



2023 Legislative Session

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Overview

- \$117 Billion State Budget, a \$5 b increase.
- 1/2 billion in vetoes
- 19% of bills passed.

Policy Highlights

- Corporate Activism
- Florida Retirement System
- Land Use & Development
- Property Insurance
- Elections
- School Choice

Highlights of the State Budget

\$117 Billion Budget

Increased \$5 billion over current year.

15.3 billion in Total Reserves.

\$2.7 billion in tax relief

permanent sales tax exemption for baby and toddler necessities .

Fertilizer Injunction

Injunction against any new or changes to existing fertilizer ordinances.

\$796 million for targeted water quality improvements

\$4 billion Moving Florida Forward Initiative, prioritize and accelerate the completion of 20 critical transportation infrastructure projects across the state.





**Hernando Beach
Wastewater Resiliency
Project**

\$500,000


Approved

Veterans Memorial Monument

\$250,000

Approved





Reappropriation of funds for
the Brooksville Airport.
Runway and Multi-Modal

\$4,900,000

re-approved

(with no local match requirement)



Hernando County Central Fueling Facility

Vetoed

Y Borrero	Garrison	Mooney	Tomkow
Y Botana	Y Giallombardo	Nixon	Y Trabulsy
Y Brackett	Y Gonzalez Pittman	Y Overdorf	Y Tramont
Y Bracy Davis	Gossett-Seldman	Y Payne	Y Truenow
Brannan	Gottlieb	Y Perez	Y Tuck
Y Buchanan	Y Grant	Persons-Mulicka	Valdés
Y Buzette-Cabrera	Y Gregory	Y Plaker	Y Waldron

New Legislation

Y Bankson	Y Edmonds	Y Lopez, V.	Y Sirola
Y Barnaby	Y Eskamani	Y Maggard	Y Skidmore
Y Bartleman	Y Esposito	Y Maney	Y Smith
Y Basabe	Y Fabricio	Y Massullo	Y Snyder
Y Bell	Y Fernandez-Barquin	Y McClain	Y Stark
Y Beltran	Y Fine	Y McClure	Y Steele
Y Benjamin	Y Franklin	McFarland	Stevenson
Y Berfield	N Gantt	Y Melo	Y Tant
Y Black	Y Garcia	Y Michael	Y Temple
Y Borrero	Garrison	Y Mooney	Y Tomkow



SB 102

The Live Local Act

- \$252 million to SHIP Program
- \$109 million for SAIL Program
- \$100 million loan program for alleviating inflation-related cost increases for current affordable housing projects.
- Provides \$100 million to establish the Florida Hometown Hero down payment assistance program.
- Allows corporate taxpayers to direct certain tax payments to the FHFC, up to \$100 million annually, to fund the SAIL.

SB 102/Local Gov

- Preempts local governments' abilities require zoning, density, and height for new affordable multifamily rental projects in commercial, industrial, and mixed-use zoned areas.
- Prohibits local government rent controls.
- Provides technical assistance to local governments to facilitate the use/lease of local gov property for affordable housing purposes.
- Requires local governments have written policy for expediting building permits and development orders for affordable housing projects.
- Introduces several property tax exemptions for affordable housing properties.

SB 170

Ordinance Adoption

- Relates to challenging local ordinances
- Local gov must produce and post a “business impact estimate” prior to passing an ordinance
- If a lawsuit is brought against the local government
 - Local gov will have to suspend ordinance
 - Court system to give cases priority when ordinances are challenged
 - Local government can owe up to \$50k in attorney fees

SB 1604

Land Use and Development Regulations/Comprehensive Planning

- Increases comprehensive planning periods to a 10-year and 20-year period, from 5 and 10 years
- **Most Important:** removes local governments’ ability to require “building design elements” for residential dwellings in planned unit developments, master planned communities, and communities with a design review board or architectural review board created on or after January 1, 2020.
- Redefines “Distribution electrical substation” to include accessory administration or maintenance buildings as part of the substation. Local governments may only address setback, landscaping, buffering, screening, lighting, and other aesthetic compatibility-based standards.
- Other changes to special districts, like Reedy Creek Improvement District.

HB 1379

Environmental Protection

- Provides funds and policy changes to streamline the acquisition of state lands.
- Requires sewage disposal facilities to provide advanced waste treatment before discharging into certain impaired waters by January 1, 2033.
- Expands wastewater grant program
- Prohibits new onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems within basin management action plan

SB 250

Emergency Management

- Model debris removal contract from the state.
- Encourages local governments to create emergency financial plans
- Local governments cannot prevent someone from placing a temporary living structure on their property for 36 months after a storm.
- Post-storm building inspection teams through mutual aid with other local governments.
- Can't increase building fees until Oct 2024.
- Clarifies the 45-day grace period following a hurricane in for derelict vessels.
- Other changes



HB 89

Building Construction

- Prohibits a local government from making substantive changes to building plans after a building permit has been issued,
- *Unless* such changes are required under the Building Code, or Fire Prevention Code.
- If a local government makes changes to building plans after a permit has been issued they local government must identify in writing what does not conform to the applicable code.

HB 1405

Biosolids

- Establishes a biosolids grant program at DEP for local governments to:
 - Evaluate and implement innovative technologies and solutions for the disposal of biosolids; or
 - Construct, upgrade, expand, or retrofit domestic facilities that convert wastewater residuals to Class AA biosolids, nonfertilizer uses or disposal methods, or alternatives to synthetic fertilizers.



Thank you

We look forward to another year working together.

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