



HERNANDO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION SUMMARY



Overview of 2022 Session

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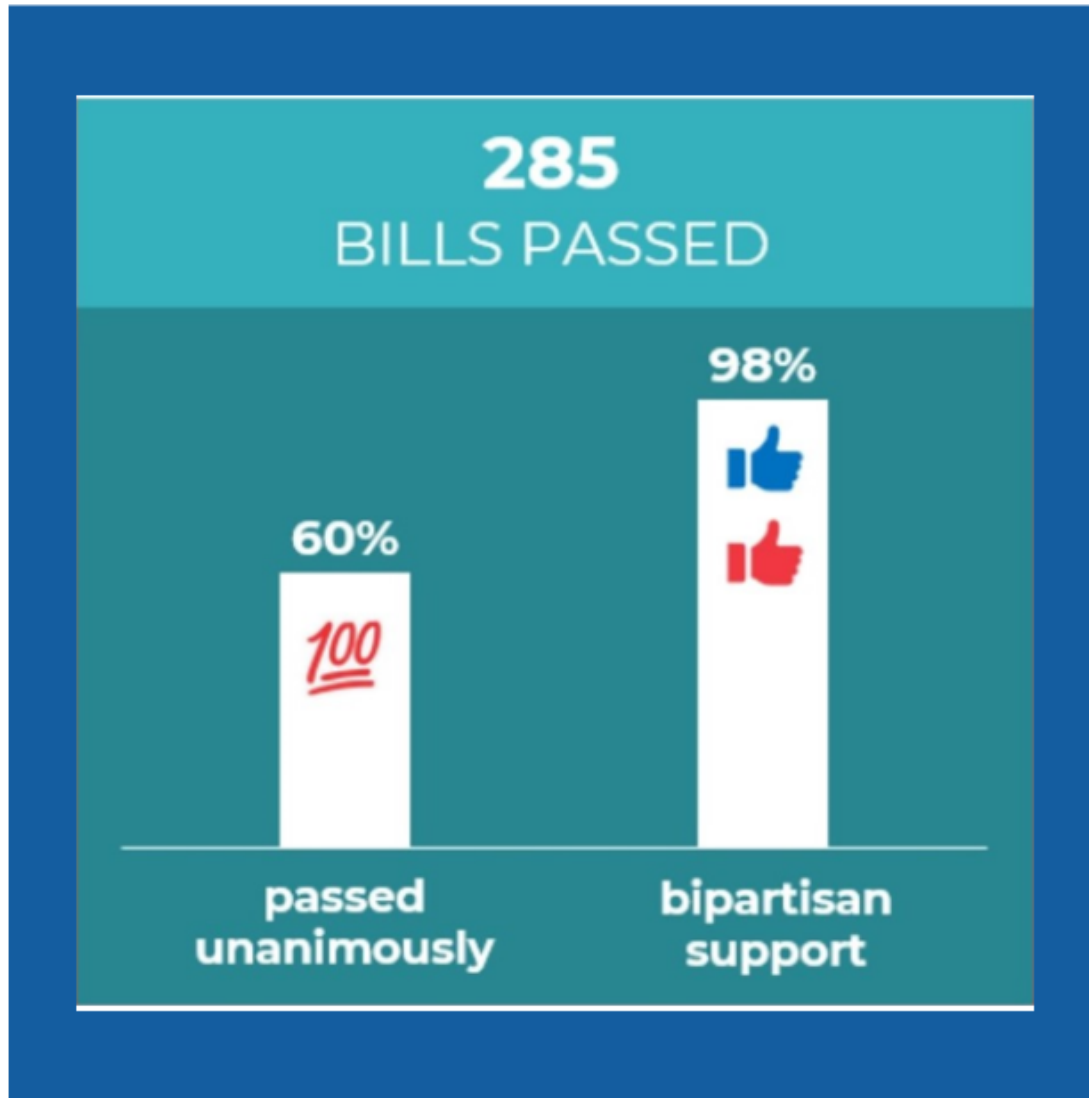
2022 Legislature

