

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

**DISTRICT REPORTS  
ITEM H-3**

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**PREPARED BY:** Venice Howard Deputy Clerk January 16, 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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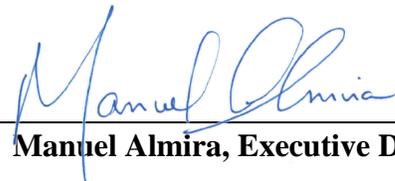
**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** N/A

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

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**Respectfully Submitted By:**

  
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**Manuel Almira, Executive Director**

**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

January 18, 2018

## **Anchoring and Mooring Restrictions**

The House Select Committee on Hurricane Preparedness has included the Port of Palm Beach recommendation restricting how close a vessel that is anchored or moored can be to the entrance of a Port. While the committee itself is not going to be proposing legislation, other bills moving through the process, or other committees in the House are expected to take up many of the recommendations that that have come from the Select Committee.

## **Palm Beach County Day**

Port Commissioner Katherine Waldron attended Palm Beach County Day in Tallahassee, which took place during Week 1 of Session. In addition to the meetings and activities arranged by the County for all participants, we also contacted FDOT at her request to meet the appropriate trade and logistics contacts at the Central Office.

## **Hurricane Mathew FEMA Claim**

At the request of Ken Hearn, we have contacted Florida Emergency Management on behalf of the Port of Palm Beach, to track and secure the claim filed with FEMA for reimbursement of the funds spent by the Port mitigating the damage caused by Hurricane Mathew.

## **Bills That Are Moving**

### **SB 192 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.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar

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

Contains public disclosure and ethics requirements, but also contains strict limits on the travel of county and municipal public officers and employees. The bill was heard in the House Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Wednesday, January 10th. Representative La Rosa (presenting on behalf of Representative Avila who is out of country on military duty) filed a strike all amendment to the bill that removed some of the onerous limits in the bill (the amendment removed the \$120 lodging limitation). However, the bill still contains constraints on "travel outside of the state"-- all travel outside the state must be approved by the governing body at a publicly noticed meeting.

### **HB 7003 Local Government Ethics Reform**

Provides that contractual relationships held by business entities are deemed held by public officers or employees in certain situations; provides ethics training requirements; prohibits certain governing board members from voting in official capacity on specified matters; requires

certain members of municipality governing body to file disclosure; provides for future repeal of provisions relating to local government authority to enact rule or ordinance requiring lobbyists to register with local government; provides for future repeal of provisions relating to registration & reporting for lobbying water management districts; requires Commission on Ethics to create Local Government Lobbyist Registration System; requires lobbyists to register with commission before lobbying specified governmental entities; provides responsibilities of Governor; provides civil penalties.

HB 7003 passed the full House and is now headed to the Senate.

## Legislation Affecting Port of Palm Beach

Number	Title	Sponsor	Last Action	Date Foldered
<a href="#">HB 0079</a>	<b>Public Meetings</b>	<a href="#">Roth</a>	08/30/17	08/30/17 03:44PM
(S: <a href="#">192</a> )	Public Meetings: Specifies conditions under which members of board or commission of state agency or authority or of agency or authority of county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision may participate in fact-finding exercises or excursions. Effective Date: upon becoming a law			
	08/22/17 HOUSE Filed			
	08/30/17 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee			
	08/30/17 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee			
<a href="#">SB 0192</a>	<b>Public Meetings</b>	<a href="#">Baxley</a>	01/11/18	08/22/17 11:40AM
(S: <a href="#">79</a> )	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. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law			
	08/22/17 SENATE Filed			
	08/28/17 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; Rules			
	10/02/17 SENATE On Committee agenda - Ethics and Elections, 10/10/17, 2:00 p.m., 412 K			
	10/10/17 SENATE Favorable by Ethics and Elections; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays			
	10/11/17 SENATE Now in Community Affairs			
	10/16/17 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 10/24/17, 9:00 am, 301 S			
	10/24/17 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays			
	10/24/17 SENATE Now in Rules			
	01/08/18 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 01/11/18, 9:00 am, 110 S			
	01/11/18 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays			

