



MEMORANDUM

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Chairwoman

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To: Honorable Carlos A. Gimenez, Mayor
Honorable Lynda Bell, Vice Chair and
Members, Board of County Commissioners

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Cc: R. A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney
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From: Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman

Re: 2014 Florida Legislature
End-of Session Report

The following report provides the status of legislation and appropriations related to Miami-Dade County from the 2014 session of the Florida Legislature that ended on May 2, 2014. The information compiled was provided by Miami-Dade's contract lobbyists, CAO Jess McCarty and Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

The sections are broken down as follows: "Section A" addresses Miami-Dade County Priorities as set by the Board of County Commissioners and other issues of significance; Sections B through F address issues in various policy areas.

While the 2014 legislative session has concluded, bills are still being transmitted by the Senate President and House Speaker to the Governor. This process usually continues over a period of several months, as bills are presented to the Governor in groups on a daily basis. Once the bills are presented to the Governor, he has fifteen days to sign, veto or allow the bill to become law. Unless otherwise noted below, bills listed below have not yet been transmitted to the Governor.

A. Miami-Dade Priorities & Other Key Issues:

1. Miami-Dade Home Rule Charter -DIED in committee- SJR 1256 by Sen. Rene Garcia (R- Hialeah) and HJR 1081 by Rep. Frank Artiles (R-Miami) would have provided for a statewide vote to allow Miami-Dade Delegation members to propose Miami-Dade Charter amendment for the county ballot. SJR 1256 died in the Senate Judiciary Committee and HJR 1081 died in the House Local & Federal Affairs Committee chaired by Rep. Eddy Gonzalez (R-Hialeah). This issue was a County priority and was the subject of Resolution No. R-257-14, Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.

2. Film Incentives -DIED in committee- SB 1630 and SB 1734 by Sen. Nancy Detert (R-Venice) and HB 893 by Rep. Manny Diaz (R-Hialeah) would have extended the film and entertainment incentive program and provided additional funding. These bills died in committee. A \$20 million appropriation for film incentives was removed from the budget during the budget conference. This issue was a County priority and was the subject of Resolution No. R-366-14, Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Resolution No. R-602-13, Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.

3. Enterprise Zone Reauthorization -DIED in committee- SB 472 by Sen. Joe Abruzzo (D- Wellington) and HB 141 by Rep. Bobby Powell (D-West Palm Beach) would have reauthorized the Enterprise Zone Program currently set to expire at the end of 2015. SB 472 and HB 141 died in committee. This issue was a County priority and was the subject of Resolution No. R-862-13, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

4. Aaron Cohen/Leaving the Scene of an Accident -PASSED subject to action by the Governor- SB 102 by Sen. Miguel Diaz de la Portilla (R-Miami) (House companion bill HB 183 by Rep. Bryan Nelson (R-Apopka)) increases the minimum mandatory sentence for leaving the scene of an accident and provides additional protections for cyclists and other vulnerable road users. This issue was a County priority and was the subject of Resolution No. R-261-13, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

5. Florida Retirement System -DIED on the floor- SB 1114 by Sen. Wilton Simpson (R-New Port Richey) and HB 7181 by the House State Affairs Committee would have changed the default retirement plan for new employees starting in 2015 from the pension plan to a 401(k)-style plan and prohibited elected officials except judges from participating in the pension plan. The House passed HB 7181 but SB 1114 and HB 7181 died on the Senate floor. This issue was a County priority and was the subject of Resolution No. R-179-14, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

6. Miami-Dade Expressway Authority -DIED in committee- SB 772 by Sen. Rene Garcia (R- Hialeah) and HB 353 by Rep. Jeanette Nuñez (R-Miami) would have required the

Board of County Commissioners to approve any MDX toll increase by a supermajority vote, shift the balance of MDX Board appointments from the BCC to the Governor and limited the bonding authority of MDX. These bills died in committee. Ethics language re: MDX passed on SB 846. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R-285-14, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis Moss.

7. Public Health Trust Collective Bargaining -DIED in messages- The House amended language into HB 7113 by Rep. Jason Brodeur (R- Sanford) and Gregory Steube (R-Sarasota) that would have authorized the PHT to execute contracts with labor unions without prior approval by the Board of County Commissioners. Sen. Miguel Diaz de la Portilla (R-Miami) successfully ran an amendment to strip this language out of HB 7113 on the Senate floor. The bill eventually died in House messages.

