

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 17, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to enact Senate Bill
348, House Bill 1055, or similar
legislation that would provide
low-income seniors relief on the
rising costs of homeowners'
property insurance paid in this
state

Resolution No. R-51-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-51-24

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
ENACT SENATE BILL 348, HOUSE BILL 1055, OR SIMILAR
LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE LOW-INCOME
SENIORS RELIEF ON THE RISING COSTS OF
HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY INSURANCE PAID IN THIS
STATE

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (“SB”) 348 and House Bill (“HB”) 1055 have been filed for consideration during the Florida Legislature’s 2024 session by Senator Lauren Book (D – Davie) and Representative Robin Bartleman (D – Weston), respectively; and

WHEREAS, SB 348 and HB 1055 are similar companion bills that create the Insurance Rebate Program for low-income seniors within the Florida Department of Financial Services; and

WHEREAS, the Insurance Rebate Program would provide to low-income seniors much needed relief on the rising costs of homeowners’ property insurance paid in this state; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for a rebate under the program, a person must be a Florida resident, be 65 years of age or older, and have an income equal to or less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the eligible person must provide documentation verifying the payment of homeowners’ insurance and proof of his or her primary residence; and

WHEREAS, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the Insurance Rebate Program would be funded, subject to appropriation, from unallocated general revenue; and

WHEREAS, if enacted, SB 348 and HB 1055 would take effect on July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, low-income seniors are among our state’s most vulnerable taxpayers and are in need of relief on the rising costs of homeowners’ property insurance paid in this state,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to enact Senate Bill 348, House Bill 1055, or similar legislation that would provide low-income seniors relief on the rising costs of homeowners’ property insurance paid in this state.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, Senator Lauren Book, Representative Robin Bartleman, all cosponsors of SB 348 and HB 1055, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2024 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Juan Carlos Bermudez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of January, 2024. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Ryan Carlin