

End of Session Report

2020

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SESSION OVERVIEW

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- 3,517 bills filed in House & Senate combined 210 bills passed (5.9%)
 - Record Budget Passes: \$93.2 billion for fiscal year 2020-21, the largest budget ever for the State of Florida.



BIG TICKET BUDGET ITEMS

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Affordable housing funding

- The General Appropriations Act fully funded the state's affordable housing programs at \$370 million

Environmental funding

- Nearly \$800M total
 - Florida Forever Program \$100M
 - Everglades Restoration \$367M
 - Water Restoration Assistance Program –Nearly a \$330M increase (Covers local water projects, drinking water and wastewater facilities, water quality improvements)



BIG TICKET BUDGET ITEMS

CONTINUED

Transportation funding

- Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles: \$499 million
- Florida Department of Transportation: \$10.3 billion (of which \$9.27 billion is earmarked to the FDOT 5-Year Work Plan to build and repair Florida's highway infrastructure)
- Small County Outreach Program (SCOP): \$87 million
- Municipalities in Rural Areas of Opportunity: \$9 million
- Small County Resurface Assistance Program (SCRAP): \$47.5 million
- Seaport and Intermodal Development Grants: \$162.5 million
- Local Transportation Initiatives Projects: \$81.2 million (subject to veto)



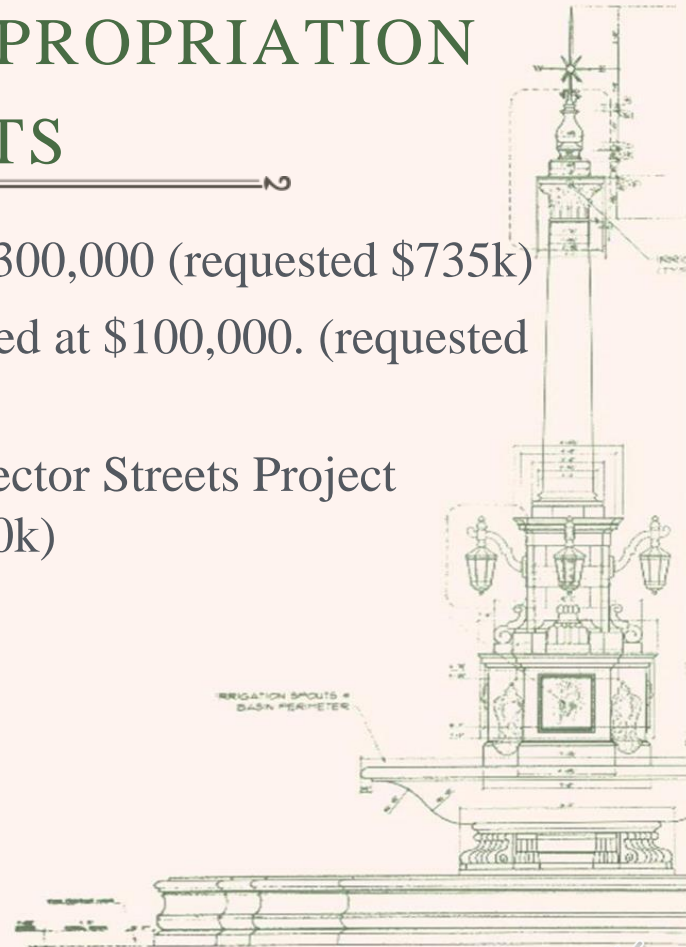
COVID-19 FUNDING

- \$52.5M allocated budgeted during regular session
- Special session will likely take place in the summer to distribute federal funds and identify budget shortfalls.



CORAL GABLES APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

- Canal Dredging Project funded at \$300,000 (requested \$735k)
- Comprehensive I & I Program funded at \$100,000. (requested \$500k)
- The Sidewalk Construction on Collector Streets Project funded at \$300,000. (requested \$500k)
- Waterway Conveyance- not funded



GROWTH MANAGEMENT (SB 410) (PERRY):

- Requires all cities and counties to adopt a mandatory private property rights element
- Extends the 5G “shot clock” for permit applications for ALL utilities in city and county right-of-way.
- Allows a party to amend or cancel a development agreement without securing the consent of other property owners originally subject to the development agreement, as long as the amendment or cancellation does not directly modify the allowable uses or entitlements of such owner’s property.
- Effective *July 1, 2020*, Awaiting action by Governor

