

# 2013 Florida Legislative Session Bill Tracking

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## Lee County Priorities

**Support** = conforms with adopted BoCC priority

**Oppose** = contrary to adopted BoCC position

**Monitor** = position statement not yet adopted

Subject	Bill	Sponsor	Position	Summary	Actions	Related Bills/ Notes
TDC Local Bill	HB 1007	Rodrigues	Support	Revises municipal representation on Lee TDC	Referred to Local & Federal Affairs Committee; Economic Affairs Committee  Favorable by Local & Federal Affairs Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays  Favorable with CS by Economic Affairs Committee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays  Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading	Economic Affairs Committee adopted a technical amendment to clarify two-year term provision.
	SB 1796	Richter	Support	Revises municipal representation on Lee TDC	Referred to Rules	The Senate companion does not need to move, as filing the bill is simply a technical requirement for final passage of a Local Bill.
Fertilizer Preemption	Draft	Crisafulli	Oppose	Speaker Designate Steve Crisafulli wants to create a Fertilizer Regulatory Review Commission to review research and make recommendations to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and State elected officials.	Not yet filed. Now expected to be introduced as an amendment to HB 999 the week of 4/22.	A bill is expected to pass, so amendments that strike a more balanced mission/agenda and committee makeup have been sought. Thus far, the SD has agreed to extend the review until 2016 (to incorporate Tampa study) and incorporate language that truly grandfathers existing ordinances during the study period moratorium.



AHA Implementation	SB 1844	Bean	Monitor	An alternative to Medicaid expansion, "Healthy Choice Plus" would provide premium assistance for residents living at or below 100% of the federal poverty level to purchase private insurance.	SB 7144 heard in Health Policy Committee, submitted as committee bill and filed as SB 1844. Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations  Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; 7 Yeas, 4 Nays  On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 04/23/13, 9:00 am	Bean's plan would cover fewer people (about 60,000 to Negron's 1 million), but he points out that people not covered by his plan -- those earning between 100 percent and 138 percent of the FPL -- would be eligible for premium assistance under the health exchange the federal government will set up under the ACA.
	SB 1816	Negron	Monitor	An alternative to Medicaid expansion, "Healthy Florida" would cover adults up to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level and be administered under the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation.	Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations  Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays  On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 04/23/13	
	HB 7169	Committee	Monitor	House alternative to Medicaid expansion would cost \$237 million annually and would provide subsidies for individuals to buy private health insurance. The proposal would cover about 115,000 adults and would not qualify for federal money available under the ACA.	Referred to Appropriations Committee  Favorable with CS by Appropriations Committee; 16 Yeas, 8 Nays	Some speculation that this Issue could become the subject of an extended or special session.
Medicaid County Cost-Share	SB 1884	Health Policy	Monitor	Sets aggregate baseline contribution at \$269.6 million; cost share determined by number of Medicaid enrollees living in county.	Submitted as Committee Bill by Health Policy; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays  Committee Bill filed as SB 1884  Referred to Appropriations  On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 04/23/13, 9:00 am	This formula would raise Lee County's contribution to roughly 3% of the total baseline amount. Language that would transition to the new formula over a five-year period is being sought.
	HB 1117	Wood	Monitor	Creates study group to evaluate percentage of funds that counties are required to contribute to Medicaid program & provide recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.	Referred to Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee	



