

2014 Florida Legislative Session Bill Tracking

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Lee County Priorities

(S)Support = conforms with adopted BoCC priority
 (O)Oppose = contrary to adopted BoCC position
 (M) Monitor = position statement not yet adopted

Subject	Bill	Sponsor	S/O/M	Summary	Actions	Related Bills/ Notes
<u>Finance, Tax & Administration</u>						
Tax Cuts	HB 5601	Finance and Tax		Committee bill provides a broad range of tax cuts and spending.	03/26/14 Filed (Formerly PCB FTSC5) 03/27/14 Referred to Calendar 03/28/14 Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/02/14 04/02/14 Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 4/3/14 04/03/14 Referred to Appropriations 04/09/2014 Temporarily Postponed by Appropriations Next Scheduled Action: None	See tax cut comparison spreadsheet.

Legislative Budgets	HB 5001	Appropriations Committee		Provides moneys for annual period beginning July 1, 2014, & ending June 30, 2015, & supplemental appropriations for period ending June 30, 2014.	<p>03/27/14 Filed (Formerly PCB APC9)</p> <p>03/28/14 Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/02/14</p> <p>04/02/14 Read Second Time; Amendments Failed; Placed on Third reading, 04/03/14.</p> <p>04/03/14 Read Third Time; Passed Vote: 100 Yeas, 16 Nays); Immediately certified; Requests that the Senate pass the bill as passed by the House or agree to include the bill in the Budget Conference</p> <p>SENATE In Messages</p> <p>SENATE Received from Messages; Referred to Appropriations; Withdrawn from Appropriations; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 2500; Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (544510); Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 2 Nays); The Senate having refused to pass the bill as passed by the House, acceded to the request for a conference; Immediately certified.</p>	See budget comparison spreadsheets.
	SB 2500	Appropriations		Providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, to pay salaries, and other expenses, capital outlay - buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$74,875,331,971.00.	<p>03/27/14 Filed (Formerly PCB 7090)</p> <p>SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p> <p>SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/03/14</p> <p>SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/04/14</p>	See budget comparison spreadsheets.

Communication Services Tax	SB 266	Hukill		Reduces the tax rate applied to the sale of communications services; reduces the tax rate applied to the retail sale of direct-to-home satellite services; conforms rates to the reduction of the communications services tax, etc.	Referred to Communications; Energy, & Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance & Tax; Appropriations Communications, Energy & Public Utilities - Heard 2/4/2014; Favorable, 8 Yeas, 0 Nays. Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax - Heard 3/19/14; Favorable, 11 Yeas, 0 Nays. Appropriations - Now in Committee Next Scheduled Action: None	Recurring, negative fiscal impact to Lee County of approximately \$208,000. Part of Senate tax package includes a CST rate reduction of 0.58. The bill consequently reduces Lee County's revenues.
	No House Bill has been filed					
Sales Tax on Commercial Leases	SB 176	Hukill		Reduces the tax levied on rental or license fee charged for the use of real property.	Referred to Commerce & Tourism; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations Next Scheduled Action: None	Not in tax package in either house.
	HB 11	Steube		Provides for incremental reduction of tax imposed on rental or license fees charged for use of commercial real property; provides for future repeal of tax.	Referred to Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Appropriations <i>Finance & Tax Subcommittee:</i> Now in Committee. Next Scheduled Action: None	Not in tax package in either house.

Infrastructure Surtax	SB 1102	Altman	Authorizes the use of the surtax for the restoration or maintenance of natural bodies of water for public use.	<p>Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations.</p> <p><i>Community Affairs</i> - Heard 3/19/14; Favorable 8 Yeas, 1 Nay.</p> <p><i>Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance & Tax</i> - Now in Committee.</p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance & Tax, 4/9/14, 1:00 p.m.</p>	
	HB 987	Goodson	Authorizes the use of surtax for restoration or maintenance of natural bodies of water for public use.	<p>Referred to Agriculture & natural Resources Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Subcommittee; State Affairs.</p> <p><i>Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/11/14; Favorable, 13 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Finance & tax Subcommittee</i> - Now in Committee.</p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	
Emergency	SB 294	Hays	Revises provisions related to oversight of certain fees by the Technology Program within the Department of Management Services; revises provisions for administration, distribution, and use of the E911 fee; provides that fees collected may not be included in the base for measuring any tax, fee, surcharge or other charge; provides that the Department of Revenue is the agent for the E911 Board for purposes of collecting the E911 fee; revises provisions for accounting, distribution, use, and auditing of the fund.	<p>Referred to Communications, Energy, & Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance & Tax; Appropriations.</p> <p><i>Communications, Energy, & Public Utilities</i>- Heard 1/14/2014; Favorable, 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance & Tax</i> - Heard on 1/19/14; Favorable, 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Appropriations</i> - Now in Committee.</p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	Expressly includes pre-paid calling cards but drops rate from \$.50 to \$.40. An informal agreement between the Governor and the House and Senate sponsor sets the rate at 40 cents and allows the E911 Board to increase the rate to 50 cents effective July 1, 2015.

	HB 175	Steube	Revises provisions relating to Emergency Communications Number E911 System; revises provisions for administration, distribution & use of E911 fee; provides for prepaid wireless E911 fee; revises provisions for accounting, distribution, use, & auditing of Emergency Communications Number E911 System Fund; provides appropriations.	<p>Referred to Energy & Utilities Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Regulatory Affairs.</p> <p><i>Energy & Utilities Subcommittee</i> - Heard 1/8/14; Favorable, 13 Yeas, 1 Nay.</p> <p><i>Finance & Tax Subcommittee</i> - Heard 2/19/14; Favorable, 17 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Regulatory Affairs</i> - Heard 3/20/14; Favorable, 17 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>03/24/14 Committee Substitute Text Filed; Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading; Pleaced on Special Order Calendar, 3/26/14</p> <p>03/26/14 Read Second Time; Placed on 3rd Reading, 3/27/14</p> <p>03/27/14 Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 116 Yeas, 0 Nays)</p> <p>04/01/14 Referred to Communications, Energy, & Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance & Tax; Appropriations.</p>	Companion Bill
Discretionary Sales Tax	SB 786	Latvala	Revises the uses of proceeds of the local government infrastructure surtax to include the maintenance of transportation infrastructure; authorizes a county to levy a homeless services and facilities surtax; defining "homeless services" and "homeless families"; requires an ordinance, referendum, and voter approval, etc.	<p>Referred to Children, Families, & Elder Affairs; Community Affairs; Transportation; Appropriations</p> <p><i>Children, Families, & Elder Affairs</i> - Heard 3/4/14; Favorable, 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Community Affairs</i> - Heard 3/19/14; Favorable, 8 Yeas, 1 Nay.</p> <p><i>Transportation</i> - Now in Committee</p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	Current law does not allow for the use of proceeds or interest accrued from the levy of a local government infrastructure surtax. This would allow that use (if approved by referendum) which is anticipated to have a positive fiscal impact. Additionally, this bill adds a 9th discretionary sales surtax (Homeless Services and Facilities Surtax) authorizing a county to levy up to 0.5% for homeless services and facilities within the county, if approved by referendum.