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2 An act relating to law enforcement; amending s. 30.49,
3 F.S.; authorizing a sheriff to transfer funds between
4 specified categories and code levels after his or her
5 budget is approved; amending s. 145.071, F.S.;
6 revising salary minimums for county sheriffs; amending
7 s. 409.1664, F.S.; providing for adoption benefits for
8 law enforcements officers; providing requirements to

Bills Filed: 3,735

Passed: 285





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Perception: A rigid partisan divide over 'culture wars' dominated Florida's 2022 session

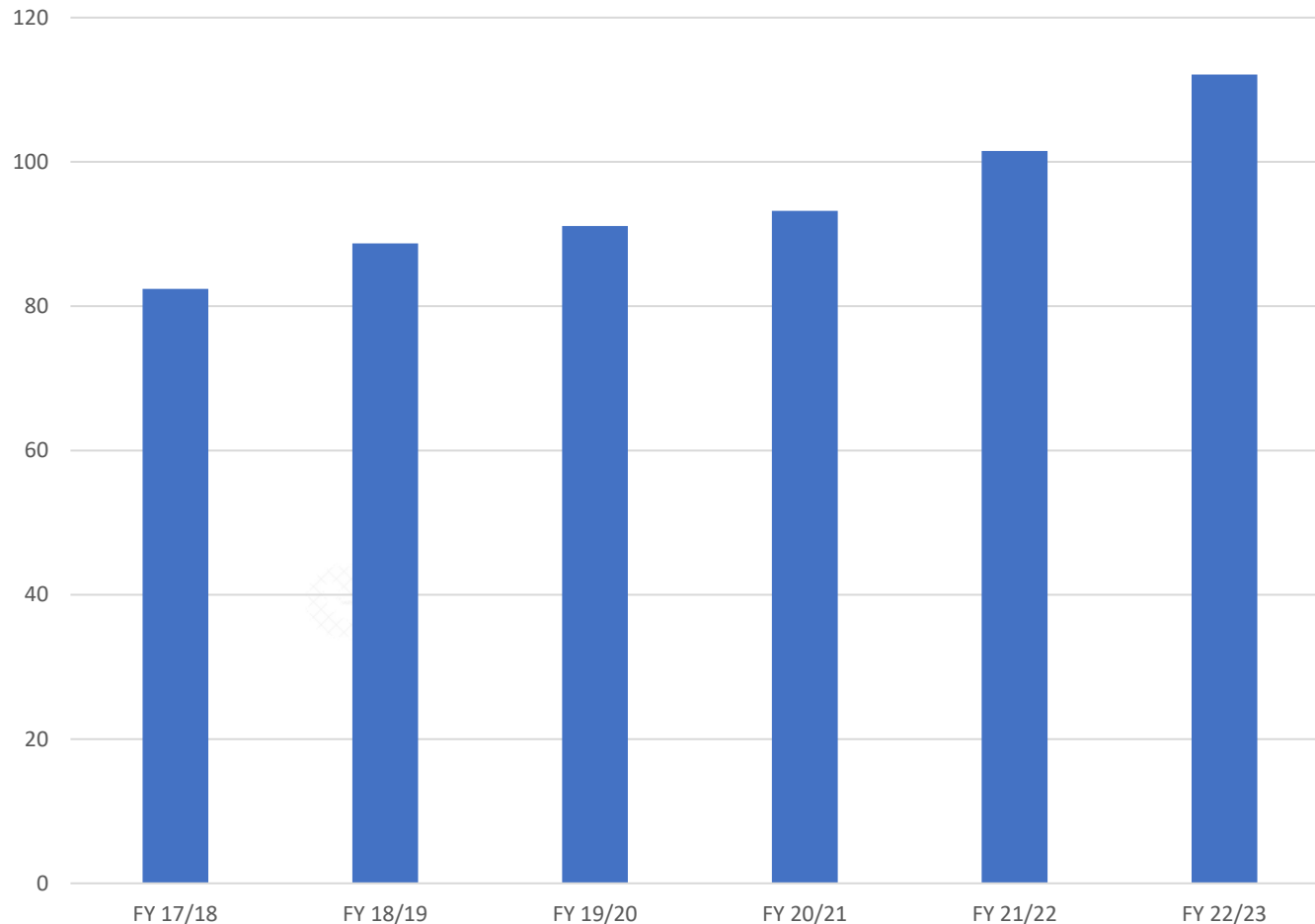
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Reality:

