

**PORT OF PALM BEACH DISTRICT  
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION AND  
COMMISSION ACTION**

**DISTRICT REPORTS  
ITEM G-3**

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**PREPARED BY:** Venice Howard          Deputy Clerk                                  March 5, 2018

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**SUBJECT:**                                  **GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS REPORT**

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**BACKGROUND:** For your review and discussion, attached is a copy of the Governmental Affairs Report provided by Mr. Richard Pinsky.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED:**          No \_\_\_\_\_          Yes   X  

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** N/A

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**RECOMMENDATION:** None. Informational Item Only.

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**Respectfully Submitted By:**



**Manuel Almira, Executive Director**

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**DATE ACTION TAKEN:** \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_

Deferred To: \_\_\_\_\_

Incorporated into Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Unanimous: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_



## Port of Palm Beach Governmental Affairs Report

March 3, 2018

**THERE ARE 7 DAYS LEFT UNTIL THE END OF REGULAR SESSION**

*Budget conferencing officially began on Tuesday of Week 8.*

*The Parkland school shooting has caused a reprioritization of spending proposals to make room for the estimated \$400 million dollars needed to fund increased school safety against active shooter scenarios.*

*The final week of Session will be the usual frenzied exercise of trying to revive bills that are on "life-support"; legislators begging to have their bills heard; and House and Senate leaders, as well as the Governor, all trying to get their priorities across the finish line before Sine Die.*

*Going into the final week, here are updates on the bills impacting local government that are still "alive" going into the last week of session, but may or may not be in jeopardy of passing both Chambers.*

### **SB 192 & HB 79 Public Meetings**

Specifying conditions under which members of any board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of any county, Municipal Corporation, or political subdivision may participate in fact-finding exercises or excursions, etc.

**SB 192** is in Messages to the House.

**HB 79** despite passing all of its committees, is stalled. It has not moved to the Floor.

### **HB 815 and SB 1180 Municipal Employees**

Contains public disclosure and ethics requirements, and contains limits on the travel of county and municipal public officers and employees by requiring prior approval by the county or municipal board.

**HB 815** is on 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading waiting to be scheduled for final passage.

**SB 1180** is stalled in its last committee, Rules.

### **BUDGET**

Both chamber's budgets include identical amounts in transportation funding for Ports:

- **\$15 million for debt reserve payments (FPFC 1996 Bond Refinance)**
- **\$10 million for debt reserve payments (FPFC 1999 Bond Refinance)**



- **\$132,525,084 for the FSTED Program, SIS, GM, SPII and other FDOT allocations in FDOT 5-Year Work Program.**
- **\$12,255,813 for the Seaport Investment Program/Bond debt reserve payments.**
- **\$70, 825,643 for the FDOT Intermodal Development/Grants Program. This may include some seaport projects.**
- **\$2 million for the Port of Fernandina Multipurpose Dock Crane and Warehouse.**