8. Sadowski Act Affordable Housing Trust Fund -APPROVED by the Governor- The final budget as approved by the legislature funds affordable housing at \$167.7 million. The State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) program will receive \$100 million (\$96 million allocated to local governments; \$4 million allocated for homeless programs through the Dept. of Children and Families) and the State Apartment Initiative Loan (SAIL) program will be funded at \$67.7 million (with \$10 million allocated for competitive grants for housing for the disabled). Miami-Dade will receive \$4,838,850 in SHIP funds for FY2014-2015. This issue was a County priority and was the subject of Resolution No. R-952-13, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jean Monestime.

9. Skyrise Miami -VETOED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 included the Skyrise Miami project at \$2 million but the Governor vetoed this funding. This issue was a County priority and was the subject of Resolution No. R-176-14, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Bruno Barreiro.

10. FIU Expansion/Youth Fair -APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes \$10 million in funding for Florida International University "Strategic Land Acquisition" as part of the Fixed Education Capital Outlay. This issue was a County priority and was the subject of Resolution No. R- 867-13, Prime Sponsors Commissioner Juan C. Zapata and Sen. Javier Souto.

11. Medicaid Expansion -DIED without a hearing- SB 710 by Sen. Rene Garcia (R-Miami) and HB869 by Rep. Amanda Murphy (D- New Port Richey) both died without receiving a committee hearing. Leadership decided that without additional flexibility from the federal government, Medicaid expansion would not be considered. This issue was a County priority and was the subject of Resolution No. R- 932-14, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara Jordan.

12. Juvenile Detention Costs -DIED in messages- HB 5305 by the House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee and SB 1532 by Sen. Rob Bradley (R-Orange Park) would have imposed a 50-50 State-Counties cost share for juvenile detention costs in light of recent lawsuits,

and HB 5305 included a payment to counties for prior overpayments. The House passed HB 5305, but SB 1532 died in committee. The prior overpayment funding issue was dropped during the budget conference process.

13. Citizen's Property Insurance -PASSED subject to action by Governor- SB 708 by Sen. Aaron Bean (R-Jacksonville) (House companion HB 759 by Rep. George Moraitis (R-Ft. Lauderdale)) creates a one page 'Bill of Rights' that homeowners receive when they file a claim to ensure they understand both their rights and their responsibilities. The bill also eliminates a claims denying practice by giving an insurer an initial 90 day review period to properly vet applications for insurance. Once the insurer accepts the coverage, it cannot terminate policies after that period based on publically available credit information. The Legislature also passed SB 542 by Senator Brandes (R- St. Petersburg), which creates additional flexibility in purchasing flood insurance policies by allowing policy holders to opt to either include or exclude coverage for contents, living expenses and secondary structures. This issue was a County priority and was the subject of Resolution No. R-363-14, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Lynda Bell and Resolution No. R-954-13, Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.

14. Public Meeting Notices -DIED in committee- SB 718 by Sen. John Legg (R-Lutz) and HB 985 by Rep. Dave Santiago (R-Deltona) would have required that notice of a public meeting include a description of each matter to be considered at such meeting. The bill would have prohibited the commission from taking action on any matter at the public meeting that was not included in the meeting notice unless it concerns an "impending public health, safety, welfare, or other emergency that requires immediate action, and the consideration of the matter is approved by a super majority of the commission." Both bills died in committee. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R-1012-13, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

B. Library, Cultural Affairs and Parks & Recreation

15. Library Grants -APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes funding of statewide library grants to local governments in the amount of \$29.8 million, which reflects a \$3.36 million Increase over the current year and an amount that fully draws federal matching funds.

16. Miami Military Museum -APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes \$1.075 million for the Miami Military Museum. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R- 772-13, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis Moss.

17. Cultural & Museum Grants -APPROVED by the Governor- The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes \$25.4 million for cultural and museum grants, including \$24.2 million to fully fund cultural programs ranked by the Secretary of State. The remaining amount is allocated to particular programs including \$300,000 for the History Miami Operation Pedro Pan Exhibit and \$400,000 for the Miami Beach Holocaust Memorial.

