



## **Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

Members – Ed Montanari, Chair, Lisa Wheeler Bowman, Vice Chair, Charlie Gerdes, Jim Kennedy

Alternate – Amy Foster

**May 18, 2017**

### **A G E N D A**

- **Call to Order and Roll Call**
- **Approve Agenda**
- **Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2017**
- **Review of 2017 Legislative Session**
  - **Jeff Sharkey, Capitol Alliance Group**
  - **Sally Everett**
  - **City Priorities**
  - **Major Legislation**
- **St. Petersburg Legislative Delegation Remarks (Sen. Jeff Brandes unable to attend; Rep. Ben Diamond yet to respond)**
  - **Sen. Darryl Rouson**
  - **Rep. Wengay Newton**
  - **Rep. Kathleen Peters**
- **Schedule for 2018 Session**
- **Next LAIR Meeting, September 21**

**Schedule**  
in preparation for  
**2018 Florida Legislative Session**

June 15-16, 2017	Florida League of Cities (FLC) Policy Committee Meetings, Orlando
July 14	FLC Policy Committee Meetings, Orlando
August 17	FLC Policy Committee Meetings, Orlando
August 17-19	FLC Annual Meeting, Orlando
September, 2017	Interim Legislative Committee Meetings, Tallahassee
October, 2017	Interim Legislative Committee Meetings, Tallahassee
November, 2017	Interim Legislative Committee Meetings, Tallahassee
December 6-8, 2017	FLC Legislative Conference
January 9, 2018	Regular Session Convenes
March 9,, 2018	Regular Session Ends

## **CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG**

### **Legislative Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations Committee (LAIR)**

**Thursday, March 23, 2017 @ 2:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Committee Chair Montanari, Committee Vice-Chair Wheeler-Bowman, Committee Members Gerdes, and Kennedy, Jr.

**Also Present:** Councilmember Nurse, Assistant City Attorney Jane Wallace, City Administrator Dr. Gary Cornwell, Legislative Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations Director Sally Everett, City Council Administration Service Officer Cindy Sheppard and Office Systems Specialist Paul Traci

**Absent:** Committee member Foster (alternate)

Committee Chair Montanari called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and then undertook a roll call to establish the presence of a quorum. The meeting commenced with the following members present: Lisa Wheeler-Bowman, Charles Gerdes and James R. Kennedy, Jr. Committee member Bowman moved for approval of the agenda. All were in favor of the motion. Committee member Kennedy, Jr. moved for approval of the minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilmember Nurse entered the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Chair Montanari made opening remarks regarding the February 16, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting. City Council had a discussion at this meeting regarding Home Rule, and possibly having a resolution ensuring Home Rule is respected and reinforced. Other discussions at this meeting included possible state preemptions on vacation rentals and business tax.

Ms. Everett continued the LAIR meeting by discussing the City 2017 Legislative Priorities portion of the agenda. The Inflow Abatement Pilot Project, Third and Fourth Street Two-Way Conversion Study and Treasure Island Causeway Improvement Project, three appropriations priorities projects, were explained in detail. The Third and Fourth Street Two-Way Conversion had a hearing in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee this week, and was approved. It is now eligible to be put in the House budget. The Inflow Abatement Pilot Project and Treasure Island Causeway Improvement Project have not been put on a House agenda. Ms. Everett stated that the best strategy for these two projects is to work them on the Senate side.

Ms. Everett discussed policy priorities. One such priority was to defeat the legislation prohibiting sports franchises from utilizing public land to build or renovate professional sports facilities. This legislation is currently moving through the House, but is not expected to pass the Senate. Another priority is to continue to fund economic incentives such as Enterprise Florida. Mayor Kriseman is assisting Governor Scott in fighting for the incentive program.

The Vinoy Basin Mooring Field is actively being worked on. There have been conversations with the contract lobbyists who are working on behalf of the City. Bills regarding the Mooring Field are moving along in both the House and Senate. Amendments will be asked for regarding these bills. The St. Petersburg Sailing Center and the St. Petersburg Marina are concerned about anchoring in the South Yacht Basin, especially in the area of the Sailing Center. If the pilot project goes away, the City will have no enforcement powers to stop vessels from anchoring in this area.

Ms. Everett discussed House Bill 13, which is the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) bill. This bill would eliminate existing CRAs in twenty years. Ms. Everett spoke regarding the possible abuse of CRAs in other parts of the State. She thinks this is an attempt to punish municipalities that have been abusing the CRA tool by abolishing them altogether. Senator Lee and Senator Brandes both support the bill.

Ms. Everett reported that Senate Bill 80 passed the Senate earlier in the morning. The House bill that is the companion bill to Senate Bill 80 is moving along in the House. Both bills address abuses of Public Records Law, and give judges discretion to award attorney fees.

The "Important Issues" chart was reviewed by Ms. Everett. The issues include bills regarding Local Business Taxes, Local Tax Referenda and Public Works.

Committee member Gerdes inquired about a Senate Bill for the Treasure Island Causeway Improvement Project. Ms. Everett reported that there is not a Senate Bill for this project, though Senator Brandes did make a budget request for this project.

Committee member Montanari inquired the sponsor of Happy Workers Funding. Ms. Everett stated that she believes Senator Newton is the sponsor.

Committee member Kennedy, Jr. moved that a resolution be drafted supporting Home Rule. All were in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Montanari adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

The next LAIR meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.



**City of St. Petersburg**

**STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

**2017**

**Final Action**

**APPROPRIATIONS PRIORITIES**

- |   |                |               |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| • <b>Inflow Abatement Pilot Project</b><br>Filed by Rep. Kathleen Peters                                | \$ 3 million   | 0             |
| • <b>3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets 2-way Conversion Study</b><br>Filed by Sen. Jeff Brandes | \$ 200,000     | 200,000       |
| • <b>Treasure Island Causeway Improvements</b><br>Filed by Sen. Jeff Brandes                            | \$ 1.5 million | \$1.2 million |

**POLICY PRIORITIES**

- **Defeat Legislation Restricting or Prohibiting Use of Public Property for Professional Sports Franchise Facilities (SB122/HB79 Filed by Sen. Steube & Rep. Avila) DEFEATED**
- **Restore Economic Development Incentive Funding UNSUCCESSFUL**
- **Maintain Vinoy Basin Mooring Field ALTERNATE STRATEGIES IDENTIFIED**
- **Support Large City Carve-out for Transportation Surtax Referenda UNSUCCESSFUL**
- **Support Dedicated Funding Source for Homelessness Programs PROGRAMS FUNDED @ \$3 million**

# **City of St. Petersburg**

## **2017 Legislative Session Report**

### **May 11, 2017**



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## I. 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

To the extent that the 2017 legislative session is remembered, it might be remembered as much for what legislators didn't do as for what they did. The legislative session came to an unofficial close on Friday evening after disagreements on healthcare spending delayed a budget deal – the one thing the Constitution requires the Legislature to do – lawmakers missed a key deadline and were forced to extend their annual session, which was supposed to end Friday. Friday's unofficial end was more bitter than sweet.

The Chambers were at odds most of the session and failed to pass major bills relating to worker's compensation, gaming and medical marijuana. The Legislature returned Monday to debate the **\$82.4 billion** state budget and a series of sweeping policy bills. Most of the Governor's priorities were not funded in the budget. He has 30 days to review and use his veto pen to send a message to House and Senate members.

