

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: CS/CS/HB 17, 2nd Eng. [H0017.HMS]
SPONSOR: Representative Constantine
SUBJECT: Community Revitalization
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Comprehensive Planning, Local and Military Affairs
DATE: April 29, 1999

I. Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment #1--284357 (body)
House Amendment #2--434871 (body with title)
House Amendment #3--601489 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment #1--Deletes language regarding the State Housing Tax Credit Program that provides that the total amount of tax credit which may be granted for all projects approved by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation under the program is \$5 million annually for each of five years and substitutes language that the total amount of tax credits allocated for all projects cannot exceed the amount appropriated for the program in the General Appropriations Act. In addition, the amendment provides that the total tax credits allocated is defined as the total credits pledged over a 5-year period for all projects.

House Amendment #2--Deletes the \$5 million appropriations to the Department of Community Affairs for the Urban Infill and Redevelopment Program and the \$5 million appropriations for the State Housing Tax Credit Program.

House Amendment #3--Amends s. 170.09, F.S., regarding the priority of liens in the payment of special assessments to change the maximum number of years in which installment payments can be made in which to pay special assessments levied for capital improvements, from 20 years to 30 year, notwithstanding any special act to the contrary. *It appears this language was never heard in committee in either the House or Senate.*

House Amendment #4--Includes a number of changes to chapter 290, F.S., relating to Community Development Districts which were the content of CS/SB 2456. The amendment includes numerous revisions to chapter 190, F.S., regarding community development districts (CDDs) including: financial disclosure requirements; the imposition and collection of special assessments; revising bidding and contracting procedures; providing additional functions authorized for CDDs; requiring training for new board members; and making it easier to alter district boundaries. In addition, a section of the amendment amends a section of chapter 190 that, having been adopted by a three-fifths vote pursuant to s. 11(a)(21), Article III of the State Constitution, prohibits the creation of certain types of special districts. Hence, this section of the amendment requires a three-fifths vote of both houses of the Legislature in order to become law.

The amendment also contains the content of HB 1133, for which there is no Senate Companion, which authorizes water management districts to advertise bids, RFPs or other solicitations in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the principal office of the water management is located, at least 7 days before the meeting, instead of the Florida Administrative Weekly. In addition, the amendment changes the section providing for a continuing education program for newly elected special district officials so that: 1) DCA instead of the Association of Special Districts is responsible for the program; and 2) the continuing education is not mandatory; and 3) removing the sanction for noncompliance of being prohibited from voting on district matters.