

Summary of March 6, 2023, Monday Morning Call-In

David Cruz Update:

- [HB 401](#) (Beltran) and [SB 604](#) (Gruters) **Sovereign Immunity – Oppose** – Neither bills will be considered this week in a committee. The next committee stop for HB 401 is the House Appropriations Committee. This is the second of three committee stops in the House. The next and first stop for SB 604 is the Senate Judiciary Committee.

League Ask: If your representative serves on the [House Appropriations Committee](#), reach out to the House member and describe the impact the bill will have on your city if the caps are increased to \$2.5 million per person/\$5 million incident. Provide examples of egregious claims that your city has had to defend and the impact this bill would have to your budget, specifically, increases to insurance premiums or, if you self-insure, what this might do to your reinsurance.

- [HB 235](#) (W. Robinson) and [SB 350](#) (Brodeur) **Alternative Mobility Funding Systems and Impact Fees – Support** – Neither bill has been heard in a committee. The first committee stop for HB 235 is the House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee. The first committee stop for SB 350 is the Senate Community Affairs Committee.

League Ask: Reach out to the House committee chair, [Representative Jenna Persons-Mulicka](#), and ask for HB 235 to be added to the upcoming Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee agenda.

Jeff Branch Update:

- [HB 671](#) (Esposito) and [SB 682](#) (DiCeglie) **Residential Building Permits – Oppose** – Neither bill has been heard in a committee. The first committee stop for HB 671 is the House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee. The first committee stop for SB 682 is in Senate Community Affairs.

League Asks: 1) Review the attached side-by-side of the bill and send your feedback on the impacts of this legislation to Jeff Branch at jbranch@focities.com. 2) Review the list of House members on the [House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee](#) and the Senators on [Senate Community Affairs](#). If your legislator serves on one of these committees, share the impact of this bill on your municipality. 3) If your legislator chairs one of these committees, ask the House committee Chair, [Representative Tyler Sirois](#), and Senate committee chair, [Senator Alexis Calatayud](#), to avoid hearing the bill in its current form.

Rebecca O'Hara Update:

- [HB 975](#) (Holcomb) and [SB 798](#) (Ingoglia) **Solid Waste Management – Oppose** – Neither bill has been heard in a committee. HB 975 has three committee stops. The first stop is the House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee. SB 798 also has three committee stops. The first committee stop is the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

League Ask: For the House, reach out to your representative and the House Chair of [Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee](#), [Representative Jenna Persons-Mulicka](#), and express your opposition to HB 975. Provide them with examples on how this legislation will impact your municipality. For the Senate, reach out to your senator and the

Senate Chair of the [Environment and Natural Resources Committee](#), [Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez](#), and express your opposition to SB 798. Provide them with examples of how this legislation will impact your municipality.

- [SB 1380](#) (Martin) and [HB 1331](#) (Busatta Cabrera) **Municipal Electric Utilities** – **Oppose** – These bills were filed last week and await committee references.
- [SB 1240](#) (Burgess) and [HB 1197](#) (Maggard) **Land and Water Management** – **Oppose** – These bills were filed last week and await committee references.

Tara Taggart Update:

- [SB 714](#) (DiCeglie) and [HB 833](#) **Vacation Rentals** – **Monitor** – SB 714 will be heard in the Senate Regulated Industries Committee on March 7 at 2:00 p.m. This is the first of three committee stops in the Senate. HB 833 has three committee references and has not yet been heard in its first committee, the Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee.

League Ask: If your legislator serves on the [Senate Regulated Industries Committee](#), ask them to support the changes recommended by the Florida League of Cities.

- [HB 415](#) (Porras) **Temporary Commercial Kitchens** – **Monitor** – HB 415 will be heard in the House State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee on March 7 at 1:30 p.m. This is the second of three committee stops in the House.

League Ask: Review the bill and provide feedback or comments to Tara Taggart at ttaggart@flcities.com.

Charles Chapman Update:

- [SB 120/SJR 122](#) (Avila) [HB 471/HJR 469](#) (Fernandez-Barquin) **Revised Limitation on Increases of Homestead Property Tax Assessments** – **Oppose** – SB 120 and SJR 122 have passed out of its first committee of reference and has two more committee stops in the Senate: Finance and Tax Committee and Appropriations Committee. The House bills have not yet been considered by a committee and have three committee references: Ways & Means Committee, Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee, and the State Affairs Committee.

League Ask: Share with your legislators how this legislation will impact your city budget.

- [HB 1153](#) (Steele) and [SB 1432](#) (Trumbull) **Communications Services Tax** – **Oppose** - These bills were filed last week and await committee references.

League Ask: Bring these bills to your city manager or finance director and find out how this legislation would impact your city's budget. Share the information you receive with Charles Chapman at cchapman@flcities.com.

Announcements:

- If you have feedback on any of the bills above, please contact the lobbyist tracking the bill.
- FLC Legislative Action Days is April 3-5 in Tallahassee. Click [HERE](#) to register.

- The next Monday Morning Call-In will be held on March 13 at 9:00 a.m. Conference Call Phone Number: (888) 585-9008; Conference Room Number: 301-563-714#