	HB 723	Rooney		Limits combined rate of specified discretionary sales surtaxes; authorizes county to use proceeds and interest of local government infrastructure surtax for maintenance of transportation infrastructure under certain circumstances; authorizes county to levy discretionary sales surtax for homeless services and facilities pursuant to ordinance conditioned to take effect upon approval of referendum requirements and procedures; requires ordinance to include plan for specified uses of surtax proceeds.	Referred to Finance and Tax Subcommittee; Local and Federal Affairs Committee; Appropriations <i>Finance and Tax Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/26/14; Favorable, 10 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Local & Federal Affairs</i> - Now in Committee Next Scheduled Action: None	
Florida Retirement System	SB 1112	Community Affairs		Creating the FRS Cash Balance Plan Trust Fund to hold the assets of the FRS Cash Balance Plan; provides that the trust fund is a retirement trust fund not subject to termination pursuant to s. 19(f), Art. III of the State Constitution; providing for sources of moneys and purposes; requires a forfeiture account to be created within the trust fund allowing transfer of funds into the FRS Cash Balance Plan Trust Fund.	Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations. Next Scheduled Action: None	
	SB 1114	Community Affairs		Requires the Trustees of the State Board of Administration to establish the FRS Cash Balance Plan; requires employees and employers to make contributions for funding the plan; provides that the plan provide a lump-sum or annuity benefit; provides procedures for employees who are members of the pension plan or investment plan before a certain date to transfer to the cash balance plan; provides procedures for employees employed after a certain date to be enrolled in the investment plan or cash balance plan.	Referred to Governmental Oversight & Accountability; Appropriations. <i>Governmental Oversight & Accountability</i> - Heard 4/10/14; Favorable, 7 Yeas, 2 Nays. Next Scheduled Action: None	This bill will pass along to all employer members of the FRS an adjustment to their statutory payroll costs in order to fund the proposed benefit changes. The amount of this change will not be known until the actuarial studies are completed.

Collective Bargaining for Certain Public Employees	SB 816	Bradley		Specifies that, for purposes of resolving an impasse issue unrelated to wages, the sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser, supervisor of elections, or clerk of the circuit court is the legislative body for his or her respective employees; requiring the BoCC to provide supplemental funds to a county constitutional officer if resolution of a disputed impasse issue over wages exceeds the officer's final offer, etc.	Referred to Governmental Oversight & Accountability; Community Affairs; Appropriations <i>Governmental Oversight & Accountability</i> - Calendared, 2/20/14, 8:30 a.m.; Not considered by Government Oversight & Accountability Next Scheduled Action: None	No Staff Analysis has been issued for this bill.
	HB 649	Cummings		Same as Senate Bill with the additional provision that a county that has expressly abolished any such office, such duties are transferred to elected or appointed charter officer if charter is not inconsistent with general law or special law approved by vote of electors.	Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Local and Federal Affairs; State Affairs <i>Governmental Operations Subcommittee</i> - Now in Committee Next Scheduled Action: None	
	SB 606	Clemens		Requires elected municipal officials to participate in annual ethics training; deletes the requirement that each reporting individual or procurement employee file a quarterly statement disclosing certain gifts with the Commission on Ethics; authorizes a reporting individual or procurement employee to request an advisory opinion regarding application of the section; requires the commission to impose a civil penalty on a person who has filed a complaint with malicious intent under certain circumstances.	Referred to Ethics & Elections; Community Affairs; Appropriations <i>Ethics & Elections: On Committee Agenda, 2/17/14, 4:00 p.m.; Temporarily postponed; on Committee Agenda, 3/3/14, 4:00 p.m.; Temporarily postponed.</i> Next Scheduled Action: None	

<p>Government Ethics</p>	<p>HB 655</p>	<p>Hood</p>	<p>Requires elected municipal officials to participate in annual ethics training; revises format for disclosure of abstentions and conflicts by state, local, and appointed public officers; provides for issuance of advisory opinions upon request of reporting individual or procurement employee regarding honoraria and prohibited gifts; requires Commission on Ethics to impose civil penalty on a person who has filed complaint with malicious intent; requires commission to dismiss complaint against state, county, municipality, or school district officer or employee if certain circumstances are met; prohibits political subdivision from imposing additional standards of conduct upon officers and employees of another political subdivision.</p>	<p>Referred to Ethics & Elections Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs; State Affairs</p> <p><i>Ethics & Elections Subcommittee - Now in Committee.</i></p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	
	<p>SB 718</p>	<p>Legg</p>	<p>Requires that the notice of a public meeting include a description of each matter to be considered at such meeting; prohibits the board or commission of an agency or authority of the state, a county, a municipality, or political subdivision from acting upon a matter at a public meeting which was not included in the notice of such meeting; providing an exception for certain emergency matters upon the approval of a super majority of the members of the board or commission.</p>	<p>Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight & Accountability; Rules.</p> <p><i>Community Affairs - Heard 3/11/14; Favorable, 7 Yeas, 1 Nay.</i></p> <p><i>Governmental Oversight & Accountability - Now in Committee.</i></p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	

	HB 985	Santiago		<p>Requires that the notice of public meeting include description of each matter to be considered at such meeting; prohibits the board or commission of an agency or authority of the state, a county, a municipality, or political subdivision from acting upon matter at public meeting which was not included in notice of such meeting; provides exception for certain emergency matters upon approval of super majority of members of board or commission.</p>	<p>Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs; State Affairs</p> <p><i>Government Operations Subcommittee - Now in Committee.</i></p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>
County and Municipal	SB 378	Abruzzo		<p>Requires counties and municipalities to provide partial or full discounts on park entrance fees to military members, veterans, and the spouses and parents of certain deceased military members, law enforcement officers, and firefighters; requiring that individuals seeking the discount present written documentation satisfactory to the county which evidences eligibility; requiring regional transportation authorities to provide partial or full discounts on fares and on other charges for certain disabled veterans.</p>	<p>Referred to Military & Veterans Affairs, Space, & Domestic Security; Community Affairs; Appropriations.</p> <p><i>Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security - Heard 2/18/14; Favorable, 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.</i></p> <p><i>Community Affairs - Heard 3/5/14; Favorable, 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.</i></p> <p><i>Appropriations - Now in Committee.</i></p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>

County and municipal Parks	HB 677	Rangel		<p>Requires counties and municipalities to provide discounts on public park entrance fees to military members, veterans, and the spouses and parents of certain deceased military members, law enforcement officers and firefighters.</p> <p>Referred to Veteran and Military Affairs Subcommittee; Local and Federal Affairs; Economic Affairs</p> <p><i>Veteran and Military Affairs Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/24/14; Favorable, 13 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Local & Federal Affairs</i> - Heard 4/3/14; Favorable, 17 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p><i>Economic Affairs</i> - Now in Committee.</p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	
Value Adjustment Boards	SB 568	Abruzzo		<p>Provides that presiding magistrates must use a specified manual in proceedings before the board; deletes the requirement that a VAB must appoint private counsel; requires the DOR to appoint a presiding magistrate for each county VAB; requires presiding magistrates to appoint special magistrates.</p> <p>Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance & Tax; Appropriations.</p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	As of 3/26, there has been no committee action nor has a Staff Analysis been filed.
Value Adjustment Boards	HB 1115	Wood		<p>Adds rights to Florida Taxpayer's Bill of Rights concerning administrative review of assessment determinations; requires that certain documentation be included in evidence list provided to taxpayer who petitions VAB; requires DOR to adopt rules to establish transparent, fair and uniform VAB process; provides duties of VAB members; provides training requirements for counsel to VAB; revises requirements for written decisions rendered by VAB.</p> <p>Referred to Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs; Appropriations</p> <p><i>Finance & Tax Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/26/147; Favorable, 11 Yeas, 7 Nays.</p> <p><i>Local & Federal Affairs</i> - Now in Committee</p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	

