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To: Florida Chapter Membership
From: Government Affairs Committee
Subject: 2026 Florida Legislative update

This Government Affairs Committee update to the 2026 Legislative Session is provided to make you aware of legislation with potential statewide impacts. We only track legislation in transportation, utilities and environmental committees but have added a few other bills to this update for your reference. Please note that there may be other bills with potential statewide impacts that we are not tracking.

The big-ticket item this year is property tax reform. The Florida House has finalized its [Joint Resolution 203](#) and is awaiting review by the Senate. It appears that the Senate may be drafting their own Joint Resolution for consideration. The two chambers will have to reconcile their resolutions if they hope to get the initiative on November ballot.

As we draft this update the other issue that has surfaced during the session is an impasse over the proposed budget. The House and Senate budget bills do not yet align. If they do not reconcile them soon the session may have to be extended or a special session called to finalize the budget.

Removal, Storage, and Cleanup of Electric Vehicles

[HB 37](#) (Nix) [SB260](#) (Burgess) Requires counties to establish daily administration fee for proper storage of certain electric vehicles; authorizes municipalities to establish daily administration fee for proper storage of certain electric vehicles; provides maximum amount for such fees; defines "daily administration fee" & "proper storage"; provides that motor vehicle insurers are not required to pay certain costs; provides that reasonable fee for service includes any daily administration fee.

Land Use and Development Regulations

[CS/SB 208](#) (McClain) relates to application fees for development orders and permits and residential land use compatibility. See also [HB 399](#) and [HB 803](#).

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Public Records

[HB 437](#) (Andrade) and [SB 770](#) (Rouson) update public records access rules covering fees, response times, and penalties for noncompliance. The bills expand the “actual cost of duplication” to include clerical, supervisory, and IT costs, excluding overhead. The bills require agencies to promptly acknowledge requests and respond within three business days with records, a timeline, or a denial citing legal exemptions. Refer to [HB 437](#).

Local Land Planning and Development

[HB 927](#) (Sapp) and [SB 1138](#) (Massullo) shift a significant portion of local land-use, plat, and development application review work to private reviewers and constrain cities’ traditional zoning and procedural control over development approvals.

Local Government Spending

[HB 1329](#) (Benarroch) and [SB 1566](#) (DiCeglie) propose to expand local government budget posting requirements, increase budget transparency, require budget-cutting exercises, and prohibit publicly funded diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. Refer to [HB 1329](#).

Stormwater Treatment

[HB 1457](#) (Gonzalez Pittman) and [CS/SB 848](#) (Truenow) add new statewide definitions and criteria for “compensating stormwater treatment,” which may affect how municipalities plan or review stormwater systems. The bills specify when off-site stormwater treatment may be used.

Advanced Air Mobility

[HB 1093](#) (Spencer) and [SB 1362](#) (Harrell) create a comprehensive statutory framework for advanced air mobility and vertiports, with multiple direct impacts on municipal authority, permitting, and operations. The bills preempt local regulation of vertiport design, aeronautical operations, aviation safety, and electric aircraft charging stations and associated infrastructure, while preserving local land use, zoning, and reasonable noise compatibility authority so long as such regulations do not effectively prohibit federally authorized operations. See also [HB 1233](#) and [SB 1220](#).

Transportation

[HB 543](#) (McFarland) and [SB 1274](#) (DiCeglie) make broad revisions to transportation, motor vehicle, and traffic safety statutes with several direct municipal implications. They require the Department of Transportation to increase the minimum perception Reaction time for steady yellow traffic signals statewide, which would affect signal timing at locally owned or operated intersections. Bill has been modified to specify only intersection equipped with traffic infraction detectors.

Utilities

[CS/HB 1075](#) and [CS/CS/SB 1014](#) Provision of Municipal Utility Service to Owners Outside the Municipal Limits; Prohibiting a municipal utility from declining to extend service to properties outside its corporate limits under certain circumstances.

Taxation

[HB 1217](#) and [SB 7046](#)

Prohibited Governmental Policies Regulating Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Prohibits governmental entities from adopting certain net zero policies; prohibits governmental entities from using public funds in any manner that supports, implements, or advances certain net zero policies; prohibits governmental entities from imposing any charge to advance certain net zero policies

We encourage you to visit the [Florida League of Cities](#) and [Florida Association of Counties](#) websites to review their more in-depth bill summaries. Links are provided below to their latest versions.

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