	<b>House Concept</b>		Monitor	<p>\$269.6 million Total County Contribution (baseline amount)</p> <p>Allocation formula based on enrollment instead of utilization (dissolves current billing system)</p> <p>Baseline amount grows annually in proportion to the overall increase in state Medicaid expenditures</p>	Don't know where this bill will pop up on the House side yet.	<p>FAC's strategy (stalled):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) revise baseline contribution downward</li> <li>2) cap growth rate at 6% or less annually</li> <li>3) add opt-out provision for counties</li> </ol> <p>Both chambers appear set on REC's \$269.6 million contribution and an opt-out that would preserve the current system in some form is a non-starter.</p>
<b>Sovereign Immunity (Claim Bills)</b>	<b>HB 7123</b>	Select Cmte.		<p>Raises the caps on damages paid by local governments to \$1,000,000 per person and \$1,500,000 per incident. Creates an insurance option whereby local governments can avoid claim bills.</p>	<p>Submitted as Committee Bill by Select Committee on Claim Bills; 5 Yeas, 3 Nays</p> <p>Referred to Appropriations Committee; Judiciary Committee</p>	<p>Keith Arnold testified against bill in committee. More awards will have to be paid and settlements will likely end up being for higher amounts than under the limits in current law.</p> <p>One good amendment requires that member of local delegation sponsor a claim bill.</p>
	<b>No Senate Companion</b>					Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Tom Lee has said this won't be addressed this year.
<b>Consumptive</b>	<b>HB 109</b>	Young, Pilon	Monitor	<p>Establishes a new type of CUP for the development of alternative water supplies (Extended Permit). Extended Permits approved by the state after July 1, 2013, for the development of alternative water supplies must have a term of at least 30 years if there is sufficient data to provide reasonable assurance that the conditions for permit issuance will be met for the duration of the permit. Any public or private entity that wishes to develop an alternative water supply may be eligible to receive an Extended Permit regardless of the manner in which the water project will be financed.</p>	<p>Referred to Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee</p> <p>Favorable by Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p>	



<p><b>Use Permits for Development of Alternative Water Supplies</b></p>	<p><b>SB 364</b></p>	<p>Hays</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Directs that alternative water supply (AWS) development projects are eligible for consumptive use permits (CUPs) of at least 30 years. The permits are subject to compliance reports and water management district (WMD) water shortage orders. The bill provides that AWS permits may be reduced to prevent harm to water resources or existing legal uses. The bill also specifies an AWS CUP may not be issued for nonbrackish groundwater supplies or nonalternative water supplies. Lastly, the bill clarifies that entities have the option to apply for either at least 20-year permits or at least 30-year permits.</p>	<p>Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations</p> <p>Favorable by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable by Appropriations; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays)</p> <p>Referred to Calendar</p>	<p>This bill substantially amends section 373.236 of the Florida Statutes.</p>
<p><b>Economic Development</b></p>	<p><b>HB 121</b></p>	<p>Combee</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Directs the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to create a webpage through its existing website whose sole purpose will be to disseminate information pertinent to those creating or expanding businesses within the state. The webpage will provide a comprehensive overview of the business climate of Florida's cities and counties, and will include specific business-related costs and charges imposed by local governments. creates an advisory council for recommending to DEO the certification of "Communities of Economic Profitability." Local governments that satisfy certain criteria may receive certification. Among other criteria, local governments must comply with DEO's business-related information requests in order to receive certification.</p>	<p>Favorable with CS by Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 1 Nay</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Local &amp; Federal Affairs Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Now in Transportation &amp; Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee</p>	





	SB 670	Brandes	Monitor		Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations	
Communications Services Tax	Concept	House F&T	Oppose	Provides for unified CST rate of 10.65% by repealing the authority for local government to levy the tax. It revises the allocation and distribution method of proceeds in a revenue neutral manner by holding collections at FY 13 levels (plus population growth factor).	Sarah Bleakley testified before Finance & Tax Committee workshop on 2/21/13 regarding legislative concepts to reform the CST; Lee County recognized for fiscal prudence and notion that such jurisdictions shouldn't be penalized for holding rates low (if reform fails to preserve unused CST capacity)	Appears to be dead this session.  Regarding House Concept Bill, Gov. opposes as a tax raise and nothing in Senate as of yet.
	No Senate Companion					SB 1422 (Richter)  HB 303 (Grant)



