



**April 17, 2017**

**Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs) – Oppose CS/SB 1770 and CS/CS/HB 13**

[CS/SB 1770 \(Lee\)](#) will be considered by the [Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development](#) on Tuesday, April 18, at 1:30 p.m.

[CS/CS/HB 13 \(Raburn\)](#) is expected to be considered by the [House Government Accountability Committee](#), Wednesday, April 19 at 8:00 a.m.

The Florida League of Cities has been working with the bill sponsors to address concerns with the bills that would severely restrict the ability of CRAs to conduct their original purpose and creates a process to terminate all CRAs in Florida.

Despite the progress made in several areas of the bill, the League is still opposed to CS/SB 1770 and CS/CS/HB 13.

**Message to Senators on CS/SB 1770:**

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**Message to Representatives on CS/CS/HB 13**

Oppose language in CS/CS/HB13 that would prohibit the creation of any new CRA

- CRA's were established to encourage new investment and job creation in urban areas that were blighted as a result of substantial growth moving away from the urban core.

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**Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development – Oppose CS/SB 1770**

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