The **Capitol Alliance Group** team remained committed to the City of St. Petersburg's legislative agenda and issues throughout the duration of the 2017 Legislative Session. The CAG continued to lobby vigilantly for the City on issues ranging from the preemption of local governments, vessel mooring, CRA's, stadium land leasing, to key appropriation requests.

We enjoyed working closely with **Sally Everett**, the city's government relations director, and city staff on a wide variety of issues of importance to the city.

## I. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### ➤ Budget Passes 3 Days Late

The Florida Legislature overwhelmingly approved a state budget and ended the annual session three days late on Monday, May 8th, after narrowly avoiding a meltdown over a controversial measure that makes sweeping changes to the state's education system. The acrimony of the session between the House, Senate and Governor was evident in the budget negotiations and final funding levels as well as their inability to pass major legislative issues such as gaming, worker's comp reform and implementation of Amendment 2 for medical marijuana.

Despite his constant exhortations to fund the state's economic development programs, House leadership ignored his priorities, proposing to eliminate Enterprise Florida and defund Visit Florida and 22 other economic-development incentives programs. In the end, the legislature funded the tourism marketing effort at \$25 million, one-fourth of what the Governor requested. Enterprise Florida barely survived with only \$16 million in funding. The Governor may wield his veto pen in a wide swath as a statement of his opposition to the budget.

The **\$82.4 billion** budget for 2017-18 passed the House on a 98-14 vote, and the Senate on a 34-4 vote. The budget package includes a modest increase in per-student spending through the state's main education formula, **\$521 million** in Medicaid cuts for hospitals and far-reaching changes to education across the board.

The biggest challenge lawmakers faced was getting approval for a delicate agreement on budget-related bills that moved through the House and Senate in quick succession Monday night - a House education bill in trade for a Senate higher education bill, a package on economic-development funding for a bill on state employees' pay and benefits.

The closest showdown came on the vote for the 278-page education bill, favored by the House, that emerged from budget negotiations Friday evening. That measure covered everything from charter schools and teacher bonuses to school uniforms a proposal known as "*schools of hope*," which would encourage charter schools to locate near academically struggling public schools, and an expansion of the "Best and Brightest" teacher bonus program.

Several senators, including **Senator Darryl Rouson**, rebelled against the sprawling bill and the process and slammed the bill as an attempt to push otherwise unpopular education proposals through the Senate. Rejection by the Senate would have essentially shut down the budget votes Monday and force the Legislature into a special session. In the end, the legislation passed the Senate, 20-18. A tie on the legislation would have killed it. On a positive note, the budget included several items for St Petersburg and community partners which have been outlined in this report. Attention has quickly shifted to Governor Scott, who has openly discussed the possibility of vetoing the entire budget.

## II. TEN BIG ISSUES OF THE 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**BUDGET:** House and Senate leaders struggled to reach agreement on a spending plan for the fiscal year starting July 1, with the sometimes-contentious process forcing them to extend the session through Monday. Lawmakers passed an **\$82.4 billion** budget, though that figure does not include some costs tucked away in other bills. The budget provides a modest increase for the main formula for school funding, gave state employees their first raise since 2013 and provided a small package of tax cuts.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Gov. Rick Scott spent the final days of the legislative session traveling the state in a last-ditch effort to pressure lawmakers on the issues of funding economic-development agency Enterprise Florida and tourism-marketer Visit Florida. But Scott, who battled throughout the session with House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, about the programs, got little of what he wanted. The Governor asked for \$100 million for Visit Florida and \$86 million for Enterprise Florida but the legislature finally agreed to \$25 million and \$16 million respectively. In addition,

the House prevailed in eliminating 22 other economic development incentive programs. That has led to widespread speculation that Scott could go so far as to veto the budget.

**EDUCATION:** Speaker Richard Corcoran and Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, had two different sets of education priorities --- but both largely got what they wanted. Lawmakers voted Monday on what is known as a budget conforming bill that includes Corcoran priorities such as the “schools of hope” program, which will encourage charter schools to open near academically struggling traditional public schools. Negron, meanwhile, focused on bolstering the university system and got agreement on issues such as expanding the Bright Futures scholarships program and requiring universities to offer block tuition, which involves students paying a flat fee per semester rather than a credit-hour charge.

**GAMBLING:** With the incentive of trying to reach a new gambling deal with the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the House and Senate worked on plans that could have revamped the state's gambling industry. But the efforts collapsed early in the final week of the session, with House and Senate negotiators unable to reach a compromise. Among the key differences was the Senate's support for allowing slot machines at pari-mutuel facilities in eight counties where voters have approved the machines in referendums --- an issue opposed by the House, which wanted to take a more status-quo approach to gambling.

**GUNS:** Second Amendment supporters got a win late Friday when lawmakers approved a plan to shift a key burden of proof in “stand your ground” self-defense cases, an issue backed by groups including the National Rifle Association. But other high-profile gun issues got bottled up in the Senate early in the session and did not pass. Those issues included a proposal to allow people with concealed-weapons license to carry firearms on college and university campuses and a proposal to allow license holders to openly carry firearms in public.

**HEALTH CARE:** Speaker Corcoran and other House Republican leaders pushed for easing health-industry regulations, arguing a more free-market approach would help improve access to care. But the Senate scuttled high-profile House proposals such as eliminating what is known as the “certificate of need” approval process for building hospitals. Similarly, the Senate never took up a House proposal that would have changed criteria for the addition of hospital trauma centers, long a contentious issue in the hospital industry. However, hospitals took cuts of hundreds of millions of dollars as lawmakers forced them to tighten spending and become more efficient.

**INSURANCE:** After regulators, last year approved a 14.5 percent increase in workers' compensation insurance rates, lawmakers faced pressure from business groups to make changes that would hold down rates. But the House and Senate could not agree on a plan, with the differences largely focused on proposals to limit fees for injured workers'

attorneys. The Workers Comp bills failed to pass leaving the existing rate hikes in effect. Lawmakers also did not move forward with a proposal to repeal the state's PIP no-fault auto insurance system and could not reach agreement on an issue known as "assignment of benefits," which property insurers blame for increased homeowners' rates.

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA:** The House and Senate adjourned Friday night without approving a plan to carry out a November constitutional amendment that broadly legalized medical marijuana in the state. Negotiations about the issue continued through the final days of the session, but the failure to agree on a bill will leave implementation of the voter-approved amendment to state health officials. A key difference between the House and Senate centered on how many marijuana licenses and retail outlets the state should have.

**WATER:** Along with pushing for changes in the university system, Negron made a top priority of building a reservoir south of Lake Okeechobee. The issue hit home for Negron: Polluted discharges from the lake have fouled waterways in Stuart's Treasure Coast district, and the reservoir could help alleviate the problem. Negron's proposal initially drew heavy opposition from farmers, including the sugar industry, and some community leaders south of the lake, but the Senate and House ultimately agreed on reservoir plan after Negron made changes.

**DEATH PENALTY:** Florida's death penalty has been on hold since January 2016 because of rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court and the Florida Supreme Court. But lawmakers moved quickly during the session to address one key legal issue. They passed a measure that requires unanimous jury recommendations before defendants can be sentenced to death. The Florida Supreme Court last year struck down a law that required only 10 of 12 jurors to agree on recommending death sentences.