Sales Tax	HB 629	O'Toole	Monitor	Reduces sales tax imposed on commercial leases  REC pegged recurring fiscal impact to counties at \$1.4 Billion	Referred to Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee	Florida Association of Realtors (FAR) priority
	SB 656	Hukill	Monitor	Reduces sales tax imposed on commercial leases  REC pegged recurring fiscal impact to counties at \$1.4 Billion	Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations	FAR priority
	HB 7097	House F&T	Monitor	Amends s. 212.0596, F.S., to provide that a "mail order sale" includes the sale of tangible personal property over the internet; adds in-state representatives of a dealer, in addition to the current law inclusion of in-state agents of that dealer, to cause a dealer to have nexus; establishes that an out-of-state dealer has nexus with Florida and is therefore obligated to collect tax if a person other than the dealer (excluding common carriers) engages in certain activities within Florida that assist the out-of-state dealer in making sales within this state.	Referred to Appropriations Committee	Also see SB 316
	HB 687	McBurney	Monitor	Eliminating specified conditions under which a local government is exempt from the requirement to competitively award contracts	Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee; State Affairs Committee  Favorable by Government Operations Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays	Makes it more difficult to perform work in-house



Local Bids and Contracts for Public Construction Works	SB 602	Hukill	Monitor		<p>Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules</p> <p>Temporarily Postponed by Community Affairs</p>	Makes it more difficult to perform work in-house
Environmental Regulation (permitting)	HB 999	Patronis	Monitor	Comprehensive environmental permitting "streamlining" bill.	<p>Referred to Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 1 Nay (House Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Subcommittee adopts a 47-page strike-all amendment and passes HB 999 with support from business groups. Patronis says he will continue working with cities, counties and environmental groups that have concerns with the bill).</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 1 Nay</p> <p>Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays</p>	<p>HB 1063 SB 948 SB 1470</p> <p>Preemption of local regulation of well construction and permitting may be fixed, as are solid waste regulation issues (including the ability of local governments to conduct recovered materials operations).</p>



	SB 1684	Altman	Monitor	Companion	<p>Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Agriculture; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable by Agriculture; 4 Yeas, 2 Nays</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 04/23/13, 9:00 am</p>	<p>Sarah Bleakley has secured sponsorship of an amendment requested by Natural Resources to clarify preservation of the County's well construction permitting program.</p>
Florida Retirement	HB 7011	Brodeur	Monitor	<p>Closes the pension plan (defined benefit) to new enrollees and requires all new enrollees to participate in the investment plan (defined contribution), effective January 1, 2014</p>	<p>Referred to Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Appropriations Committee; 13 Yeas, 9 Nays</p> <p>Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 12 Yeas, 6 Nays</p> <p><b>Read Third Time; Amendments Withdrawn (805139, 299145); Passed (Vote: 74 Yeas / 42 Nays)</b></p> <p><b>Received in Senate; Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Appropriations</b></p>	<p>Based on the results of a special actuarial study performed by the Milliman actuarial and consulting firm, the bill has a minimal fiscal impact on state or local governments for fiscal year 2013-14. That is followed by a temporary negative impact before ultimately providing continuing savings to participating entities.</p>