18. Museum Park funding -VETOED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 included \$1 million for public infrastructure improvements re: Museum Park. The funding would have gone to the City of Miami, contingent on the City of Miami or Miami-Dade County providing a 50 percent match in either cash or capital project that benefits Museum Park. The Governor line-item vetoed this funding. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R-260-14, Prime Co-Sponsors Commissioner Bruno Barreiro and Commissioner Audrey Edmonson.

19. Ludlam Trail Corridor -APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes \$3.4 million in funding for the development and enhancement of Museum Park.

20. Beach Renourishment Programs - APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes just over \$47 million for the beach program.

21. Miracle League Ballpark -APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes \$150,000 in funding for Miracle League Ballpark, Miami-Dade Parks.

22. Park Admission for Active Duty Members -DIED in committee- SB 378 by Sen. Joseph Abruzzo (D-Wellington) and HB 677 by Rep. Alan Williams (D-Tallahassee) would have required local governments to create further discounts on park admission fees and created a large unfunded mandate. The bills died in committee. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R-243-14 Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

C. Transportation & Economic Development Issues

23. Port Miami -APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes the following funding for Port of Miami Tunnel from Port Miami to SR 836 /I-395:

- \$23.5 million – Intermodal Development Grants

24. Aviation -APPROVED by the Governor -The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes the following for airport funding:

- \$284.1 million – Aviation Development Grants
- \$20.3 million – Aviation Development Grants (Specific to Miami-Dade County)

25. Regional Planning Councils -VETOED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 included \$2.5 million for Regional Planning Councils statewide. This funding was vetoed.

26. Buses loading/unloading impeding traffic -PASSED subject to action by the Governor- HB 7005 by the Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles package, was amended in the Senate to prohibit a bus from stopping to load or unload passengers in a manner that impedes, blocks or otherwise restricts the progression of traffic on the main traveled portion of

a roadway if there is another reasonable means for the bus to stop parallel to the travel lane and safely load and unload passengers. The language had not been included in any bill this session or heard in any committee in either the Senate or House. The bill goes next to the Governor for final action.

27. Miami Springs Boulevard Codesignation -PASSED subject to action by the Governor-The Miami Springs Boulevard codesignation passed in section 64 of SB 820, which is currently pending approval by the Governor. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R-1040-13, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

28. Nelson Mandela Boulevard Codesignation -PASSED subject to action by the Governor-The Nelson Mandela Boulevard codesignation passed in section 9 of SB 820, which is currently pending approval from the Governor. It is found in Section 9 of said bill. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R-255-14, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara Jordan.

29. Advanced Traffic Management System -APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes around \$2 million for Advanced Traffic Management in the State Transportation Trust Fund, which is the same amount as the last several years.

30. Professional Sports Facility Incentive Program –PASSED subject to action by the Governor- HB 7095 by House Economic Affairs Committee (Senate companion SB 1216 by Sen. Jack Latvala (R-Clearwater) creates the Professional Sports Facility Incentive Program process to provide state funding for the construction, reconstruction, or renovation of a professional sports facility. The program creates a new application, review, and approval process for funding, administered by the Department of Economic Opportunity. The bill clarifies current law that facilities receiving state funds can be used as an emergency shelter when there is a declared emergency by the state or local government. The bill also allows municipalities and counties to expend portions of the local government half-cent sales tax for reimbursing the state as required by the program. Additionally, the final version includes a provision relating to human trafficking of players, requiring Major League Baseball to modify their rules before Florida baseball teams receive funds from the new program.

31. Economic Development Funding –APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes the following funding for economic development activities:

- Economic Development Partners – \$118.9 million
- Enterprise Florida (EFI) - \$8.6 million Trust Fund
- EFI – International Trade & Promotion - \$6.8 million Trust Fund
- Florida Sports Foundation - \$4.5 million Trust Fund
- VISIT Florida - \$74 million Trust Fund
- Space Florida - \$19.5 million (\$2 million General Revenue; 17.5 million Trust Fund)
- Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research - \$5.5 million Trust Fund

- Economic Development Incentive Programs - \$71 million Trust Fund
- Economic Development Projects and Initiatives - \$13.9 million (\$1 million General Revenue; \$12.9 million Trust Fund)
- Quick Response Training - \$12.1 million
- Workforce Development Projects - \$4.8 million (\$1.2 million General Revenue; \$3.6 million Trust Fund)
- Florida Defense Support Task Force - \$3.5 million
- Military Base Protection & Defense Infrastructure - \$2.6 million

32. CRA/Former Military Facilities -DIED in committee- SB 338 by Sen. Dwight Bullard (D-Miami and HB 1429 by Rep. Kionne McGhee (D-Miami)) would have renamed the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969; redefining the term “blighted area,” as applicable to the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969, to include land previously used as a military facility and adjacent to a county. Both bills died in committee. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R-113-13, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis Moss.