### **III. ST PETERSBURG LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

#### **➤ Uber/Lyft Bill Network Transportation Company Bill - PASSES**

Just days after the conclusion of session in an expected move, Governor Scott signed into law **CS/HB 221**, known as the "Uber/Lyft Bill" which makes requirements for ride-sharing services uniform throughout the state.

The bill will override the patchwork of local laws throughout the state for things like background checks and insurance requirements. St Pete was not affected since they had supported relaxed regulation for all transportation vendors including Uber and Lyft.

Under the new law, minimum insurance levels of \$50,000 are set for death and bodily injury per person, \$100,000 for death and bodily injury per accident and \$25,000 for property damage. Background checks for drivers will also be done by Uber and Lyft.

➤ **TBARTA Reform - PASS**

The legislation downsizes the Tampa Bay Area Transportation Authority (TBARTA) from seven counties to five (Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Manatee and Hernando), and it would change TBARTA's focus to transit (and not merely transportation).

Weeks ago, an amendment filed by Tampa Bay Area Republican Senators Tom Lee and Jeff Brandes made it harder for the region to push for light-rail, but Senator Latvala was able to make changes to that amendment, which satisfied supporters of the bill. However, the measure still requires that if the TBARTA board opts to pursue state funding for commuter, heavy rail or light rail transit projects, they will first need a majority vote of each Metropolitan Planning Organization where such investment would be made, in addition to approval by the Legislature.

Under the new reorganization, the TBARTA board will be made up of 13 members, which includes a county commissioner from each of the five counties making up the new agency. Two members shall be the mayors from Tampa and St. Petersburg. PSTA and HART will also select a single member. The governor will name the remaining four members. The bill was a huge priority for the Tampa Bay area business community.

➤ **Small Wireless Technology Bill - PASS**

The legislature passed bills in the House (**HB 687**) and Senate (**SB 596**) to make it easier for cellular companies to install advanced satellite technology equipment. Now, the proposal awaits approval from Governor Scott. The law would allow AT&T, Sprint, Verizon, and others to install "small wireless facilities" on public land and existing telephone poles regardless of local ordinances or regulation. This was one of the major assaults on Home Rule and one of the most lobbied bills during the session. Telecommunications companies hired dozens of lobbyists to push this through.

CAG and other Local government lobbyists pushed back hard against the legislation in the House and Senate, attempting to derail it or modify it to give them some control over the placement, design and ability to charge a fair market value for placement on city or county right of way. Some concessions were made by wireless carriers but the bill takes away control from cities and counties on the public placement of devices needed to handle the new technology. The **CAG** worked diligently in unison with the Florida Association of Counties and the Florida League of Cities to fight this bill.

➤ **Community Redevelopment Agencies Repeal - FAIL**

**SB 1770** by Senator Tom Lee, R- Brandon and **HB 13** by Jake Raburn, R- Valrico was put to rest, at least until next year. The bill dramatically altered the viability of local CRA's. It stated new CRAs created on or after October 1, 2017, may only occur by special act of the Legislature. It provided for the termination of existing CRAs at the earlier of the expiration date stated in the agency's charter 107 or on September 30, 2037, unless the local governing board continued it with a supermajority vote. The bill had a provision to

protect bond maturity at CRA's. The bill required CRAs to comply with budgeting, auditing, and reporting requirements of s. 189.016, F.S., except as otherwise provided by s. 163.387, F.S. The bill required each CRA created by a municipality to submit its budget for the next fiscal year to the board of county commissioners for the county in which the CRA is located within 10 days after the date of the adoption.

The bill was opposed by all local governments and was lobbied hard. The original bill was amended significantly, but was still an assault on one of the most effective economic development tools available to local governments.

The **CAG** team worked hard in conjunction with the Florida Association of Counties and the Florida League of Cities to ensure St Petersburg remain protected.

### ➤ **Public Works Legislation - PASS**

**HB 599** by **Representative Jay Williamson, R-Pace** and **SB 534** by **Senator Keith Perry, R-Gainesville** specifies that contracts for construction services that are projected to cost more than a specified threshold must be competitively awarded. Specifically, state contracts for construction projects that are projected to cost in excess of **\$200,000** must be competitively bid. Counties, municipalities, special districts, or other political subdivisions seeking to construct or improve a public building must competitively bid the project if the estimated cost exceeds **\$300,000**.

The solicitation of competitive bids or proposals must be publicly advertised in the Florida Administrative Register. The bill prohibits the state and its political subdivisions that contract for public works projects from imposing restrictive conditions on certain contractors, subcontractors, or material suppliers or carriers, except as otherwise required by federal or state law.

Specifically, the state or political subdivision that contracts for a public works project may not require that a contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier engaged in the project:

- Pay employees a predetermined amount of wages or prescribe any wage rate;
- Provide employees a specified type, amount, or rate of employee benefits;
- Control, limit, or expand staffing; or
- Recruit, train, or hire employees from a designated, restricted, or single source.

This requirement only applies to Public works projects where 50 percent or more of the cost will be paid from state-appropriated funds. Originally the bill had any public works project that included state money, but the **CAG** team worked hard to include this 50% state funding requirement.

The bill also prohibits the state or a political subdivision from restricting a qualified contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier from submitting a bid on any public works project or being awarded any contract, subcontract, material order, or

carrying order. However, the prohibition does not apply to discriminatory vendors or those that have committed a public entity crime.

➤ **Proposed Homestead Exemption Increase - PASS**

Despite our best efforts, both chambers passed a constitutional amendment that would increase the Homestead Exemption by \$25,000, which would increase the overall exemption to \$75,000. This was a draconian tax cut measure proposed by House leadership and eventually adopted by the Senate in a very contested vote on the floor.

Our lobbying team and other opponents warned that expanding the homestead exemption meant less money to fund critical local services like police and fire, libraries and essential government services staff. **The estimated impact to St Pete's budget is \$3.5 million.**

The joint resolution wouldn't affect taxes to fund local public schools. The amendment will take effect January 1, 2019, if approved by voters, needing to garner a 60-percent plus voter approval in November 2018.

The **CAG** team worked tirelessly to get Pinellas Delegation legislators to vote no on this legislation. We worked in tandem with the Florida Association of Counties and the Florida League of Cities, to try to kill this bill.

➤ **Local Regulation Preemption Bill - FAIL**

**Representative Randy Fine, R-Melbourne, HB 17** sought to prohibit local governments from adopting or imposing new regulations on a business, profession, or occupation unless the regulation is expressly authorized by general law. This was one of the most egregious attacks on Home rule of the legislative session. Thankfully, the Senate was unwilling to consider the proposal.

➤ **Firefighters Cancer Presumption - FAIL**

**SB 1582** allowed firefighters to qualify for "in the line of duty" pension benefits if they contract certain types of cancer. The sponsor, Senator Latvala, originally amended his cancer presumption language to another bill, **SB 1582**, part of the worker's compensation package. When the worker's compensation reform appeared to be in jeopardy as session was nearing an end, Senator Latvala successfully placed a provision in the state workers' pay raise conforming bill. The language was eventually stripped out of the bill and failed

➤ **Mooring Field Legislation - PASS**

**SB 1338** by Senator Book, D-Hollywood and **HB 7043** by the House Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee and Representative Raschein, R-

**Key Largo**, ultimately passed both chambers as **SB 1338**. The bill awaits the Governor's signature.

The legislation was an effort to develop a policy framework based on recommendations from a pilot project to improve vessel mooring requirements and enforcement options for vessels at risk of becoming derelict. In 2009, the Legislature required the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to establish a pilot program to explore policy options for regulating the anchoring and mooring of vessels outside the boundaries of public mooring fields (pilot program). St Pete was one of the cities participating in the pilot program and developed a very successful ordinance over the five-year pilot program.