01/11/18 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

<a href="#">SB 0388</a>	<b>Anchoring Limitation Areas</b>	<a href="#">Farmer</a>	10/25/17	10/16/17 01:56PM
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(S: [1001](#))

Anchoring Limitation Areas; Revising the anchoring limitation areas within the state to include additional specified areas, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

10/03/17 SENATE Filed

10/25/17 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Rules

<a href="#">HB 0815</a>	<b>County and Municipal Public Officers and Employees</b>	<a href="#">Avila</a>	01/11/18	11/28/17 10:23AM
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(S: [1180](#))

County and Municipal Public Officers and Employees: Requires candidate for elective municipal office to file full & public disclosure of financial interests upon qualifying for office; requires elected county or municipal public officers who are candidates for elective office to make certain campaign finance reports available on certain websites; requires that requests to travel out of state by county or municipal public officers be approved by governing board of county or municipality; limits travel expenses of such public officers or employees; prohibits advancement or reimbursement for certain travel expenses of such public officers or employees; requires county or municipal public officers to report certain travel expenses; requires elected municipal officers to file full & public disclosure of financial interests. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

11/28/17 HOUSE Filed

12/08/17 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Public Integrity & Ethics Committee; Government Accountability Committee

12/08/17 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

01/08/18 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 01/10/18, 3:30 pm, 12 H

01/10/18 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 2 Nays

01/11/18 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

<a href="#">HB 1001</a>	<b>City of Hollywood, Broward County</b>	<a href="#">Geller</a>	12/20/17	01/13/18 11:46AM
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(S: [388](#))

City of Hollywood, Broward County: Provides exception to general law; provides specified areas are narrow state waterways & anchoring limitation areas. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

12/14/17 HOUSE Filed

12/20/17 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee

12/20/17 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

<a href="#">SB 1180</a>	<b>County and Municipal Public Officers and Employees</b>	<a href="#">Steube</a>	12/18/17	12/12/17 12:34PM
(S: <a href="#">815</a> )	<p>County and Municipal Public Officers and Employees; Requiring a candidate for an elective municipal office to file a full and public disclosure of financial interests upon qualifying for office; requiring elected county or municipal public officers who are candidates for elective office to make certain campaign finance reports available for posting on their county or municipal websites; requiring elected municipal officers to file a full and public disclosure of financial interests, rather than a statement of financial interests, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2018</p> <p>12/07/17 SENATE Filed</p> <p>12/18/17 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; Rules</p>			
<a href="#">SB 1188</a>	<b>The Strategic Intermodal System</b>	<a href="#">Rouson</a>	12/18/17	01/08/18 09:32AM
(I: <a href="#">1277</a> )	<p>Strategic Intermodal System; Specifying that the Strategic Intermodal System and the Emerging Strategic Intermodal System include existing or planned corridors that are managed lanes of transit, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018</p> <p>12/07/17 SENATE Filed</p> <p>12/18/17 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules</p>			
<a href="#">HB 1277</a>	<b>Strategic Intermodal System</b>	<a href="#">Willhite</a>	01/12/18	01/08/18 09:32AM
(I: <a href="#">1188</a> )	<p>Strategic Intermodal System: Specifies that Strategic Intermodal System &amp; Emerging Strategic Intermodal System include existing or planned corridors that are managed lanes of transit. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>01/07/18 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>01/12/18 HOUSE Referred to Transportation &amp; Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation &amp; Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee</p> <p>01/12/18 HOUSE Now in Transportation &amp; Infrastructure Subcommittee</p>			
<a href="#">SB 1402</a>	<b>State Assumption of Federal Section 404 Dredge and Fill Permitting Authority</b>	<a href="#">Simmons</a>	01/12/18	12/29/17 09:54AM
	<p>State Assumption of Federal Section 404 Dredge and Fill Permitting Authority; