

MEMORANDUM

TO: NAIOP Florida

FROM: GrayRobinson

DATE: February 6, 2022

SUBJECT: 2022 Legislative Session – Week 4 (January 31 – February 4)

As week four drew to a close, we saw a pickup of pace in the Capitol. Lawmakers continue to consider key session issues targeting changes in mail-in voting, net metering, and property insurance. The House and Senate budget proposals were heard throughout the week, and were ultimately published Friday afternoon. Finally, the advancements of the Senate and House redistricting maps created a single joint resolution which awaits approval of the Florida Supreme Court. These and other topics are covered in our summary of the week in Tallahassee.

NAIOP Activities

It was a quiet week on policy issues, as the House and Senate rolled out their budgets respectively. The GR team continued to work with House and Senate stakeholders on issues related to two-way radios, fire inspections, building inspection legislation, EV charging station regulations, and building permit reform. These and other issues will be timely to address during NAIOP Days.

If you have not already please sign up so we have an accurate head count. The dates are the afternoon of February 15 and the morning of February 16.

Summary of Week Four (January 31-February 4)

Workshop Presentations:

The following presentations were heard by the House:

- Post-Secondary Education & Lifelong Learning Subcommittee
 - Postsecondary nursing education programs

The following presentations were heard by the Senate:

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- Agriculture
 - Recommendations of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Food Security Advisory Council

Notable Topics

Appointment Power

Senator Bean's proposal (SB 1658) to reclassify the process for three executive appointments passed through its final committee on Thursday. The legislation would increase the power of Gov. DeSantis for appointments of the secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and the executive director of the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA). This issue arises after Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried collided with DeSantis about his move to appoint the DEP Secretary without approval from the state cabinet. Currently, the DEP, FDLE and VA appointments require unanimous approval from the Cabinet. The proposal would allow for a majority vote of the Governor and Cabinet on the FDLE and VA appointments subject to Senate confirmation, and for the DEP appointment the Governor can either seek unanimous approval by the Cabinet or Senate confirmation.

Congressional Map

After the Senate moved forward without Governor DeSantis' map, the Governor asked the Florida Supreme Court to weigh in on the issues of the congressional map. His proposal would eliminate Democratic Rep. Lawson's district while the Senate version keeps it intact. In his five-page request, DeSantis questions if Florida's voter-approved redistricting standards requires this seat (west of Tallahassee to downtown Jacksonville) to remain as it is currently drawn. He alludes to the Florida Constitution's non-diminishment standard when asking justices if it mandates a "sprawling congressional district...solely to connect black voters in Jacksonville with black voters in Gadsden and Leon Counties so that they may elect candidates of their choice." This seat currently has a 44% Black voting population. Rep. Lawson responded to DeSantis' proposal saying it would affect minorities and sees it as an attempt to dilute the voting rights of his constituents.

Election Law Changes

Senators advanced a measure (SB 524) that would make changes to mail-in voting including creating a new election police backed by Gov. DeSantis. Restrictions on mail-in ballots, drop boxes and "ballot harvesting" were put forward. Democrats oppose this bill asserting it allows for DeSantis to cater to the "ultra-right" who seek enforcement on voting. Election supervisors warn of the new provisions and the extra steps they will need to take if this bill passes.

Solar Bill

Current law allows for solar panel owners to sell any excess energy generated by the panels to utilities at the retail rate that utilities charge other customers. Under a new proposal (HB 741),

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solar panel owners would be required to charge a cheaper wholesale price. In its first committee stop (Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee), solar industries across Florida spoke against this bill, arguing that it would kill the emerging rooftop solar industry. In response to these concerns, Rep. McClure, the bill sponsor, says “just be patient and know we are absolutely having great dialogue to find the middle ground.” After a 13-3 vote, the bill has two more committee stops. The Senate version (SB 1024) is set to be heard in its second committee (Community Affairs) on Tuesday.

Property Insurance

The rising property insurance market continues to be an issue in the Florida Legislature. Senate Bill 1728 attempts to reform rising rates tied to roof insurance and minimize the size of the state-run Citizens Property Insurance. Previously, legislators have struggled to collaborate with issues on insurance reform. Senator Brandes told other members that they have to find an agreement with the House in order to pass this bill. During its first committee hearing (Banking and Insurance), matters of roof claims and the increasing costs related took the main focus. The bill sponsor, Sen. Boyd, included a requirement that a contractor must make it clear that the consumer must pay the deductible on the insurance policy and is illegal for a contractor to waive the deductible. Democrats raised concerns over the part of the legislation that allows insurers to write policies that offer a lower level of coverage for roofs. They claim it will disproportionately impact low-income homeowners who often have older homes and are in need of a new roof. The committee ultimately passed the bill by a vote of 9-2.

Legislative Maps

Unlike the Congressional maps that have been stalled for potential review by the Florida Supreme Court, the State House and Senate maps are near complete. After the Senate passed its map two weeks prior, the House moved its proposal forward earlier in the week in time for the Senate to review on Thursday. Amending its version onto Joint Resolution 100 on a 77-39 vote, the House legislative map has the potential to increase the Democratic seats to 49 while decreasing the Republican majority to 71.

The Senate map will likely give the Republicans a 23-17 lead over Democrats. The joint resolution (SB 100) now incorporates both the House map (H 8013) and Senate map (S 8058) and awaits final review by the Florida Supreme Court. The Court will have 30 days to conduct a high-level review to determine if the maps are in compliance with the state and federal voting laws.

Budget Plans

After the House and Senate’s appropriation subcommittees unveiled their respective budgets earlier in the week, the full versions (SB 2500 and APC 1) were filed on Friday afternoon. While there are many highlights, health care continues to be all important. In the proposed budget plans, health care receives \$47.8 billion in the Senate while the House decided on \$47.1 billion. One of

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Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee Chair Senator Bean's focus is on directing \$685.5 million to ensure nursing home staff and care providers get an increase in pay.

On the House side, Health and Human Services Appropriations Chair Representative Avila is removing \$100 million in recurring revenue from hospitals and using it to train nurses. His budget includes spending \$163 million to raise the pay for Medicaid providers to \$13 an hour. While not a highlight (more of an omission), it is worth noting that a gas tax reduction sought by Gov. DeSantis did not find its way in the House's transportation and economic developmental budget proposal nor the Senate plan. The House also reduced DeSantis' request of \$100 million to \$25 million for the Job Growth Grant Fund while the Senate did not include it in their plan.

The full silo-by-silo breakdown is as follows.

Silo	House (Billions)	Senate (Billions)
Education	\$28.025	\$28.438
Health and Human Services	\$47.058	\$47.867
Criminal Justice and Corrections	\$5.254	\$7.035
Agriculture & Natural Resources	\$5.05	\$5.68
Dept of Transportation	\$11.980	\$12.235
General Government (Citrus, DEO, DFS, DHSMV, DMS, Dept of State, Military Services)	\$5.396	\$6.672
Judicial Branch	\$0.635	\$0.667
Total	\$105.276 Billion	\$108.596 Billion

School Mask Mandates

\$200 million is on the line for school districts across Florida who previously adopted masking mandates on their campuses. In a proposal by House Education leaders, funding would be removed from schools that defied DeSantis' administration and redistributed to districts who never enacted masking policies. This past fall, the Florida Department of Health prohibited school districts from mandating masks, yet 13 school boards put a mask requirement in place during times when Covid-19 cases were significantly increasing. Budget chief, Rep. Fine, recommending this proposal states "They spent the money that we gave them to sue us...Clearly you have more money than you need". This cut would come from the salaries of school staffers who make more than \$100,000 annually but don't teach in classrooms. Also listed in the budget is an additional \$250 million for teacher salaries. The Senate's proposed budget does not include this funding reduction. Both proposals have one more stop before they are heard before the full appropriation committees.