With the exception of those participating in the pilot program, local governments are prohibited from regulating the anchoring or mooring of vessels, other than live-aboard vessels, outside the marked boundaries of mooring fields. FWC was required to submit a report of its findings and recommendations on the pilot program to the Legislature by January 1, 2017 at which point the pilot program was set to expire.

The bill was designed to incorporate many of the findings and recommendations from the pilot program. The bill:

- Defines “barge,” “commercial fishing vessel,” “commercial vessel,” and “effective means of propulsion for safe navigation,” and revises the definition of “live-aboard vessel.”
- Provides that a vessel is at risk of becoming derelict if the vessel does not have effective means of propulsion for safe navigation within 72 hours after the owner or operator of the vessel receives notice of such from a law enforcement officer and cannot provide proof of purchase of parts necessary for repair.
- Removes the expiration of anchoring limitation areas.
- Prohibits a vessel or floating structure from anchoring or mooring within 150 feet of a marina, boat ramp, boatyard, or other vessel launching or loading facility, within 300 feet of a superyacht repair facility, or within 100 feet outward from the marked boundary of a public mooring field, and provides exemptions.
- Prohibits a vessel or floating structure from anchoring, mooring, tying, or otherwise affixing to an unpermitted or unauthorized object that is on or affixed to the bottom of waters of the state.
- Provides penalties for operation with an expired registration and for anchoring or mooring where prohibited.
- Allows local governments to enact and enforce regulations related to proof of proper sewage disposal and removal of a vessel affixed to a public dock that is abandoned or lost property.
- Prohibits the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles from issuing a certificate of title for a derelict vessel, until the vessel is no longer deemed derelict.
- Provides that a law enforcement officer who has provided written notice through a citation to an owner of a derelict vessel is not required to send notice by certified mail.

However, CAG and St Pete staff identified key problems with the legislation that did not provide enforcement options for protecting the educational sailing programs in the basin as well as the ability to remove vessels that were at risk of becoming derelict.

The **CAG** team meet with the bill sponsors, committee staff and FWC Department heads to discuss the City's concerns and developed a series of amendment options and legal approaches to correct the bill's shortcomings. In the end, FWC clarified that the city could develop an ordinance to protect the sailing program areas from hazardous moorings and committed to assisting the city with strategies for removing vessels that were navigation hazards and potentially derelict. CAG will continue to work to address fixing the bill next year for the benefit of St. Pete.

➤ **Vacation Rentals Preemption -FAIL**

**HB 425 by Representative Mike LaRosa, R-St. Cloud** and **SB 188 by Senator Greg Steube, R-Sarasota** ultimately died.

The bills sought to return the preemption authority over regulation of vacation rentals back to what was enacted during the 2011 Legislative Session. Specifically, the bills prevented local governments from enacting any new law, ordinance, or regulation that prohibits, restricts the use of, or regulates vacation rentals based on classification, use, or occupancy. Any local regulation adopted after June 1, 2011, including those adopted pursuant to the standards under the 2014 law, will be preempted, and will be void and unenforceable.

CAG monitored the bills closely to ensure that the City would not be affected and would be exempt from the legislation since their ordinance had been adopted prior to that date, but since the bills died, there will be no adverse affect. We anticipate this legislation returning next year.

➤ **Professional Sports Stadium - FAIL**

**CS/HB 77 by Rep. Bryan Avila, R-Hialeah**, and **SB 122 by Sen. Greg Steube**, would have forbid the construction, renovation, or improvement on any pro facility "on public land leased from the state or a political subdivision thereof." The bill required that cities and counties could only sell public land to teams at fair market value and not be able to provide a below market lease or purchase price. The bill was targeted to correct abuses for professional sports facilities in S. Florida but would have affected any possible deal with the City and Tampa Bay Rays. Teams would have to assume public debt undertaken for their facilities if they move away. Avila maintained that anyone with enough money to buy a professional sports franchise can afford any improvements.

The House bill passed the House but the Senate version died in Commerce committee and failed to pass. The **CAG** team is worked hard to ensure the that the bill did not move in the Senate and was successful at killing this legislation.

➤ **Solar Implementing Bill - PASS**

The Sunshine State – after struggling for so many years to become a viable solar market – is tantalizingly close to creating conditions that could spur a commercial solar boom in the state.

Both Chambers finally passed a bill (after bouncing back a couple of times) designed to implement **Amendment 4**, a constitutional amendment that would exempt businesses from property-tax increases if they install solar. The measure went before the voters last August and was passed overwhelmingly, with **73%** in favor and only **27%** opposed.

Despite the overwhelming voter support, however, it has taken 10 months of arm-twisting, bill rewriting and hard negotiations to implement the amendment through legislation. Now the legislative part of the battle is complete. The new law will extend to businesses a right residential solar installation have long had.

**IV. BUDGET WINS FOR ST. PETERSBURG (Priorities highlighted)**

✓ Downtown St. Petersburg-Preliminary Engineering Study to Convert One Way Street to Two Way Street	<b>\$200,000</b>
✓ St. Petersburg Tech Garage Program	<b>\$400,000</b>
✓ Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital Mental Health Demonstration for Chronic Pain Patients	<b>\$300,000</b>
✓ Treasure Island Causeway Multimodal Improvements	<b>\$1,200,000</b>
✓ Beyond the Bay, The Florida Orchestra	<b>\$500,000</b>
✓ Tampa Bay Center for Innovation	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
✓ Happy Workers	<b>\$350,000</b>
✓ Great Explorations Children’s Museum	<b>\$400,000</b>
✓ St. Petersburg Warehouse Arts District Project	<b>\$400,000</b>
✓ Florida Holocaust Museum	
▪ From General Revenue Fund	<b>\$750,000</b>
▪ Education Funds	<b>\$300,000</b>
✓ Forward Pinellas Waterborne Transportation	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
✓ Mount Zion Early Education Pilot Program	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
✓ ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE	
▪ Student Success Center - Gibbs Campus	<b>\$6,500,000</b>
▪ A Day on Service	
• Recurring	<b>\$650,000</b>
• Nonrecurring	<b>\$500,000</b>
✓ UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, ST. PETERSBURG	<b>\$23,191,120</b>
▪ Citizen Scholar Partnership	<b>\$263,458</b>
▪ Midtown Early Care and Education Collaborative	<b>\$700,000</b>
▪ Family Study Center	<b>\$250,000</b>
▪ Poynter Library Weekly Challenger Digital Collection	<b>\$300,000</b>

