

February 18, 2021 FLC Pre-Session Call-In Summary

Please look for yellow highlights to see where the lobbyists need assistance.

Amber Hughes Update:

- [HB 15](#) (Clemons) & [SB 50](#) (Gruters) **Sales Tax Fairness** (FLC Priority) – **Support** – HB 15 has not yet been heard in a committee. It has two committee references: Ways & Means and Commerce. SB 50 unanimously passed its first committee on February 18. It has two more committee stops: Finance and Tax and Appropriations.
- [HB 1](#) (Fernandez-Barquin) & [SB 484](#) (Burgess) **Combatting Public Disorder – Oppose Impact on Municipal Operations** (section 1 and section 3 of the bills) – HB 1 passed its first committee of reference and has two more committee stops. SB 484 has not yet been heard in a committee. It has three committee stops.

Rebecca O'Hara Update:

- [HB 263](#) (Maggard) & [CS/SB 64](#) (Albritton) **Reclaimed Water** (FLC Priority – Wastewater Discharges) – HB 263 has not yet been heard in a committee. It has three committee references. CS/SB 64 passed its first committee on February 1 and has two more committee stops: Community Affairs and Appropriations.
- [HB 315](#) (LaMarca) & [SB 514](#) (Rodrigues) **Resiliency** – **Support** – HB 315 has not yet been heard in a committee. It has three committee references. SB 514 passed its first committee on February 15 and has two more committee stops: Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government and Appropriations.
- [HB 839](#) (Fabricio) & [SB 856](#) (Hutson) **Energy Infrastructure Regulation – Oppose-Preemption & Unfunded Mandate** – HB 839 has not yet received committee references. SB 856 has not yet been heard in a committee. It has three committee references.
- [HB 919](#) (Tomkow) & [SB 1128](#) (Hutson) **Preemption on Restriction of Utility Services – Oppose-Preemption** – HB 919 has not yet received committee references. SB 1128 has not yet been heard in a committee. It has three committee references.
- [HB 761](#) (Overdorf) & [SB 1008](#) (Hutson) **Solar Electrical Generating Facilities – Oppose-Preemption** – HB 761 has not yet been heard in a committee. It has three committee references. SB 1008 has not yet been heard in a committee. It has three committee references.

The six energy bills above could change in their terminology and could get consolidated into one bill.

Jeff Branch Update:

- [HB 13](#) (Killebrew) & [SB 510](#) (Hooper) **Affordable Housing** (FLC Priority) – **Support** – HB 13 has not yet been heard in a committee. It has two committee stops: Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee and Appropriations. SB 510 passed its first two committees of reference and has one more committee stop, the Appropriations Committee.
ASK: Contact members of your legislative delegation and ask them to co-sponsor HB 13 and SB 510.
- [CS/HB 55](#) (Overdorf) & [SB 284](#) (Perry) **Building Design – Oppose-Preemption** – HB 55 passed its first committee and has two more committee stops: Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee and Commerce Committee. SB 284 has not yet been heard in a committee. It has three committee references: Community Affairs, Regulated Industries and Rules.
ASK: If these bills concern you, please ask your contract lobbyist to contact Jeff at jbranch@flcities.com.

Ask: If you have any suggestions on how to make these bills better, contact Jeff.

- [HB 53](#) (DiCeglie) & [SB 1076](#) (Brodeur) **Public Works Projects – Oppose-Preemption** – HB 53 passed its first committee stop on February 18. It has two more committee stops: Public Integrity & Elections and State Affairs. SB 1076 has not yet been heard in a committee. It has three committee references.

ASK: Review the bill and provide feedback to Jeff.

ASK: If these bills concern you, please ask your contract lobbyist to contact Jeff.

Tara Taggart Update:

- [CS/HB 219](#) (Fischer) & [CS/SB 522](#) (Diaz) **Short-Term Rentals – Oppose-Preemption** – CS/HB 219 passed its first committee on February 10. It has two more committee stops: Ways & Means and Commerce. CS/SB 522 passed its first committee on February 16 and also has two more committee stops: Appropriations and Rules.

ASK: Reach out to members on the next committee stop ([House Ways & Means](#) and [Senate Appropriations](#)) and ask them to oppose the bills.

- [HB 239](#) (Altman) & [SB 334](#) (Gruters) **Smoking in Public Places – Support** – HB 239 has not yet been heard in a committee. It has three committee references. SB 334 passed its first committee on January 26 and has two more committee stops: Environment and Natural Resources and Rules.

ASK: Reach out to committee chairs in support of the bills. The committee chair for Senate Environment & Natural Resources is [Sen. Jason Brodeur](#). The committee chair for House Professions & Public Health Subcommittee is [Rep. Will Robinson](#).

David Cruz Update:

- **Annexation** (FLC Priority) – At this time, no bills have been filed. We have been in conversation with legislators about the possibility of an amendment that may address annexation issues.
- [HB 403](#) (Giallombardo) & [SB 266](#) (Perry) **Home-based Businesses – Oppose-Preemption** – HB 403 passed its first committee on February 18. The bill has one more committee stop, the Commerce Committee. SB 266 is still waiting to be heard in its first committee of reference, the Community Affairs Committee.

ASK: Thank House committee members on the Commerce Committee who voted no on HB 403. See FLC alert [HERE](#) for a list of members that voted no and for a list of members on the House Commerce Committee.

ASK: If you are concerned with Home-based Businesses, please reach out to [Sen. Jennifer Bradley](#), chair of the Community Affairs Committee, in opposition of SB 266.

- [HB 337](#) (DiCeglie) & [SB 750](#) (Gruters) **Impact Fees – Oppose** – HB 337 has not yet been heard in a committee. It has three committee stops. SB 750 has not yet been heard in a committee and it also has three committee stops.

Advocacy Update - Allison Payne

- Short-Term Rentals – Reach out to members on the [House Ways & Means Committee](#) and the [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) to oppose the bills.
- Home-based Businesses – Reach out to members on the Commerce Committee and ask them to vote NO on HB 403. This is the final committee stop in the House. See FLC Alert [HERE](#).
- When you receive an FLC alert, consider forwarding the FLC alert to citizen groups in your area – especially on the two issues above.
- New FLC alert tool – text Homerule to 50457

- Sending messages or holding meetings with your legislators? Let Allison know the great advocacy efforts you are making. Email Allison at apayne@flcities.com.
- We hope you will join us for FLC Virtual Legislative Action Week on March 15-19, 2021. To RSVP, click [HERE](#). It's not too early to go ahead and set-up meetings with your legislators. FLC will be providing members with a position paper that can be shared with legislators.