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Current Bill Statistics

Total Bills Filed: 3628 (2670 House; 958 Senate)

Appropriations Bills Filed: 1729

Schedule for Week Five (February 7-11)

The Senate's schedule can be viewed [here](#).

The House's schedule can be viewed [here](#).

Week Schedule

Week 5 – February 7 – 11

Week 6 – February 14 – 18

Week 7 – February 21 – 25

Week 8 – February 28 – March 4

Week 9 – March 7 – 11

Key Dates

- March 1, 2022
 - Last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings (50th day rule – Senate)
- March 11, 2022
 - Last day of Regular Session

Bill Tracking

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Date Filed	Related Bills	Summary	Category	Action Needed	Committee of Reference	Committee of Reference	Committee of Reference	Committee of	House Floor	Senate Floor	Governor's Actions
Economic Development														
SB 382	Minimum Training Wage	Brandes	9/29/2021		Minimum Training Wage; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to establish a minimum training wage rate lower than the Florida minimum wage rate which employers may elect to pay employees for the first 6 months of employment, etc.	Economic Development	None at this time.	Commerce and Tourism	Appropriations	Rules				
SB 800	Economic Development	Albritton	11/3/2021		Economic Development; Authorizing municipalities to exempt by ordinance the public service tax that specified users would pay on electrical energy purchases; providing an exemption from the state tax on sales, use, and other transactions for building materials used in the rehabilitation of real property in an opportunity zone; revising the qualification criteria and tax credit amounts for new and existing businesses under the Rural Job Tax Credit Program; establishing a rural opportunity tax refund program for qualified target industry businesses in rural areas, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Economic Development	None at this time.	Commerce and Tourism (voted favorably on 11/30/21)	Finance & Tax	Appropriations				
SB 612	Apprenticeship Contracts	Hutson	11/3/2021		Apprenticeship Contracts; Authorizing an apprentice to enter into a contract with a business organization for a specified duration; requiring such contracts to be signed by specified individuals, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Economic Development	None at this time.	Commerce and Tourism	Regulated Industries	Rules				

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SB 918	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	Brandes	11/15/2021	SB 908	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure; Revising a requirement for the Department of Transportation's goals relating to mobility; requiring that certain funds be used for specified purposes relating to the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program, beginning in a specified fiscal year; requiring the department to establish the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program; providing the purpose of the program; requiring the Department of Transportation to seek programmatic federal approval for the issuance of permits and for the accommodation as a utility of the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in highway rights-of-way, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2022	Infrastructure	None at this time.	Transportation	Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development	Appropriations				
SB 920	Electric Vehicle Transportation Electrification Plan	Perry	11/16/2021	HB 737	Requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt rules for an electric vehicle transportation electrification plan that meet certain requirements; providing timeframes for the commission to propose the plan's rules and for final rule adoption; authorizing entities that provide electric vehicle charging stations to the public to intervene and participate in certain commission proceedings involving rates, terms, or conditions for offering electric vehicle charging to the public, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Infrastructure	None at this time.	Regulated Industries - Voted favorably 1/18/22	Transportation	Rules				

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SB 198	Seagrass Mitigation Banks	Rodrigues (A)	9/21/2021	HB 349	Authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to establish seagrass mitigation banks under certain conditions; providing construction, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Land Use/Permitting	None at this time.	Environmental and Natural Resources - Voted favorably 1/18/22 (1/19/22 Committee Substitute Text C1 filed)	Community Affairs	Appropriations				
HB 263	Notice of Commencement Requirements	Bell	10/12/2021	SB 352	Notice of Commencement Requirements: Exempts specified direct contracts from certain notice of commencement requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Land Use/Permitting	None at this time.	Civil Justice & Property Rights Sub - Approved 12/1/21	Regulatory Reform Subcommittee - Approved 1/13/22 (1/13/22 Committee Substitute Text C1 filed)	Judiciary Committee - voted favorably with CS 1/20/22 (Committee Substitute Text C2 filed)		Placed on calendar, on 2nd reading		
SB 644	Building Inspection Services	Brodeur	10/26/2021	HB 423	Building Inspection Services; Revising eligibility requirements for a person applying to become certified as a building code inspector or plans examiner; revising the special conditions or requirements that the Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board may impose on provisional certificates; requiring the board to authorize, by rule, the transfer of a partial completion of an internship program between private entities; requiring the local jurisdiction to provide access to certain documents to a private provider, contractor, and owner; providing that a certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion is automatically granted and issued, and the permit application closed, under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Land Use/Permitting	None at this time.	Community Affairs - voted favorably with CS 1/25/22 (Committee Substitute Text C1 filed)	Regulated Industries - on agenda for 2/1/22	Rules				