## V. LEGISLATION TRACKED

Bill Number	Bill Name	Bill Sponsor
<a href="#">HB 13</a>	<b>Relating to Community Redevelopment Agencies – <u>FAILED</u></b>	Raburn
	Community Redevelopment Agencies: Provides reporting requirements; revises requirements for operating community redevelopment agencies; prohibits creation of new community redevelopment agencies after date certain; provides phase-out period; creates criteria for determining whether community redevelopment agency is inactive; provides hearing procedures; authorizes certain financial activity from inactive community redevelopment agencies; revises requirements for use of redevelopment trust fund proceeds; revises county & municipal government reporting requirements; revises criteria for finding that county or municipality failed to file report; requires DFS to provide report to DEO concerning community redevelopment agencies with no revenues, no expenditures, & no debts. Effective Date: October 1, 2017	
<a href="#">HB 17</a>	<b>Relating to Local Regulation Preemption – <u>FAILED</u></b>	Fine
	Local Regulation Preemption: Prohibits certain local governments from imposing or adopting certain regulations on businesses, professions, & occupations after certain date; preempts to state regulations concerning businesses, professions, & occupations; provides exceptions to preemption. Effective Date: July 1, 2017	
<a href="#">HB 77</a>	<b>Relating to Sports Franchise Facilities – <u>FAILED</u></b>	Avila
	Sports Franchise Facilities: Prohibits sports franchise from constructing, reconstructing, renovating, or improving facility on leased public land; requires sale of public land for sports franchise facility be at fair market value; provides requirements for contract to fund construction, reconstruction, renovation, or improvement of facility; specifies act does not impair contracts entered into before July 1, 2017. Effective Date: July 1, 2017	
<a href="#">SB 80</a>	<b>Relating to Public Records – <u>PASSED</u></b>	Steube
	Public Records; Revising the circumstances under which a court must assess and award the reasonable costs of enforcement against an agency in a civil action to enforce ch. 119, F.S.; prohibiting the assessment and award of the reasonable costs of enforcement to a complainant who acted with an improper purpose, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law	
<a href="#">SB 112</a>	<b>Relating to Flood Hazard Mitigation – <u>FAILED</u></b>	Brandes

Flood Hazard Mitigation; Authorizing the Division of Emergency Management of the Executive Office of the Governor to administer a matching grant program for local governments to implement flood hazard risk reduction policies and projects; revising the powers of the Florida Communities Trust to authorize the undertaking, coordination, and funding of flood mitigation projects; authorizing the trust to acquire and dispose of real and personal property to reduce flood hazards, etc. APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate Effective Date: 7/1/2017

- [SB 122](#)** **Relating to Sports Franchise Facilities – [FAILED](#)** Steube  
Sports Franchise Facilities; Prohibiting a sports franchise from constructing, reconstructing, renovating, or improving a facility on leased public land, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017
- [HB 139](#)** **Relating to Local Tax Referenda – [FAILED](#)** Ingoglia  
Local Tax Referenda: Requires local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on the date of a primary or general election and requires a specified percentage of votes for passage; requires notice of intent to levy certain local government discretionary sales surtaxes; prohibits certain entities for a specified period from increasing taxes that were reduced at the time a discretionary sales surtax was levied. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
- [HB 143](#)** **Relating to Firefighters – [FAILED](#)** Fitzenhagen  
Firefighters: Defines "firefighter"; establishes presumption as to firefighter's condition or impairment of health caused by certain types of cancer he or she contracts in line of duty; specifies criteria firefighter must meet to be entitled to presumption; requires employing agency to provide physical examination for firefighter; specifies circumstances under which presumption does not apply; provides for applicability; requires Legislature to review specified cancer research programs by certain date; provides for employer contribution rate increase to fund changes made by act; provides directive to Division of Law Revision & Information; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2017
- [SB 158](#)** **Relating to Firefighters – [FAILED](#)** Latvala (J)  
Firefighters; Establishing a presumption as to a firefighter's condition or impairment of health caused by certain types of cancer he or she contracts in the line of duty, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017
- [HB 163](#)** **Relating to Public Records – [FAILED](#)** Burgess  
Public Records: Revises circumstances under which court must assess & award costs of enforcement against agency in civil action to enforce ch. 119, F.S.; specifies circumstances under which complainant is not required to provide written notice of public records request; prohibits assessment & award of costs of enforcement to complainant who acts with improper purpose; requires court to assess & award costs against complainant found to act with improper purpose. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
- [SB 180](#)** **Relating to Traffic Infraction Detectors – [FAILED](#)** Rodriguez (J)  
Traffic Infraction Detectors; Decreasing the penalty to be assessed and collected by the department, county, or municipality if a traffic infraction detector is used to enforce specified violations when a driver failed to stop at a traffic signal; prohibiting the suspension of a person's driver license and privilege to drive or the withholding of the license plate or revalidation sticker for failure to pay certain penalties under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2017
- [SB 188](#)** **Relating to Vacation Rentals – [FAILED](#)** Steube  
Vacation Rentals; Revising applicability for a preemption of certain local laws, ordinances, or regulations regarding vacation rentals, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
- [SB 196](#)** **Relating to Judicial Resources – [FAILED](#)** Flores  
Judicial Resources; Requiring the Supreme Court to issue an annual report regarding certain cases; requiring the establishment of civil citation or similar diversion programs for juveniles in each county; requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice, beginning on a certain date, to collect specified information relating to children who qualify for prosecution as adults and for children who are transferred for criminal prosecution as adults. etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017

<a href="#"><u>HB 205</u></a>	<b>Relating to Diversion Programs – <u>FAILED</u></b>	Ahern
	Diversion Programs: Encourages local prearrest diversion programs for certain adult offenders; requires that adult issued civil citation fulfill community service requirement & pay restitution; permits criminal charges if adult fails to complete program; prohibits arrest record from being associated with certain offense for adult who successfully completes program; requires, rather than authorizes, FDLE to adopt rules to provide for expunction of certain nonjudicial records of arrest of minor upon successful completion of certain diversion programs; authorizes such expunctions for certain first-time misdemeanor offenses; requires diversion program to submit specified data to DJJ. Effective Date: July 1, 2017	
<a href="#"><u>HB 213</u></a>	<b>Relating to Juvenile Civil Citation and Similar Diversion Programs – <u>FAILED</u></b>	Brown
	Juvenile Civil Citation and Similar Diversion Programs: Requires establishment of civil citation or similar diversion programs for juveniles; specifies program eligibility, participation, & implementation requirements; provides exceptions; provides applicability. Effective Date: July 1, 2017	
<a href="#"><u>HB 221</u></a>	<b>Relating to Transportation Network Companies – <u>PASSED</u></b>	Sprowls
	Transportation Network Companies: Providing that a transportation network company (TNC) driver is not required to register certain vehicles as commercial motor vehicles or for-hire vehicles; requiring a TNC to designate and maintain an agent for service of process in this state; providing fare requirements; providing that TNC drivers are independent contractors if specified conditions are met; requiring a TNC to implement a zero-tolerance policy for drug or alcohol use, subject to certain requirements; requiring a TNC to conduct a certain background check for a TNC driver after a specified period; requiring TNC drivers to comply with the nondiscrimination policy and certain applicable laws regarding nondiscrimination and accommodation of service animals, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2017	
<a href="#"><u>HB 235</u></a>	<b>Relating to Prohibited Places for Weapons and Firearms – <u>FAILED</u></b>	Stafford
	Prohibited Places for Weapons and Firearms: Revises locations where licensees are prohibited from openly carrying handgun or carrying concealed weapon or firearm. Effective Date: July 1, 2017	
<a href="#"><u>SB 236</u></a>	<b>Relating to Sports Development – <u>FAILED</u></b>	Lee (T)
	Sports Development; Repealing provisions relating to state funding for sports facility development by a unit of local government, or by a certified beneficiary or other applicant, on property owned by the local government, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017	
<a href="#"><u>SB 246</u></a>	<b>Relating to Public Records – <u>FAILED</u></b>	Garcia
	Public Records; Revising the circumstances under which a court must assess and award the reasonable costs of enforcement against an agency in a civil action to enforce ch. 119, F.S.; prohibiting a court from assessing and awarding the reasonable costs of enforcement against an agency if certain conditions exist; specifying circumstances under which a complainant is not required to provide certain written notice of a public records request, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law	
<a href="#"><u>SB 278</u></a>	<b>Relating to Local Tax Referenda – <u>FAILED</u></b>	Steube
	Local Tax Referenda; Requiring local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on the date of a primary election or on the date of a general election and specifying the required approval of voters for passage, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019	
<a href="#"><u>HB 285</u></a>	<b>Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems – <u>FAILED</u></b>	Fine
	Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems: Directs DOH to identify certain information for onsite sewage treatment & disposal systems, update database of such systems, & submit report to Governor & Legislature; requires system disclosure summary for certain properties & acknowledgement of such disclosures by purchaser before or at execution of contract for sale. Effective Date: October 1, 2017	

