreement. Specifically, the bill provides that, before entering into a residential REEF financing agreement, a REEF administrator must reasonably determine that the property owner has the ability to pay the annual REEF assessment.

SB 510 / HB 301 - Financial Disclosures

The bill required certain locally elected officials file full financial disclosure including mayors, city commissioners, elected members of a city council. In an earlier version of the bill, county managers were included, as well.

SB 1420 / HB 1213 – Public Records / County and City Attorneys PBC PRIORITY

Provides exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying & location information of current and former county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, deputy city attorneys and names and personal identifying & location information of spouses and children of such attorneys.

HJR 663 / HB 1399 - Recall of County Officers and Commissioners

This joint resolution proposes amending the Florida Constitution to allow the Legislature to provide by general law for the recall of county officers and commissioners. It would have to be approved statewide by at least 60% of the electors voting on the measure.

HB 619 - United States-Produced Iron and Steel in Public Works Projects

The bill provides that a government entity entering into a contract for a public works project or for the purchase of materials for a public works project must include in the contract a requirement that any iron or steel product used in or purchased for the project be produced in the U.S, with exceptions.

PREEMPTIONS

SB 620 – Local Business Protection Act

SB 620 allows a private, for-profit business to recover business damages from a local government if the local government enacts or amends an ordinance or charter provision that has or will cause a reduction of at least 15 percent of the business's profit, as applied on a per location basis of a business operated within the jurisdiction, and the business has engaged in lawful business in the county or municipality's jurisdiction for at least three years before the ordinance or charter

provision is enacted or amended. The bill excludes specified ordinances and charter provisions from the scope of the bill, including certain emergency ordinances, and specifies that the bill does not apply to a business that may claim business damages in an eminent domain proceeding. Pre-suit requirements are established in the bill, including a settlement offer process involving the provision of business records supporting the business damages claim.

The bill does provide for methods by which a local government may avoid liability after receiving notice of a claim and limits an action to recover business damages be filed within one year of the effective date of the enactment or amendment of the relevant ordinance or charter provision. Courts are authorized in such an action to award reasonable attorney fees and costs to the prevailing party, but the amount of business damages that may be awarded are limited to the present value of the business's future lost profits for the lesser of seven years or the number of years the business had been in operation in the jurisdiction before the ordinance or charter provision was enacted.

SB 1380 / HB 219 - Real Property Rights

The bill provides that the owner or operator of a private property used for motor vehicle parking may establish rules, rates, and fines that govern private persons parking motor vehicles in such private property. A county or municipality may not enact an ordinance or a regulation restricting or prohibiting a right of a private property owner or operator to establish rules, rates, and fines governing parking on the private property.

SB 254 - Religious Institutions

This bill would disallow emergency orders issued under the State Emergency Act which prohibited a religious organization from conducting regular religious services or activities. However, such emergency orders would be permitted to restrict religious activities if such a restriction was part of a general provision which applied uniformly to all entities in an affected jurisdiction and the restriction served a compelling governmental interest and was the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.

HB 105 – Regulation of Smoking by Counties and Municipalities PBC PRIORITY

HB 105 renames the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act the “Florida Clean Air Act” and expressly authorizes counties and municipalities to restrict smoking within the boundaries of any of the public beaches and public parks they own, except the smoking of unfiltered cigars.

PREEMPTION BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

SB 280 / HB 403 - Local Ordinances

The bill allows challenges to local ordinances on the grounds they are expressly preempted by state law, conflict with state law, or are arbitrary or unreasonable, and allows the courts to award attorney fees and costs to the prevailing complainant. An award of attorney fees or cost and damages cannot exceed \$50,000. It requires a board of county commissioners to prepare a

business impact statement before the adoption of certain ordinances. It also requires the preparation of a business impact estimate that must be published on a county's or city's website at the same time as notice of a proposed ordinance is published. PBC worked with FAC to significantly lessen the burden of this bill on local government, to the point of supporting its final version.

SB 1124 / HB 943 - Preemption of Local Wage Mandates PBC PRIORITY

Would prohibit local governments from enacting any local wage mandate that established a minimum wage greater than the minimum wage established under Article X, §24, of the State Constitution. PBC actively opposed this bill.

SB 512 / HB 325 - Vacation Rentals PBC PRIORITY

SB 512 provides for a method of regulation and a registration program for local vacation rental registration programs. A local government may require vacation rentals to be registered. The registration fee may not exceed \$50 for an individual or \$100 for a collective vacation rental registration. A local government may impose a fine for failure to register a vacation rental. Additionally, the bill requires local governments to accept or deny a registration application within 15 days of receipt of an application.

SB 714 / HB 667 - Outdoor Kitchen Equipment Preemption

As part of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation package, the bill contained a language that would preempt counties and local governments from prohibiting the use of outdoor kitchen equipment.

SB 990 / HB 867 - Towing Vehicles

SB 990 contained a preemption that ordered a state regulation of claiming a lien for the recovery, removal, towing, or storage of a vehicle or vessel and supersedes any county or municipal ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation.

