

**Wednesday, April 9, 2025 | 9:30 a.m.**

<b>How to Attend:</b>	In Person: Jack Stroup Civic Center, Sebring 355 W. Center Avenue Sebring, FL 33870
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*An optional walking tour of Downtown Sebring, led by the **Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency**, will immediately follow the Council Meeting from approximately 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. The tour will showcase areas featured in HGTV's Hometown Makeover, highlighting recent revitalization efforts and local improvements. Attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes.*

**Call To Order** – Vice Chair Don Elwell

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Announcements
- Recognitions

**1) Opportunity for Public Comments**

- 2) Council Administration** - Page 5
- A) Approval of Minutes
  - B) February 2025 Financial Report

Actions Requested:	Approval by Council
Exhibits:	#2A: February 12, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes #2B: February 2025 Financial Report

**3) Legislative Update regarding Regional Planning Councils** - Page 11

Staff will provide an update on HB 1125 and SB 1264 which proposed to remove Regional Planning Councils from Florida Statutes. A resolution for Council consideration is provided.

Action Requested:	Approve Resolution 2025-4A in support of Regional Planning Councils to be provided to legislators.
Exhibits:	#3A: Resolution 2025-4A #3B: Regional Planning Council Fact Sheet #3C: Regional Planning Council Services

**4) Heartland 2060: Actions for a Resilient Future**

Staff hosted a Heartland 2060 meeting on March 25, 2025, in Sebring. Staff will provide an overview and an update on the next steps.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

**5) U.S. Economic Development Administration Disaster Supplemental Grant - Page 20**

The CFRPC has been awarded the U.S. Economic Development Administration 2023 Disaster Supplemental Grant for a multi-jurisdictional transportation corridor study. Staff issued a Request for Proposals to complete aspects of the project.

Actions Requested:	Approve Consultant and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute agreement with the Consultant.
Exhibits:	#5: Project Overview

**6) FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grants and Competitive Florida Partnership Grants - Page 23**

FloridaCommerce is anticipated to announce funding availability for both FY 2025-2026 Community Planning Technical Assistance and Competitive Florida Grants. Staff will provide an overview of these opportunities. Resolutions are included to authorize the submission of grant applications.

Actions Requested:	Approve each Resolution
Exhibits:	#6A: Resolution 2025-4B #6B: Resolution 2025-4C

**7) Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Activities**

Staff will brief the Council on activities of the six-county Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) and other transportation issues.

Actions Requested:	Information only
Exhibits:	None

**8) Heartland Regional Safety Action Plan Update and Demonstration Grant**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years, 2022-2026. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. CFRPC staff will provide an update on the SS4A Safety Action Plan development and findings. The Council is requested to authorize the Executive Director to request additional funding from the Federal Highway Administration to conduct demonstration activities that inform the safety action plan.

Action Requested:	Authorize the Executive Director to submit a request to the Federal Highway Administration to conduct demonstration activities.
Exhibits:	None

**9) Avon Park Air Force Range – National Sentinel Landscape Conference**

Staff hosted the National Sentinel Landscape Conference from March 31 to April 3, 2025. The Avon Park Air Force Range Sentinel Landscape is one of 19 in the country. Staff will provide an overview of the conference successes.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

**10) Executive Director’s Report - Page 27**

The Executive Director will report on Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) activities, and Council programs.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	#10A: FRCA Bills Report as of March 30, 2025 #10B: FRCA Monthly Activities Report

**11) Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency**

Kristie Vazquez, Executive Director of the Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency will provide an overview of Downtown Sebring’s recent revitalization efforts and local improvements which are being highlighted on HGTV’s Hometown Makeover. Kristie will also lead an optional walking tour of downtown Sebring immediately following the meeting to highlight some of the changes downtown. [www.downtownsebring.org/HGTV](http://www.downtownsebring.org/HGTV)

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

**12) Next Meeting and Other Business**

A) Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 9:30 AM  
Bartow Executive Airport, 5993 Airport Boulevard, Bartow, FL 33830

B) Other Business

**13) Adjourn to Optional Tour of Downtown Sebring**

*Attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes.*

*If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.*

*Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, income, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the CFRPC Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Indihra Chambers, 863-534-7130, or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by email: [ichambers@cfrpc.org](mailto:ichambers@cfrpc.org).*

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**Wednesday, February 12, 2025 | 9:30 a.m.**

Chair, Nathaniel Birdsong called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Council Attorney Norman White led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. New Member, Michael Scott was sworn into office. Roll was called and the following Council Members were in attendance:

Chair Nathaniel Birdsong, City of Winter Haven  
Keith Keene, City of Arcadia  
Commissioner Michael Scott, Polk County  
Commissioner Michael Sumner, Okeechobee County  
Commissioner Kenny Miller, Hardee County  
Commissioner Judy Wertz-Strickland, City of Arcadia  
Robert "Jeff" Kincart, Gubernatorial Appointee  
Commissioner, Steve Hickox, DeSoto County BOCC  
Councilman Noel Chandler, City of Okeechobee  
Commissioner Stephanie Madden, City of Lakeland  
Commissioner Harrison Havery, City of Sebring  
Commissioner Don Elwell, Highlands County  
Cindy Rodriguez, SWFWMD Ex-Officio  
Misty Servia, DeSoto County Ex-Officio  
Todd Miller, Hardee County Ex-Officio

**A quorum of members was present.**

- Norman White led the New Member from Polk County in their Oath of Office
- Jennifer Codo-Salisbury welcomed attendees and thanked DeSoto County for hosting the meeting and for the use of their BOCC Chambers.

**1) Opportunity for Public Comments**

No public comments were offered.

**2) Election of Council Officers for 2025**

The Council Nominating Committee (City of Lakeland Commissioner Stephanie Madden, Okeechobee City Councilmember Noel Chandler, Sebring City Councilmember Harrison Havery) met prior to the Council meeting to consider nominations for a Council Chair and Vice Chair for 2025. The Committee Nominations are as follows: Chair, Nathaniel Birdsong. Vice Chair, Don Elwell.

A motion to approve the nominations was made by: Michael Sumner

- The motion was seconded by: Keith Keene
- The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mayor Birdsong expressed gratitude for being elected chair and for the committee's recommendation and vote of confidence.

**3) Council Administration**

**A) Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by: Keith Keene

- The motion was seconded by: Michael Sumner
- The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

B) December 2024 Financial Report

Jennifer presented a brief overview of the information on the financial report for the Council.

A motion to approve was made by: Don Elwell

- The motion was seconded by: Michael Sumner
- The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**4) DeSoto County Activities Report**

Mandy Hines, DeSoto County Administrator, updated the Council on current activities in DeSoto County.

**5) City of Arcadia Activities Report**

Beth Carsten, City of Arcadia Administrator, briefed the Council on current projects as well as the challenges and opportunities the City is facing.

**6) Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Resilience Project Grant**

Jennifer shared with the Board that the CFRPC has received a grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to create a plan or guidance manual that will help various entities coordinate regionally when conducting vulnerability assessments, developing adaptation plans, and prioritizing projects for implementation. This grant allows us to look at the Heartland Regional Resiliency project and bring together best management practices.

A motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute agreements and administer the grant was made by: Keith Keene

- The motion was seconded by: Michael Sumner
- The motion was approved by unanimous vote

**7) Polk County Adaptation Plan**

CFRPC staff issued a Request for Qualifications to complete a Polk County Adaptation Plan consistent with the Florida Adaptation Planning Guidebook and Resilient Florida Legislation. The selected consultant will assess flood risks through advanced mapping and vulnerability analyses. Community engagement will be a critical component of this project to ensure the adaptation plan aligns with local needs and priorities. The Selection Committee has evaluated and ranked the two proposals received and requested that the Board approve the Selection Committee rankings and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the top ranked Firm and to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the second ranked firm should negotiations be unsuccessful with the top ranked firm.

A motion to approve was made by: Keith Keene

- The motion was seconded by: Don Elwell
- The motion was approved by unanimous vote

**8) Economic Recovery & Resiliency Federal Interagency Resource Exchange (FIRE) Listening Session**

Beneshea Frazier, CFRPC Program Manager provided an overview of the FIRE Listening Session. The Federal Economic Recovery Support Function, in collaboration with Florida's Regional Planning Councils and the Florida Department of Commerce, hosted a regional convening known as FIRE Listening Session on January 30, 2025. This session brought together local, state, and regional stakeholders with federal agencies to facilitate strategic discussions. The goal was to gather and validate information on the impacts of Hurricanes Helene and Milton and to connect identified needs with available resources.

**9) Coastal and Heartland National Estuary Partnership**

Jennifer Hecker, Executive Director of the Coastal and Heartland National Estuary Partnership (CHNEP), provided an update on regional activities. The partnership’s coverage area overlaps with the CFRPC area including DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, and Polk counties. Jennifer gave an overview of CHNEP which was formed in 1995 and is one of 28 congressionally designated “estuaries of national significance”.

**10) Report on the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) January Policy Board Meeting**

The Executive Director and Policy Board Members briefed the Council on the FRCA Policy Board meeting which was held in January in Tallahassee.

**11) Executive Director’s Report**

The Executive Director reported to the board on Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) activities, and Council programs.

**12) Updates and Announcements from Local Governments and Agencies**

CFRPC Board members, including Ex-Officio Members, took the opportunity to share updates and activities from their communities and agencies.