- [SB 330](#) Relating to Local Business Taxes – **FAILED** Steube**
- Local Business Taxes; Prohibiting the governing bodies of counties and municipalities, respectively, from levying a local business tax that was not adopted before a specified date; deleting certain provisions that, for counties and municipalities, limit the rate of the tax and authorize increases of the tax; providing an exemption from the business tax, subject to certain conditions, to specified veterans, spouses of veterans and active servicemembers, and low-income individuals, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
- [SB 340](#) Relating to Transportation Network Companies – **FAILED** Brandes**
- Transportation Network Companies; Providing that a transportation network company (TNC) driver is not required to register certain vehicles as commercial motor vehicles or for-hire vehicles; providing requirements for a TNC's digital network; providing that specified automobile insurers have a right of contribution against other insurers that provide automobile insurance to the same TNC drivers in satisfaction of certain coverage requirements under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017
- [HB 425](#) Relating to Vacation Rentals – **FAILED** La Rosa**
- Vacation Rentals: Authorizes local laws, ordinances, or regulations to regulate activities relating to vacation rentals; requires vacation rental owner or representative to submit specified documents & information to local jurisdiction; prohibits local jurisdiction from assessing certain fees; revises applicability for preemption of certain local laws, ordinances, or regulations. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
- [HB 487](#) Relating to Local Business Taxes – **FAILED** Renner**
- Local Business Taxes: Exempts veterans, veterans' spouses, active duty military servicemembers' spouses, specified low-income persons, & certain businesses from paying local business taxes & fees under certain circumstances; authorizes certain municipalities to continue to impose such taxes & fees & change, by ordinance, specified definition. Effective Date: July 1, 2017
- [SB 490](#) Relating to Tax on Sales, Use, and Other Transactions Perry**
- Tax on Sales, Use, and Other Transactions; Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of certain clothing, wallets, bags, school supplies, and personal computers and related accessories during a specified period, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$225,000.00 Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
- 5/5/2017 SENATE Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration
- [SB 516](#) Relating to Workers' Compensation Benefits For First Responders – **FAILED** Perry**
- Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders; Deleting provisions that limit certain workers' compensation benefits for first responders; providing that mental or nervous injuries of law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, or paramedics are compensable under the Workers' Compensation Law under specified conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017
- [SB 532](#) Relating to Public Notification of Pollution – **FAILED** Galvano**
- Public Notification of Pollution; Creating the "Public Notice of Pollution Act"; specifying authority of the Department of Environmental Protection; specifying that the act does not alter or affect the emergency management responsibilities of certain other governmental entities; requiring the department to establish and publish the types and amounts of a substance that, if released, would constitute a reportable release; specifying that providing a notice does not constitute an admission of liability or harm, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017
- [SB 534](#) Relating to Public Works Projects – **FAILED** Perry**
- Public Works Projects; Prohibiting the state and political subdivisions that contract for public works projects from imposing restrictive conditions on certain contractors, subcontractors, or material

suppliers or carriers; prohibiting the state and political subdivisions from restricting qualified bidders from submitting bids or being awarded contracts, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017

**HB 551** **Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems –** Stone  
**FAILED**

Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems: Specifies appropriation from Land Acquisition Trust Fund for grant program to offset property owner costs to retrofit certain onsite sewage treatment & disposal systems, connect certain properties to central sewer systems, & for certain dredging & stormwater improvements; directs DEP to develop specified onsite sewage treatment & disposal system remediation plans under certain conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2017

**HB 555** **Relating to Sales and Use Tax Exemptions –** Fischer  
**FAILED**

Sales and Use Tax Exemptions: Provides tax exemption for certain tangible personal property related to disaster preparedness; provides expiration date & appropriation. Effective Date: upon becoming law

**HB 599** **Relating to Public Works Projects –** Williamson  
**PASSED**

Public Works Projects: Prohibits state & political subdivisions that contract for public works projects from imposing restrictive conditions on certain contractors, subcontractors, or material suppliers or carriers; prohibits state & political subdivisions from restricting qualified bidders from submitting bids; provides applicability. Effective Date: July 1, 2017

**SB 610** **Relating to Firearms –** Steube  
**FAILED**

Firearms; Requiring a business, organization, or entity that prohibits a concealed weapon or firearm licensee from carrying a weapon or firearm onto its property to assume certain responsibility for the safety and defense of such licensee; providing a cause of action for a concealed weapon or firearm licensee who incurs injury, death, damage, or loss as the result of certain acts or attacks occurring on the property of such business, organization, or entity or on other specified properties, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017

**HB 613** **Relating to Flood Hazard Mitigation –** Ahern  
**FAILED**

Flood Hazard Mitigation: Authorizes DEM to administer, subject to appropriation, matching grant program for local governments to implement flood hazard risk mitigation policies & projects; authorizes Florida Communities Trust to acquire & dispose of real & personal property to reduce flood hazards; revises requirements for certain land acquisition agreements. Effective Date: July 1, 2017

**SB 616** **Relating to Concealed Weapons or Firearms –** Steube  
**FAILED**

Concealed Weapons or Firearms; Authorizing a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to temporarily surrender a weapon or firearm if the licensee approaches courthouse security or management personnel upon arrival and follow their instructions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017

**SB 618** **Relating to Concealed Weapons and Firearms –** Steube  
**FAILED**

Concealed Weapons and Firearms; Authorizing a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to carry a concealed weapon or firearm into any area of an airport excluding the sterile area, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017

**SB 620** **Relating to Concealed Weapons or Firearms –** Steube  
**FAILED**

Concealed Weapons or Firearms; Authorizing a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to carry a concealed weapon or firearm into any meeting or committee meeting of the Legislature, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017

**SB 622** **Relating to Concealed Weapons or Firearms –** Steube  
**FAILED**

Concealed Weapons or Firearms; Prohibiting a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee from carrying a concealed weapon or firearm into any athletic event for a K-12 school, college, or university which is not related to firearms; deleting an exception authorizing a student, employee, or faculty licensee to carry specified nonlethal weapons, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017