Value Adjustment Board Proceedings	SB 806	Bradley		Requires the clerk of the VAB to have available and distribute specified forms; authorizes the owner of multiple items of tangible personal property to file a joint petition with the VAB under certain circumstances; requires the property appraiser to include the property record card in an evidence list for a VAB hearing under certain circumstances.	Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance & Tax; Appropriations. <i>Community Affairs</i> - Heard 3/5/14; Favorable, 9 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance & Tax</i> - Heard 3/19/14; Favorable, 11 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Appropriations</i> - Now in Committee Next Scheduled Action: None	This bill alters the process for petitioning a VAB to review tax assessments made by the property appraiser. The bill may make the petition process less costly, and more available to taxpayers. The Revenue Estimating Conference reports that the bill will have an impact of less than \$200,000 annually on the amount of fees collected by clerks of the VABs.
	HB 651	Hutson		Requires clerk of VAB to have available and distribute specified forms; authorizes owner of multiple items of tangible personal property to file joint petition with VAB; requires property appraiser to include property record card in an evidence list for VAB hearing.	Referred to Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs; Appropriations. <i>Finance & Tax Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/13/14; Favorable, 17 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Local & Federal Affairs</i> - Heard 4/3/14; Favorable, 16 Yeas, 0 Nays. 04/07/14 Reference to Appropriations Committee Removed; PLaced on Calendar, on 2nd reading. Next Scheduled Action: None	
Taxes on Prepaid Calling Arrangements	SB 712	Galvano		Revises the definition of "prepaid calling arrangement" to clarify and update which services are included under that definition and subject to a sales tax.	Referred to Communications, Energy & Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance & Tax; Appropriations. <i>Communication, Energy & Public Utilities</i> - Heard 3/4/14; Favorable, 8 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance & Tax</i> - Heard 4/2/14; Favorable, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Appropriations</i> - Now in Committee. Next Scheduled Action: None	The bill's effect on tax revenues is uncertain. Currently there is a disagreement among DOR and communications services providers as to how the law applies to sales of services that do not meet all statutory requirements.

	HB 847	Davis		Revises definition of "prepaid calling arrangement" to clarify and update which services are included under that definition and subject to sales tax; provides for retroactive application.	Referred to Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Energy & Utilities Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee. <i>Finance & Tax Subcommittee - Now in Committee.</i> Next Scheduled Action: None	
	SB 696 (Formerly PCB 7012)	Transportation		Increases the weight used in calculating whether a vehicle equipped with fully functional idle-reduction technology is overweight; revises the authorization of the department to enter into an agreement with an owner of a transportation facility under which the department uses its electronic toll collection and video billing systems to collect for the owner certain charges for use of the owner's transportation facility; requires the DOT to include funding for environmental mitigation for projects in its work program.	Referred to Appropriations Heard 2/20/14; Favorable, 15 yeas, 0 Nays. 3/6 - Placed on Special Order Calendar, 3/11 3/11 - Temporarily postponed on Second Reading; retained on Special Order Calendar 03/20/14 Temporarily postponed on Second Reading; Retained on Calendar. Next Scheduled Action: None	This bill makes a number of revisions to statutes addressing the functions and responsibilities of the DOT. The bill should have no fiscal impact on the county.
	SB 1048	Latvala		Authorizes the department to seek certain investors for certain leases; removes a provision exempting certain public information systems from local government review or approval; amends provisions relating to outdoor advertising signs; provides that an outdoor advertising license is not required solely to erect or construct outdoor signs or structures; exempts from permitting certain signs placed by tourist-oriented businesses, certain farm signs placed during harvest season, certain acknowledgment signs on publicly funded school premises, and certain displays on specific sports facilities.	Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs <i>Transportation - Heard 3/20/14; Favorable, 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.</i> <i>Community Affairs - Heard 4/1/14; Favorable, 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.</i> 04/04/14 Placed on Calendar, on 2nd Reading Next Scheduled Action: None	

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<p>HB 1161 (Similar to SB 1048)</p>	<p>Goodson</p>		<p>Provides for DOT to sell accounts receivable from certain leases; revises provisions for outdoor signs along state roads.</p>	<p>Referred to Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs.</p> <p><i>Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/24/14; Favorable, 13 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations</i> - Heard 4/1/14; Favorable, 13 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Economic Affairs</i> - Heard 4/4/14; Favorable, 17 Yeas, 0 Nays; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading.</p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	
<p>SB 218</p>	<p>Grimsley</p>		<p>Expands the types of vehicles that may show or display an amber light; provides an exception for payment of certain utility work necessitated by a project on the State Highway System for municipally owned utilities or county-owned utilities located in rural areas of critical economic concern and authorizes the DOT to pay for such costs under certain circumstances; describes the types of department property eligible for factoring future revenues received by the department from leases for communication facilities on department property.</p>	<p>Referred to Transportation, Communications, Energy, & Public Utilities; Commerce & Tourism; Appropriations.</p> <p><i>Transportation</i> - Heard 11/7/14; Favorable, 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Communications, Energy & Public Utilities</i> - Heard 1/14/14; Favorable, 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Commerce & Tourism</i> - Heard 2/17/14; Favorable, 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Appropriations</i> - Heard 3/13/14; Favorable, 17 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p>Reference to Transportation added; Remaining reference: transportation.</p> <p><i>Transportation</i> - Heard 3/26/14; Favorable, 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p>03/31/14 Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p> <p>04/08/2014 Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/11/14</p> <p>04/11/2014 Read Second Time; Amendments Adopted; Order engrossed; Placed on Third Reading; Engrossed Text.</p>	

	HB 345 (Similar to SB 218)	Beshears	Provides exception for payment of certain utility works necessitated by project on State Highway System in rural areas of critical economic concern; authorizes DOT to pay for such costs; exempts from permitting certain signs placed along state roads.	<p>Referred to Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs.</p> <p><i>Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee</i> - Heard 2/4/14; Favorable, 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/5/14; Favorable, 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Economic Affairs</i> - Heard 3/13/14; Favorable, 18 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p>3/18 - Placed on Calendar, Second Reading.</p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	
Leases for Wireless Communication Facilities on State Property	SB 1152	Latvala	Describes the types of DOT property eligible for factoring future revenues received by the department from leases for communication facilities in department property; authorizes the department to enter into agreements with investors to purchase the revenue streams from department leases of wireless communication facilities on such property; requires the proceeds from such leases to be used for capital expenditures.	<p>Referred to Transportation; Governmental Oversight & Accountability; Communication, Energy & Public Utilities</p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	As of 3/26, there has been no committee action nor has a Staff Analysis been filed.
	No House Bill has been filed				

