

Summary of January 16, 2024, Florida League of Cities Monday Morning Call-In

Charles Chapman Update:

- [HB 665](#) (McClain) **Expedited Approval of Residential Building Permits – Oppose** – HB 665 will be heard on Wednesday, January 17 in the House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee. This is the first of three committee stops in the House.
- Last week, the House Ways & Means committee passed bills that would negatively impact homestead property tax revenues for cities. The bills are [HJR 7015](#) (Buchanan) and [HJR 7017](#) (Buchanan) – **Oppose** – The next and final committee stop for both bills is the House State Affairs Committee. Currently, there are no Senate companion bills.
Email Charles with data on how this legislation impacts your city.

David Cruz Update:

- [SB 688](#) (Martin) and [HB 479](#) (W. Robinson) **Alternative Mobility Funding Systems – Support** – SB 688 and HB 479 passed their first committees of reference last week. HB 479 will be heard on January 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the House Ways & Means Committee. This is the second committee stop in the House. The next committee stop for SB 688 is the Senate Transportation Committee.
Reach out to members on the [House Ways & Means Committee](#) and let them know you support HB 479.
- [HB 569](#) (McFarland) and [SB 472](#) (Broduer) **Suits Against the Government/Sovereign Immunity – Oppose** – Last week, HB 569 passed its first committee, the House Civil Justice Subcommittee. The vote count was 17-1. *Thank Rep. Patt Maney for voting no on HB 569.* The next stop for HB 569 is the House Appropriations Committee. Their next committee meeting is on Monday, January 22. SB 472 has three committee references and has not yet been heard in a committee.
If you have a House member that serves on the [House Appropriations Committee](#), please reach out to them between now and next Monday to let them know you are opposed to the bill.

Jeff Branch Update:

- [SB 1084](#) (Collins) and [HB 1071](#) (Alvarez) **Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Oppose** – SB 1084 will be heard today, January 16, at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Agriculture Committee. This is the first of three committee stops. HB 1071 has three committee references and has not yet been heard in a committee.
Email Jeff if your city has an ordinance regulating electric vehicle charging stations.
- [HB 579](#) (Griffitts) **Use of Private Providers for Plans Review and Inspection – Monitor** – HB 579 will be heard on Wednesday, January 17 at 8:00 a.m. in the House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee. This is the first of three committee stops. Currently, there is no Senate companion bill.
Email Jeff your feedback on this bill.
- [SB 328](#) (Calatayud) and [HB 1239](#) (V. Lopez) **Development/Live Local Act – Support** – SB 328 will be heard on Thursday, January 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Fiscal Policy Committee. This is the last committee stop in the Senate. HB 1239 has three committee references and has not yet been heard in a committee.

Rebecca O'Hara Update:

- **HB 777** (Brackett) and **SB 1088** (Martin) **Municipal Water or Sewer Utility Rates, Fees and Charges** – **Oppose** – HB 777 has three committee references. HB 777 passed its first committee last week. The next committee stop is the House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee. Their next meeting is on Friday, January 19. We will know by 4:30 p.m. on January 17 if the bill will be on the January 19 agenda. SB 1088 has three committee references and has not been heard in a committee yet. Its first committee stop is the Senate Regulated Industries Committee. SB 1088 is not on this week's committee agenda but could be heard early next week.

If you have concerns with these bills, reach out to House members on [the Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee](#) and let them know you oppose HB 777. Reach out to the [Senate Regulated Industries Committee](#) to let them know you oppose SB 1088.

- **HB 1277** (Busatta Cabrera) and **SB 1510** (Brodeur) **Municipal Utilities** – **Oppose** – HB 1277 has three committee stops in the House and SB 1510 has three committee stops in the Senate. The first stop in the House is the Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee. The first stop in the Senate is the Regulated Industries Committee.
If you have concerns with these bills, reach out to House members on the [Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee](#) and let them know you oppose HB 1277. Reach out to the [Senate Regulated Industries Committee](#) to let them know you oppose SB 1510.

Sam Wagoner Update:

- **SB 280** (DiCeglie) **Vacation Rentals** – **Oppose** – SB 280 will be heard in the Fiscal Policy Committee on Thursday, January 18 at 1:30 p.m. This is the final committee stop in the Senate. The House companion bill, **HB 1537** (Griffits), has three committee stops in the House and has not yet been heard in a committee.
If your city has concerns with this legislation, please contact the [House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee](#) and ask members not to hear HB 1537.
- **HB 157** (Caruso) and **SB 894** (Bradley) **Governing Body Meetings** – **Neutral** – SB 894 will be heard today, January 16, at 11:00 a.m. in the Senate Community Affairs Committee. This is the first of three committee stops in the Senate. HB 157 has three committee references and has not yet been heard in a committee.

Announcements:

- If you have feedback on any of the bills above, please contact the lobbyist tracking the bill.
- FLC Legislative Action Days is January 29 – 31, 2024. Click [HERE](#) to register.
- FLC will hold a Legislative Action Days Know Before You Go webinar on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Click [HERE](#) to register for the webinar. The webinar will be recorded and made available to all Legislative Action Days registrants.