System	SB 1392	Simpson	Monitor	<p>Lowers the employee's contribution rate from 3 percent to 2 percent for all members of the investment plan.</p> <p>Makes the following changes to the Florida Retirement System (FRS), for members initially enrolled in the FRS on or after January 1, 2014: Changes the vesting period in the pension plan from 8 to 10 years; Mandates that Elected Officers' Class and Senior Management Service Class members may only join the investment plan; Changes the default for members who do not affirmatively choose a plan from the pension plan to the investment plan.</p>	<p>Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Appropriations</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable by Community Affairs; 6 Yeas, 3 Nays</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 14 Yeas, 5 Nays</p> <p>Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/24/13</p>	<p>At this time, the thinking is that the Senate version of FRS reform is the most likely to prevail between the two reform efforts.</p>
Ethics & Elections	HB 7013	Boyd	Monitor	<p>Revises section 101.657, F.S., governing early voting during elections in Florida, and s. 101.161, F.S., governing the manner in which the Legislature proposes amendments to the Florida Constitution.</p> <p>Extends early voting from 8 to up to 14 days, expands areas where polling sites may operate, and applies a 75-word limit on constitutional ballot initiatives.</p>	<p>Favorable with CS by Appropriations Committee; 25 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p> <p><b>Immediately Certified; Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 1 Nays) 3/5/13</b></p> <p><b>Senate: Substituted for SB 0600; Ethics and Elections, Community Affairs, Rules; Read Second Time; Amendments Adopted (301346); Amendments Failed (757918); Amendments Withdrawn; Ordered Engrossed</b></p>	
	SB 600	Latvala	Monitor	<p>omnibus election administration bill</p>	<p>Referred to Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; Rules</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Ethics and Elections; 8 Yeas, 5 Nays</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 3 Nays</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Rules; 10 Yeas, 5 Nays</p> <p>Placed on Special Order for 4/16/2013</p> <p>Substituted for HB 7013; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 7013</p>	



Ethics	SB 2	Benacquisto, et. al.	Monitor	Comprehensive ethics reform bill (see staff analysis)	Placed on Special Order Calendar for 03/05/13 Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately Certified 3/5/13 House: Referred to Calendar	SB 4
	HB 7131 HB 7133	Committee	Monitor	Comprehensive ethics reform bill (see staff analysis)	State Affairs Committee Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays	
Ethics	SB 4	CS	Monitor	Authorizes specified public officers to refer cases of possible ethics violations to the Florida Commission on Ethics and adds to existing public records and meetings exemptions related to complaints of possible ethics violations received by the state commission. This bill substantially amends section 112.324, Florida Statutes.	Placed on Special Order Calendar for 03/05/13 Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately Certified 3/5/13	SB 2
	SB 50	Negron	Monitor	The bill creates s. 286.0114, F.S., providing that members of the public must be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision.	Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays) on 3/19/13	



Public Meetings	HB 23	Rodrigues	Monitor	Requires members of the public to be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a board or commission. However, the opportunity to be heard does not have to occur at the same meeting at which the board or commission takes official action if certain requirements are met.	<p>Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Rulemaking Oversight &amp; Repeal Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Government Operations Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable by Rulemaking Oversight &amp; Repeal Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 2 Nays</p> <p>Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p>	
Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving	SB 52	Detert	Support	<p>The "Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law" is modeled after a Sample Law developed by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and a cross-section of safety and industry organizations. The bill makes exceptions for emergency workers performing official duties, reporting emergencies or suspicious activities, and for receiving various types of navigation information, emergency traffic data, radio broadcasts, and autonomous vehicles. The bill also makes an exception for interpersonal communications that can be conducted without the need to manually type messages.</p> <p>The prohibition is enforceable as a secondary offense. A first violation is punishable as a nonmoving violation, with a fine of \$30 plus court costs which vary by county. A second violation committed within 5 years of the first is a moving violation punishable by a \$60 fine plus court costs.</p>	<p>Favorable with CS by Transportation; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>On Committee agenda - Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities, 03/06/13</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Judiciary; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Placed on Special Order for 04/16/13; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately Certified</p>	



	<b>HB 13</b>	Holder Pilon	Support		<p>Referred to Transportation &amp; Highway Safety Subcommittee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Transportation &amp; Highway Safety Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Economic Affairs Committee; 16 Yeas, 1 Nay</p> <p><del>Placed on Calendar on 2nd reading</del></p>	
<b>FL Clean Indoor Air Act</b>	<b>SB 258</b>	Bradley	Monitor	<p>Authorizes municipalities and counties to restrict smoking at entrances to public indoor workplaces and outdoor areas of such workplaces, and on property owned or controlled by a municipality or county; including beaches, playgrounds, public parks, sports and recreation areas as defined in s. 775.215.</p>	<p>Referred to Regulated Industries; Health Policy; Community Affairs</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Regulated Industries; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable with 1 amendment by Health Policy; 6 Yeas, 3 Nays</p>	See notes for Senate companion below