Sale of Dogs or Cats	SB 1624	Sobel		Requires a person offering for sale within this state a dog or cat bred by certain breeders to continuously display certain information; requires such information to be easily readable by a potential buyer; prohibits a person for willfully selling, exchanging, or donating, or offering for sale, exchange, or donation a dog or cat at a flea market.	Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations. <i>Regulated Industries</i> - Heard 4/10/14; Favorable 9 Yeas, 0 Nays. Next Scheduled Action: None	
	HB 1377	Moskowitz		Requires specific disclosures concerning breeders of cats and dogs offered for sale in state bred by holders of specified federal licenses: defines "flea market"; prohibits sales and other specified transaction involving live cats and dogs at flea markets	Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Business & Professional Regulation Subcommittee; State Affairs Subcommittee. <i>Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee</i> - Now in Committee. Next Scheduled Action: None	
Commercial Breeding & Selling of Animals	SB 1574	Bullard		Requires commercial breeders and dealers to comply with certain federal animal welfare standards and rules adopted by the DBPR; requires commercial breeders and dealers to register with the department; requires the department to inspect certain facilities; requires retail pet stores to annually provide certain information to the department.	Referred to Regulated Industries; Agriculture; Appropriations Next Scheduled Action: None	
	HB 1305	Warson		Requires commercial breeders and dealers to comply with certain federal animal welfare standards & rules adopted by DBPR; requires commercial breeders and dealers to register with DBPR; provides registration and fee requirements; provides for inspection of certain facilities; provides penalties; authorizes DBPR to adopt rules; requires retail pet stores to provide certain information to DBPR.	Referred to Business & Professional Regulation Subcommittee; Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee; Regulatory Affairs. <i>Business & Professional Regulation Subcommittee</i> - Now in Committee. Next Scheduled Action: None	

Government Contracting	SB 612	Hays	Preempts and supercedes a local ordinance or regulation that gives preference for an award to a certified contractor under certain circumstances; requires a university, college, county, municipality, school district or other political subdivision to make specified disclosures in competitive solicitation documents; requires agencies to provide the DMS with copies of vendor complaints and names of suspended and terminated vendors.	<p>Referred to Governmental Oversight & Accountability; Community Affairs; Judiciary; Appropriations</p> <p><i>Governmental Oversight & Accountability</i> - Heard 3/6/14; Favorable, 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Community Affairs</i> - Heard 3/19/14; Favorable, 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Judiciary</i> - Heard 4/8/14; Favorable, 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Appropriations</i> - Now in Committee</p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	
	HB 801	Fitzenhagen	Expands provisions to require certain political subdivisions to provide preferential consideration to Florida businesses when awarding competitively bid contracts for construction services; requires counties and municipalities to provide preferential consideration if state appropriations are used; specifics that grant preference supercedes local ordinances that restrict certain contractors from competing for an award; requires certain political subdivisions to disclose whether payment for competitively awarded contract will come from state appropriations.	<p>Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs; Appropriations; State Affairs</p> <p><i>Government Operations Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/18/14; Favorable 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Local & Federal Affairs</i> - Now in Committee.</p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	
	SB 2506	Governmental Oversight & Accountability	Increases the employer contribution to the retiree health insurance subsidy for members of a state-administered plan; increases the employer contribution to the health insurance subsidy for members of the Elected Officers' Class; increases the employer contribution to the health insurance subsidy for members of the Senior Management Service Class; increases the employer contribution to the health insurance subsidy for members of the Regular, Special Risk, and Special Risk Administrative Support Classes; revises the amount of employer contributions for the next fiscal year.	<p>03/19/14 Referred to Appropriations</p> <p>03/24/14 On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 03/27/14</p> <p>03/27/14 Favorable by Appropriations; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>04/03/14 Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 5005; Laid on Table; Refer to HB 5005.</p>	Estimated negative fiscal impact to Lee County of \$486,776 versus current year.

<p>State-administered Retirement Systems</p>	<p>HB 5005</p>	<p>Appropriations Committee</p>		<p>The bill has a significant negative fiscal impact to the state and local governments: \$78.7 million in General Revenue (state, district school boards, state colleges and universities) and \$13.0 million in trust funds; \$53.7 million to local governments (county agencies, certain municipalities and special districts.)</p>	<p>03/26/14 Filed 03/27/14 Referred to Calendar 04/03/14 Read Third Time; Passed (Votes 109 Yeas/6 Nays); Immediately Certified; Requests that the Senate pass the bill as passed by the House or agree to include the bill in the Budget Conference. SENATE In Messages SENATE Received from Messages; Referred to Appropriations; Withdrawn from Appropriations; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 2506; Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas, 0 Nays); The Senate having refused to pass the bill as passed by the House, acceded to the request for a conference; immediately certified. HOUSE In returning messages</p>	<p>The bill has a significant negative fiscal impact to the state and local governments: \$78.7 million in General Revenue (state, district school boards, state colleges and universities) and \$13.0 million in trust funds; \$53.7 million to local governments (county agencies, certain municipalities and special districts.)</p>
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E911 Fee	HB 177	Steube		Provides exemption from public records requirements for proprietary confidential business information submitted by wireless service provider to DOR; authorizes department to share such information with Secretary of Management Services and E911 Board; provides for future legislative review and appeal; provides statement of public necessity; provides contingent effective date.	<p>Rederred to Energy & Utilities Subcommittee; Government Operations Subcommittee; Regulatory Affairs.</p> <p><i>Energy & Utilities Subcommittee</i> - Heard 1/8/14; Favorable 14 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Government Operations Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/5/14; Favorable 12 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Regulatory Affairs</i> - Heard 3/20/14; Favorable, 17 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p>03/24/14 Placed on Special Order Calendar, 3/26/14 03/27/14 Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 115 Yeas, 0 Nays) 04/01/14 SENATE In Messages SENATE Referred to Communications, Energy & Public Utilities; Governmental Oversight & Accountability; Rules. 04/03/14 SENATE Withdrawn from Communications, Energy & Public Utilities; Governmental Oversight & Accountability; Rules; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 292; Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading.</p> <p>04/11/14 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas, 0 Nays)</p>	
Impact Fees	HB 7023	Hutson		The bill creates a three-year window exempting certain new business development from satisfying transportation concurrency requirements and contributing to its corresponding proportionate share. The bill also exempts certain transportation impact fees from being imposed on new business development. The exemptions expire July 1, 2018.	<p>Referred to Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs</p> <p><i>Transportation & Economic Affairs Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/5/14; Favorable, 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Economic Affairs Committee</i> - Heard 4/4/14; Favorable, 14 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p>04/10/14 Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading.</p>	New business development less than 6,000 SF would be exempt from 7/1/2014 through 6/30/17 unless revoked by majority vote of the BoCC.