**13) Next Meeting and Other Business.**

**A) Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 9:30 AM, Sebring**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Don Elwell, Vice Chair

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**CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FY 2024-2025**  
**For the Month Ended February 28, 2025**

Exhibit #2B

**UNAUDITED**

February = 42%

	<u>ACCRUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>Approved Budget</u>	<u>ACCRUAL</u>	
	<u>February 2025</u>	<u>February 2025</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	
<b>ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE</b>					
<b>INCOME</b>					
1	Use of Prior Year Surplus	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
2	Member Assessments	185,409	187,772	370,818	50%
3	Local Revenue	413,649	722,164	2,391,520	17%
4	State Revenue	75,072	138,786	455,808	16%
5	Federal Revenue	1,358,355	1,414,877	3,344,966	41%
6	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,032,484</b>	<b>2,463,599</b>	<b>6,563,112</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>7 EXPENSE</b>					
8	Salaries & Fringe Benefits	1,099,081	1,102,081	2,735,644	40%
9	Consultants	144,631	180,197	1,287,000	11%
10	Transportation for the Disadvantaged Trips	445,024	814,120	1,611,000	28%
12	Accounting/Payroll Services	1,981	1,981	3,000	66%
13	Advertising	2,333	1,698	12,000	19%
14	Audit	36,225	36,225	35,000	104%
15	Auto Expense	5,370	5,600	15,000	36%
16	Building Security	412	206	1,600	26%
17	Dues & Fees	18,634	18,638	55,000	34%
18	Equipment Expense	2,702	2,873	8,400	32%
19	File Management	-	-	-	0%
20	Insurance	21,878	21,878	40,000	55%
21	Janitorial/Maintenance	5,570	5,945	15,500	36%
22	Legal Fees	15,469	15,469	38,625	40%
23	Meeting Expense	1,454	2,281	25,000	6%
24	Miscellaneous	-	-	1,000	0%
25	Office Supplies	4,218	4,368	15,000	28%
26	Postage & Delivery	425	348	5,000	8%
27	Printing	2,516	3,006	10,000	25%
28	Repair & Maintenance	4,383	6,690	20,000	22%
29	Technology Supplies	25,927	26,363	65,000	40%
30	Telephone	8,359	7,866	20,000	42%
31	Travel & Registration Fees	25,071	26,384	75,000	33%
32	Utilities	1,992	2,320	15,000	13%
33	Capital Outlay - Office & Technology	8,370	1,684	50,000	17%
34	Capital Outlay - Vehicle	-	-	-	0%
34	Capital Outlay - TD Vehicle	143,896	143,896	334,343	43%
35	Capital Outlay - Building	-	-	70,000	0%
36	<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 2,025,921</b>	<b>\$ 2,432,119</b>	<b>\$ 6,563,112</b>	<b>31%</b>
37					
38	<b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 6,563</b>	<b>\$ 31,480</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

**CASH ON HAND 02/28/2025**

Checking Account + Petty Cash	\$ 484,936
<b>Cash Held in Reserve:</b>	
Money Market Account	\$ 276,573
Local Govt Investment Pool	\$ 10,787
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$ 772,296</b>

**CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**  
**February 28, 2025**

<u>UNAUDITED</u>	<u>ACCRUAL</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
1 <b>Cash</b>	\$    484,921
2 <b>Petty Cash</b>	15
3 <b>Accounts Receivable</b>	537,412
4 <b>Unbilled Costs</b>	461,836
5 <b>Prepaid Expenses</b>	18,879
6 <b>Fixed Assets</b>	877,857
7 <b>Funds Held in Reserve</b>	287,360
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9 <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$   2,668,280</u></u>
10	
11 <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
12	
13 <b>Liabilities</b>	
14 <b>Accounts Payable</b>	\$    599,242
15 <b>Compensated Absences Liability</b>	175,115
16 <b>Deferred Revenue</b>	10,562
17 <b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>784,919</u>
18	
19 <b>Fund Balance</b>	1,883,360
20	
21 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>\$   2,668,280</u></u>

Agenda Item #3  
**House Bill 1125, Senate Bill 1264, and Resolution 2025-4C concerning  
 continuation of Regional Planning Councils in the Florida Statutes**

Actions Requested:	Approve Resolution 2025-4C in support of Regional Planning Councils
Exhibits:	#3A: Resolution 2025-4A #3B: Regional Planning Council Fact Sheet #3C: Regional Planning Council Services

**Background:**

Regional Planning Councils are authorized and established in the Florida Statutes in Chapters 163 and 186, with powers and duties described in those chapters and numerous other places in the Statutes. Shortly before the beginning of this year’s session of the Florida Legislature, bills were filed in the House (HB 1125) and Senate (SB 1264) which would eliminate Regional Planning Councils entirely from the Florida Statutes.

**Analysis:**

The proposed legislation would eliminate the statutory language authorizing and establishing Regional Planning Councils, as well as all the other references and duties, from the Statutes. The language is part of bills that cover a half-dozen disparate, unrelated topics. Thus, rather than call for denial of the bills, the proposed resolution asks that the language concerning Regional Planning Councils be removed from the bills.

Attached is a Fact Sheet which describes what Councils do across the state and the value provided to state and local governments, communities, and businesses – at no cost to the state and with no state employees. The work Regional Planning Councils do in the areas of Economic Development, Intergovernmental Relations, Urban Planning, Policy Development, Natural Resource Protection, and Emergency Management is impactful across the state and it is our intention, coordinated through the Florida Regional Councils Association, to share this work with the Legislature.

**Recommendation:**

Approve Resolution 2025-4A opposing elimination of Regional Planning Councils as proposed in House Bill 1125 and Senate Bill 1264 and any similar legislation.



## RESOLUTION 2025-4A

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL REPRESENTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF DESOTO, HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, OKEECHOBEE AND POLK COUNTIES, FLORIDA; OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION FOR REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS IN FLORIDA AS PROPOSED IN SENATE BILL 1264 AND HOUSE BILL 1125 OR SIMILAR PROPOSED LEGISLATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council's five county geographical area is comprised of DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk counties and 25 municipalities contained therein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council is a multi-purpose regional governmental entity with policy responsibilities in the areas of affordable housing, economic development, emergency preparedness, energy, natural resources, urban planning, agriculture, and regional transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than five decades Regional Planning Councils have served the public as Florida's only multipurpose regional entities that coordinate intergovernmental solutions to multijurisdictional issues identified by their member local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the 67 counties in the state are divided into 10 Regional Planning Councils which perform functions in Economic Development, Transportation, Emergency Preparedness, Regional Convening, and Resilience to the extent and as directed by their member counties, cities, and gubernatorial appointees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Planning Councils receive no regular general appropriation for operation from the State and, instead, are supported by Federal grant funds, local dues, local contracts, and State contracts for specific programs implemented on behalf of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, Regional Planning Councils serve a critical role in hazardous material response coordination and training through the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) operated by each Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Regional Planning Councils regularly assist agencies in implementing their statutory duties and legislative directives, along with coordinating these duties and directives with local input; and

**WHEREAS**, Regional Planning Councils partner with local governments and various agencies to secure grant funding, staff specialized projects, and provide technical support and facilitation expertise; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed Senate Bill 1264 and House Bill 1125 will remove authorization and all references to Regional Planning Councils from the Florida Statutes, depriving the people of the State of the important work the Councils do.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL:**

**Section 1.** The Legislature is urged to remove all references to Regional Planning Councils from Senate Bill 1264 and House Bill 1125 or any similar proposed legislation and to leave Regional Planning Councils in the Florida Statutes; and

**Section 2.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption hereof.

**DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2025.**

**CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Don Elwell, Vice Chair**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL ATTORNEY:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Florida Regional Planning Councils: SB 1264 & HB 1125 Fact Sheet

Regional Planning Councils oppose the portions of SB 1264 and HB 1125 that remove all references to Florida's 10 Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) from Florida Statutes. Removing RPCs from Florida Statutes would negatively impact the state agencies, local governments and communities, small and large, who rely on RPCs to provide cost-effective services. Therefore, we respectfully ask that the language concerning RPCs be removed from both bills.

- **RPCs save state resources without duplicating services:** RPCs provide state agencies with a cost effective and efficient way to provide services and administer programs across Florida, which saves state resources.
- **RPCs help local governments meet state requirements and save money:** RPCs are recognized in Florida Statutes as the state's only non-regulatory, multipurpose regional entities that are positioned to address complex, regional and statewide challenges with innovative, effective solutions that meet the needs of the communities in each region.
- **RPCs provide critical services to small and rural communities:** RPCs ensure that small communities and rural areas can access technical assistance, grants and programs that would otherwise be out of reach due to limited resources and expertise.

### **Rural Communities and Small Urban Communities: Local Planning Technical Assistance; Map Modernization with GIS; Economic and Land Use Analysis; Economic Development Strategies; Rural Transportation Planning and Transportation Disadvantaged Programs; Emergency Preparedness and Long-Term Recovery Support.**

- RPCs assist municipalities and counties by providing technical assistance and data/GIS expertise for policy analysis and guidance concerning issues such as, but not limited to, implementing state initiatives, conservation strategies, economic development, emergency management, transportation, ecotourism and trails, land use decisions, and other needs including day-to-day operations.
- Many fiscally constrained rural counties and small municipal governments have few planning staff and limited resources. RPCs provide **professional planning and GIS services to local governments** to assist in implementing their comprehensive plans and land development codes and to achieve community visions with data and map modernization. This includes assistance with state growth management and community planning requirements and other state regulations. RPCs provide these critical services, giving these communities the ability to meet state requirements and support development.
- **Examples of RPC Projects & Services:**
  - The [Central Florida RPC](#) has completed a local mitigation strategy and continuity of operations plan for **Hardee County** and an economic development strategy for **DeSoto County**, and numerous additional projects at the request of their member counties and cities. The [Treasure Coast RPC](#) has provided on a pro-bono basis planning and zoning services for the **City of Pahokee** (population 5,666) and facilitated the first new office building and apartments in more than a decade.
  - RPCs implement the **Transportation Disadvantaged Program** which serves citizens that do not have access to transportation by providing bus transportation to medical services, work, school and other essential locations.