D. Public Safety, Regulatory, Animal Services & Procurement

33. Sexual Predator/Offender Transient Reporting/Drivers Licenses -Approved by the Governor- SB 528 by Sen. Greg Evers (R - Pensacola)(House companion HB 7025 Dane Eagle (R-Cape Coral) requires transient sexual predators and offenders to report to the Sheriff’s Office every 30 days while maintaining transient status. The Governor signed SB 528 into law on April 1, 2014. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R- 69-14, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Diaz.

34. Sexual Predator Drivers License -PASSED subject to action by the Governor- HB 7005, the Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles package, includes language requiring the drivers licenses of sexual predators to expressly identify them as such. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R- 69-14, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Diaz.

35. Involuntary Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent Predators -APPROVED by the Governor- SB 522 by Sen. Denise Grimsley (R-Sebring) (House companion HB 7019 by Criminal Justice Subcommittee) primarily deals with the Jimmy Ryce Act, also known as the civil commitment statute, increasing the accountability in an evaluation process to determine whether an offender should be committed civilly following the criminal sentence they are serving. Additionally, this bill requires the Department of Children and Families to notify victims and law enforcement when the person is released. This bill authorizes and requires a state attorney to refer these released offenders for civil commitment; requires the agency with jurisdiction over a person who has been convicted of a sexually violent offense to give written notice to the multidisciplinary team as soon as practicable after receipt into custody in a county or municipal jail facility; provides for these released offenders to be taken into custody by the Department of Children and Families; and requires the Department of Corrections to collect recidivism

information and include the information in their annual report. SB 522 was approved by the Governor; Chapter No. 2014-2, and takes effect July 1, 2014.

36. Sexually Violent Predators -APPROVED by the Governor- SB 524 by Sen. Eleanor Sobel (D-Hollywood) (House companion HB 7021 by Healthy Families Subcommittee) requires the Department of Children and Families to provide training to the members of the multidisciplinary team; requiring the multidisciplinary team to provide the state attorney with a written assessment and recommendation as to whether a person meets the definition of a sexually violent predator; requiring Florida College System institutions, state universities, and career centers to inform students and employees of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement sexual predator and sexual offender registry website and the toll-free telephone number. SB 524 was approved by the Governor; Chapter No. 2014-3, and takes effect July 1, 2014.

37. Sexual Offenses Against The Most Vulnerable -APPROVED by the Governor- SB 526 by Sen. Rob Bradley (R-Orange Park) (House companion HB 7027 by Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Shalimar) mandates a 50-year sentence for people who rape children, the developmentally disabled or the elderly. The mandatory minimum for raping children is now 25 years. SB 526 was approved by the Governor; Chapter No. 2014-4, and takes effect October 1, 2014.

38. Human Trafficking -PASSED subject to action by the Governor- HB 989 by Rep. Carlos Trujillo (R-Miami) amends a variety of statutes that currently provide protections to victims of sexual offenses, to extend those protections to victims of human trafficking. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R- 75-14, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

39. Red light Camera Repeal -DIED in committee- SB 144 by Sen. Jeff Brandes (R-St. Petersburg) and HB 4009 by Rep. Frank Artiles (R - Miami) would have repealed state authorization for red light camera programs. Both bills died in committee. The language was amended onto other bills, but these amendments were eventually removed from those bills.

40. Relating to Animal Cruelty -DIED in committee- SB 1504 by Sen. Joseph Abruzzo (D-Wellington) and HB 637 by Travis Hutson (R-Elkton) would have added state attorneys to the list of entities authorized to file a petition in county court requiring the court to hold a hearing to determine whether an animal owner is able to care for the animal; requiring a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for an act of aggravated animal cruelty; providing that it is a crime to keep an animal in an enclosure without wholesome exercise or exchange of air, etc. Both bills died in committee. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R- 463-13, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz .

41. Taxi Cab Lease Rates -DIED in committee- HB 403 by Rep. Daphne Campbell (D-Miami) and SB 1016 by Oscar Braynon (D-Miami Gardens) would have authorized certain counties to establish the maximum rate that the holder of a permit to operate taxis may charge a

taxi driver to operate a taxi under such permit. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R-934-14, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jean Monestime.

42. Chauffeured Limousine Preemption -DIED on the floor- HB 1389 by Rep. Jamie Grant (R-Tampa) and SB 1618 by Sen. Jeff Brandes (R- St. Petersburg) would have preempted local governments from regulating limousines and other for-hire vehicles other than taxis. SB 1618 died in committee and HB 1389 died on the House floor calendar.

43. Vacation Rentals Regulation -PASSED subject to action by the Governor- SB 356 by Sen. Senator Thrasher (R-St Augustine) (House companion HB 307 by Rep. Travis Hutson (R-Palm Coast) repeals the provisions in current law that prohibit local laws, ordinances, or regulations that restrict the use of vacation rentals or that regulate vacation rentals based solely on their classification, use, or occupancy. SB 356 passed both the House and Senate and is awaiting action by the Governor.

44. Special Needs Registry -PASSED subject to action by the Governor- HB 709 by Rep. Matt Hudson (R-Naples) (Senate companion SB 872 by Sen. Garrett Richter (R-Naples)) was passed by the Legislature with the new state registry intact. When questioned, the sponsor repeatedly indicated the language does not intent to preempt local registry programs. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R- 819-13, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

45. Medical Examiner fee preemption -DIED in messages- SB 584 by Sen. Tom Lee (R- Brandon) and HB 301 by Rep. Ross Spano (R-Riverview) would have preempted Medical Examiners from charging a fee for cause of death determinations in the case of cremation. SB 584 and HB 301 died in committee. Language imposing a \$50 fee cap on such cause of death determinations was amended on to HB 819, a Florida Department of Health bill. HB 819 passed the House, but died in messages to the Senate because the Senate bill, SB 1066 died in committee. The \$50 fee cap language was then amended onto HB 7105 and died in messages to the Senate.

46. Wage Theft preemption -DIED on the floor- SB 926 by Sen. Wilton Simpson (R-New Port Richey) and HB 957 by Rep. Neil Combee (R-Auburndale) would have preempted local wage theft programs. The bills grandfathered existing ordinances including Miami-Dade's and were amended to allow future amendment of our ordinance in committee. SB 926 died on the Senate floor calendar and HB 957 died in the House Local & Federal Affairs Committee chaired by Rep. Eddy Gonzalez (R-Hialeah).

47. Local Preference Preemption -DIED in committee- SB 612 by Sen. Alan Hays (R-Umatilla) and HB 801 by Rep. Heather Fitzenhagen (R- Fort Myers) would have preempted local preference ordinances. These bills died in committee. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R- 283-14 Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey Edmonson.

E. Housing, Health & Human Services

48. Crisis Outplacement/Miami-Dade Homeless Trust –APPROVED by the Governor- The Conference Report on HB 5001 fully funded this recurring project in the Department of Children and Families for \$180,000.

49. Cardiac Prevention -DIED in messages- HB 533 by Rep. Manny Diaz (R-Hialeah) and SB 284 by Sen. Rene Garcia (R-Hialeah). The Cardiac Prevention language was attached to a larger and contentious K-12 extracurricular activity bill, which the House passed but its Senate companion died in committee. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R- 631-13, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban Bovo.

50. Elderly Meals/Local Service Programs -APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes all recurring meals and local services projects in the Department of Elder Affairs budget. Several Miami-Dade programs also received additional non-recurring funds. Projects which received additional funding are:

- City of Hialeah Senior Center - Hot Meals - \$898,913
- Hialeah Gardens - Hot Meals - \$215,000
- Little Havana Activity Center Adult Day Care - \$704,565
- Little Havana Activity Center Meals Program - \$374,728
- Town of Medley - \$397,826
- City of Miami Springs Hot Meals Program - \$99,457

51. Challenge Grants -PASSED subject to action by the Governor- HB 979 by Rep. Kathleen Peters (R-St. Petersburg) (Senate companion SB 1090 by Jack Latvala (R-Clearwater) revises legislative findings; requires the Department of Economic Opportunity to provide training & technical assistance to certain designated lead agencies of homeless assistance continuums of care; requires that provision of such training & assistance be delegated to certain nonprofit entities; requires department to establish award levels for "Challenge Grants"; specifies criteria to determine award levels; requires department, after consultation with Council on Homelessness, to specify grant award level in notice of solicitation of grant applications; revises qualifications for grant; specifies authorized uses of grant funds; requires lead agency that receives grant to submit report to department; provides for contingent effect.