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HB 423	Building Inspection Services	LaMarca	11/5/2021	SB 644	Building Inspection Services: Revises eligibility requirements for building code inspector or plans examiner; revises special conditions that may be imposed on provisional certificates; authorizes partial completion of internship program to be transferred between jurisdictions & private entities; limits administrative fee that local jurisdiction can charge; provides certificate of occupancy or completion is automatically granted & issued; requires local building official to provide written certificate of occupancy or completion within specified time. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Land Use/Permitting	None at this time.	Regulatory Reform Subcommittee - voted favorably with CS 12/2/21 (Committee Substitute Text C1 filed 12/3/21)	Local Administration & Veterans Affairs	Commerce				
SB 182	Renewable Energy	Brandes	9/14/2021		Authorizing owners of commercial or industrial businesses, or third parties contracted by such owners, to install, maintain, and operate a renewable energy source device on or about the structure in which the business operates or on a property that the business owns or leases; authorizing owners or contracted third parties to sell electricity generated from the device to certain businesses regardless of whether the device is located in a utility's service territory; exempting the sale of electricity produced by such devices from regulation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Land Use/Permitting	None at this time.	Regulated Industries	Commerce & Tourism	Rules				

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HB 349	Water Resources Management	Sirois	10/19/2021	SB 198	Authorizes Board of Trustees of Internal Improvement Trust Fund to grant easements for specified mitigation banks; directs DEP to create & modify specified rules; exempts certain docks on recorded easements from certain permit & verification requirements; granting certain docks authorization to use submerged lands upon approval of board. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	Land Use/Permitting	None at this time.	Environment, Agriculture & Flood Subcommittee - voted favorably with CS 12/1/21 (Committee Substitute Text C1 filed 12/6/21)	Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations	State Affairs				
SB 882	Inventories of Critical Wetlands	Brodeur	11/8/2021	HB 761	Inventories of Critical Wetlands; Requiring each water management district governing board, in cooperation with local governments, to develop a list of critical wetlands for acquisition using funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund; requiring the boards to consider certain criteria when including wetlands on the list, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Land Use/Permitting	None at this time.	Environment and Natural Resources - Approved 1/10/22	Community Affairs	Rules				
HB 635	Building Plan Changes	Maggard	11/17/2021	SB 1020 - SB 644 - SB 976 - HB 1281	Prohibits local building code administrators or inspectors & firesafety marshals or inspectors from making changes to certain building plans under specified circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Land Use/Permitting	None at this time.	Regulatory Reform Subcommittee - voted favorably with CS 1/21/22 (Committee Substitute Text C1 filed)	Local Administration & Veterans Affairs	Commerce				
SB 1020	Building Plans	Perry	11/22/2021	HB 635 - SB 976 - HB 1281	Specifying that local building code administrators and certain marshals and inspectors do not have discretionary authority to change certain building plans under specified circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Land Use/Permitting		Community Affairs	Banking and Insurance	Rules				