**Economic Development Programs: U.S. Department of Commerce EDA designated Economic Development Districts; Small Business Revolving Loan Funds; Strategic Planning and Visioning; Economic Modeling; and Brownfield Assessments & Planning**

- RPCs are directed in Florida Statute to assist local governments with “activities designed to promote and facilitate economic development” in their respective regions. **RPCs complement state and local government economic development efforts** in their role as EDA Economic Development Districts by developing and implementing regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies; **providing grant writing and technical assistance to local governments; and providing economic analyses** using Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. (REMI) software.
- **Assist community leaders and local governments** in developing and reaching consensus on shared regional goals and strategies with data driven analysis to address regional challenges and maximize opportunities; and implement economic development strategies linking businesses, job creation, infrastructure, land use, and transportation.
- **Examples of RPC Projects & Services:**
  - The [South Florida](#) and [Apalachee RPCs](#) manage successful **Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Programs** to assist small businesses that do not qualify for traditional lending programs. The RLFs serve the local community by enhancing financing opportunities for businesses who want to establish or expand in the region, leading to new jobs and a stronger local economy.
  - The [East Central Florida RPC](#) launched the first regionwide **Brownfield Program in 2021** with a \$500,000 3-year grant from the Environmental Protection Agency. ECFRPC’s team identified and conducted Site Assessments on over 100 properties to reduce blight, promote new developments, public health and the environment. Due to the success of this program, ECFRPC has secured an additional \$1. 5 million grant to continue the successful program to advance brownfield redevelopment in the region.

**Resiliency Planning: Military Installation Readiness; Vulnerability & Adaptation Planning; Flood Mitigation; Florida Wildlife Corridor Planning; and Grant Writing and Administration.**

- RPCs conduct state-funded vulnerability assessments, map coastal risk scenarios, and develop strategies with critical stakeholders to determine long term plans to mitigate and adapt to changing conditions.
- **Examples of RPC Projects & Services:**
  - Direct partnership and funding with the Department of Defense to ensure community Military Installation Readiness. This is implemented through the **Military Installation Readiness Review (MIRR)** process to analyze risks and future climate conditions and implement actions to foster, protect, and enhance military installation mission readiness. **Six of Florida’s RPCs have conducted MIRR for their region** in partnership with DOD including [Emerald Coast RC](#), [Tampa Bay RPC](#), [South Florida RPC](#), [Central Florida RPC](#), [East Central Florida RPC](#) and [Northeast Florida RC](#). RPCs are now working with regional stakeholders, the State of Florida, and the U.S. Department of Defense to secure funding for planning and infrastructure projects that will enhance mission readiness and national security.
  - The [Apalachee RPC](#) is currently managing the **Franklin County Living Shoreline project** that will create new nearshore reefs and facilitate natural restoration of marshes along Highway 98 to protect infrastructure, evacuation routes, and reduce shoreline erosion. ARPC was awarded a \$15 million grant and works closely with county and private sector partners, who were not otherwise eligible to apply for this grant.
  - Six RPCs across the state are working together through the **Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation program** to study changes in rainfall intensity and inland flooding to identify and mitigate against risks and provide data to support **Resilient Florida** priorities. In addition, cross-jurisdictional projects will be brought forward for communities to implement in conjunction with state and federal resources.

**Emergency Preparedness and Long-Term Recovery Programs: First Responder Training; Emergency Response Planning; Healthcare Emergency Preparedness; and Long-Term Recovery Support**

- RPCs work closely with first responders and state emergency management staff to ensure that communities are prepared for hurricanes and other natural disasters, as well provide first responder training for large scale medical emergencies, hazardous materials emergencies, and urban search and rescue throughout the state.
- RPCs provide compliance and documentation assistance to private industry on Hazardous Materials storage, ensuring notification to FDEM and emergency responders.
- **Examples of RPC Projects & Services:**
  - The **East Central Florida RPC** Emergency Management team coordinates training and resources for all of **Florida’s Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces in partnership with the Florida Department of Emergency Management. All RPCs** collaborate to bring hundreds of firefighters and other first responders, experts, instructors, and businesses together each year at the annual **Florida HazMat Symposium training event and skills competition**, to ensure that local responders have the best information and training available .
  - The **Tampa Bay RPC** developed **Project Phoenix 2.0: The Recovery** exercise that examines critical issues and capabilities of Tampa Bay area small businesses and emergency management agencies during disaster recovery. This exercise simulates a Category 5 hurricane hitting Tampa Bay and incorporates lessons learned and words of advice from small businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael in 2018. The Project is being updated once again to include **new data garnered from Hurricanes Debby, Helene, and Milton.**

**Transportation Programs:** Rural Transportation Planning and Transportation Disadvantaged Programs

- RPCs collaborate with FDOT, the communities they serve, local governments, their transportation agencies, and stakeholders to plan and implement innovative transportation solutions, such as complete streets, greenways and effective transit design.
- **Examples of RPC Projects & Services:**
  - The **Emerald Coast Regional Council** developed a multi-faceted initiative coined as the **7-Layer Cake**. The plan is comprised of seven projects that improve the Northwest Florida region safety and traffic efficiency. The projects address strategies and technologies to reduce traffic accidents, the installation of broadband fiber to support the new technology, and the creation of the Transportation Management Center to coordinate the new systems to reduce traffic accidents and save lives.
  - The **Treasure Coast** and **South Florida RPCs** worked with the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (Tri-Rail), municipalities, and developers to facilitate **Transit Oriented Development (TOD)** across the system, leading to the approval of hundreds of new apartments at the **Boca Raton** Tri-Rail station and advancement of TOD at other station sites as well. The developer will pay to lease the land from Tri-Rail, reducing the need for operating subsidy, and new affordable housing will boost system ridership while accommodating growth in the area. Building on this success, more sites are in the planning process.

***Who pays for the important services and programs provided by Florida’s RPCs?***

- RPCs are funded by member counties, cities, federal grants, and specific state contracts for services. RPCs **do not receive general appropriation dollars** and are **not staffed by state personnel.**



# Florida's Regional Planning Councils



Led and governed by local elected officials and gubernatorial appointees, RPCs unite communities to address complex, **cross-jurisdictional challenges** with innovative, **effective solutions**.

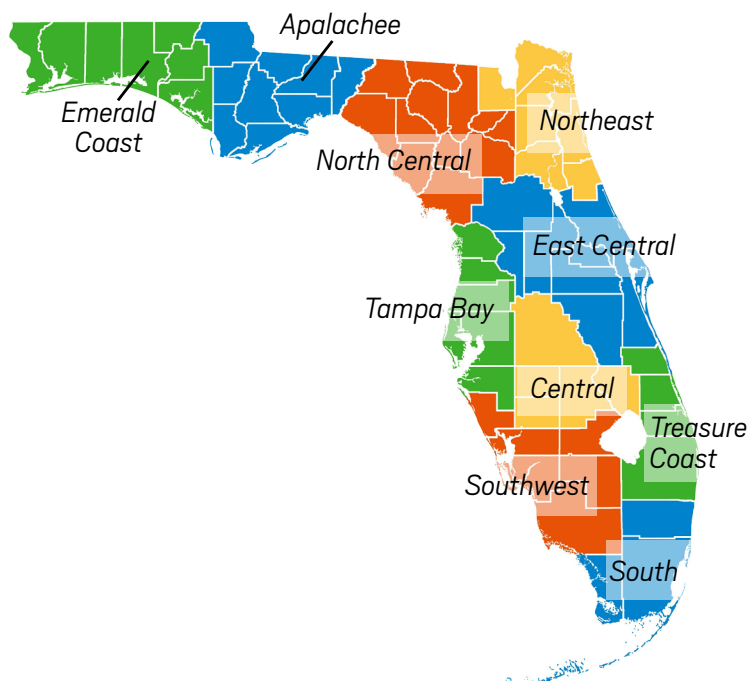
*Convening • Transportation • Quality of Life • Emergency Preparedness • Economic Development*

RPCs respond to their region's **unique needs and community priorities** while providing **specialized expertise**.

*Small Business Revolving Loans • First Responder Training • Business and Land Use Analysis*

Providing **technical assistance and services** to communities of all sizes, RPCs **enhance efficiency** and ensure that small and rural areas can access award-winning **planning and grant administration** expertise that would otherwise be out of reach.

*Geographic Information Services (GIS) • Local Planning Services • Visioning and Master Plans*



# Regional Councils foster collaboration, innovation, and impactful solutions for communities of all sizes.

## Economic Development

- Small Business Revolving Loan Fund
- Strategic Planning and Visioning
- Economic Modeling
- Ecotourism and Trails Planning

## Professional Planning Services

- Local Planning Assistance
- Comprehensive Plan Updates
- Land Development Code Updates
- Community Master Planning