	<b>HB 439</b>	Hagar	Monitor		Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee; Health & Human Services Committee	First committee of reference's chair does not support
<b>Taxes</b>	<b>SB 316</b>	Detert	Monitor	Amends Florida's tax laws related to sales by out-of-state retailers, the communication services tax, and the sales tax exemption for manufacturing and equipment. Related to sales by out-of-state retailers, the bill amends Florida law to require out-of-state retailers that conduct business over the Internet to collect and remit Florida sales tax on sales made to Florida customers.	Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules Favorable with CS by Commerce and Tourism; 10 Yeas, 1 Nay Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; 10 Yeas, 1 Nay	Senate President has endorsed idea of linking Internet Sales Tax with Communications Services Tax reform (reduction in CST would offset for revenue neutrality)
<b>Governmental Land Purchases</b>	<b>SB 584</b>	Hays	Monitor	Limiting the state, a county, or a municipality's ability to purchase land for conservation purposes.	Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Judiciary; Appropriations  Temporarily Postponed by Environmental Preservation and Conservation	Doesn't appear to be much appetite for these bills
	<b>HB 901</b>	Stone	Monitor		Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee	

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Affordable Housing Tax Exemptions	SB 740	Simpson	Monitor	Glitch bill to close affordable housing loophole. Revenue Estimating Conference places current Lee County annual tax loss at \$70,000; ultimately could cost \$2.3 million if all units are converted.	Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations	This issue is addressed in many pieces of legislation, looks to have good momentum.
	HB 921	Renuart	Monitor	Companion	Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee  Favorable by Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays  Favorable by Finance & Tax Subcommittee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays  Favorable by Economic Affairs Committee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays  Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading	This issue is addressed in many pieces of legislation, looks to have good momentum.
	SB 1132 (HB 7127)	Brandes	Monitor	Annual FDOT bill; the omnibus bill contains language that would require the County to adopt noise compatible land use planning regulations and share mitigation costs with FDOT. Also provides that ancillary development in rail corridors is exempt from Comp Plan.	Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations  Favorable with 7 Amendments by Transportation; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays  Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays  Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays  On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 04/23/13, 9:00 am	New language softens noise compatibility requirement; regulatory exemption for rail corridors intended to allow cell towers.  Senate version prohibits Public Transit Block Grant funds from being used to pursue "strategies or actions leading to or promoting the levying of new or additional taxes through public referenda." Working to strike this provision as would be very problematic for pursuing Transit Task Force recommendations.



Transportation	HB 319	Committee	Monitor	<p>Transportation Concurrency - requires any local government implementing an alternative mobility funding system to follow the same general principles as local governments implementing transportation concurrency. Alternative funding systems must provide a means for new development to pay for its impacts and proceed with development. If an alternative funding system is not mobility fee based, it may not require new developments to pay for existing transportation deficiencies.</p>	<p>Referred to Economic Development &amp; Tourism Subcommittee; Transportation &amp; Highway Safety Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Economic Development &amp; Tourism Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Transportation &amp; Highway Safety Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 1 Nay</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Economic Affairs Committee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p> <p>Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/23/13</p>	
	SB 972			<p>Transportation Concurrency companion</p>	<p>Referred to Community Affairs; Transportation; Rules</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Transportation; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable by Rules; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Placed on Special Order for 04/16/13</p> <p>Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/24/13</p>	