SB 1158 / HB 707 - Home Kitchen Operations

The bill preempts the regulation of home kitchen operations to the state. A local law, ordinance, or regulation may not prohibit a home kitchen operation or regulate the preparation, processing, storage, or sale of home kitchen products by a home kitchen operation; however, a home kitchen operation must comply with the conditions for the operation of a home-based business under s. 559.955, F.S.

SB 614 / HB 721 - Authorization of Restrictions Concerning Dangerous Dogs

The bill allows public housing authorities to adopt ordinances, rules, or policies to address dangerous dogs, however, the rule or policy may not be breed specific. Additionally, the bill removes the grandfather provision in Florida statute, allowing for breed specific regulations, if

the ordinance was adopted prior to October 1, 1990. This change would nullify Miami-Dade County's regulations and restrictions on owners of pit bulldogs.

SB 994 / SB 996 - Pet Protection

SB 994 created the "Florida Pet Protection Act" requiring the licensure of retail pet stores and limiting the sources from which retail pet stores may acquire household pets.

HB 501 - Prohibition of Public Funds for Lobbying by Local Governments

The bill prohibits a local government from using public funds to retain a lobbyist to represent the local government before the legislative or executive branch, providing for disciplinary action. However, a full-time employee of the local government may register as a lobbyist and represent that local government before the legislative or executive branch.

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 7053- Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience

This bill establishes the Statewide Office of Resilience within the Executive Office of the Governor. The office must be headed by the Chief Resilience Officer, who is appointed by the governor. The bill authorizes DEP to provide grants from the grant program to a small city or county to fund preconstruction activities for projects submitted for inclusion in the plan. The bill also extends the dates by which DEP must complete the development of the comprehensive statewide flood vulnerability and sea level rise data set and assessment by one year.

The bill authorizes the use of Resilient Florida Grant Program funds to fund preconstruction activities for Statewide Flooding and Sea-Level Rise Resilience Plan (Plan) projects in municipalities and counties meeting certain population thresholds, but not for projects that adapt critical assets to flooding and sea-level rise. The bill requires vulnerability assessments for rainfall-induced flooding to include the depth of rainfall induced flooding for a 100-year storm and a 500-year storm, as defined by the applicable WMD or, if necessary, the appropriate federal agency. Future rainfall conditions should be used, if available. The bill requires all noncoastal communities to perform a rainfall-induced flooding assessment.

SB 494 – Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission **PBC PRIORITY**

This agency bill specifies that a vessel is at risk of becoming derelict if it is tied to an unlawful or unpermitted mooring or other structure. The bill specifies the circumstances in which law enforcement may destroy or dispose of a vessel and places liability for costs of vessel removal, storage, destruction, and disposition on the owner or responsible party after notice is given. Directs that a certificate of title may not be issued for a public nuisance vessel and adds public nuisance vessels to the definition of abandoned property.

It also authorizes operation of human-powered vessels in the marked channel of the Florida



Intracoastal Waterway for specified reasons. It specifies that a local government cannot create a public bathing beach or swim area in the marked channel of the Florida Intracoastal Waterway or within 100 feet of the marked channel. It also authorizes FWC law enforcement officers to use drones to manage and eradicate invasive plants or animals on

public lands and to suppress and mitigate wildfire threats. (\$8.2 million in derelict vessel removal grants; \$11.7 million to the FWCC Derelict Vessel Removal Program.)

HB 1475 - Cleanup of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

If the EPA does not finalize standards for PFAS in drinking water, groundwater, and soil by January 1, 2025, the bill directs DEP to adopt by rule statewide cleanup levels for PFAS in drinking water, groundwater, and soil using criteria set forth in 376.30701, F.S. The rules for statewide cleanup target levels will not take effect until ratified by the Legislature.

SB 1186 – Agritourism

SB 1186 revises the Legislature’s intent regarding agritourism and how associated activity affects the assessment of property classified as agricultural. The bill removes the requirement that agritourism be a secondary stream of revenue for a bona fide agricultural operation. Additionally, it clarifies that an agricultural land classification may not be denied or revoked solely due to the conduct of agritourism on a bona fide farm or due to the construction, alteration, or maintenance of a nonresidential farm building, structure, or facility on a bona fide farm which is used to conduct agritourism activities. However, the buildings, structures, or facilities must be an integral part of the agricultural operation.

SB 1078 - Soil and Water Conservation Districts

A bill originally intended to abolish Soil and Water Conservation Districts across the state was amended to a bill that would limit membership on the boards of Soil and Water Conservation Districts to landowners in the state and their employees. SB 1078 would require candidates for Soil and Water Conservation District boards, a volunteer public office, to either be agriculture producers working or retired after at least 15 years of work or be employed by an agriculture producer. A district would be automatically dissolved if all five supervisors do not meet at least once per calendar year.