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SB 1020	Building Plans	Perry	11/22/2021	HB 635 - SB 976 - HB 1281	Specifying that local building code administrators and certain marshals and inspectors do not have discretionary authority to change certain building plans under specified circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Land Use/Permitting	None at this time.	Community Affairs	Banking and Insurance	Rules				
HB 681	Impact Fee Credits	Rodriguez (Ant)	11/22/2021	SB 1030	Revises area within which impact fee credits are assignable & transferable. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Land Use/Permitting	None at this time.	Local Administration & Veterans Affairs	Ways & Means	State Affairs				
SB 1030	Impact Fee Credits	Taddeo	11/22/2021	HB 681	Revising the area within which impact fee credits are assignable or transferable, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Land Use/Permitting	None at this time.	Community Affairs	Transportation	Rules				
HB 739	Local Government Land Development Actions	Borrero	11/24/2021	SB 1248	Specifies deficiencies county or municipality may provide comments on regarding applications for development permits or development orders; requires local governments to adopt residential infill development standards; provides guidelines for local governments in developing residential infill development standards; requires local governments to adopt regulations to be used by applicants seeking designations as residential infill development; prohibits local government from denying applications if applicant has generally complied with regulations; requires local governments to amend their development regulations & comprehensive plans to incorporate residential infill developments as zoning classifications; specifies deficiencies over which local government may provide comments or request information on regarding applications for building permits. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Land Use/Permitting	None at this time.	Local Administration & Veterans Affairs	Commerce Committee	State Affairs				
Legal														

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SB 352	Construction Liens	Hooper	9/27/2021	HB 263	Construction Liens; Revising the threshold for determining whether certain direct contracts to repair or replace an existing heating or air-conditioning system are exempt from specified notice of commencement and applicability of lien requirements for authorities issuing building permits, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Legal	None at this time.	Community Affairs - Approved 11/3/21	Regulated Industries - Approved 1/11/22	Rules - voted favorably 1/20/22			Placed on calendar, on 2nd reading	
HB 411	Evidentiary Standards for Actions Arising During an Emergency	Melo	11/5/2021	SB 542	Evidentiary Standards for Actions Arising During an Emergency: Provides specified actions taken by business during declared emergencies may not be used as evidence in certain civil causes of action. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Legal	None at this time.	Civil Justice & Property Rights Sub - Approved 12/1/21	Pandemic & Public Emergencies Committee - voted favorably 1/19/22	Judiciary Committee - voted favorably 1/26/22		placed on calendar, on 2nd reading		
HB 345	Liens and Bonds	Overdorf	10/19/2021	SB 1272	Revises liens and bonds laws, including provisions relating to when notices must be served; notarizing forms; alternative forms of security; direct contracts; computation of time; priority of liens; requirements for notice of commencement, notice of termination, & notice of contest of lien; transferring lien to security; service of documents; immunity to issuing authority; release of liens; & authorizes attorney fees in certain actions. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Legal	None at this time.	Civil Justice & Property Rights Sub - voted favorably with CS 1/27/22	Regulatory Reform Subcommittee	Judiciary Committee				

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HB 583	Construction Defect Claims	Yarborough	11/15/2021	SB 736	Construction Defect Claims: Requires claimant to provide written reasons for rejecting settlement offer; authorizes supplemental offer; provides notice requirements for supplemental offer; requires court to stay action under certain circumstances; limits attorney fees under certain circumstances; requires certain claimants to complete repairs of construction defect within specified time; provides requirements for payment of repairs; requires expert to examine defect & prepare report; provides report requirements; provides for compensation of expert; provides liability; requires certain notices of construction defects be sent to mortgagee or assignee. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Legal		Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee - voted favorably 1/19/22 (Committee Substitute Text C1 filed 1/20/22)	Regulatory Reform Subcommittee	Judiciary Committee				
SB 736	Construction Defect Claims	Hutson	11/2/2021	HB 583	Construction Defect Claims; Revising the limitations period for certain actions founded on the design, planning, or construction of an improvement on real property; requiring a claimant to include the reasons for rejecting an offer in a notice rejecting a settlement offer to remedy a construction defect; requiring the court to stay an action if a claimant initiates an action without first accepting or rejecting a supplemental offer; requiring a court to appoint an expert to examine certain alleged construction defects and to prepare an examination report, under certain circumstances; requiring a claimant to repair a construction defect if the claimant receives compensation for an alleged construction defect from specified persons, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Legal	None at this time.	Judiciary - Approved 11/30/21	Community Affairs - Approved 1/12/22	Rules				