- [HB 623](#) Relating to Prohibited Discrimination – **FAILED**** Diamond
- Prohibited Discrimination: Provides that sexual orientation & gender identity are impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments & public food service establishments; revises provisions of Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 and Fair Housing Act to include sexual orientation & gender identity, provides exception for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion. Effective Date: July 1, 2017
- [SB 626](#) Relating to Concealed Weapons or Firearms – **FAILED**** Steube
- Concealed Weapons or Firearms; Authorizing a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to carry a concealed weapon or firearm into any meeting of the governing body of a county, public school district, municipality, or special district, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017
- [SB 648](#) Relating to Weapons and Firearms – **FAILED**** Book
- Weapons and Firearms; Increasing the penalties for a person who exhibits a weapon in a certain way in the presence of one or more persons on or near a school or school activity; creating criminal penalties for the discharge of a firearm obtained by the minor if a person violates certain provisions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017
- [SB 664](#) Relating to Disaster Preparedness Tax Exemption – **FAILED**** Bean
- Disaster Preparedness Tax Exemption; Providing a sales and use tax exemption for certain tangible personal property related to disaster preparedness during a specified period, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$290,580.00 Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
- [SB 666](#) Relating to Prohibited Discrimination – **FAILED**** Clemens (J)
- Prohibited Discrimination; Citing this act as the “Florida Competitive Workforce Act;” adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments; defining the terms “gender identity” and “sexual orientation”; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination with respect to the sale or rental of housing, Effective Date: 7/1/2017
- [HB 687](#) Relating to Utilities – **PASSED**** La Rosa
- Utilities: Authorizes DOT & certain local governmental entities to prescribe & enforce rules re: placing & maintaining communications services lines/wireless facilities; prohibits authority regulation of facility collocation; authorizes authority to require registration process & permit fees; requires authority to process applications; prohibits authority from requiring approval/fees for maintenance/placement of facilities; provides requirements for collocation on authority utility poles; requires authority to waive certain application & placement requirements; prohibits authority from adopting/enforcing certain regulations & imposing certain fees; authorizes wireless infrastructure provider to apply to place utility poles; authorizes authority to enforce certain local codes/rules/regulations under certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2017
- [HB 751](#) Relating to Stormwater Management – **FAILED**** Clemons (C)
- Stormwater Management: Requires local governments to adopt specified best management practices & measures; provides that such practices & measures comply with certain water quality standards; prohibits adoption of more stringent standards; exempts certain standards. Effective Date: July 1, 2017
- [HB 765](#) Relating to Sales Tax Exemptions for Agricultural Products – **FAILED**** McClain
- Sales Tax Exemptions for Agricultural Products: Revises maximum sales price of certain farm trailers exempt from the sales & use tax; exempts certain animal health products & agricultural items from tax. Effective Date: July 1, 2017
- [SB 874](#) Relating to Nutrient Pollution from Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems – **FAILED**** Young

Nutrient Pollution from Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems; Specifying an appropriation from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to reduce nutrient pollution by offsetting or partially offsetting property owner costs incurred to retrofit certain onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, to connect certain properties to central sewer systems, and for certain muck dredging and stormwater improvements; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to make certain grants; requiring the department, as part of a basin management action plan, to develop onsite sewage treatment and disposal system remediation plans under certain conditions, etc. APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate Effective Date: 7/1/2017

**[SB 908](#) Relating to Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons or Firearms – Baxley  
**FAILED****

Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons or Firearms; Authorizing persons holding licenses to carry concealed weapons or firearms to carry concealed weapons or firearms in secure and restricted areas of seaports and at school-sponsored events or on school property; authorizing persons holding licenses to carry concealed firearms to carry concealed firearms in pharmacies, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017

**[SB 938](#) Relating to Minimum Salaries for Full-time Public School Teachers – Rader  
**FAILED****

Minimum Salaries for Full-time Public School Teachers; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to establish minimum salaries for full-time public school teachers, etc.

**[HB 1027](#) Relating to Unmanned Aircraft – **PASSED** Yarborough**

Unmanned Aircraft: Citing this act as the "Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act"; providing that the authority to regulate the ownership or operation of unmanned aircraft systems is vested in the state; prohibiting certain operation of an unmanned aircraft in relation to certain critical infrastructure facilities; prohibiting possession or operation of an unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system with certain attached weapons or devices, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2017

**[HB 1065](#) Relating to Public Notification of Pollution– **FAILED** Peters**

Public Notification of Pollution: Requires owners & operators of certain installations to notify DEP of specified pollution releases; requires DEP to publish information for such releases; provides civil penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2017

**[SB 1338](#) Relating to Vessels – **FAILED** Book**

Vessels; Providing that vessels without an effective means of propulsion are at risk of becoming derelict under certain conditions; prohibiting anchoring or mooring of vessels and floating structures in certain areas; providing for boating-restricted areas to protect seagrasses on privately owned submerged lands upon application by the owner and commission approval; authorizing a local government to enact and enforce certain regulations for sewage disposal by certain vessels and floating structures, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017

**[SB 1378](#) Relating to Stormwater Management – **FAILED** Perry**

Stormwater Management; Requiring that all local government stormwater management plans and programs incorporate the best management practices adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection and other local stormwater management measures; exempting local governments that adopted more stringent standards before a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017

**[SB 1536](#) Relating to Agricultural Practices – **FAILED** Perry**

Agricultural Practices; Exempting prescription and nonprescription animal health products used to treat poultry or livestock from sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and storage taxes; revising the circumstances under which a truck tractor or heavy truck engaged in transporting certain agricultural or horticultural products is eligible for a restricted license plate for a fee; deleting a requirement that registrants pay a supplemental fee for pesticides that contain an active ingredient for which the United States Environmental Protection Agency has established a food tolerance limit, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2017

- SB 1672** **Relating to Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority –** **PASSED** Latvala (J)
- Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority; Creating the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee to replace the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee; revising the definition of the term “authority” to mean the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority and to include only Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties and any other contiguous county that is party to an agreement of participation; creating the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority, instead of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017
- SB 1770** **Relating to Community Redevelopment Agencies – FAILED** Lee (T)
- Community Redevelopment Agencies; Requiring ethics training for community redevelopment agency commissioners; providing a phase-out period for existing community redevelopment agencies; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to declare inactive community redevelopment agencies that have reported no financial activity for a specified number of years, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2017
- SB 1774** **Relating to Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption – FAILED** Lee (T)
- Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to increase the assessed value eligible for homestead exemption and to provide an effective date if the amendment is adopted, etc.
- HB 2005** **Relating to St Petersburg Inflow Abatement Program – FAILED** Peters
- St Petersburg Inflow Abatement Program: Provides an appropriation for the St Petersburg Inflow Abatement Program. APPROPRIATION: \$3,000,000.00. Effective Date: July 1, 2017
- HB 2007** **Relating to St Pete Beach Sanitary Sewer Improvements – FAILED** Peters
- St Pete Beach Sanitary Sewer Improvements: Provides an appropriation for the St Pete Beach Sanitary Sewer Improvements. APPROPRIATION: \$2,500,000.00. Effective Date: July 1, 2017
- SB 2514** **Relating to Health Care – PASSED** Appropriations
- Health Care; Providing that a specified percentage of the cigarette tax, up to a specified amount, be paid annually to the Florida Consortium of National Cancer Institute Centers Program, rather than the Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute; creating the Substance Abuse and Mental Health (SAMH) Safety Net Network; requiring the Department of Children and Families and the Agency for Health Care Administration to determine the scope of services to be offered through providers contracted with the SAMH Safety Net Network, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2017
- HB 7023** **Relating to Trust Funds/Creation/Local Government Lobbyist Registration Trust Fund – FAILED** Public Integrity & Ethics Committee
- Trust Funds/Creation/Local Government Lobbyist Registration Trust Fund: Creates Local Government Lobbyist Registration Trust Fund within Commission on Ethics; provides for purpose of trust fund & source of funds; provides exemption from service charges; provides for future legislative review & termination or re-creation of trust fund. Effective Date: on the same date that CS/HB 7021 or similar legislation takes effect
- HB 7043** **Relating to Vessels – PASSED** Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee
- Vessels: Authorizes certain docks to exceed mooring restrictions; provides conditions under which vessel is at risk of becoming derelict; prohibits certain anchoring or mooring; provides for seagrass protection; authorizes local government to enact & enforce certain regulations; requires FWCC to