Public-Private Partnerships	HB 85	Steube	Monitor	<p>This bill creates an alternative procurement process and requirements for public-private partnerships. The bill specifies the requirements for such partnerships, which include provisions that require responsible public entities to provide notice of unsolicited proposals, conduct independent analyses of proposed partnerships, notify other affected local jurisdictions, and enter into interim and comprehensive agreements for qualifying projects.</p> <p>The bill also authorizes the use of public-private partnerships for purposes of county transportation facilities. It permits counties to receive or solicit proposals and enter into agreements with private entities to build, operate, own, or finance transportation facilities that would be in the best interest of the public.</p>	<p>Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Government Operations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 1 Nay</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Appropriations Committee; 24 Yeas, 1 Nay</p>	
	SB 84	Diaz de la Portilla	Monitor	<p>Creates a new section of law to facilitate public-private partnerships to construct public-purpose projects; creates a task force to provide guidelines for public entities on the types of factors public entities should review and consider when processing requests for public-private partnership projects; specifies the requirements for such partnership; lays out the financing sources for certain projects by a private entity; amends chapter 336, F.S., to authorize procedures for the creation and operation of public-private partnerships for transportation facilities within a county; creates sections 287.05712 and 336.71 of the Florida Statutes.</p>	<p>Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Remaining references Transportation, Appropriations</p> <p>Favorable with 2 amendments by Transportation; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 04/23/13</p>	





<b>Growth Management</b>	<b>HB 537</b>	Moraitis	Monitor	CS/HB 537 amends Section 163.3167, Florida Statutes, to prohibit local government initiative or referendum processes for comprehensive plan and map amendments, except for those processes in effect as of June 1, 2011, that specifically authorize voting on such amendments. CS/HB 537 prohibits initiative or referendum processes for all development orders.	<p>Referred to Economic Development &amp; Tourism Subcommittee; Local &amp; Federal Affairs Committee; Economic Affairs Committee</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Economic Development &amp; Tourism Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Local &amp; Federal Affairs Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable by Economic Affairs Committee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 116 Yeas / 0 Nays)</p> <p>Senate: Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Commerce and Tourism; Rules</p>	
	<b>SB 528</b>	Simpson	Monitor	Prohibits a local government to have an initiative or referral process for the approval of development orders. The bill also authorizes a local government to retain an existing initiative or referendum process relating to the approval of a local comprehensive plan amendment or map amendment in certain circumstances. Finally, the bill provides legislative intent and retroactive application.	<p>Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Commerce and Tourism; Rules</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Rules; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 24, 2013</p>	



Special Districts Consolidation	SB 538	Ring, Negrón CS-Latvala	Monitor	CS/SB 538 requires certain single-county independent special districts to administratively consolidate with the County. In addition, the bill requires all special districts to comply with state provisions on per diem and travel expenses and to post district board member names and contact information on websites. The bill also requires community development districts to present their proposed budget, financial audit report, and any tax levy, fee or special assessment to local governing authorities and to make proposed, amended and final budgets available on district websites.	Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations  Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays  Reference to Ethics and Elections added; Remaining references Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations  Temporarily Postponed by Ethics and Elections	Senator Ring has agreed to address the millage cap issue, but Senator Latvala will not hear the bill again unless it is dramatically narrowed to deal more specifically with the county specific water district issues the sponsor wishes to address.  No House version and the bill looks to be stalled.
Impact Fees	HB 321	La Rosa	Monitor	Exempts certain new development from having to comply with impact fee, concurrency or proportionate share requirements for transportation impacts for three years. The exemption lasts from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016. The exemption window will not apply to a new development if it is revoked by a majority vote of the local government's governing authority, alters a local government's financing contracts or bonds, or the developer elects to not have the exemption applied.	Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee  Favorable with CS by Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 2 Nays  Favorable with CS by Finance & Tax Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 2 Nays  Favorable with CS by Economic Affairs Committee; 9 Yeas, 4 Nays	Requires local governments to reauthorize road impact fees if want to maintain.
	SB 1716	Garcia	Monitor		Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays  Reference to Transportation removed; Remaining reference: Education	