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SB 976	Construction	Perry	11/18/2021	HB 635 - HB 1281	Prohibiting specified governmental entities from requiring participation in a paid subscription service to access solicitations of competitive bids or proposals which must be publicly advertised; requiring that such solicitations be available on the publicly accessible website of the applicable governmental entity after the solicitation has been advertised; prohibiting the local enforcing agency from requiring a substantive change to plans and specifications once they have been found to be in compliance and a permit is issued, if such change would result in more than a de minimis increase in the overall cost of the project, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Legal	None at this time.	Community Affairs	Governmental Oversight and Accountability	Rules				
Regulatory														
SB 468	Insurance	Perry	10/13/2021	HB 503	General Omnibus Insurance Bill; monitoring for any issues affecting commercial development	Regulatory	None at this time.	Banking & Insurance - voted favorably with CS 12/1/21	Judiciary - voted favorably with CS 1/10/22	Appropriations - voted favorably			Placed on calendar, 2nd reading	
SB 714	Department of Business and Professional Regulation	Hooper	11/1/2021	HB 667	Department of Business and Professional Regulation; Requiring the department to certify for licensure qualified individuals who practice mold assessment or mold remediation and hold certain licenses issued by other states or territories; requiring the department to certify asbestos consultants and asbestos contractors for licensure who meet certain exam and other state licensure requirements; removing a time limitation for applying for certain contracting licenses under certain provisions; deleting a requirement limiting the types of boxing exhibitions which require a specified maximum difference in participant weights, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Regulatory	None at this time.	Regulated Industries - voted favorably with CS 1/25/22	Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government	Appropriations				

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HB 75	Limiting COVID-19 Restrictions	Sabatini	9/17/2021		Limiting COVID-19 Restrictions: Prohibits state or any political subdivision from enacting mask mandate; provides any such mandate is void; prohibits state & local governments from requiring COVID-19 vaccinations, issuing vaccine passports or other standardized documentation to third parties, or otherwise publishing or sharing COVID-19 vaccination records; prohibits businesses from requiring customers to provide documentation certifying COVID-19 vaccination or COVID-19 post-transmission recovery or discriminating against customers on basis of their COVID-19 vaccination status or COVID-19 post-transmission recovery status; declares certain actions based on vaccination status or having immunity passport are unlawful discriminatory practices. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	Regulatory	None at this time.	Pandemics & Public Emergencies Committee	Commerce Committee	Health & Human Services Committee				
SB 594	Discrimination on the Basis of COVID-19 Vaccination or Postinfection Recovery Status	Perry	10/21/2021	HB 75	Discrimination on the Basis of COVID-19 Vaccination or Postinfection Recovery Status; Prohibiting governmental entities from requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination or postinfection recovery status as a condition of licensure or certification in this state; prohibiting employers from requiring COVID-19 vaccination or proof of COVID-19 vaccination or postinfection recovery as a condition of employment, promotion, or continued employment or from discriminating against employees on the basis of such status unless certain conditions are met; providing a right of action for aggrieved persons, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law	Regulatory	None at this time.	Community Affairs	Commerce & Tourism	Rules				