review & approve such regulations; provides for issuance of uniform boating citations; revises provisions for certain registration, classification, title, & notice; provides penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2017

**HB 7063 Relating to Local Government Fiscal Responsibility – **FAILED** Ways & Means Committee**

Local Government Fiscal Responsibility: Revises dates & voting requirements for referenda related to most local government taxes & local option surcharges; prohibits certain local governments from enacting, extending, or increasing taxes otherwise authorized under specified conditions; requires local governments to receive voter approval for issuance of any new tax-supported debt with term of more than five years; provides dates & voting requirements for such referenda; authorizes referenda at times other than at general election if an emergency exists; provides exceptions for refunding or refinancing certain debt. Effective Date: October 1, 2018

**HB 7105 Relating to Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption– **PASSED** Ways & Means Committee**

Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption: Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to increase the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies, etc.

**HB 7107 Relating to Homestead Exemption Implementation– **PASSED** Ways & Means Committee**

Homestead Exemption Implementation: Increases homestead exemption from all taxes other than school district taxes; specifies calculation of rolled-back rate for purposes of 2019 tax roll; requires Legislature to appropriate moneys to offset reductions in tax revenues in certain counties as result of specified constitutional amendment. Effective Date: on the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 7105 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose

**HB 7109 Relating to Taxation– **PASSED** Ways & Means Committee**

Taxation: Deletes application & renewal fees for certain licenses; deletes specified cigarette taxes from being deposited in certain trust fund for biomedical purposes; reduces tax levied on renting, leasing, letting, or granting of license for use of real property; authorizes refunds or credits of taxes paid on certain admissions; provides additional sales tax exemptions for certain agricultural products; extends expiration date of community contribution tax credit program; provides sales tax exemptions for retail sale of certain clothing, school supplies, personal computers, personal computer-related accessories; disaster preparedness supplies, & educational textbooks & instructional materials during specified periods; provides repeal dates & appropriations. Effective Date: July 1, 2017

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**PRIORITY - St. Petersburg Important issues 2017**

Bills	Issue/Title	Preferred Outcome	
HB 13 Raburn SB 1770 Lee	CRAs	Oppose	died
SB 1338 (Book) HB7043	Vessels	Amend; never amended	passed
SB 1672- Latvala	TBARTA	Monitor;	passed
HB 687 LaRosa	Utilities – small wireless facilities	Oppose/Amend Amended...	passed
HB 1027 Yarborough	Drones	Oppose/Amend	passed
SB 196 Flores	Juvenile Civil Citations	Support with Amendments	died
HB 205 Ahern HB 213 Brown	Juvenile Civil Citations	Support/Monitor	died
HB 7105/7107	Increased Homestead Exemption	Oppose	passed

Not Moving			
SB 112 - Brandes HB 613 - Ahern	Flood Hazard Mitigation	Support	No action/DEAD
SB 666 Clemens HB 623 Diamond	Prohibited Discrimination	Support	No action/DEAD
SB 236 Lee	Sports Development Incentives	Monitor	DEAD
HB 17 Fine HB 77 Avila SB 122 Steube	Local Regulation Preemption Sports Franchise Facilities	Oppose Oppose	Dead Dead
HB 7063	Local Govt Fiscal Responsibility	Oppose	Dead

<b>Amended or Monitor Only</b>				
SB 158 Latvala HB 143 Fitzenhagen	Firefighters Cancer Presumption	Monitor	Dead	
SB 532 Galvano HB 1065 Peters HB 7023	Public Notification of Pollution Local Government Ethics Reform	Monitor	In SB 1018, passed Dead	
SB 188 Steube HB 425 - LaRosa	Vacation Rentals	Monitor	Dead	
SB 340 Brandes HB 221 Sprowls	Transportation Network Companies	Monitor	HB 221 Signed by Gov. Effective 7/1/17	
SB 80 Steube (SB 246 Garcia) HB 163 Burgess	Public Records	Support	HB 163 Passed	
SB 278 Steube HB 139 Ingoglia	Local Tax Referenda	Monitor	Dead	
SB 330 Steube HB 487 Renner	Local Business Taxes	Monitor	Dead	
SB 534 Perry HB 599 Williamson	Public Works Projects	Oppose/Monitor Applies to projects of over 50% state funds	HB 599 Passed; to governor	

		Original ask	HOUSE	SENATE	SB2500 - FINAL
HB 2005 Peters (Rouson)	St. Petersburg Inflow Abatement	\$3 million			0
Peters	St. Pete Beach Sanitary Sewer improvements	\$ 2.5 million			1 million
HB 3209 Latvala, C (Brandes)	Pinellas County Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey	\$ 5.5 million			0
HB 2009 Peters	JH All Children's Chronic Pain	\$ 550,000			300,000
HB 2017 Peters (Brandes)	Treasure Island Causeway Improvements	\$1.5 million		750,000	1.2 million
HB 2041 Peters	USF College of Marine Science	\$ 2 million			?
HB 2345 Latvala	USF SP STEM Initiatives	\$ 2.5 million			?
HB 2347 Latvala	USFSP Student Success Center	\$ 460,000			?
HB 2351 Peters	FLORIDA ORCHESTRA - BEYOND THE BAY Education and Access to Performing Arts Program (Bill Edwards FDJ)	\$ 650,000		500,000	500,000
Rouson	USFSP -Weekly Challenger Digital Collection				300,000
HB 2965 Latvala	TB Center for Innov - Incubator	\$ 6 million			1,000,000
	Tech Garage	\$ 400,000			400,000
HB 4395 Diamond(Brandes)	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> St. 2-way Study	\$ 200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
HB 3959	Happy Workers	\$ 350,000		350,000	350,000
	St. Pete College Student Success Center	\$ 10 million		10 million	6,500,000
Rouson	St. Pete College-Day on Service				650,000 recurring 500,000
Diamond	Great Explorations	500,000		500,000	400,000
Peters	Warehouse Arts District	500,000		400,000	400,000
Peters	Florida Holocaust Museum	\$ 750,000			750,000 300,000

	Forward Pinellas Waterborne Trans.			500,000	1 million
Rouson HB -C Latvala	Mt. Zion Early Learning USFSP Eary Learning		1 million	1.75 million	1 million 700,000