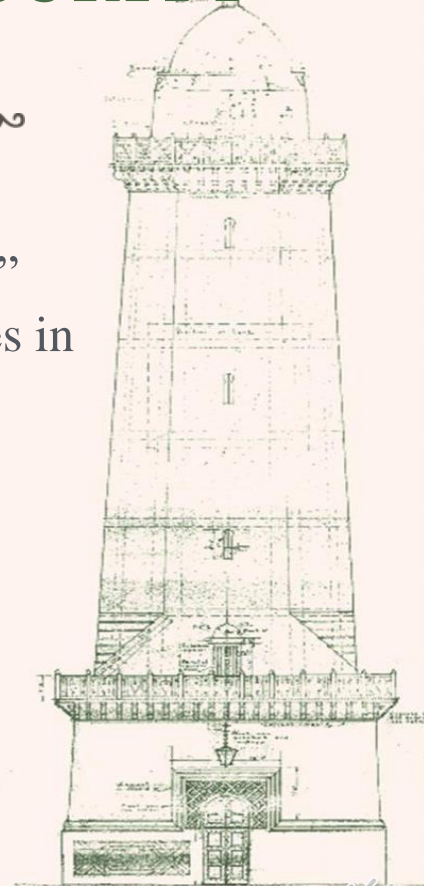
PUBLIC PROCUREMENT SERVICES

(HB 441)(DICEGLIE)

- Increases the maximum limit for continuing contracts covered by the CCNA (Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act) from an estimated per project construction cost of \$2 million to \$4 million.
- The bill also increases the maximum limit for procuring a study using a continuing contract from \$200,000 per study to \$500,000.
- The bill is effective *July 1, 2020* and is awaiting action by the governor.

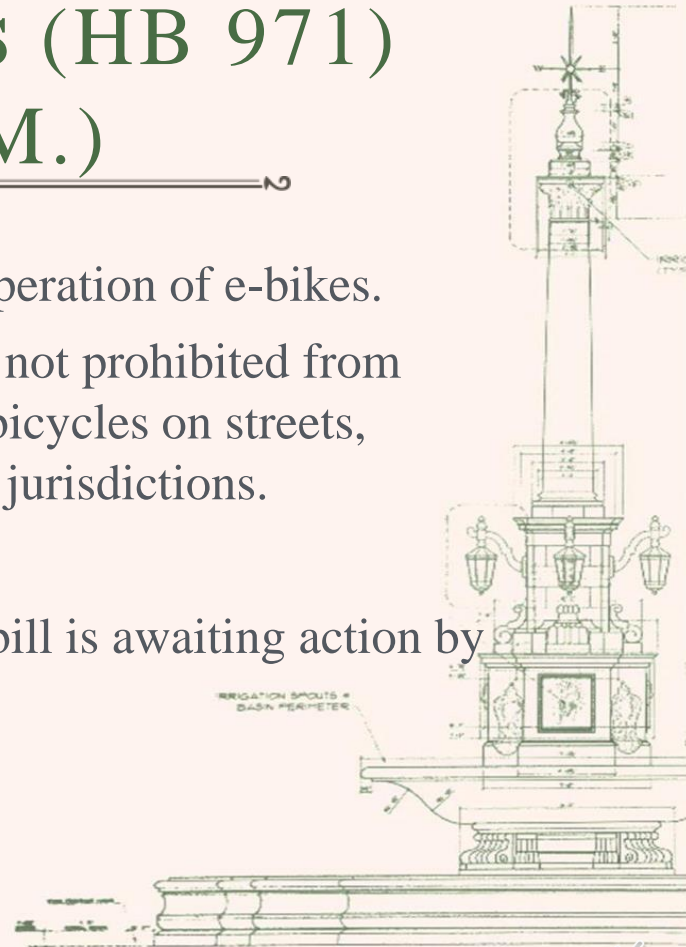
INFRASTRUCTURE AND SECURITY (SB 7018)

- Expands the “shot clock” and “deemed approved” requirements to permit applications for all utilities in the right of way in a municipality or county.
(Verbatim language from SB 410)
- The bill is effective *July 1, 2020* and is awaiting action by the governor.



ELECTRIC BIKES (HB 971) (GRANT M.)

- Creates regulations governing the operation of e-bikes.
- Specifies that a local government is not prohibited from regulating the operation of electric bicycles on streets, highways, or sidewalks within their jurisdictions.
- Does not include a preemption
- Effective upon becoming law. The bill is awaiting action by the governor.



VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY (SB 664)

- Requires all public employers to register and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees beginning January 1, 2021.
- The bill directs public employers who believe that a contractor has knowingly violated the E-Verify requirement to terminate the contract.
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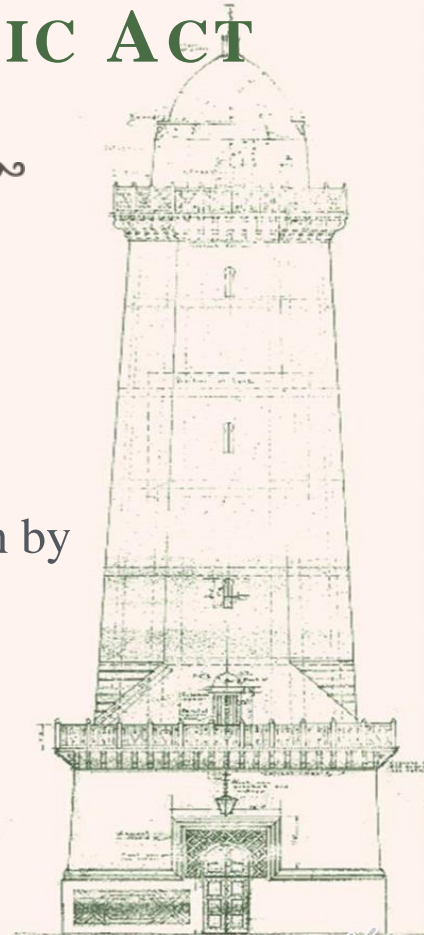
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

(HB 73) (OVERDORF)

- Requires that contracts, RFPs and solicitations for proposals or other solicitations, for the collection, transport and processing of residential recycling materials, include provisions to define and reduce levels of contamination in the materials collected.
- The bill is effective *July 1, 2020* and is awaiting action by the governor.

FLORIDA DRUG AND COSMETIC ACT (SB 172)(BRADLEY)

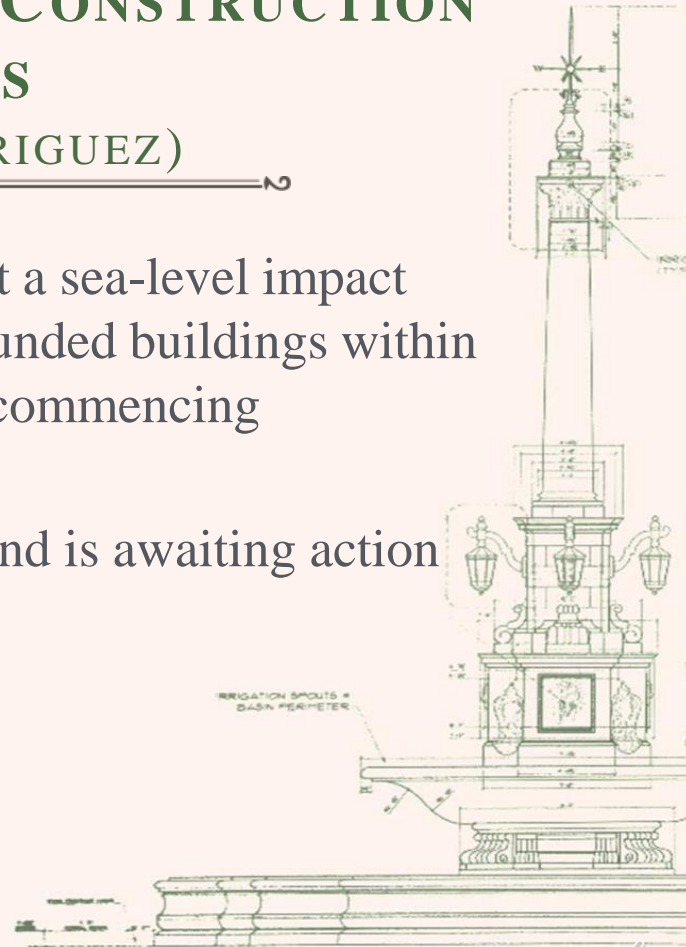
- Preempts the regulation of over-the-counter drugs and cosmetics (includes sunscreen) to the state.
- The bill is effective *July 1, 2020* and is awaiting action by the governor. (O'Hara)



PUBLIC FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

(SB 178) (RODRIGUEZ)

- Requires public entities to conduct a sea-level impact projection (SLIP) study on state-funded buildings within the coastal building zone prior to commencing construction.
- The bill is effective July 1, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor.