## Geographic Information Services (GIS)

- Map Modernization ArcGIS
- Economic and Land Use Analysis

## Emergency Preparedness and Long Term Recovery

- First Responder Training
- Healthcare Emergency Preparedness

## Transportation

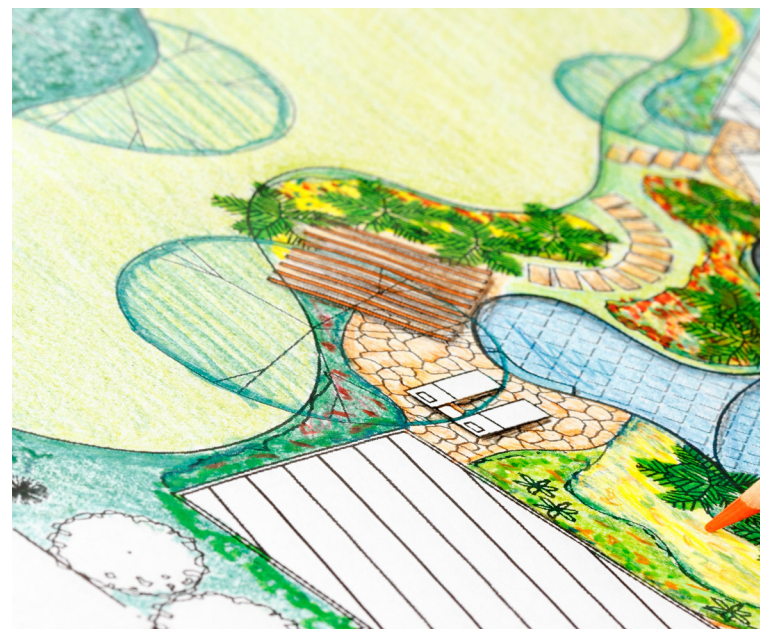
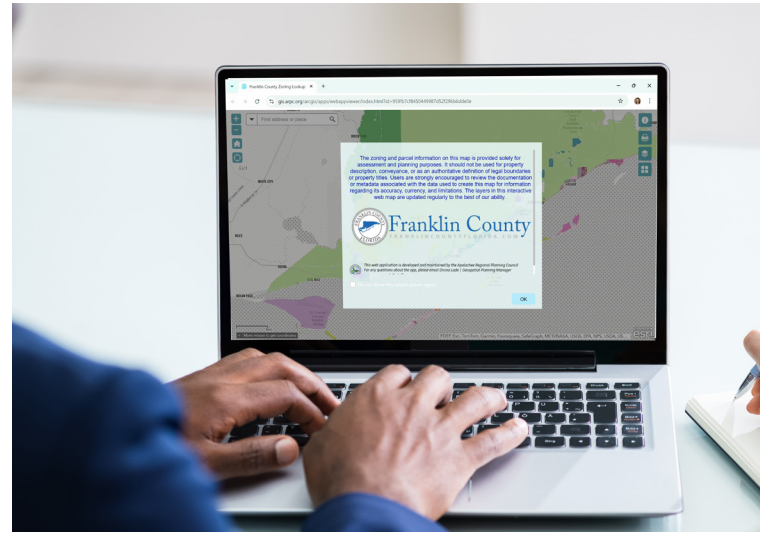
- Rural Transportation Planning
- Transportation Disadvantaged Programs

## Grant Writing and Administration

- Housing
- Transportation
- Community Development

## Resiliency Planning

- Military Installation Readiness
- Flood Mitigation
- Florida Wildlife Corridor Planning
- Utility Resource Planning
- Living Shoreline Projects



Agenda Item #5  
**Multi-Jurisdictional Corridor Study**

Actions Requested:	Approve Consultant and authorize Executive Director to negotiate and execute contract.
Exhibits:	#5: Project Overview

**Background:** The Central Florida Regional Planning Council received grant funding from the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, for a Multi-Jurisdictional Transportation Corridor Study to support economic growth and development along SR 60, US 17, and US 27. The study will address existing conditions such as stormwater management, hurricane recovery, and economic drivers to enable industrial growth, job creation, and expansion of economic opportunities within and adjacent to the identified corridors including: SR 60 from Mulberry to Lake Wales; US 17 from Polk/Hardee County line to Winter Haven; and US 27 from Frostproof to Lake Wales.

Staff issued a Request for Proposals for the project received one proposal from the firm listed below:

- GAI Consultants

The responsive Consultant is qualified to perform the study. Staff requests authorization for the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract for this project consistent with the grant.

## Exhibit #5

### US EDA Grant: Multijurisdictional Corridor Study – Project Overview

#### **Background:**

The US Economic Development Administration is providing a FY 2023 Disaster Supplemental funding opportunity in response to Natural Disasters from 2021 and 2022 including those communities impacted by Hurricane Ian. Staff submitted a grant application 2023 and has now received the grant award. Staff requests authorization for the Executive Director to execute the agreement and administer this grant. The grant will allow for the development of a **multi-jurisdictional corridor study (Study)** to identify opportunities to attract investment through implementation of strategies enabling job creation, an increase in tax revenues and additional growth opportunities. The Study will also assist in the identification of emerging and declining industry clusters or sectors; competitive advantages, and the possibilities for collaborative industry partnerships.

This comprehensive planning effort will support disaster economic recovery activities that address the impacts of Hurricanes Ian, flooding, and other natural disasters helping the region to become more resilient. The grant is to be administered over a 24-month time period. The grant award amount is \$240,000 with a \$60,000 match for a total project cost of \$300,000.

#### **Scope of Work: Multi-Jurisdictional Transportation Corridor Study**

##### Project Description:

Prepare a transportation corridor study to support future economic growth and development. The study will address existing conditions, stormwater management, and economic drivers that could potentially attract private investment and enable industrial growth, job creation, increase tax revenues and expand economic opportunities within and adjacent to the identified corridors which include SR 60 from Mulberry to Lake Wales; US 17 from Polk/Hardee County line to Winter Haven; and US 27 from Frostproof to Lake Wales.

##### Economic Assessment:

Inventory of major corridors and economic and market analysis. The economic assessment identifies existing and potential industry clusters that could drive economic development within the corridor in the future.

- Demographic and Economic Analysis
- Business Cluster Analysis (Emerging or declining clusters or sectors and projected impact on the corridors' competitive advantages and ability to build capacity for economic development)
- Transportation Corridor and Economic analysis
- Corridor Revitalization Strategies

##### Transportation Assessment:

Review of transportation plans, programs, and studies to establish baseline traffic and transit performance indicators for the study corridors. Document the corridor area, including corridor



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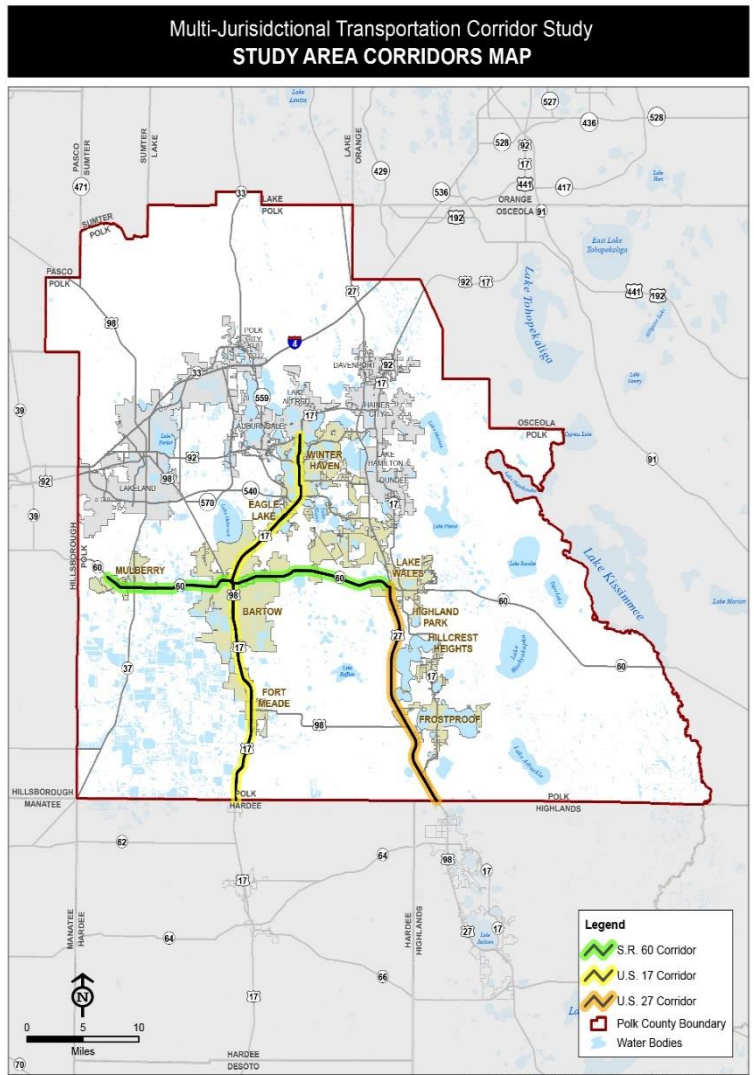
segments, major intersections/interchanges, rail sites and freight movements, aviation airports (Winter Haven, Bartow, Lake Wales), traffic volumes, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit conditions. The study will assess the quantity and quality of the study area's existing transportation network and reasonable expectations for expansion.

### Land Use Assessment:

Overview of land use characteristics; review of existing plans and studies; review of existing and future land use, zoning; and review of socioeconomic conditions.

### Infrastructure Assessment:

Identification of opportunities and challenges for development and redevelopment of the corridors respective of central water, wastewater, stormwater, electric and natural gas infrastructure and broadband infrastructure. The assessment will reflect the study area's existing stormwater infrastructure, identify existing flood prone areas, and infrastructure that may be at risk should a future flooding event and or disaster arise.



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Agenda Item #6  
**FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grants and  
 Competitive Florida Grants**

Actions Requested:	Approve each Resolution
Exhibits:	#6A: Resolution 2025-4B #6B: Resolution 2025-4C

**Background:** FloridaCommerce anticipates two funding announcements: 1) Community Planning Technical Assistance Grants; and 2) Competitive Florida Partnership Program Grants for state fiscal year (FY) 2025-2026.

**1) Community Planning Technical Assistance (CPTA) Grants– Application Due Date to be Announced**

FloridaCommerce is anticipated to announce potential funding and grant cycle for CPTA Grants for FY 2024-2025. CPTA Grants provide counties, municipalities, and regional planning councils the opportunity to create innovative plans and development strategies to promote a diverse economy, vibrant rural and suburban areas and meet statutory requirements for planning, while protecting environmentally sensitive areas.

**Anticipated Grant Period:** July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

**Typical Award Range:** Up to \$75,000, but award amounts may vary and may be greater. Grants are provided on a Cost Reimbursement basis.