SB 1326 / HB 513 - Comprehensive Review Study of the Central and Southern Florida Project **PBC PRIORITY**

The Central and Southern Florida Project Comprehensive Review Study (restudy) was authorized by Congress in 1992, and again in 1996, to review and reassess the Project. The restudy serves as

a recommended framework for modifications to the Project. By October 1, 2023, and each October 1 thereafter, the bill requires SFWMD to prepare and submit a consolidated annual report on the status of the United States Army Corps of Engineers Section 216 Central and Southern Florida Project Infrastructure Resiliency Study to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Governor, and the Legislature. (\$2 million appropriation to SFWMD for this study.)

SB 882 - Inventories of Critical Wetlands

SB 882 requires each water management district governing board, in cooperation with local governments, to develop a list of critical wetlands for acquisition using funds from Land Acquisition Trust Fund. The board shall consider the following criteria in designating a wetland for inclusion on the list: The ecological value of the wetland, the effects of water quality and flood mitigation, the ecosystem restoration value, and the inherent susceptibility of the wetland to development.

SB 2508 – Environmental Resources

This budget conforming bill:

- Expands the Rural and Family Lands Protection Program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACs) to authorize the DACs to purchase fee interests in land, in addition to less-than-fee interests in land, such as conservation easements
- Authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to enter into agreements with public entities to expedite evaluation of environmental resource permits and Section 404 permits related to a project or activity that serves a public purpose
- Requires the South Florida Water Management District (district) to annually certify before the release of state funds that its recommendations to the United States Army Corps of Engineers are consistent with its district programs and plans
- Requires water shortages within the Lake Okeechobee Region to be managed pursuant to Rules 40E-21 and 40E-22 and provides that any changes to such rules may not take effect until ratified by the Legislature and presented to the Governor, or if the Legislature fails to act and present to the Governor during the next regular legislative session, such rules shall take effect after the next regular legislative session

HB 1411 - Floating Solar Facilities

The bill promotes the use of floating solar facilities by requiring each local government to allow these facilities as a permitted use under certain conditions and amend its land development regulations to promote the use of floating solar.

AGRICULTURE and NATURAL RESOURCE BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

SB 1156 / HB 935 – Statewide Recycling Goals PBC PRIORITY

This bill directed the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to develop a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling plan by July 1, 2023, and to convene a technical assistance group within the DEP to develop the plan.

SB 690 / HB 691 - Resilience-related Advisory Committees PBC PRIORITY

Authorizes resilience-related advisory committees to conduct public meetings and workshops by means of communications media technology and provides that use of technology by committee member constitutes member's presence at meeting or workshop. Also provides notice requirements for public meetings or workshops conducted by means of communications media technology.

PUBLIC SAFETY

SB 578 - Hurricane Loss Mitigation PBC PRIORITY



SB 578 extends the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program (HLMP) within Florida's Division of Emergency Management (DEM) until June 30, 2032. The HLMP funds programs that improve the wind resistance of residences and public hurricane shelters. The HLMP program operations are funded through an annual appropriation of \$10 million from the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to the Division of

Emergency Management. The HLMP is set to expire on June 30, 2022. The bill expands the type of projects eligible for the Shelter Retrofit Program within the HLMP. Currently, the program is to retrofit existing facilities that are shelters. Under the bill, the program may fund projects to construct or retrofit facilities.

PUBLIC SAFETY BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

SB 1144 / HB 1321 – Advanced Life Support Nontransport Services and Medical Countermeasures PBC PRIORITY

This bill would have exempted first responders of eligible government fire rescue entities from Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) requirements, with regard to licensure for advanced life support services.

SB 502 - Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity PBC PRIORITY

SB 502 requires a county that has a population exceeding one million to issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity to any applicant that has been operating in Florida for 10 years and has a certificate of public convenience and necessity from at least three other Florida counties.

LOCAL BILLS AFFECTING PALM BEACH COUNTY

HB 471 - Town of Lake Clarke Shores, Palm Beach County

Continuing an effort to annex a neighborhood in unincorporated Palm Beach County, the town is asking the legislature to declare the legal description of the neighborhood be changed, “to be wholly and completely within the Town boundaries on all sides, and therefore meets the definition of an enclave.” The neighborhood in question is not currently an enclave, as the western boundary of the neighborhood is Florida Mango Road, a county roadway which affords the passage of vehicular traffic directly to the neighborhood.

According to the Town, the declaration does not automatically annex the enclave into the Town, but by declaring the unincorporated area an enclave, it could be eligible for annexation under 171.046(2)(a), F.S.

HB 929 - City of West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County

An amendment to the West Palm Beach Police Pension Plan is necessary because the City of West Palm Beach and the Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, Inc. have agreed in collective bargaining to certain benefit changes. These changes cannot be accomplished locally as the Pension Plan is a creation of the Florida Legislature. These proposed changes are:

- Updating the union name to reflect the change of representation to the Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, Inc.
- Retroactively restoring the 3% multiplier for purposes of calculating the benefit for all years of a member’s service between October 11, 2011 and October 1, 2017 provided that the member retires or enters the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) after the effective date when the Special Act amendment becomes law. Currently employed DROP participants are not entitled to the changed multiplier
- Providing for the transfer of accumulated leave for those members who are at retirement, including entry into DROP, but not for vested or non-vested terminated members.