Growth Management, Agriculture, & Environment

Economic Development	HB 7023	Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee		Revises provisions relating to transportation concurrency, impact fees, loan programs, urban redevelopment, Space Florida, Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund contributions, and rural areas of economic concern.	<p>Referred to Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs</p> <p><i>Transportation & Economic Affairs Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/3/14; Favorable, 11 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p><i>Economic Affairs</i> - Heard 4/4/14; Favorable, 14 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p>04/10/14 Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading.</p>	See impact fee component in Finance, Tax and Administration entry above.
	No Identical Senate Bill					

Economic Opportunity	SB 1634	Commerce & Tourism		Requiring each county and municipality to adopt and enforce land development regulations in accordance with the submitted comprehensive plan; revises legislative intent for purposes of the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program; requires the DEO to adopt rules establishing a competitive selection process for loan guarantees and grants awarded under the block grant program; deletes the requirement that an unemployed individual take an initial skill review before he or she is eligible to receive reemployment assistance benefits.	Referred to Community Affairs; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations <i>Community Affairs</i> - Heard 3/19/14; Favorable 9 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Military & Veterans Affairs</i> - Heard 3/25/14; Favorable, 7 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Appropriations</i> - Now in Committee. Next Scheduled Action: None	
	No House Bill has been filed					
Water and Wastewater Utilities	SB 272	Simpson		Authorizes the Florida Public Service Commission to revoke a certificate of authorization upon receipt of a petition; requires customers to file a notice of intent with the commission before submitting a petition; provides criteria for such petition; requires the commission to take certain steps in response to the petition; requires the commission to consider the quality of water or wastewater service when fixing rates; authorizes the commission to impose penalties on a utility for certain failures; requires the DEP to establish secondary wastewater service standards regarding the generation of odor, noise, aerosol drift, and lighting.	Referred to Communications, Energy and Public Utilities; Community Affairs; Appropriations <i>Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities</i> - Heard 1/14/14; Favorable, 8 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Community Affairs</i> - Heard 2/4/14; Favorable, 6 Yeas, 0 Nays <i>Appropriations</i> - Heard 3/13/14; Favorable, 10 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/18 - Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. Next Scheduled Action: None	

	HB 1321	Murphy		Authorizes PSC to suspend or revoke certificate of authorization upon receipt of petition; creates process for customers to file and resolve, using the PSC, water quality grievances against certain water or wastewater utilities; creates process for PSC to resolve customer grievances for water quality issues; authorizes PSC to impose penalties on utility for certain failures; requires DEP to establish secondary wastewater service standards for odor, noise, aerosol drift and lighting.	Referred to Energy & Utilities Subcommittee; Appropriations; Regulatory Affairs. <i>Energy & Utilities Subcommittee - Now in Committee.</i> Next Scheduled Action: None	
Water and Wastewater Utilities	SB 1248	Latvala		Prohibits a county from providing water or sewer services to an unincorporated area if a municipality is authorized to provide such services to the unincorporated area pursuant to a franchise agreement with a county or by a county resolution or ordinance; specifies that the corporate powers of a municipality do not apply to the unincorporated areas of a county without the county's express consent; limits the amount of water and sewer utility rates, fees, and charges that a municipality may impose on consumers outside of the municipality's boundaries.	Referred to Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Rules. Next Scheduled Action: None	
	HB 813	Mayfield		Designates act as "Ratepayer Representation Act"; prohibits county from providing water or sewer services in unincorporated areas covered by agreement with municipality; authorizes county to provide services when agreement does not provide expiration date; specifies that corporate powers of municipality do not apply to unincorporated areas of the county without county's express consent; limits amount of water & sewer utility rates, fees, charges & surcharges that municipality may impose on consumers outside of municipality's boundaries or ratepayers in unincorporated areas of county; requires PSC approval of such rates, fees charges & surcharges; authorizes ratepayers in unincorporated areas to petition PSC for determination whether rates, fees & charges imposed by municipality are just and equitable; provides that PSC has regulatory authority over municipality that provides water or wastewater utility service in unincorporated areas of county:requires PSC approval	Referred to Energy & Utilities Subcommittee; Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee; Regulatory Affairs Committee <i>Energy & Utilities Subcommittee - On Committee Agenda, 3/18/14, 3:00 p.m.; 3/18/14- Retained by Committee; 3/24/14, Temporarily postponed by Committee.</i> Next Scheduled Action: None	This bill is dead for the Session. It was defeated in committee. Out of kindness, a motion was adopted to retain the bill in the committee.

Water and Wastewater Utility Systems	HB 357	Santiago		Requires certain review of private activity bond allocations; extends tax exemptions to certain investor-owned utilities; exempts certain resellers of water from PSC regulations; establishes criteria for quality of service determinations; authorizes commission to adopt rules and create a utility reserve fund; provides for automatic increase or decrease of approved rates; revises provisions relating to rate case expenses; provides for certain loans, grants and deposits to for-profit privately owned or investor-owned systems.	Referred to Energy & Utilities Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Regulatory Affairs <i>Energy & Utilities Subcommittee</i> - Heard 2/5/14; Favorable, 11 Yeas, 2 Nays. <i>Finance & Tax Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/13/14; Favorable, 15 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Regulatory Affairs</i> - Heard 3/27/14; Favorable, 17 Yeas, 1 Nay. 03/27/14 Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. Next Scheduled Action: None	The Revenue Estimating Conference has estimated that the sales tax exemption provision will have a negative impact on local governments in the Fiscal Year 14-15 of -\$0.7 million (-\$0.8 million recurring). According to the legislative grapevine, this bill will match up to Simpson's SB 272, which is on Second Reading in the Senate.
	SB 1050	Hays		Requires the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration to review the allocation of private activity bonds to determine the availability of additional allocation or reallocation of bonds for water and wastewater infrastructure projects; establishes a procedure for the commission to follow if it determines that a utility has failed to provide water and wastewater services that meet certain standards; allows the DEP to make, or to request that the Florida Water Pollution Control Financing Corporation make loans, grants, and deposits to for-profit privately owned or investor-owned systems, and deletes current restrictions on such activity.	Referred to Communications, Energy & Public Utilities; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance & Tax; Appropriations <i>Communications, Energy & Public Utilities</i> - Heard 4/1/14; Favorable, 8 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Environmental Preservation & Conservation</i> - Heard 4/10/14; Favorable, 7 Yeas, 0 Nays Next Scheduled Action: None	As of 3/26, there has been no committee action nor has a Staff Analysis been issued.

Reclaimed Water	SB 536	Simpson		Requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the DEP to conduct a study in cooperation with the water management districts on the expansion of the beneficial use of reclaimed water and to submit a report based upon each study; provides the requirements for the report; requires the departments to provide the public an opportunity for input and for public comment.	<p>Referred to Agriculture; Environmental Preservation & Conservation.</p> <p><i>Agriculture</i> - Heard 2/17/14; Favorable, 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Environmental Preservation & Conservation</i> - Heard 3/20/14; Favorable, 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p>03/20/14 Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Placed on Special Order Calendar, 3/26/14 03/26/14 Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading; retained on Special Order Calendar, 4/3/14 04/03/14 Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted; Order engrossed; Placed on Third Reading; Engrossed Text Filed. 04/11/14 Read Third Time; Amendment Adopted; passed (Vote: 38 Yeas, 0 Nays; Engrossed Text</p>	Requires state departments to conduct a study on expanding the use of reclaimed water in Florida. The report must identify obstacles to its use, recommended permitting incentives, and discuss the feasibility, benefit, and cost of needed infrastructures for reclaimed water. The bill also directs the departments to hold a public meeting to gather input. The report must be submitted to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House by Dec. 1, 2015.
	HB 601	Ray		Requires DEP, in coordination with DOACS and water management districts, to conduct study on expansion of beneficial use of reclaimed water, stormwater and excess surface water and submit report to Governor and Legislature; requires DEP to provide for public input and comment.	<p>Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs.</p> <p><i>Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/4/14; Favorable, 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/18/14; Favorable, 10 Yeas, 3 Nays.</p> <p><i>State Affairs</i> - Heard 3/21/14, Favorable, 16 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>3/24/14 - Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p>	Rep. Caldwell helped broker a compromise with the environmental lobbyists on this bill. That compromise is embodied in CS/CS/HB 601.