**2) Competitive Florida Partnership Grants– Application Due Date to be Announced**

FloridaCommerce is anticipated to announce potential funding and grant cycle to assist local governments pursuing asset-based economic development through innovative planning and development strategies. FloridaCommerce is anticipated to offer grant funding and technical assistance to help communities plan for and implement an economic development strategy using the Competitive Florida Partnership model. For more information on this model visit the Florida Competitive Partnership page. It is anticipated that FloridaCommerce will be soliciting partnership grant requests for state fiscal year (FY) 2025-2026.

**Grant Period:** July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

**Typical Award Range:** \$25,000 to \$40,000, but award amounts may vary. Grants are on a Cost Reimbursement basis.

**Project Types:** Partnered with FloridaCommerce Competitive Florida staff, the community may undertake an asset-based, community-driven approach to writing an economic development strategy. Extensive planning and economic development assistance is provided by FloridaCommerce throughout the year.

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Competitive Florida Grants**

These resolutions will allow Council staff to submit applications to FloridaCommerce.

- **Resolution 2025-4B**  
Authorizes CFRPC Executive Director to apply for, execute and administer a Fiscal Year 2025-2026 FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant to assist local governments in the Heartland.
  
- **Resolution 2025-4C**  
Authorizes CFRPC Executive Director to apply for, execute, and administer a Fiscal Year 2025-2026 FloridaCommerce Competitive Florida Partnership Grant to facilitate an asset-based, community-driven approach to prepare an economic development strategy and disaster resiliency plan.

**For assistance in applying for a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant or Competitive Florida Partnership Grant, please contact Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, [jcodosalisbury@cfrpc.org](mailto:jcodosalisbury@cfrpc.org), (863) 534-7130 ext. 178.**





**RESOLUTION 2025-4B**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR A FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE HEARTLAND.**

**WHEREAS**, FloridaCommerce is accepting applications for the FY 2025-2026 Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, eligible projects shall generally relate to community planning and economic development strategies that implement requirements of the Community Planning Act; and

**WHEREAS**, applicants are encouraged to seek funding for innovative, creative or unique approaches to planning and development; and

**WHEREAS**, communities in the Heartland will benefit from a project to address planning trends from a regional perspective; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL:**

- Authorizes CFRPC Executive Director to apply for, execute and administer a Fiscal Year 2025-2026 FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant to assist local governments in the Heartland.

**DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2025.**

**CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Don Elwell, Vice Chair**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL ATTORNEY: \_\_\_\_\_



**RESOLUTION 2025-4C**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR A FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPETITIVE FLORIDA PARTNERSHIP GRANT.**

**WHEREAS**, the Competitive Florida Partnership Grant program allows communities to undertake an asset-based, community-driven approach to writing an economic development strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Competitive Florida Partnership Grant, an economic development strategy may be written which identifies assets in communities and surrounding areas; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Competitive Florida Partnership Grant, a disaster resiliency plan is also prepared; and

**WHEREAS**, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council will facilitate an asset-based, community-driven approach to prepare an economic strategy and disaster resiliency plan; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL:**

- Authorizes CFRPC Executive Director to apply for, execute, and administer a Fiscal Year 2025-2026 FloridaCommerce Competitive Florida Partnership Grant to facilitate an asset-based, community-driven approach to prepare an economic development strategy and disaster resiliency plan.

**DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2025.**

**CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Don Elwell, Vice Chair**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL ATTORNEY: \_\_\_\_\_



# SESSION 2025 Bills of Interest

End of Week 4 (3/30/25)

Ordered by Bill Number

## HB 0011 **Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates** by Robinson, F.

Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates: Requires municipality to charge consumers receiving its utility services in another municipality same rates, fees, & charges as it charges consumers within its own municipal boundaries. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

### Committees of Reference

House Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee  
House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee  
House Commerce Committee

### Actions

03/27/2025 SENATE In Messages

### Compare

HB 1523 Utility Services (Busatta)  
SB 1704 Utility Services (Calatayud)

### Similar

SB 0202 Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates (Jones)

## HB 0013 **Windstorm Coverage by Citizens Property Insurance Corporation** by Cassel

Windstorm Coverage by Citizens Property Insurance Corporation: Requires Citizens Property Insurance Corporation to make windstorm coverage available to homeowners for any residential structures and to commercial lines residential structures; provides requirements for windstorm coverage; authorizes homeowners to obtain windstorm coverage from certain insurance agents; provides underwriting & administering requirements for windstorm coverage portion of insurance; provides requirements for claims settlement payments; revises requirements for corporation's plan of operation; revises certain statements obtained by agents from applicants for coverage from corporation. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

### Committees of Reference

No committees referenced

### Actions

02/28/2025 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

### Compare

SB 1712 Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund and Reinsurance Assistance (DiCeglie)

## SB 0050 **Nature-based Methods for Improving Coastal Resilience** by García

Nature-based Methods for Improving Coastal Resilience; Specifying that the Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research and Innovation is established within the University of South Florida, rather than within the University of South Florida College of Marine Science; requiring the hub to develop design guidelines and standards for optimal combinations of green and gray infrastructure and to model the effects of conceptual designs of certain green and gray infrastructure; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules for nature-based methods for coastal resilience, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$250,000 Effective Date: 7/1/2025

### Committees of Reference

**Actions**

03/19/2025 HOUSE In Messages

**Compare**

HB 0371 Nature-based Methods for Improving Coastal Resilience (Mooney, Jr.)

**SB 0058 Boating Safety** by García

Boating Safety; Requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue original, renewal, or replacement identification cards with a lifetime boating safety identification card symbol to applicants if certain conditions are met; providing increased criminal penalties for the reckless operation of a vessel which causes serious bodily injury to another; revising the conditions that compose the offense of, and penalties for, boating under the influence (BUI); revising the definition of the term “vessel homicide” to include the killing of an unborn child by causing injury to the mother by operation of a vessel in a reckless manner under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2025

**Committees of Reference**

Senate Criminal Justice (Current Reference)  
Senate Transportation  
Senate Fiscal Policy

**Actions**

03/25/2025 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Criminal Justice

**Compare**

HB 0289 Boating Safety (Oliver)  
SB 0628 Boating Safety (Martin)

**SB 0062 Resilient Buildings** by Rodriguez

Resilient Buildings; Defining the term “resilient building”; specifying that owners of resilient buildings are eligible to receive a specified tax credit; requiring building owners to file a specified application with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation by a specified date in order to claim such tax credit; creating the Florida Resilient Building Advisory Council adjunct to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

**Committees of Reference**

Senate Environment and Natural Resources  
Senate Finance and Tax (Current Reference)  
Senate Appropriations

**Actions**

02/13/2025 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax

**Similar**

HB 0143 Resilient Buildings (Barnaby)

**HB 0073 Safe Waterways Act** by Gossett-Seidman

Safe Waterways Act: Transfers duties related to bacteriological sampling of beach waters & public bathing places from DOH to DEP; provides requirements for such transfer; revises provisions related to bacteriological sampling of beach waters & public bathing places, including rule adoption & enforcement; issuance of health advisories; closure of beach waters & public bathing places; notification & signage requirements; & public statewide interagency database. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

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**Committees of Reference**

House Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee (Current Reference)  
House Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee  
House Budget Committee  
House State Affairs Committee

**Actions**

01/15/2025 HOUSE Now in Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

**Identical**

SB 0156 Safe Waterways Act (Rodriguez)

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**HB 0077 Recall of County Officers and Commissioners** by Rudman

Recall of County Officers and Commissioners: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to authorize recall of county officers & commissioners by electors of this state.

**Committees of Reference**

No committees referenced

**Actions**

01/02/2025 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

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**SB 0080 State Land Management** by Harrell

State Land Management; Citing this act as the "State Park Preservation Act"; requiring public hearings for all updated conservation and nonconservation land management plans; requiring the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection to comply with specified provisions when granting certain privileges, leases, concessions, and permits; requiring that individual management plans for parcels located within state parks be developed and updated with input from an advisory group, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

**Committees of Reference**

Senate Environment and Natural Resources  
Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government (Current Reference)  
Senate Fiscal Policy

**Actions**

02/13/2025 SENATE Now in Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

**Similar**

HB 0209 State Land Management (Snyder)

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**SB 0088 Utility Terrain Vehicles** by Wright

Utility Terrain Vehicles; Authorizing a utility terrain vehicle (UTV) to be operated during all hours; authorizing the operation of UTVs on certain parts of the State Highway System; authorizing the Department of Transportation to prohibit the use of UTVs under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue a license plate to the owner or lessee of a vehicle registered as a UTV upon payment of certain taxes and fees, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2026

**Committees of Reference**

Senate Transportation  
Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development  
Senate Rules

**Actions**

**Similar**

HB 0221 Utility Terrain Vehicles (Gentry)

**SB 0184 Affordable Housing** by Gaetz

Affordable Housing; Requiring, rather than authorizing, local governments to adopt an ordinance to allow accessory dwelling units in certain areas; authorizing a local government to provide a density bonus incentive to landowners who make certain real property donations to assist in the provision of affordable housing for military families; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to evaluate the efficacy of using mezzanine finance and the potential of tiny homes for specified purposes, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

**Committees of Reference**

Senate Community Affairs  
Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development  
Senate Rules (Current Reference)

**Actions**

03/27/2025 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 04/01/25, 9:00 am, 412 K

**Compare**

HB 0247 Affordable Housing (Conerly)

HB 0943 Real Property and Land Use and Development (Lopez, V.)