DEREGULATION OF PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

~ (HB 1193)(INGOGLIA) ~

- Preempts the regulation of certain professions to the state
- Preempts the regulation of mobile food dispensing vehicles (food trucks) to the state.
- Removes the authority of the Florida League of Cities and the Florida Association of Counties to recommend a list of candidates for consideration to the Florida Building Commission.
- The bill is effective July 1, 2020 and is awaiting action by the governor.

IMPACT FEES

(SB 1066)(GRUTERS)

- Prohibits the application of a new or increased impact fee to pending permit applications unless the result is to reduce the total impact fees or mitigation costs imposed on the applicant.
- Provides that impact fee credits are assignable and transferable at any time after establishment within the same impact fee zone or impact fee district, or an adjoining zone or district within the same local jurisdiction.
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BILLS THAT FAILED

Vacation Rentals HB 1011 (Fischer) and SB 1128 (Diaz)

- Would have preempted to the state the regulation of vacation rentals and wiped out any local vacation rental ordinances or regulations adopted since 2011.
- The bills would have defined “advertising platforms” and preempted the regulation of advertising platforms to the state as well, while putting in place statewide standards for the regulation of advertising platforms like Airbnb, VRBO and Homeaway.

Statewide Office of Resiliency SB 7016 (Infrastructure & Security Committee) and HB 1073 (Stevenson)

- Would have established the Statewide Office of Resiliency within the Executive Office of the Governor to recommend consensus projections of anticipated sea-level rise and flooding impacts along the state’s coastline.



BILLS THAT FAILED CONT.

Private Property Rights HB 519 (Grant, J.) and SB 1766 (Lee)

- Would have required any settlement reached on a Bert Harris claim to be automatically applied to all "similarly situated" residential properties that are subject to the same rules or regulations.

Legal Notices HB 7 (Fine) and SB 1340 (Gruters)

- Would have allowed cities the option of publishing legal notices on a publicly accessible website in lieu of purchasing an advertisement in a newspaper if certain conditions were met.



BILLS THAT FAILED CONT.

Building Design SB 954 (Perry) and HB 459 (Overdorf)

- Would have preempted local governments from adopting zoning and development regulations that require specific building design elements for single-and two-family dwellings, unless certain conditions are met.
- Would have provided a limited exemption from the preemption for historic properties, properties in Community Redevelopment areas, regulations applied pursuant to national flood insurance program.

Sovereign Immunity SB 1302 (Flores)

- Would have increased the per-occurrence limit on the collectability of judgments against government entities from \$300,000 to \$500,000 and eliminated the \$200,000-per-claimant limit. The bill would have tied the new \$500,000 Sovereign Immunity limit to a consumer price index to allow the cap to automatically increase with inflation.



BILLS THAT FAILED CONT.

Polystyrene and Plastic Bags HB 6043/ SB 182

- Would have amended s. 403.7033, F.S. by removing the prohibition of local laws relating to the auxiliary containers, wrappings, and plastic bags
- Would have repealed s. 500.90, F.S., relating to the preemption of local laws relating to the use or sale of polystyrene products



BILLS THAT FAILED CONT.



Local Government Fiscal Transparency HB 1149 (DiCeglie) and SB 1702 (Diaz) would have amended multiple provisions related to local government financial transparency.

- Would have applied greater scrutiny to counties and municipalities use of economic development incentives,
- Also would have enacted the Local Government Fiscal Transparency Act
 - requiring additional public noticing of proposed local government actions that increase taxes, enact new taxes, extend expiring taxes, or issue tax-supported debt and
 - requiring voting records of local governing bodies related to such actions to be easily and readily accessible by the public.
 - Provides deadlines for online publications on a rolling basis



BILLS THAT FAILED CONT

Home-Based Businesses HB 537 (Donalds) and SB 778 (Perry) defined a "home-based business" and would have preempted local governments from licensing and regulating home-based businesses.

Marketable Record Title Act HB 733 (Smith, D.) and SB 802 (Perry)

- would have amended Section 712.04, Florida Statutes, regarding the Marketable Record Title Act (MRTA) to include covenants or restrictions based on a zoning requirement or development permit among the types of interests extinguished by MRTA.



A photograph of a stone archway with a green door, surrounded by lush greenery and trees. The archway is made of light-colored stone blocks. The door is a vibrant green color. The surrounding area is filled with various plants, including palm trees and ferns. The sky is visible through the branches of the trees.

Thank You:

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