All *but* 7 bills that based had, at least *some*, **bipartisan support**.

FY 22/23 Budget Overview

Recent State Budget, year over year



- ~~\$112.1~~ **\$109B** State Budget
 - 10% increase over current year's budget
- Revenues up 22.9% over estimates in April

Highlights of the FY22/23 budget

\$2.3 billion for Everglades Restoration, other water projects	\$100 million for Hometown Hero Housing Program
Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus, & First Responder Bonuses	~5% increase in per student education funding
Minimum Wage Increases for School District Employees	Creation of a 6 th District Court of Appeals
Investments in Nursing Education	5.38% State Employee Pay Increase

BKV Airport & Technology Center Multi-Modal

- Submitted by Representative Massullo & Senator Hooper
- Upon signature, available 7/1/22
- Grant agreement with DOT

Funded at \$2,900,000



BKV Airport Runway Improvements

- Submitted by Representative Massullo & Senator Simpson
- Upon signature, available 7/1/22
- Grant agreement with DOT

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HB 1591 – Hernando County Local Bill

By Representative Ingoglia

Designates the Hernando Board of County Commissioners to also
serve as Hernando County Port Authority.

Approved by Governor on 05/18

SB 620 – Local Business Projection Act

- Establishes a process by which a business can recover losses caused by new ordinances passed by local governments.
- Petitioner must demonstrate a 15% loss of *profits*.
- A suit can be cured by amending/repealing the ordinance.
- Prevailing business can be awarded costs and attorney fees!

SB 518 – Rights to Prune, Trim, and Remove Trees

SB 518 amends statute so that a local government may not inhibit a property owner's rights to prune, trim, or remove trees on their own property if the tree "poses an unacceptable risk" to persons or property.

Approved by Gov on 05/18

House Joint Resolution 1 – Homestead Exemptions

Proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide an additional homestead exemption of \$50,000 for:

- Classroom teachers
- Law enforcement, correctional officers, firefighters, paramedics, and EMTs
- child welfare professionals
- active duty members of the United States Armed Forces,
- Florida National Guard members

HB 7049 – Legal Notices

- Gives a governmental agency the option to publish legal notices on a county website instead of in a print newspaper.
- Hernando County will have a public meeting to determine residents access to the internet.
- Can still publish in a newspaper, and on a newspaper's website.
- **Approved** by Gov on 05/10

HB 3 – Law Enforcement Recruitment

- Creates the recruitment bonus program to provide one-time bonus of up to \$5,000 to newly employed officers.
- \$1,000 academy scholarship program for new recruits.
- \$1,000 sponsorship of out-of-state transfers for equivalency.
- Adoption & education benefits for children of officers.
- May 1st, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.
- **Approved** by Gov on 04/01

HB 105 – Regulation of Smoking by Municipalities

Allows local governments to restrict smoking within the boundaries of any public beach or park they own.

- Exceptions for unfiltered cigars.

Approved by Gov on 06/24

HB 985 – Sovereign Immunity

DID NOT PASS

- Increases sovereign immunity caps against all levels of government from \$200,000 per person/\$300,000 per incident to \$400,000 per person/\$600,000 per incident.
- Shortens time local government has to settle claim pre-suit.

Thank You

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