**SB 0188 Possession or Use of a Firearm in a Sensitive Location** by Berman

Possession or Use of a Firearm in a Sensitive Location; Prohibiting the possession or use of a firearm in a sensitive location; providing criminal penalties; providing exceptions, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2025

**Committees of Reference**

Senate Criminal Justice (Current Reference)  
Senate Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice  
Senate Fiscal Policy

**Actions**

01/24/2025 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Fiscal Policy

**SB 0202 Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates** by Jones

Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates; Requiring a municipality to charge customers receiving its utility services in another municipality the same rates, fees, and charges as it charges consumers within its municipal boundaries under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

**Committees of Reference**

Senate Regulated Industries  
Senate Community Affairs (Current Reference)  
Senate Rules

**Actions**

03/26/2025 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/31/25, 4:00 pm, 37 S

**Compare**

HB 1523 Utility Services (Busatta)

SB 1704 Utility Services (Calatayud)

**Similar**

**HB 0203 Transportation Concurrency by Grow**

Transportation Concurrency: Revises facilities required to be identified in capital improvements element of comprehensive plan that imposes transportation concurrency. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

**Committees of Reference**

House Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee (Current Reference)

House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

House Commerce Committee

**Actions**

03/28/2025 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee, 04/01/25, 4:00 pm, 17 H

**Identical**

SB 1074 Transportation Concurrency (McClain)

SB 1738 Transportation Concurrency (Ingoglia)

**HB 0209 State Land Management by Snyder**

State Land Management: Requires public hearings for all updated conservation & nonconservation land management plans; requires Division of State Lands to make available to public electronic copies of land management plans for parcels of certain size & for parcels located in state parks; revises duties of Division of Recreation & Parks; specifies requirements for management of parks & recreational areas held by state; requires division to comply with specified provisions when granting certain privileges, leases, concessions, & permits; authorizes division to acquire, install, or permit installation or operation of camping cabins that meet certain requirements in state parks; prohibits division from authorizing certain uses or construction activities within state parks; requires that individual management plans for parcels located within state parks be developed with input from advisory group; requires that advisory group's required public hearings be noticed to public within specified timeframe. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

**Committees of Reference**

House Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

House State Affairs Committee (Current Reference)

**Actions**

03/07/2025 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

**Similar**

SB 0080 State Land Management (Harrell)

**HB 0213 Unlawful Actions Concerning Real Property by Gossett-Seidman**

Unlawful Actions Concerning Real Property: Authorizes property owner or agent to request sheriff in county in which owner's commercial real property is located to immediately remove persons unlawfully occupying commercial real property; requires owners or agents to submit specified completed & verified complaint; authorizes sheriff to arrest unauthorized person for legal cause; prohibits unlawfully detaining, or occupying or trespassing upon, commercial real property; prohibits certain listing or advertising for sale, or renting or leasing, real property. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

**Committees of Reference**

House Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee

House Judiciary Committee (Current Reference)

**Actions**

03/13/2025 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee



**Similar**

SB 0322 Property Rights (Rodriguez)

**SB 0226 Smoking in Public Places** by Gruters

Smoking in Public Places; Revising the definition of the terms “smoking” and “vape” or “vaping”; prohibiting smoking in public places in this state, with exceptions; revising requirements for customs smoking rooms to prohibit smoking and vaping of marijuana products at any time, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

**Committees of Reference**

Senate Regulated Industries (Current Reference)  
Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government  
Senate Rules

**Actions**

01/29/2025 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Rules

**HB 0245 Immigration Enforcement Assistance Agreements** by Baker

Immigration Enforcement Assistance Agreements: Requires each law enforcement agency operating detention facility to enter into specified agreement with United States Immigration & Customs Enforcement; requires certain law enforcement agencies to report specified information quarterly to FDLE. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

**Committees of Reference**

No committees referenced

**Actions**

02/20/2025 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

**Compare**

HB 1435 Immigration and State-issued Identification (Joseph)  
SB 1668 Immigration and State-issued Identification (Smith (C))

**HB 0247 Affordable Housing** by Conerly

Affordable Housing: Revises definition of term "accessory dwelling unit" to include certain manufactured homes; requires, rather than authorizes, local government to adopt ordinance to allow accessory dwelling units in certain areas; prohibits such ordinance from increasing parking requirements; authorizes local government to provide density bonus incentive to landowners who make certain real property donations to assist in provision of affordable housing for military families. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

**Committees of Reference**

House Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee  
House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee (Current Reference)  
House Commerce Committee

**Actions**

03/13/2025 HOUSE Now in Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

**Compare**

SB 0184 Affordable Housing (Gaetz)  
HB 0943 Real Property and Land Use and Development (Lopez, V.)

**SB 0268 Public Records/Congressional Members and Public Officers** by Jones



Public Records/Congressional Members and Public Officers; Providing exemptions from public records requirements for the partial home addresses and telephone numbers of current congressional members and public officers and their spouses and adult children and the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of birth of, and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by, the minor children of such congressional members and public officers; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

### Committees of Reference

Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability  
Senate Community Affairs  
Senate Rules (Current Reference)

### Actions

03/27/2025 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 04/01/25, 9:00 am, 412 K

### Compare

[HB 0789](#) Pub. Rec./Public Officers (Valdés)

## **HB 0281** Local Government Code Enforcement by Partington

Local Government Code Enforcement: Authorizes county or municipality to designate special magistrate; authorizes local governmental entity to assess administrative fees through adoption of alternate code enforcement system; revises circumstances in which enforcement board must declare enforcement board member's office vacant; revises code violation notice, correction period, & hearing process; revises method by which certain notices must be provided to alleged code violator; requires governmental entity that permits its code inspectors to wear body cameras to establish certain policies & procedures; requires such governmental entity to ensure that certain training occurs, retain certain data in accordance with public records laws, & perform periodic review of actual body camera practices; increases criminal penalties for certain crimes committed against code inspector in certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

### Committees of Reference

House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee (Current Reference)  
House Judiciary Committee  
House State Affairs Committee

### Actions

02/06/2025 HOUSE Now in Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

### Compare

[SB 1106](#) Public Records/Body Camera Recordings Recorded by a Code Inspector (Rodriguez)

### Similar

[SB 1104](#) Local Government Code Enforcement (Rodriguez)

### Linked

[HB 1475](#) Pub Rec/Code Inspector Body Camera Recordings (Partington)

## **SB 0284** Recreational Customary Use of Beaches by Rouson

Recreational Customary Use of Beaches; Repealing a provision relating to the establishment of recreational customary use of beaches, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

### Committees of Reference

Senate Judiciary (Current Reference)  
Senate Community Affairs  
Senate Rules

### Actions

01/29/2025 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

**Identical**

SB 1622 Recreational Customary use of Beaches (Trumbull)  
HB 6001 Recreational Customary Use of Beaches (Rudman)  
HB 6043 Recreational Customary Use of Beaches (Andrade)

**HB 0287**

**Building and Plumbing Permits for the Use of Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems**  
by Conerly

Building and Plumbing Permits for the Use of Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems:  
Revises conditions under which municipalities & political subdivisions are prohibited from issuing certain building & plumbing permits for use of onsite sewage treatment & disposal systems. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

**Committees of Reference**

House Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee  
House State Affairs Committee (Current Reference)

**Actions**

03/11/2025 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

**Compare**

SB 1120 Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems (Ingoglia)

**HB 0289**

**Boating Safety** by Oliver

Boating Safety: Revises & provides penalties for vessel collisions, accidents, casualties, reckless operation, & providing false information in specified reports; revises requirements for operating certain vessels; requires person convicted of certain noncriminal infractions to pay fine; provides minimum mandatory prison term for BUI manslaughter. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

**Committees of Reference**

House Criminal Justice Subcommittee  
House State Affairs Committee  
House Judiciary Committee

**Actions**

03/27/2025 SENATE In Messages

**Compare**

SB 0058 Boating Safety (García)

**Similar**

SB 0628 Boating Safety (Martin)

**HB 0301**

**Suits Against the Government** by McFarland

Suits Against the Government: Increases statutory limits on liability for tort claims against state & its agencies & subdivisions; authorizes subdivision to settle claim in excess of statutory limit without legislative action regardless of insurance coverage limits; prohibits insurance policy from conditioning benefits on enactment of claim bill; specifies that limitations in effect on date claim accrues apply to that claim; revises period within which certain claims must be presented; revises exceptions relating to instituting tort claims against state or agencies or subdivisions; revises period after which failure of certain entities to make final disposition of claim shall be deemed final denial of claim for certain purposes; revises statute of limitations for tort claims against state or one of its agencies or subdivisions & exceptions. Effective Date: October 1, 2025

**Committees of Reference**

House Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee  
House Budget Committee  
House Judiciary Committee (Current Reference)

**Actions**

03/20/2025 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

**Identical**

SB 1570 Suits Against the Government (DiCeglie)

**HB 0317 Complaints Against Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers** by Fabricio

Complaints Against Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers: Requires copy of complaint, signed by complainant under oath, to be provided to law enforcement officers & correctional officers who are under investigation; prohibits certain personnel action from being taken against law enforcement officer or correctional officer unless such officer receives copy of complaint signed under oath by complainant; prohibits investigative file of certain investigations of law enforcement officers or correctional officers from being included in such officer's personnel file; prohibits existence of certain investigations from affecting officer's ability to receive promotion, raise, or other commendation; requires complaint against law enforcement officer or correctional officer to be in writing & signed under oath by person filing complaint; provides penalties for making false complaint. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

**Committees of Reference**

House Criminal Justice Subcommittee  
House Government Operations Subcommittee (Current Reference)  
House Judiciary Committee

**Actions**

03/26/2025 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

**Similar**

SB 0516 Complaints Against Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers (Collins)

**SB 0322 Property Rights** by Rodriguez

Property Rights; Authorizing a property owner or his or her authorized agent to request the sheriff in the county in which the owner's commercial real property is located to immediately remove persons unlawfully occupying the owner's commercial real property if specified conditions are met; authorizing the sheriff to arrest an unauthorized person for legal cause; prohibiting a person from unlawfully detaining or occupying or trespassing upon commercial real property and intentionally causing a specified amount of damage, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

**Committees of Reference**

Senate Judiciary  
Senate Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice  
Senate Rules

**Actions**

03/19/2025 HOUSE In Messages

**Similar**

HB 0213 Unlawful Actions Concerning Real Property (Gossett-Seidman)