Water Quality	HB 713	Pigman	Monitor	Expands statewide the water quality credit trading program currently occurring only in the Lower St. Johns River Basin as a pilot project. The bill also specifies that DEP may authorize water quality credit trading in adopted BMAPs. Participation in water quality credit trading is entirely voluntary.	<p>Referred to Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable by Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/23/13</p>	
	SB 754	Grimsley	Monitor	Companion bill	<p>Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Appropriations</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable by Community Affairs; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable by Appropriations; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 25, 2013</p>	
Sweepstakes Cafes	HB 155	Trujillo, Patronis	Monitor	Prohibits internet cafes and adult gaming centers	Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2013-002	



	<b>SB 1030</b>	Thrasher	Monitor	Mirrors House approach	Read Second Time; Amendments Failed (873374, 883746, 460506); Substituted for HB 0155; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0155	On fast track for passage
<b>Broadband</b>	<b>HB 355</b>	Harrell	Support	The Department of Transportation (DOT) is currently not required to allow local government entities to have access to its fiber optic facilities. The bill requires DOT to adopt rules governing the use of its excess fiber optic communications network for nontransportation purposes by July 1, 2014. The rules must follow state law and, if applicable federal regulations governing property acquired with federal aid. The rules may, but are not required to allow any nontransportation use.	Referred to Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Rulemaking Oversight & Repeal Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee  Temporarily Postponed by Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee	BoCC sent support letter to first committee
	<b>SB 756</b>	Grimsley	Support		Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Governmental Oversight and Accountability	BoCC sent support letter to first committee
<b>Fire Control Districts</b>	<b>HB 885</b>	Caldwell	Monitor	HB 885 amends s. 191.009, F.S. and s. 191.011, F.S. to expand independent special fire control districts' power of levying non-ad valorem assessments to provide emergency rescue services, first response medical aid, emergency medical services, and emergency transport services.	Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading	Legislative determination that emergency rescue services, first response medical aid, emergency medical services, and emergency transport services constitute a benefit to real property "the same as any other improvement performed by a district."
	<b>SB 1196</b>	Richter	Monitor	Companion bill	Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations  Favorable by Community Affairs; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays	





Ag Lands	HB 203	Beshears	Monitor	Creates a new paragraph (b) in s. 163.3162,(3), F.S., which prohibits any governmental entity from charging a fee upon an activity of a bona fide farm operation on land classified as agricultural, if such activity is regulated	<p>Referred to Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Subcommittee; Local &amp; Federal Affairs Committee; State Affairs Committee</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable with CS by Local and Federal Affairs Committee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable by Finance &amp; Tax Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable by State Affairs; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 113 Yeas / 3 Nays)</p>	Revenue Estimating Conference determined that the fiscal impact on local governments would be insignificant.
	SB 1190	Brandes	Monitor	Companion bill	<p>Referred to Agriculture; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations</p> <p>Favorable by Agriculture; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 04/23/13, 9:00 am</p>	



Numeric Nutrient Criteria	HB 7115	Committee	Monitor	Implements agreement between DEP and EPA.	Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading	DEP's 3/15/13 announcement: <a href="http://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/FLDEP-7148e6">http://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/FLDEP-7148e6</a>
	SB 1808	Committee	Monitor	Implements agreement between DEP and EPA.	04/16/13 - Read Second Time; Amendment Withdrawn (710864)	DEP's 3/15/13 announcement: <a href="http://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/FLDEP-7148e6">http://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/FLDEP-7148e6</a>
Local Business Taxes	HB 7109	House F&T	Monitor	Replaces the current local business tax structure in ch. 205, F.S., with a uniform classification system based on square footage. Provides that County tax can only apply in unincorporated areas. Counties could increase their local business tax rates by up to 5 percent in an ordinance approved by a two-thirds majority.	Referred to Local & Federal Affairs Committee; Economic Affairs Committee	
	SB 158	Hays	Monitor	SB 158 prohibits buses, other than school buses, from stopping in such a manner so as to impede, block, or otherwise restrict the progression of traffic on the main traveled portion of a roadway while the bus is loading or discharging passengers.	Referred to Education; Transportation; Judiciary Favorable by Education; 9 Years, 0 Nays	Most Lee Tran stops are made in travel lanes.



