



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
February 26, 2019**

**ITEM TITLE:**

A resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida in support of Senate Bill 214 and House Bill 85, related to onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, and making support of Senate Bill 214 and House Bill 85 part of the City's legislative agenda.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

Senate Bill (SB) 214 and House Bill (HB) 85 would amend section 318.0065, Florida Statutes, related to onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, also known as septic systems and would require the Florida Department of Health ("the Department") to administer an inspection program and establish standards, procedures, and rules related to the condition and operation of septic systems. The bills would also require the Department to identify all septic systems in the state, including, at a minimum, the location and operational condition of such systems.

Finally, the legislation would require property owners to be responsible for the cost of any inspection and any required pump-out or replacement pursuant to Department rules; and would require a seller to disclose, and a buyer to acknowledge, the presence of a septic system on a property before the execution of a contract for the sale of said property; and

If passed as law, SB 214 and HB 85 are expected to produce positive environmental outcomes and improved septic tank maintenance statewide.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

**1. Draft Resolution**