**SB 0346 State Preemption of the Regulation of Hoisting Equipment** by Rouson

State Preemption of the Regulation of Hoisting Equipment; Deleting provisions preempting to the state the regulation of certain hoisting equipment, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

**Committees of Reference**

Senate Regulated Industries

Senate Community Affairs (Current Reference)

Senate Rules

### Actions

03/12/2025 SENATE Now in Community Affairs

### Identical

HB 6009 State Preemption of the Regulation of Hoisting Equipment (Cross)

## SB 0368

### Community Associations by García

Community Associations; Creating the Condominium and Homeowners' Association Economic Crime, Fraud, and Corruption Investigation Pilot Program within the Department of Legal Affairs; authorizing the department to contract with a private entity to achieve the program's purpose; requiring that the pilot program be funded from the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes Trust Fund; requiring the division to monitor condominium associations' compliance with requirements relating to maintenance of certain insurance or fidelity bonding of certain persons, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

### Committees of Reference

Senate Regulated Industries (Current Reference)

Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

Senate Fiscal Policy

### Actions

02/03/2025 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Fiscal Policy

### Compare

HB 0983 Homeowners' Associations (Porrás)

SB 1118 Land Use and Development Regulations (McClain)

HB 1209 Land Use and Development Regulations (Steele)

## HB 0401

### Residential Land Use Development Regulations by Jacques

Residential Land Use Development Regulations: Authorizes counties & municipalities, respectively, to zone or designate parcel for single-family residential use or single-family hybrid housing use; authorizes counties & municipalities, respectively, to allow use of land for single-family residential use, while prohibiting use of land for single-family hybrid housing use; provides for adoption of local land development regulations. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

### Committees of Reference

House Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee (Current Reference)

House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

House Commerce Committee

### Actions

02/12/2025 HOUSE Now in Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee

### Similar

SB 0634 Land Use and Zoning (Martin)

## HB 0409

### Adaptive Reuse of Land by Caruso

Adaptive Reuse of Land: Authorizes board of county commissioners & municipal governing body, respectively, to adopt ordinance for transitional housing; establishes eligibility & ordinance requirements; authorizes Florida Housing Finance Corporation to provide technical assistance to counties & municipalities; creates Adaptive Reuse Public-Private Partnership Council to facilitate & oversee development of adaptive reuse projects; requires council to monitor & perform project evaluations on regular basis; prohibits members of council from receiving compensation; authorizes

reimbursement for travel expenses for certain members; requires council to report specified information to Governor & Legislature by specified date each year. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

### Committees of Reference

House Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee (Current Reference)  
House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee  
House Commerce Committee

### Actions

02/12/2025 HOUSE Now in Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee

### Similar

SB 1572 Adaptive Reuse of Land (Collins)

## SB 0452 Restrictions on Redevelopment by Sharief

Restrictions on Redevelopment; Authorizing property located on a barrier island which allows for residential development on or after a specified date to be developed or redeveloped for residential use at the highest density allowed on or after that specified date, regardless of any land use, zoning, or policies to the contrary, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

### Committees of Reference

No committees referenced

### Actions

03/03/2025 SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction

## HB 0481 Anchoring Limitation Areas by Lopez, V.

Anchoring Limitation Areas: Restricts local regulation of vessels outside marked boundaries of mooring fields in certain counties; designates specified sections of Biscayne Bay in Miami-Dade County as grandfathered-in anchoring limitation areas; increases prohibited anchoring & mooring distance of vessels & floating structures near public mooring fields. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

### Committees of Reference

House Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee  
House State Affairs Committee (Current Reference)

### Actions

03/20/2025 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by State Affairs Committee

### Similar

SB 0866 Anchoring Limitation Areas (Martin)

## SB 0482 Local Government by DiCeglie

Local Government; Prohibiting a county from requiring an applicant to take certain actions as a condition of processing a development permit or development order; prohibiting a municipality from requiring an applicant to take certain actions as a condition of processing a development permit or development order, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

### Committees of Reference

Senate Community Affairs (Current Reference)  
Senate Finance and Tax  
Senate Rules

### Actions

03/26/2025 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/31/25, 4:00 pm, 37 S

### Compare

SB 1118 Land Use and Development Regulations (McClain)

**Identical**

HB 0665 Local Government Impact Fees and Development Permits and Orders (Steele)

**HB 0503 Local Business Taxes** by Botana

Local Business Taxes : Revises provisions related to local business taxes including conditions imposed on taxing authorities governing levies, modification of ordinances, reclassification of businesses, prohibitions on revenues over a specified value, and audits. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

**Committees of Reference**

House Ways & Means Committee  
House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee  
House State Affairs Committee (Current Reference)

**Actions**

03/19/2025 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

**Similar**

SB 1196 Local Business Taxes (Truenow)

**HB 0665 Local Government Impact Fees and Development Permits and Orders** by Steele

Local Government Impact Fees and Development Permits and Orders: Prohibits county from requiring applicant to take certain actions as condition of processing development permit or development order; defines "extraordinary circumstances"; requires that demonstrated-need study include certain information; prohibits municipality from requiring applicant to take certain actions as condition of processing development permit or development order. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

**Committees of Reference**

House Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee  
House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee (Current Reference)  
House Commerce Committee

**Actions**

03/19/2025 HOUSE Now in Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

**Compare**

SB 1118 Land Use and Development Regulations (McClain)

**Identical**

SB 0482 Local Government (DiCeglie)

**SB 0802 Term Limits for Members of Boards of County Commissioners and District School Boards** by Ingoglia

Term Limits for Members of Boards of County Commissioners and District School Boards; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to provide term limits for members of boards of county commissioners and district school boards, etc.

**Committees of Reference**

Senate Ethics and Elections  
Senate Community Affairs (Current Reference)  
Senate Rules

**Actions**

03/18/2025 SENATE Now in Community Affairs

**Identical**

**SB 0810 Stormwater Management Systems** by Burgess

Stormwater Management Systems; Defining the terms “MS4” and “MS4 entity”; requiring each MS4 entity to conduct annual operation and maintenance inspections of certain stormwater management systems; requiring each MS4 entity to complete a stormwater facility inspection checklist, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

**Committees of Reference**

Senate Environment and Natural Resources  
Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development  
Senate Fiscal Policy (Current Reference)

**Actions**

03/28/2025 SENATE On Committee agenda - Fiscal Policy, 04/02/25, 9:00 am, 110 S

**SB 1118 Land Use and Development Regulations** by McClain

Land Use and Development Regulations; Prohibiting a county from requiring an applicant to take certain actions as a condition of processing a development permit or development order; deleting language authorizing the owner of an agricultural enclave to apply for a comprehensive plan amendment; revising the expedited state review process for the adoption of comprehensive plan amendments; requiring an approving agency to administer plat submittals and take specified actions within a certain timeframe; providing requirements for certain recreational covenants recorded on or after a certain date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

**Committees of Reference**

Senate Community Affairs  
Senate Regulated Industries (Current Reference)  
Senate Rules

**Actions**

03/19/2025 SENATE Now in Regulated Industries

**Compare**

- SB 0368 Community Associations (García)
- SB 0482 Local Government (DiCeglie)
- HB 0665 Local Government Impact Fees and Development Permits and Orders (Steele)
- SB 0784 Platting (Ingoglia)
- HB 0943 Real Property and Land Use and Development (Lopez, V.)
- HB 0983 Homeowners' Associations (Porras)
- SB 1080 Local Government Land Regulation (McClain)
- HB 1209 Land Use and Development Regulations (Steele)
- HB 1561 Adoption of Comprehensive Plan Amendments (Sapp)

**HB 1125 Regional Planning and Economic Development** by Owen

Regional Planning and Economic Development: Revises provisions relating to creation of Department of Commerce & its powers & duties; establishes Office of Secure Florida within DOC; revises economic policies of state comprehensive plan to promote entrepreneurship from certain business startups; revises composition of statewide advisory board of Florida Small Business Development Center Network; creates Rural Accelerator Program within DOC; requires funds to be appropriated from Rural Infrastructure Fund; revises composition requirements of Florida Sports Foundation; revises provisions relating to convention grants program established by Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation; revises provisions relating to use of statewide contracts register & who Small Business Development Center is required to coordinate with regarding such use; authorizes counties & municipalities to enter



into agreements to create regional planning entities pursuant to specified law; replaces regional planning councils with DEP for purposes of hazardous waste management assessments & facilities; revises provisions relating to local health councils; revises composition of Affordable Housing Study Commission. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

### Committees of Reference

House Commerce Committee (Current Reference)  
House State Affairs Committee  
House Ways & Means Committee  
House Budget Committee

### Actions

03/05/2025 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee

### Compare

HB 1185	Department of Management Services (Sapp)
HB 1397	Transportation (Abbott)
SB 1532	Executive Branch (McClain)
SB 1662	Transportation (Collins)
SB 1694	Prohibited Preferences in Government Contracting (Fine)

### Similar

SB 1264	Rural and Urban Business Enterprises (Collins)
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## SB 1196

### Local Business Taxes by Truenow

Local Business Taxes; Requiring the Auditor General to contact certain local governments; authorizing specified entities to continue to levy a certain tax; revising the conditions imposed on taxing authorities governing the levy of a specified tax; prohibiting certain municipalities from reclassifying businesses, professions, or occupations or establishing new rate structures, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

### Committees of Reference

Senate Community Affairs (Current Reference)  
Senate Finance and Tax  
Senate Appropriations

### Actions

03/03/2025 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

### Similar

HB 0503	Local Business Taxes (Botana)
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## HB 1209

