

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
Senator Bennett, Chair
Senator Norman, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, January 23, 2012
TIME: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Bennett, Chair; Senator Norman, Vice Chair; Senators Gibson, Richter, Ring, Storms, Thrasher, and Wise

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 760 Hays (Similar H 1063, Identical H 4025)	Local Business Taxes; Repealing ch. 205, F.S., which established the Local Business Tax Act, etc. CA 01/23/2012 Temporarily Postponed CU BC	Temporarily Postponed
2	SB 794 Hays (Identical H 719)	Public Contracting; Prohibiting a governmental unit that contracts for the construction, repair, remodeling, or improving of a facility from imposing conditions that requires, prohibits, encourages, or discourages certain bidders, contractors, or subcontractors from entering into or adhering to agreements with a collective bargaining organization; prohibiting a governmental unit from granting certain awards as a condition of certain contracts; prohibiting certain terms from being placed in bid specifications, project agreements, or other controlling documents; revising the period during which an agency must file a protest following certain contract solicitations or awards, etc. CA 01/23/2012 Favorable GO BC	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 1
3	CS/SB 758 Environmental Preservation and Conservation / Jones (Identical CS/H 691, Compare CS/CS/H 503)	Beach Management; Specifying that demonstration to the Department of Environmental Protection of the adequacy of a project's design and construction is supported by certain evidence; authorizing the department to issue permits for an incidental take authorization under certain circumstances; providing a permit exemption for certain specified exploratory activities relating to beach restoration and nourishment projects and inlet management activities, etc. EP 01/09/2012 Fav/CS CA 01/23/2012 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0

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4	SB 724 Diaz de la Portilla (Identical H 989)	Domestic Wastewater Discharged Through Ocean Outfalls; Postponing the dates by which domestic wastewater facilities must meet more stringent treatment and management requirements; providing exceptions; providing that certain utilities that shared a common ocean outfall on a specified date are individually responsible for meeting the reuse requirement; authorizing those utilities to enter into binding agreements to share or transfer responsibility for meeting reuse requirements; revising provisions authorizing the backup discharge of domestic wastewater through ocean outfalls; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection, the South Florida Water Management District, and affected utilities to consider certain information for the purpose of adjusting reuse requirements, etc. EP 01/09/2012 Favorable CA 01/23/2012 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
5	CS/SB 540 Commerce and Tourism / Smith (Similar H 885)	Secondhand Dealers and Secondary Metals Recyclers; Requiring that a secondary metals recycler conform to the requirements for a secondhand dealer; revising requirements for payments made by secondary metals recyclers to sellers of regulated metals property to prohibit certain cash transactions; preempting to the state the regulation of secondary metals recyclers and purchase transactions involving regulated metals property; limiting the liability of a public or private owner of metal property for injuries occurring during the theft or attempted theft of metal property and for injuries occurring as the result of the theft or attempted theft, etc. CM 01/09/2012 Fav/CS CA 01/23/2012 Fav/CS CJ BC	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0

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6	CS/SB 738 Environmental Preservation and Conservation / Altman (Similar CS/H 663, Compare CS/CS/H 503, CS/S 716)	Solid Waste Management Facilities; Specifying a permit term for a solid waste management facility that is designed with a leachate control system meeting the requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection; creating a solid waste landfill closure account within the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund to fund the closing and long-term care of solid waste facilities under certain circumstances; requiring that the department require by rule that the owner or operator of a solid waste management facility receiving waste after a specified date provide financial assurance for the cost of completing corrective action for violations of water quality standards, etc. EP 01/09/2012 Fav/CS CA 01/23/2012 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
7	SB 928 Altman (Identical H 251)	Property Assessments; Revising the factors that a property appraiser must consider when deriving the just valuation of property; providing conditions and limitations relating to a property appraiser's use of certain property transactions to arrive at just valuation of property; providing for retroactive application, etc. CA 01/23/2012 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
8	SB 862 Simmons (Identical H 609)	Wage Protection for Employees; Prohibiting a county, municipality, or political subdivision from adopting or maintaining in effect a law, ordinance, or rule that creates requirements, regulations, or processes for the purpose of addressing wage theft; preempting such activities to the state; defining the term "wage theft", etc. CA 01/23/2012 Favorable JU GO	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0

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9	CS/SB 354 Transportation / Simmons (Similar H 219)	Seminole County Expressway Authority; Citing this act as the Seminole County Expressway Authority Law; creating the Seminole County Expressway Authority; prohibiting an entity or body or another authority from exercising jurisdiction, control, authority, or power over an expressway system in Seminole County without the consent of the Seminole County Expressway Authority; requiring notice of public hearing and an opportunity for municipal officials and residents to discuss and advise the authority; providing for the issuance of bonds; providing for lease-purchase agreements between the Department of Transportation and the authority; authorizing the Department of Transportation to use funds for the operation of the authority and to generate preparatory information necessary for an expressway system; authorizing the authority to acquire land and properties, etc. TR 01/09/2012 Fav/CS CA 01/23/2012 Temporarily Postponed BC	Temporarily Postponed
10	SB 992 Dean (Compare CS/H 521)	Regulation of Hoisting Equipment Used in Construction, Demolition, or Excavation Work; Defining the terms "hoisting equipment," "mobile crane," and "tower crane"; requiring an applicant for a building permit to submit certain information to a local building official; requiring radio communications between certain crane operators; requiring certain preparations for a hurricane or high-wind event; requiring a preparedness plan for certain cranes; requiring that hoisting equipment be secured in a specified manner under certain circumstances; providing penalties for violation of the act by certain licensed contractors; preempting regulation of hoisting equipment and persons operating the equipment to the state; providing that the act does not apply to the regulation of elevators, etc. CA 01/23/2012 Fav/CS RI BC	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
11	SB 442 Braynon (Identical H 283)	Fair Housing; Providing that an aggrieved person may file a civil action without first filing an administrative complaint for a discriminatory housing practice; providing that, if the Florida Commission on Human Relations or local agency has obtained a conciliation agreement with the consent of the aggrieved person, the filing of a civil action is prohibited, except to enforce the terms of the agreement, etc. CA 01/23/2012 Favorable JU BC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0

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12	CS/SB 780 Transportation / Ring	Airport Parking Fees; Exempting vehicles transporting power mobility devices for use by persons who have a disability from payment of parking fees at a publicly owned or operated airport, etc. TR 01/09/2012 Fav/CS CA 01/23/2012 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
13	SB 1042 Bennett (Identical H 801)	Emergency 911 Service; Revising the qualifications required for the members of the E911 Board; requiring that a voice communications service provider, other than a wireless service provider, impose a fee based on the number of access lines to the E911 system and on the basis of certain access lines for each digital transmission link, up to a specified number of access lines per account bill rendered; revising the criteria that a local government may use in order to indemnify a local carrier; expanding the types of providers that may be indemnified and that are not liable for certain damages; defining the term "provide 911 or E911 service"; removing the requirement that the Florida Telephone Association recommend certain representatives to an advisory committee to the Public Service Commission, etc. CA 01/23/2012 Fav/CS CU BC	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
14	SB 842 Bennett (Compare CS/H 1037, H 1489, H 4003, H 7041, S 188, CS/S 440, CS/S 1204, S 1348)	Growth Management; Repealing provisions relating to the powers and duties of the Secretary of Community Affairs and functions of the Department of Community Affairs with respect to federal grant-in-aid programs; replacing references to the Department of Community Affairs with state land planning agency; repealing provisions relating to the Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program; deleting provisions relating to the Coastal Resources Interagency Management Committee; deleting provisions excluding a municipality that is not a signatory to a certain interlocal agreement from participating in a school concurrency system; replacing references to the Department of Community Affairs with the Department of Economic Opportunity; deleting requirements for interlocal agreements relating to public education facilities, etc. CA 01/23/2012 Fav/CS CM BC	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 1

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15	SB 816 Bennett (Identical H 1365)	Professional Sports Facilities; Requiring the county commission in a county in which a professional sports facility is located to establish a local homeless coalition if a local homeless program does not exist in that county; requiring that, by a specified date, the professional sports franchise that plays in a facility that benefited from financial assistance from the state, and the county in which the facility is located, provide the Auditor General with documentation that a homeless shelter has been operating at the facility from the effective date of the contract between the county and the professional sports franchise; requiring the Auditor General to levy a specified fine against the professional sports franchise and the county if, after a specified date, the Auditor General determines that a homeless shelter is not operating at the facility until such time that the professional sports franchise and county are operating a homeless shelter, etc. CA 01/23/2012 Fav/1 Amendment CM CF BC	Fav/1 Amendment (362006) Yeas 8 Nays 0
16	SB 1196 Bennett (Identical H 1013)	Residential Construction Warranties; Providing legislative intent to affirm the limitations to the doctrine of implied warranty of fitness and merchantability or habitability associated with the construction and sale of a new home; providing definitions; prohibiting a cause of action in law or equity based upon the doctrine of implied warranty of fitness and merchantability or habitability for off-site improvements, except as otherwise provided by law; providing for applicability of the act; providing for severability, etc. CA 01/23/2012 Fav/CS JU BC	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0

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17	SB 818 Bennett (Identical H 597)	Animal Shelters and Animal Control Agencies; Creating the "Animal Rescue Act"; requiring any animal control agency or animal shelter that euthanizes animals to maintain a registry of animal rescue groups that are willing to accept animals that would otherwise be subject to euthanization; providing eligibility criteria for rescue groups and persons desiring to be on the euthanization registry; providing criteria under which an animal control agency or animal shelter may reject an applicant for the euthanization registry or remove a participant from the registry; requiring that certain specified information concerning an animal rescue group be included in the group's application for inclusion on the euthanasia registry, etc. CA 01/12/2012 Temporarily Postponed CA 01/23/2012 Fav/CS AG	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
Florida Association of Counties 2012 Legislative Priorities			Not Considered
Other Related Meeting Documents			