<b>Transit</b>	<b>HB 75</b>	Hood	Monitor		Referred to Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee	
<b>Babcock Ranch</b>	<b>HB 7087</b>	Committee		Contains Rep. Caldwell's Babcock Ranch related amendment	Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/23/13	Rep. Caldwell introduced Amendment 277807 on 4/22 which conforms to Commissioner Putnam's commitments to Lee County regarding the Babcock Ranch.
	<b>SB 1628</b>	Dean		Dissolves non-profit management entity and charges DACS with managing preserve as a working ranch. Makes FFS lead agency with FWS assisting. Creates advisory group to be appointed by Ag Commissioner.	Referred to Agriculture; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations Favorable with CS by Agriculture; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays Placed on Special Order Calendar for April 25, 2013 - If Received	Amendment introduced in General Govt Approps. DACS has or will allow friendly amendments to give Lee County an advisory board appointment, delete the 2018 sunset provision, and clarify questions concerning the current management plans, etc.  Lee can opt out of proposed management structure if it decides to manage its own property.
<b>University Impacts</b>	<b>HB 7149</b>	Committee	Monitor	Eliminates the requirement that universities enter into campus development agreements with local governments. The campus master plan would be required to identify the level-of-service standard established by the local government and the entity that would provide the service to the campus. Universities could begin constructing a campus development without having to pay the impact costs.	Filed 4/1/13 (Formerly PCB APC4) Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 105 Yeas / 12 Nays) Senate: Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; Rules	Universities will not be required to pay the concurrency costs associated with a new campus development agreement. These costs were associated with the mitigation of development impact on the local host community, and typically were for a proportionate share of infrastructure projects, such as stormwater retention ponds, additional sidewalks and road-widening or other traffic enhancements.



Bob Janes Triage Center	Budgets	Committees	Monitor	Both budgets contain full funding for the DCF Reinvestment Grant Program (\$3 million)	Funding closed out in conference negotiations. See Notes	Triage center will have to compete for funding, as there is no line-item this year. The new grant cycle allows for up to \$400,000/yr in funding (previously \$250,000).
School Safety	HB 873	Waldman	Monitor		Referred to Local & Federal Affairs Committee; Finance & Tax Subcommittee; Education Committee; Appropriations Committee	Companion
	SB 514	Sobel	Monitor	Authorizes a county to create an independent special district by ordinance to identify and assess the security and mental health referral needs of all schools served by the school board. Funding would be through an annual ad valorem tax of up to 0.5 mills, if approved by a majority of the electors in the county voting in a referendum held for that purpose.	Referred to Education; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations  Favorable by Education; 7 Yeas, 1 Nay  Favorable by Community Affairs; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays	
F-911	HB 807	Steube	Monitor	Includes prepaid in collections but lowers overall rate.	Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading	Current thinking is that this will pass the House but most likely die in the Senate.





	SB 1070	Hays	Monitor	Extends prohibition on collecting or assessing the fee on prepaid services until 7/1/2015.	Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations  Favorable with CS by Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays	
Agritourism Preemption	HB 927	Raschein	Monitor	Provides that local government may not adopt an ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy that prohibits, restricts, regulates, or otherwise limits an agritourism activity on land classified as agricultural lands under the greenbelt law.	Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading	
	HB 203	Beshears	Monitor	Prohibits counties from adopting or enforcing any duplicative policy that limits activity of a bona fide farm or farm operation on agricultural land if such activity is already regulated; also prohibits any governmental entity from charging a fee on a specific agricultural activity of such farms or farm operations.	Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 113 Yeas / 3 Nays)	
	SB 1106 SB 1190		Monitor	See House Bills above	SB 1106 Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays)  SB 1190 Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays  On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 04/23/13, 9:00 am	