52. Assisted Living Facilities -DIED on the floor- SB 248 by Children Families and Elder Affairs, a comprehensive Assisted Facilities Bill, as passed by the Senate early in the session. House companion HB 91 by Rep. Kenneth Roberson (R-Charlotte), which was approved toward the end of April, also included several other health care issues. Despite attempts by the sponsors to reach compromise on the issue, and their efforts to amend the proposal onto other various health care related bills, the chambers could not agree and the legislation died in the closing days of session. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R-864-13, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

53. Public Health Trust Lease of Office Space -PASSED subject to approval by the Governor- HB 531 by Rep. David Richardson (D-Miami Beach) (Senate companion SB 640 by Sen. Oscar Braynon (D-Miami Gardens)) amends Section 154.11(1)(f), F.S. to allow the Public Health Trust to lease office space without going through the steps of the competitive bid process and assist the PHT in recruiting physicians to continue providing world class care. This bill is pending approval by the Governor.

F. Agriculture, Environment & Land Use

54. Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show funding -APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes \$25,000 in funding for marketing of the Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R-953-13, Prime Sponsor Sen. Javier Souto.

55. Water Project Funding -APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes \$500,000 for the SW 157 Avenue Canal project.

56. Everglades, Lake Okeechobee, and Estuaries -APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes:

- Lake Okeechobee Best Management Practices - \$3,000,000
- Lake Okeechobee Nutrient Reduction Projects - \$10,000,000
- Hybrid wetland treatment technology in the Northern Everglades - \$9,000,000
- Lake Okeechobee and Estuaries - \$79,075,000
- Indian River Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee Basin - \$10,000,000
- Restoration Strategies (Everglades Agricultural Area water quality improvement) - \$32,000,000
- Alligator Alley Toll Revenue to the South Florida Water Management District - \$8,600,000
- Pledged workplan for the Tamiami Trail Bridge - \$90,000,000 (over three years)

57. Florida Forever -APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes \$57.7 million overall for Florida Forever, including \$20 million in general revenue and up to \$37.5 million from the sale of non-conservation lands.

58. Facility Construction-APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes \$77.2 million for Drinking Water (state revolving loan) and \$161.6 million for wastewater treatment.

59. Air Quality -APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes \$4 million for Title V and \$7.7 million from Motor Vehicle Registration Proceeds.

60. Petroleum Storage Tanks -APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes \$7 million for Local Government Cleanup Contracting, \$5.9 million for Storage Tank Compliance Verification and \$110 million for cleanup.

61. Giant African Snail Eradication -APPROVED by the Governor-The Conference Report on HB 5001 includes \$3.4 million for the eradication of this invasive species.

62. Water and Wastewater Utilities Preemption -DIED in committee- HB 813 by Rep. Debbie Mayfield (R-Vero Beach) and SB 1248 by Sen. Jack Latvala (R-Clearwater) would have amended several sections of Florida law related to the provision of water and sewer utility services by a municipality in unincorporated areas of a county.

63. Urban Development Boundary/Wetlands Readoption Preemption -DIED in committee- SB 1464 by Sen. Wilton Simpson (R - New Port Richey) and HB 703 by Rep. Jimmy Patronis (R-Panama City) would have preempted the supermajority vote requirement related to development outside the UDB. These bills also included language that would have preempted local wetlands regulations. These bills were amended to address these issues for Miami-Dade County, and these bills eventually died in committee. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R-257-14, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

64. Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) preemption -DIED in committee- SB 372 by Sen. Bill Galvano (R-Bradenton) and HB 241 Matt Gaetz (R-Shalimar) would have preempted the incentive for development within Urban Development Boundary by requiring a DRI only outside the UDB. SB 372 was amended to address this issue for Miami-Dade County. Both bills died in committee. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R-73-14, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

65. Impact fee/concurrency 3-year ban -DIED on the floor- HB 7023 by the House Economic Development & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee chaired by Rep. Carlos Trujillo (R- Doral) would have prohibited local governments from imposing impact fees and concurrency for three years and also would have required local governments to readopt impact fee requirements and concurrency pursuant to the provisions of the bill. HB 7023 passed the full House with the impact fee/concurrency language, but the Senate removed this language out of HB 7023 on the floor, and an effort to reinsert this language on the Senate floor was defeated.