Environmental Regulation	HB 703	Patronis	Specifies authority of counties to enforce certain wetlands, springs protection & stormwater ordinances, regulations, & rules; revises procedures for transmittal & adoption of comprehensive plans & plan amendments; prohibits local governments from rescinding certain land use approvals; exempts certain land lessees from permit fees; authorizes durations and multiple commencement dates for certain consumptive use permits; requires delegated local governments to follow certain criteria & standards for well construction; revises well exam requirements; provides that proof of insurance meets certain mitigation bank permit requirements; exempts certain facilities, structures, and improvements from additional local government authorizations and permits; requires certain criteria to be incorporated into regional water supply plans, establishes solid waste landfill closure account within Solid Waste Management Trust Fund	Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee (Co-Sponsor); Local and Federal Affairs Committee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs <i>Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/104/14; Favorable 10 Yays, 2 Nays 3/13/14 - Reference to Local & Federal Affairs Committee removed. Remaining references: Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. <i>Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/31/14; Favorable, 8 Yeas, 4 Nays. Next Scheduled Action: None	Lee County's opposition to preemption of its water well construction program has been well received. This provision should ultimately be removed from the bill (see SB 1464).
	SB 1464	Simpson	Limiting the authority of a county to enforce certain modifications, readoptions, or amendments of certain wetlands, springs protection, and stormwater ordinances, regulations and rules; exempting certain lessees of sovereignty submerged lands from permit fees for certain areas; requiring delegated local governments to adhere to certain criteria and standards for water well construction; exempting certain tents from the Florida Fire Prevention Code.	Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Appropriations; Rules Favorable with CS by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 4 Yeas, 1 Nay. <i>Community Affairs</i> - Heard 4/8/14; Temporarily postponed. Next Scheduled Action: None	EPC's CS also 1) dropped the proposed 50-year consumptive permits for landowners who participate in water storage programs; 2) eliminated a prohibition on rescinding development approval when lands continue to be classified as agricultural for tax purposes; 3) deleted Section 1 which would have affected a county's ability in some cases to establish stormwater rules; and 4) removed preemption of County's water well construction program.

Springs Revival Act	SB 76	Soto		Requires water management districts to identify certain springs, develop certain plans, and submit certain reports to the Governor and the Legislature; authorizes the districts to adopt rules and issue orders, etc.	Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Appropriations; Rules Next Scheduled Action: None	As of 3/26/14, no Staff Analysis had been filed.
	HB 49	Stewart		Requires water management districts to identify certain springs; develop certain plans, and submit certain reports; authorizes districts to adopt rules and issue orders.	Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Rulemaking, Oversight and Repeal Subcommittee; State Affairs <i>Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee - Now in Committee</i> Next Scheduled Action: None	As of 3/26/14, no Staff Analysis had been filed.
Developments of Regional Impact	SB 372	Galvano		Deletes certain exemptions for dense urban land areas; revises the exemption for any proposed development within a county that has a population of at least 300,000 and an average population of at least 400 people per square mile.	Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations, Rules Community Affairs - Heard 2/4/14; Favorable, 8 Yeas, 0 Nays. Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development - Heard 2/19/14; Favorable, 7 Yeas, 2 Nays. Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 11 Yeas, 5 Nays on 3/27/14. <i>Rules - Temporarily postponed by Rules, 4/9/14</i>	See memorandum to the BoCC dated 3/6/2014.

	HB 241	Gaetz		Deletes certain exemptions for dense urban land areas.	<p>Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Local and Federal Affairs; Economic Affairs</p> <p><i>Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee - Now in Committee.</i></p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	As of 3/26/14, no Staff Analysis had been filed.
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<p align="center">Regulation of Public Lodging Establishments & Public Food Service Establishments</p>	<p align="center">SB 356</p>	<p>Thrasher</p>	<p>Deletes the restriction preventing local laws, ordinances, or regulations from regulating the use of vacation rentals based solely on their classification, use, or occupancy.</p>	<p>Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs</p> <p><i>Regulated Industries</i> - Heard 1/9/14; Favorable, 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Communtiy Affairs</i> - Heard 2/4/14; Favorable, 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p>2/5/14 -Placed on Calendar, Second Reading</p> <p>3/13/14 - Placed on Special Order Calendar, 3/20/14</p> <p>3/20/14 - Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted; Order Engrossed; Placed on Third Reading for 3/26/14</p> <p>03/26/14 Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 2 Nays)</p> <p>04/01/14 HOUSE In Messages</p>	
	<p align="center">HB 307</p>	<p>Hutson</p>	<p>Deletes restriction preventing local laws, ordinances, or regulations from regulating use of vacation rentals based solely on their classification, use, or occupancy.</p>	<p>Referred to Business and Professional Regulation Subcommittee; Local and Federal Affairs; Regulatory Affairs</p> <p><i>Business & Professional Regulation Subcommittee</i> - Heard 2/4/14; Favorable, 10 Yeas, 3 Nays.</p> <p><i>Local and Federal Affairs Committee</i> - 3/12: Not considered by Committee; Heard 3/20/14; Favorable, 18 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Regulatory Affairs</i> - Heard 4/10/14; Favorable, 14 Yeas, 4 Nays.</p> <p>04/11/14 Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p>	

Agriculture	SB 312	Simpson		Provides that participation in certain dispersed water storage programs does not change a land's agricultural classification for assessment purposes; redefining the term "agriculture production" to include storage; expanding the exemption for certain farm equipment from the sales and use tax imposed under ch. 212, F.S., to include repairs of such equipment and trailers that are used for certain purposes.	Referred to Agriculture; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations <i>Agriculture</i> - Heard on 12/9/13; Favorable, 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Community Affairs</i> - Heard on 1/8/14; Favorable, 9 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax</i> - Heard 4/2/14; Favorable, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays. Next Scheduled Action: None	This bill will have an indeterminate impact on the ad valorem taxes on agricultural lands participating in a dispersed water storage program. Irrigation equipment and trailers used for agriculture will be exempt from sales and use tax. The Revenue Estimating Impact Conference has not determined the fiscal impact of this bill.
	HB 575	Albritton, Rayburn		Provides that participation in certain dispersed water storage programs does not change land's agricultural classification for assessment purposes; redefines term "agricultural production" to include storage; expands exemptions for certain farm equipment from sales and use tax imposed under ch. 212, F.S., to include repairs of such equipment & trailers that are used for certain purposes.	Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Finance and Tax Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee <i>Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/4/14; Favorable, 10 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Finance & Tax Subcommittee</i> - Now in Committee. Next Scheduled Action: None	By adding exemptions to the state sales tax, the bill has the effect of adding exemptions to local option county taxes. Therefore, the bill appears to have an indeterminate negative fiscal impact on local governments revenues.
Land Conservation	SB 1398	Hays		Limiting the ability of the state, a county, or a municipality to purchase land outside an area of critical concern for conservation purposes; providing criteria; exempting purchases of land if they are approved by referendum or if the land is purchased for active public use.	Referred to Environmental Preservation & Conservation; Community Affairs; Appropriations. Next Scheduled Action: None	