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HB 659	Florida Building Code and Florida Fire Prevention Code Rules	Harding	11/18/2021	SB 626	Florida Building Code and Florida Fire Prevention Code Rules: Provides that updates to the Florida Building Code & Florida Fire Prevention Code take effect by specified period upon approval by certain entities. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Regulatory	None at this time.	Regulatory Reform Subcommittee	Local Administration & Veterans Affairs	Commerce Committee				
SB 626	Standards for Buildings and Firesafety	Wright	10/25/2021	HB 659	Standards for Buildings and Firesafety; Providing for a contingent effective date of updates to the Florida Building Code; providing for a contingent effective date of updates to the Florida Fire Prevention Code, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Regulatory	None at this time.	Community Affairs	Banking and Insurance	Rules				
HB 667	Department of Business and Professional Regulation	McClain	11/19/2021	SB 714	Department of Business and Professional Regulation: Requires department to certify for licensure qualified individuals who practice mold assessment or mold remediation & hold certain licenses issued by other states or territories; requires department to certify asbestos consultants & asbestos contractors for licensure who meet certain exam & other state licensure requirements; removes time limitation for applying for certain contracting licenses under certain provisions; deletes requirement limiting types of boxing exhibitions which require specified maximum difference in participant weights.	Regulatory	None at this time.	Regulatory Reform Subcommittee - voted favorably 1/20/22	State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee	Commerce				
SB 626	Standards for Buildings and Firesafety	Wright	11/3/2021	HB 659	Providing for a contingent effective date of updates to the Florida Building Code; providing for a contingent effective date of updates to the Florida Fire Prevention Code, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Regulatory	None at this time.	Community Affairs	Banking and Insurance	Rules				

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HB 771	Powers of the Florida Building Commisison	Andrade	11/30/2021	SB 1604	Requires Florida Building Commission to develop certain uniform standards for existing building structures or facilities; provides requirements for such standards; authorizes commission to adopt certain rules that deviate from statewide standards. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Regulatory	None at this time.	Regulatory Reform Subcommittee	State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee	Commerce				
SB 1190	Two-way Radio Communication Enhancement Systems	Boyd	12/8/2021	HB 785	Authorizing the use of two-way radio communication enhancement systems to comply with certain radio signal strength requirements in the Florida Fire Prevention Code; specifying that such systems or equivalent systems are not required in certain apartment buildings, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Regulatory	None at this time.	Community Affairs - voted favorably 1/18/22	Banking and Insurance - on agenda 2/2/22	Rules				
HB 785	Two-way Radio Communication Enhancement Systems	Botana	11/30/2021	SB 1190	Authorizes use of two-way radio communication enhancement systems to comply with certain radio signal strength requirements in Florida Fire Prevention Code; exempts certain apartment buildings from requiring two-way radio communication enhancement systems. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Regulatory	None at this time.	Insurance and Banking Subcommittee	Commerce					
Taxation														
HB 119	Appeals by Property Appraisers	Borrero	9/16/2021	HB 417	Revises upward percent variance that must exist for property appraiser to appeal value adjustment board assessment of property value. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Taxation	None at this time.	Local Administration & Veterans Affairs	Ways & Means	State Affairs		Withdrawn prior to introduction		

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HB 247	Florida Main Street Programs	Salzman	10/11/2021		Florida Main Street Program and Historic Preservation Tax Credits: Specifies eligibility requirements for receiving specified tax credits for taxpayers that rehabilitate certified historic structures; specifies amount of tax credits; authorizes carryforward, sale, & transfer of tax credits; provides DOR audit & examination powers; requires return of forfeited tax credits; requires DOR to provide annual reports to Legislature. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Taxation	None at this time.	Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee	Ways & Means	Commerce				
SB 712	Small Business Saturday Sales Tax Holiday	Taddeo	11/1/2021	HB 439	Small Business Saturday Sales Tax Holiday; Defining the term “small business”; providing that small businesses are not required to collect the sales and use tax on the retail sale of certain items of tangible personal property during a specified timeframe; authorizing certain dealers to opt out of participating in the tax holiday, subject to certain requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Taxation	None at this time.	Commerce and Tourism	Finance & Tax	Appropriations				
HB 439	Small Business Saturday Sales Tax Holiday	Smith ©	11/1/2021	SB 712	Small Business Saturday Sales Tax Holiday: Provides small businesses are not required to collect sales & use tax on retail sale of certain items during specified timeframe; authorizes certain dealers to opt out of participating in tax holiday. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Taxation	None at this time.	Ways & Means Committee	Commerce Committee	Appropriations				
HB 417	Property Appraisers	Fernandez-Barquin	11/5/2021	SB 572	Property Appraisers: Revises factors that property appraiser must consider in deriving just valuation; revises thresholds for variance in assessed value which allow property appraiser to appeal decisions of value adjustment board. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Taxation	None at this time.	Ways & Means Committee	Local Administration & Veterans Affairs	State Affairs				