66. Building Construction Policies -PASSED subject to action by the Governor- HB 7147 by Rep. Jose Diaz (R-Miami) (Senate companion SB 1044 by Sen. Wilton Simpson (R- New Port Richey)) passed on the last day of session and makes numerous revisions to energy-related duties, powers, and functions of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) as well as building construction statutes. The bill includes the following two provisions, which Miami-Dade County fought to oppose:

- Provides that in single-family dwellings, make-up air is not required for range hood exhaust systems capable of exhausting 400 cubic feet per minute or less, or more than 400 cubic feet per minute but no more than 800 cubic feet per minute if there are no gravity vent appliances within the conditioned living space of the structure;
- Exempts tents up to 30 feet from the Florida Fire Prevention Code; and

G. Finance & Tax

67. Tax Package –APPROVED by the Governor- HB 5601 by the House Finance and Tax Committee contains \$100 million in tax reductions. An amendment offered in the Senate Appropriations Committee resolved the Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) issue. This will prevent a \$20 million fiscal impact to local governments statewide. Additionally, the reduction in the communications services tax was removed entirely from the bill. As passed, the legislation no longer has a significant fiscal impact on local governments. The major provisions of this omnibus \$105 million tax cut package include the following:

- Creates a 3-day sales tax holiday from September 19-21, 2014, for the first \$1,500 of the sales price for energy-efficient appliances;
- Creates a sales tax holiday from May 31-June 8, 2014, for certain hurricane preparedness supplies;
- Expands from \$178.8 million to \$216.44 million, of the credits available under the New Markets Tax Credit program, which directs investment into low income communities.
- Provides a one-year extension of the Community Contributions Tax Credit program and includes an additional \$7.9 million;
- Changes the tax treatment of mobile phone prepaid calling plans;
- Allows a local government to repeal or reduce the Local Business Tax by majority vote;
- Allows sales tax dealers to receive partial credits or refunds of sales taxes paid on purchases made with uncollectable private-label credit card accounts;
- Revises the calculation of the premium tax imposed on bail bond premiums;
- Reduces the sales tax rate on electricity purchases and creates an additional Gross Receipts tax rate on electricity purchases – the new combined sales tax/gross receipts tax rate is 6.95% instead of 7% as provided under current law;
- Provides an increase in the cigarette tax distribution proceeds to the Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute from 2.755 to 4.04%;
- Provides a new sales tax exemption for therapeutic veterinary diets available from a licensed veterinarian;
- Creates a sales tax exemption for certain prepaid college meal plans;
- Includes cement mixing drums to an existing temporary sales tax exemption for manufacturing machinery and equipment, which will expire in 2017; and

- Provides a permanent sales tax exemption for child restraint systems and booster seats for use in motor vehicles, and for bicycle helmets marketed for use by youth.

HB 5601 passed on the last day of session and was approved by the Governor.

68. Fair Associations -DIED in committee- SB 624 by Sen. Wilton Simpson (R-New Port Richey) and HB 1259 by Rep. Rene Garcia (R-Miami) would have exempted properties owned by fair associations from stormwater, impact, and mobility fees. Both bills died in committee.

69. Internet Sales Tax -DIED without a hearing- SB 202 by Sen. Gwen Margolis (D-Miami) and HB 217 by Rep. Rehwinkel Vasilinda (D-Tallahassee) would have required online retailers to collect Florida sales tax. This issue was the subject of Resolution No. R- 819-13, Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara Jordan.

70. Relating to Emergency Communication System -PASSED subject to action by the Governor- HB 175 by Rep. Gregory Steube (R-Sarasota) (Senate companion SB 294 by Sen. Alan Hays (R-Umatilla)). The bill sets the E911 fee at \$0.40 per month per service identifier (for post-paid voice communications services) and applies this fee to prepaid wireless service for each retail transaction. The bill also retains the existing E911 fee cap of \$0.50 and allows the E911 Board, no sooner than June 1, 2015, to adjust the rate under this cap by a two-thirds vote of the total number of all Board members