Brownfields	SB 586	Altman		Revises legislative intent with regard to community revitalization in certain areas; revises procedures for designation of brownfield areas by local governments; provides procedures for adoption of a resolution; provides requirements for notice and public hearings; authorizing local governments to use a term other than "brownfield area" when naming such areas; provides an exemption from liability for property damages for entities that execute and implement certain brownfield site rehabilitation agreements.	Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Judiciary <i>Environmental Preservation and Conservation</i> - Heard 2/5/14; Favorable, 7 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Community Affairs</i> - Heard 3/5/14; Favorable, 8 Yeas, 1 Nay. <i>Judiciary</i> - 3/18/14, Not considered by Judiciary; Heard 4/1/14; Favorable 8 Yeas, 1 Nay. 04/07/14 Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading 04/08/14 Placed on Special Order Calendar, 4/11/14 04/11/14 Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted; order Engrossed; Placed on Third Reading.	This bill clarifies procedures for brownfield designation. The bill provides additional liability protection for individuals responsible for rehabilitating brownfield sites. Local governments may incur costs associated with damages to public property that has been impacted by contamination from a brownfield site due to the limitation of liability provisions in the bill.
	HB 325	Stone		Revises procedures for designation of brownfield areas by local governments; provides certain liability protection against property damages.	04/15/14 Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading.	

Springs	SB 1576	Dean	Specifying distributions to the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection or the governing board of a water management district to establish the minimum flow and water level for an Outstanding Florida Spring; creating part VIII of chapter 373, F.S., entitled "Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act"; specifying prohibited activities within a spring protection and management zone of an Outstanding Florida Spring; repealing provisions relating to periodic evaluation and assessment of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems.	<p>Referred to Environmental Preservation & Conservation; Agriculture; Appropriations.</p> <p><i>Environmental Preservation & Conservation</i> - Heard 3/20/14; Favorable, 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Agriculture</i> - Heard 3/31/14; Favorable 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Appropriations</i> - Now in Committee.</p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	
	HB 1313	Brodeur	Specifies distributions to Ecosystem Management & Restoration Trust Fund; revises membership & duties of Acquisition & Restoration Council; requires DEP to establish certain minimum flows & water levels & delineate spring protection & management zone for Outstanding Florida Springs; requires water management districts to establish certain minimum flows & water levels & adopt maps depicting spring protection & management zones for Outstanding Florida Springs; providing funding for protection of Outstanding Florida Springs; requires local government comprehensive plans & ordinances to reflect certain prohibitions; requires DOH, DOACS, & DEP to conduct studies & submit reports; repeals provisions relating to periodic evaluation & assessment of onsite sewage treatment & disposal systems.	<p>Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs.</p> <p><i>Agriculture & natural Resources Subcommittee</i> - Now in Committee.</p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	

	<p style="text-align: center;">SB 542</p>	<p>Brandes</p>	<p>Adds projected flood losses to the factors that must be considered by the Office of Insurance Regulation in reviewing certain rate filings; authorizes insurers to offer flood insurance on residential property in this state; prohibits Citizens Property Insurance Corporation from writing flood insurance; prohibits Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund from reimbursing losses caused by flooding.</p>	<p>Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Health & Human Services; Appropriations; Banking & Insurance</p> <p><i>Appropriations Subcommittee on Health & Human Services</i> - Heard on 1/8/14; Favorable, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Appropriations</i> - Heard 2/20/14; Favorable, 16 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Banking and Insurance</i> - Heard 3/11/14; Favorable, 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p>3/13 - Placed on Calendar, 2nd reading.</p> <p>3/20 - Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted; Ordered engrossed.</p> <p>03/26/14 Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 yeas, 0 Nays).</p> <p>04/01/14 HOUSE In Messages</p>	
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<p>Flood Insurance</p>	<p>HB 581</p>	<p>Ahern, Fitzenhagen</p>	<p>Adds projected flood losses to factors that must be considered by OIR in reviewing certain rate filings; increases membership of Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology; requires commission to adopt standards & guidelines related to flood loss by certain date; authorizes insurers to offer flood insurance in this state; establishes minimum coverage requirements for such policies; provides coverage limitations that an insurer may include in such policies; requires that certain limitations be noted on policy declarations or face page; provides insurer with rate options; requires insurer to provide notice that flood insurance is available from National Flood Insurance Program; allows insurer to export contract or endorsement of certain amount to surplus lines insurer without meeting certain requirements; provides prior notice requirements for cancellation or nonrenewal of policy; requires insurer to notify office before writing flood insurance & to file plan of operation with office; provides preemption for any conflicts with other provisions of Florida Insurance Code; requires Commissioner of OIR to provide certification that condition qualifies for flood insurance or disaster assistance.</p>	<p>Referred to Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee; Regulatory Affairs</p> <p><i>Insurance & Banking Subcommittee - Now in Committee.</i></p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	
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Health & Human Services

Medical Examiners	SB 584	Lee		Clarifying the circumstances under which a case must be referred to the district medical examiner for an investigation and determination of cause of death; prohibiting medical examiners from charging user fees for specified services involving a determination of cause of death.	Referred to Health Policy; Community Affairs <i>Health Policy</i> - On Committee Agenda, 3/11/14; temporarily postponed by Health Policy; 3/25 - Not considered by Health Policy. Next Scheduled Action: None	
	HB 301	Spano		Clarifies circumstances under which case must be referred to district medical examiner for determination of cause of death; prohibits user fees for specified services.	Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs; Health & Human Services. <i>Healthy Quality Subcommittee</i> - Heard 2/5/14, Favorable, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Local & Federal Affairs</i> - On Committee agenda, 3/12/14; temporarily postponed by Local & Federal Affairs. Next Scheduled Action - None	
Florida Clean Air Act	SB 342	Bradley		Authorizes a municipality or county to restrict smoking on certain properties; provides limitations on such restrictions; authorizes a law enforcement officer to issue a citation under certain circumstances.	Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Criminal Justice. <i>Regulated Industries</i> - Heard 1/9/14; Favorable, 8 Yeas, 0 Nays <i>Community Affairs</i> - Now in Committee Next Scheduled Action: None	This bill allows local governments to restrict smoking in playground areas.