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HB 6057	Repeal of Developer Incentive Requirements	Eskamani	10/20/2021	SB 1900 - HB 6113	Repeal of Developer Incentive Requirements: Removes provisions requiring counties & municipalities to provide incentives to fully offset costs of certain affordable housing contributions or linkage fees. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Taxation	None at this time.	Local Administration & Veterans Affairs	Commerce Committee	State Affairs				
SB 572	Property Appraisers	Garcia	10/20/2021	HB 417	Revising factors that a property appraiser must consider in deriving just valuation; revising the thresholds for variance in assessed value which allow a property appraiser to appeal decisions of the value adjustment board, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Taxation	None at this time.	Community Affairs	Finance & Tax	Appropriations				
HB 839	Tax Discount Percentage Rates	Fischer	12/3/2021	SB 1152	Revises tax discount percentage rates for all taxes assessed on county tax rolls. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Taxation	None at this time.	Local Administration & Veterans Affairs	Ways & Means	State Affairs				
SB 1152	Tax Discount Percentage Rates	Rodriguez (A)	12/2/2021	HB 839	Revises tax discount percentage rates for all taxes assessed on county tax rolls. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Taxation	None at this time.	Community Affairs	Finance & Tax	Appropriations				
SB 1470	Taxation of Fees for the Use of Real Property	Stewart	1/5/2022		Specifying tax rates of 2.75% for certain businesses with revenue not exceeding \$100,000 on rental or license fees for the use of real property during a specified tax year; specifying the types of personal property not subject to the tax, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Taxation	None at this time.	Commerce and Tourism	Finance & Tax	Appropriations				
SB 1250	Sales Tax Refunds for Building Mitigation Retrofit Improvements	Gruters	12/14/2021	HB 863	Exempting materials used for building mitigation retrofit improvements from the sales and use tax; requiring the owner of a qualified building to electronically file certain documents within a certain timeframe with the Department of Revenue to receive a refund of previously paid taxes; prohibiting such an owner from applying for the refund more than one time annually; requiring the department to make a certain determination and issue the refund within certain timeframes, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022	Taxation	None at this time.	Community Affairs	Finance & Tax	Appropriations				

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HB 863	Sales Tax Refunds for Building Mitigation Retrofit Improvements	DiCeglie	12/7/2021	SB 1250	Exempts materials used for building mitigation retrofit improvements from sales & use tax; requires owner of qualified building to electronically file documents with DOR to receive refund; prohibits owner from applying for refund more than one time annually; prohibits authorized mitigation inspector from committing misconduct; authorizes licensing board to take actions against authorized mitigation inspectors. Effective Date: July 1, 2022	Taxation	None at this time.	Regulatory Reform Subcommittee	Ways & Means	Commerce				
SB 1558	Tax on the Rental or Lease of Real Property	Gruters	1/5/2022	HB 6093	Repealing a provision relating to the tax on the rental or license fee for use of real property; repealing a provision relating to tax credits for contributions to eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026	Taxation	None at this time.	Commerce and Tourism	Finance & Tax	Appropriations				
HB 6093	Tax on the Rental or Lease of Real Property	Gregory	12/16/2021	SB 1558	Removes provisions relating to tax on and tax credits for having paid rental or license fee for use of real property. Effective Date: July 1, 2026	Taxation	None at this time.	Ways & Means Committee	Commerce					