### Land Use and Development Regulations by Steele

Land Use and Development Regulations: Removes language authorizing owner of agricultural enclave to apply for comprehensive plan amendment; authorizes such owner to instead apply for administrative approval of development regardless of future land use designations or comprehensive plan conflicts; removes certain presumption of urban sprawl; requires that authorized development be treated as conforming use; requires supermajority vote for adoption of certain comprehensive plans & plan amendments; authorizes owners of property subject to comprehensive plan amendment & persons applying for comprehensive plan amendments to file civil actions for relief; requires that local land development regulations establish by specified date minimum lot sizes within certain zoning districts to accommodate authorized maximum density; requires approval of infill residential development applications; requires treatment of certain developments as conforming use; specifies that certain parcels may be subject to recreational covenant & that certain recreational facilities & amenities are not part of common area; prohibits imposition or collection of amenity dues except as provided in recreational covenant; requires that recreational covenant recorded before certain date comply with specified requirements to remain valid & effective; limits annual increases in amenity fees & amenity



expenses; prohibits recreational covenant from requiring association to collect amenity dues; requires specified disclosure summary for contracts for sale of certain parcels. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

### Committees of Reference

House Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee (Current Reference)  
House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee  
House Commerce Committee

### Actions

03/05/2025 HOUSE Now in Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee

### Compare

SB 0368	Community Associations (García)
HB 0943	Real Property and Land Use and Development (Lopez, V.)
HB 0983	Homeowners' Associations (Porras)
SB 1118	Land Use and Development Regulations (McClain)

## SB 1264 Rural and Urban Business Enterprises by Collins

Rural and Urban Business Enterprises; Revising the purpose of the Department of Commerce; requiring that the statewide emergency shelter plan identify the general location and square footage of special needs shelters by regional planning council regions, as such regions existed on a specified date, during the next 5 years; revising the purpose of the Targeted Marketing Assistance Program to include businesses in rural or urban areas; establishing the Research, Innovation, Science, and Engineering (RISE) Investment Tax Credit Program within the Department of Commerce, etc. Effective Date: 7/1 /2025

### Committees of Reference

Senate Commerce and Tourism (Current Reference)  
Senate Finance and Tax  
Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development  
Senate Rules

### Actions

03/26/2025 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 03/31/25, 1:30 pm, 110 S

### Compare

HB 0753	State Lotteries (Alvarez (J))
SB 0896	State Lotteries (Rodriguez)
HB 1185	Department of Management Services (Sapp)
SB 1532	Executive Branch (McClain)
SB 1694	Prohibited Preferences in Government Contracting (Fine)

### Similar

HB 1125	Regional Planning and Economic Development (Owen)
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## HB 1477 Enforcement of the Florida Building Code by Partington

Enforcement of the Florida Building Code: Requires that local governments use certain excess funds from fees collected from enforcement of Florida Building Code to perform necessary services or repairs on their stormwater management systems; prohibits state funds from being used by local government for that purpose if local government has such excess funds; prohibits local governments from receiving state funds through local funding initiative; provides exception; provides that local government is not eligible for additional state funds if it has been subject to legislative committee's audit within specified

timeframe or if it fails to submit affirmation to legislative delegation; requires each legislative committee to report such local governments to presiding officers & appropriations chairs. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

### Committees of Reference

House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee (Current Reference)

House Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee

House State Affairs Committee

### Actions

03/05/2025 HOUSE Now in Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

### Identical

SB 1548 Florida Building Code (Leek)

## SB 1548 Florida Building Code by Leek

Florida Building Code; Requiring local governments to use certain excess funds from fees collected for code enforcement to perform necessary services or repairs on their stormwater management systems; prohibiting a local government from receiving state funds for that purpose if the local government has such excess funds; prohibiting a local government from receiving state funds through a local funding initiative unless it has expended all funds and has no excess funds available for stormwater management systems improvements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

### Committees of Reference

Senate Community Affairs (Current Reference)

Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

Senate Appropriations

### Actions

03/06/2025 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

### Identical

HB 1477 Enforcement of the Florida Building Code (Partington)

## SB 1662 Transportation by Collins

Transportation; Authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to appoint a specified number of assistant secretaries; creating the Florida Transportation Research Institute; providing that certain spaceport and space industry-related facility projects and commercial shipbuilding and manufacturing facility projects are eligible for grant funding under the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program; authorizing the department, in consultation with the Department of Commerce and the Department of Environmental Protection, to fund certain infrastructure projects and projects associated with certain critical infrastructure projects; requiring airports to provide the Department of Transportation with the opportunity to use certain airport property for a specified purpose during a declared state of emergency, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

### Committees of Reference

Senate Transportation

Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (Current Reference)

Senate Appropriations

### Actions

03/26/2025 SENATE Now in Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

### Compare

HB 0567	Transportation (McFarland)
HB 1125	Regional Planning and Economic Development (Owen)
HB 1185	Department of Management Services (Sapp)
SB 1694	Prohibited Preferences in Government Contracting (Fine)

**Similar**

HB 1397	Transportation (Abbott)
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**SB 1694 Prohibited Preferences in Government Contracting by Fine**

Prohibited Preferences in Government Contracting; Prohibiting an awarding body from giving preference to a vendor on the basis of race or ethnicity; repealing provisions relating to minority participation for lottery retailers; deleting duties and responsibilities of the Office of Supplier Diversity to conform to its repeal by the act; repealing provisions relating to the procurement of personal property and services from funds set aside for minority business enterprises; repealing provisions relating to the Office of Supplier Diversity, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2025

**Committees of Reference**

Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability (Current Reference)  
 Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government  
 Senate Fiscal Policy

**Actions**

03/25/2025 SENATE Not Considered by Governmental Oversight and Accountability

**Compare**

HB 1125	Regional Planning and Economic Development (Owen)
HB 1185	Department of Management Services (Sapp)
SB 1264	Rural and Urban Business Enterprises (Collins)
HB 1397	Transportation (Abbott)
SB 1532	Executive Branch (McClain)
HB 1613	Prohibition of Considering Race or Ethnicity in Government Contracting (Stark)
SB 1662	Transportation (Collins)

**HB 6003 Preemption of Firearms and Ammunition by Daley**

Preemption of Firearms and Ammunition: Repeals provisions preempting the field of regulation of firearms & ammunition to Legislature, to exclusion of local jurisdictions. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

**Committees of Reference**

House Criminal Justice Subcommittee (Current Reference)  
 House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee  
 House Judiciary Committee

**Actions**

01/22/2025 HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

**Identical**

SB 0238	Preemption of Firearms and Ammunition (Polsky)
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**HB 6005 Statute of Repose for Actions by Condominium Associations by Snyder**

Statute of Repose for Actions by Condominium Associations: Removes statute of repose for certain actions. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

**Committees of Reference**

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House Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee (Current Reference)  
House Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee  
House Judiciary Committee

**Actions**

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01/30/2025 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee

**Identical**

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SB 0586 Actions by Condominium Associations (Leek)

**SB 7002 Water Management Districts** by Environment and Natural Resources

Water Management Districts; Requiring the Commission on Ethics to investigate a lobbyist or principal who has made a prohibited expenditure and to provide the Governor with a report of its findings and recommendations regarding such investigation; requiring the South Florida Water Management District, in cooperation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to provide a detailed report that includes the total estimated remaining cost of implementation of the Everglades restoration comprehensive plan and the status of all performance indicators; authorizing the districts to levy ad valorem taxes on property by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the governing board, etc.  
Effective Date: 7/1/2025

**Committees of Reference**

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Senate Environment and Natural Resources  
Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government  
Senate Appropriations (Current Reference)

**Actions**

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03/28/2025 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 04/02/25, 9:00 am, 412 K

**Similar**

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HB 1169 Water Management Districts (Conerly)

## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: March 2025

### ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Prepared agenda and hosted the March EDAC Meeting
- Monthly meeting with FRCA's Bookkeeper and EDAC Treasurer
- Received Legislative Updates from FRCAs Legislative Consultants and provide weekly updates to the EDAC as needed
- **Coordinated response to Senate Bill 1264 and House Bill 1125 with EDAC and FRCA's lobbyist Ron Book and Rana Brown**, which included coordinating multiple meetings with EDAC, drafting FRCA's Fact Sheet, analyzing SB 1264 and HB 1125, coordinating RPC speakers and advocates for Senate Commerce Committee on March 31<sup>st</sup>, and other activities necessary to advocate on behalf of Florida's RPCs.

### RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Completed and published FRCA's new website – [FLRegionalCouncils.org](http://FLRegionalCouncils.org)
- Attended **2025 Rural Counties Days** reception and capitol day on March 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. FRCA was proud to join other sponsors to support Florida's Rural Counties.
- Attended the **Florida Economic Development Councils Board and Partners Roundtable** at the invitation of Executive Director Beth Cicchetti.
- Attended **Florida Commerce Spring Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) meeting** at the Wakulla Environmental Institute.
- Sponsorship & Exhibitor applications for **Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference**.
- Attended LEPC Coordinators meeting and discussed plans for future workgroup meetings with lead staff in multiple departments.

**As we continue to advocate for Florida's Regional Planning Councils, we want to thank all RPC Board Members, Partners and advocates for your support in recent weeks!**



**With your help, we are making progress, and we will continue to advocate for our RPCs until the end of the 2025 Legislative Session.**

**We also want to thank those who traveled to Tallahassee to testify before the *Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee* on March 31<sup>st</sup>!**

**Scott Koons**, Executive Director NCFRPC **Commissioner Rick Davis**, Madison County, NCFRPC Board Member; **Commissioner Quincee Messersmith**, Wakulla County, ARPC Vice Chair; **Mr. Tom Lewis**, Terracon; **Mrs. Beth Payne**, Chief Executive Officer NEFRC; **Mr. Darryl Register**, Baker County Chamber of Commerce, NEFRC Gubernatorial Appointee and FRCA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; **Mayor Sean Lynch**, City of Baldwin and NEFRC Board Member; **Mr. Kurvin Qualls**, Chair ECRC, Gubernatorial Appointee; **Mayor Pro Tem April Sutton**, City of Mary Esther, ECRC Vice Chair