	HB 309	Edwards		Authorizes municipality or county to restrict smoking on certain properties; provides limitations on such restrictions; authorizes law enforcement officer to issue citation under certain circumstances.	Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs; Health & Human Services. <i>Health Quality Subcommittee - Now in Committee.</i> Next Scheduled Action: None	
Substance Abuse Services	SB 582		Monitor	Prohibits a sober house transitional living home from operating in this state without a valid certificate of registration from DCF; requires a sober house operator to annually apply for a certificate of registration with the department; requires certain sober house transitional living homes to apply for a certificate of registration by a specific date; requires the department to adopt rules pertaining to the application process for obtaining a certificate of registration.	Referred to Children, Families & Elder Affairs; Community Affairs; Appropriations. <i>Children, Families & Elder Affairs - Heard 2/11/14; Favorable, 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.</i> <i>Community Affairs - Heard 3/19/14; Favorable, 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.</i> <i>Appropriations - Now in Committee.</i> Next Scheduled Action: None	
	HB 479	Hager		Requires sober house transitional living home to annually register with DCF; requires background checks of certain personnel; provides for fees and penalties; prohibits certain advertising; authorizes DCF to conduct inspections and deny, suspend or revoke registration of home.	Referred to Healthy Families Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations; Health & Human Services <i>Healthy Families Subcommittee - Heard 3/18/14; Favorable, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays.</i> <i>Health Care Appropriations - Heard 3/31/14; Favorable, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays.</i> <i>Health & Human Services - Heard 4/3/14; Favorable, 16 Yeas, 0 Nays.</i> 04/07/14 Placed on calendar, on 2nd reading.	

Establishment of a Mental Health First Aid Training Program	SB 574	Sobel		Requires DCF to establish a mental health first aid training program; provides for a mental health first aid course to be offered by behavioral health managing entities or other community providers; requires instructors to be certified; provides for expiration of the program.	Referred to Children, Families & Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health & Human Services; Appropriations. <i>Children, Families, & Elder Affairs</i> - Heard 2/4/14; Favorable, 9 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Appropriations Subcommittee on Health & Human Services</i> - Heard 3/17/14; Favorable, 13 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Appropriations Subcommittee on Health & Human Services</i> - Heard 3/17/14; Favorable, 13 Yeas, 0 Nays. Next Scheduled Action: None	The bill requires the DCF to establish a Mental Health First Aid Training Program. The program is intended to help the public identify and understand the signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders and provide the public key skills to help someone who is developing or experiencing a mental health or substance use problem.
	HB 159	Berman		Requires DCF to establish mental health first aid training program; provides course requirements and requires certification of instructors; provides for expiration of program.	Referred to Healthy Families Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services. <i>Healthy Families Subcommittee</i> - Heard 2/11/14; Favorable, 10 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Healthcare Appropriations Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/11/14; Favorable, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Health & Human Services</i> - Heard 3/11/14; Favorable, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Health & Human Services</i> - Heard 4/3/14; Favorable, 15 Yeas, 0 Nays. 04/07/14 Placed on calendar, on 2nd reading.	

Homelessness	SB 1090	Latvala	Requires the Department of Economic Opportunity to provide training and technical assistance to certain designated lead agencies of homeless assistance contiiums of care; requires the department to establish award levels for "Challenge Grants" requires the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to distribute to the department and DCF certain funds from the Local Government Housing Trust Fund for the purpose of providing support, training, and technical assistance to designated lead agencies of continuums of care.	Referred to Children, Families & Elder Affairs; Appropriations <i>Children, Families & Elder Affairs</i> - Heard 3/25/14; Favorable, 10 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Appropriations</i> - Now in Committee Next Scheduled Action: None	
	HB 979	Peters	Requires DEO to provide training and technical assistance to certain designated lead agencies of homeless assistance contiiums of care; requires that provision of such training and assistance be delegated to certain non-profit entities; requires department to establish award levels for "Challenge Grants"; specifies criteria to determine award levels; requires DEO after consultation with Council on Homelessness, to specify grant award level in notice of solicitation of grant aplications; revises qualifications for grants; specifies authorized uses of grant funds; requires lead agency that receives grant to submit report to department; requires Florida Housing Finance Corporation to distribute to DEO and DCF certain funds from Local Government HOusing Trust Fund for purpose of providing support, training and technical assistance to	Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Appropriations; Economic Affairs <i>Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee</i> - Heard 3/25/14; Favorable, 11 Yeas, 0 Nays. <i>Appropriations</i> - Heard 4/10/14; Favorable, 26 Yeas, 0 Nays. Next Scheduled Action: None	Requires the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to distribute four percent of funds from the Local Government Housing Trust Fund to DCF and DEO annually; of this total, ninety-five percent is directed to DCF to be provided to grantees, and five percent to DEO to provide training and technical assistance to lead agencies.

Public Safety

Fireworks	SB 314	Brandes		Repeals provisions relating to the testing and approval of sparklers and the registration of manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, and retailers of sparklers; requires a retailer or seasonal retailer to register annually with the Divisions of the State Fire Marshal; repeals provisions relating to the sale and use of fireworks; authorizing a county or municipality to regulate the sale and use of fireworks, sparklers and novelties.	Referred to Commerce & Tourism; Regulated Industries <i>Commerce & Tourism</i> - Heard 1/8/14; Favorable, 7 Yeas, 4 Nays <i>Regulated Industries</i> - Now in Committee. Next Scheduled Action: None	
	HB 4005	Gaetz		Repeals provisions relating to testing and approval of sparklers and registration of manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers of sparklers; repeals provisions relating to sale and use of fireworks; repeals provisions relating to bond of licensees; conforms provisions.	Referred to Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee; Regulatory Affairs 1/8/14 - Temporarily postponed by Insurance & Banking Subcommittee Next Scheduled Action: None	

Juvenile Detention Costs	SB 1532	Bradley		Revises the responsibilities of specified counties and the state relating to financial support for juvenile detention care; requires DJJ to provide specified information to specified counties.	<p>Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations</p> <p><i>Community Affairs</i> - 3/25/14, on Committee Agenda; Temporarily Postponed by Community Affairs; Heard 4/1/14; Favorable, 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p><i>Appropriations</i> - Now in Committee</p> <p>Next Scheduled Action: None</p>	Splits detention costs 50/50 but does not provide for refunding previous overpayments by counties.
	HB 5305	Justice Appropriations Subcommittee/McBurney		Provides for total amount of nonfiscally constrained counties' annual contribution for costs of detention care; deletes provisions concerning development and use of methodology for determining amount of each fiscally constrained county's cost of detention care; requires each nonfiscally constrained county to budget certain amounts for costs of juvenile detention care; specifies duties of DJJ in providing such counties with certain information; provides for calculation of such amount; provides for specified payments to certain counties over specified period to address disouted billing methodologies during certain prior fiscal years.	<p>Referred to Appropriations Committee.</p> <p><i>Appropriations</i> - Heard 3/26/14; Favorable, 25 Yeas, 0 Nays.</p> <p>03/26/14 Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading 03/28/14 Placed on Special Order Calendar, 4/2/14 04/02/14 Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 04/03/14 04/03/14 Read Second Time; Passed (Vote: 100 Yeas, 11 Nays); Immediately certified; Requests that th Senate pass the bill as passed by the House or agree to include the bill in the Budget Conference.</p> <p>SENATE In Messages</p>	BoCC voted to support HB 5305 which splits costs 50/50 between counties and state; also refunds previous overpayments by counties over 23 year period.

Regulation

Gaming	SB 7052	Gaming		Creating the Joint Legislative Gaming Control Oversight Committee; creating the Department of Gaming Control; authorizing and directing the Governor to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Gaming Compact with the Seminole Tribe of Florida; transferring the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to the Gaming Control Board within the Department of Gaming Control by type two transfer; transferring the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to the Department of Gaming Control by type two transfer.	Referred to Gaming. Next Scheduled Action: None	