



**2023**  
**Post-Legislative**  
**Session Review**

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# Key bills affecting municipalities this session

## Report from David Cruz

- **HB 401 (Beltran) & SB 604 (Gruters) Sovereign Immunity (Opposed)** – Final Outcome: **Failed**
- **HB 235 (W. Robinson) & SB 350 (Brodeur) Alternative Mobility Funding Systems & Impact Fees (Supported)** – Final Outcome: **Failed**
- **HB 1317 (Roach) & SB 1346 (Avila) Local Regulation of Nonconforming or Unsafe Structures (Opposed)** – Final Outcome: **Failed**
- **SB 718 (Yarborough) Municipal Annexation and Contraction (Supported)** – Final Outcome: **Passed**
- **HB 3 (Rommel) Government and Corporate Activism (Neutral)** – Final Outcome: **Passed**



## Report from Jeff Branch

- **SB 102 (Calatayud) Housing (Supported)** – Final Outcome: **Passed**
- **HB 671 (Esposito) & SB 682 (DiCeglie) Residential Building Permits (Opposed)** – Final Outcome: **Failed**
- **SB 346 (DiCeglie) Public Construction (Initial Position: Opposed → Final Position: Supported)** – Final Outcome: **Passed**
- **SB 250 (Martin) Natural Emergencies (Neutral)** – Final Outcome: **Passed**

## Report from Rebecca O'Hara

- **HB 405 (Tramont) Partisan Local Elections (Opposed)** – Final Outcome: **Failed**
- **HB 975 (Holcomb) & SB 798 (Ingoglia) Solid Waste Management (Opposed)** – Final Outcome: **Failed**
- **SB 162 (Collins) Water & Wastewater Facility Operators (Supported)** – Final Outcome: **Passed**
- **SB 170 (Trumbull) Local Ordinances (Supported)** – Final Outcome: **Passed**

## Report from Tara Taggart

- **HB 833 (Duggan) & SB 714 (DiCeglie) Vacation Rentals (Opposed)** – Final Outcome: **Failed**
- **SB 774 (Brodeur) Financial Disclosures for Local Officers (Opposed)** – Final Outcome: **Passed**
- **HB 935 (Jacques) Chiefs of Police (Opposed)** – Final Outcome: **Passed**



## Report from Charles Chapman

- **SB 1604 (Ingoglia)** Land Use & Development Regulations (**Opposed**) – Final Outcome: **Passed**
- **HJR 469 (Fernandez-Barquin) & SJR 122 (Avila)** Revised Limitations on Increases of Homestead Property Tax Assessments (**Opposed**) – Final Outcome: **Failed**

# Report from the State Budget

## Housing

- State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program: \$252 million
- State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) program: \$259 million
- Florida Hometown Hero Housing Program: \$100 million
- Inflation Loan Program for SAIL: \$100 million

## Cybersecurity

- Local Government Cybersecurity Grants: \$40 million

## Institute of Food and Agricultural Science's Fertilizer Study

- IFAS has been instructed to “evaluate the effectiveness of the timing of seasonal fertilizer restrictions on urban landscapes toward achieving nutrient target objectives for waterbodies statewide. IFAS must submit a final report by December 31, 2023”
- “In order to implement [this appropriation] **a county or municipal government may not adopt or amend a fertilizer management ordinance**, pursuant to F.S. 403.9337, which provides for a prohibited application period not in existence on June 30, 2023. This section expires July 1, 2024.”



**Advocacy doesn't  
die with Sine Die!**

# | Post-Session Advocacy Tips



Publicly thank legislators who helped your city



Have candid conversations with legislators to discuss how they voted

Discuss issues that are likely to return in 2024



- Vacation Rentals
- Sovereign Immunity
- Solid Waste Franchises
- Municipal Owned Utilities
- Partisan Local Elections
- Residential Building Permits
- Nonconforming/Unsafe Structures



Invite legislators to speak at council meetings and local/regional league events

# | Post-Session Advocacy Tips continued



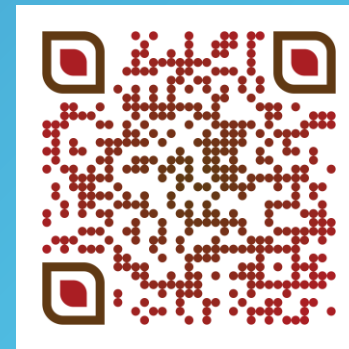
Invite legislators to tour your CRA or wastewater plant or other important facilities



Speak at local civic/citizens' groups to discuss municipal issues considered this session



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**QUESTIONS?**



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## Post-Session Resources

**Be on the lookout for:**

- Legislative Bill Summaries
- FLC Final Report
- June 1 - Policy Committee Signup Opens

# | What's Next?



**August 10-12**

**FLC  
Annual  
Conference**



**September 8**

**FLC Legislative  
Policy Committee  
Meetings (Round 1)**



**October 6**

**FLC Legislative  
Policy Committee  
Meetings (Round 2)**



**November 29-  
December 2**

**FLC  
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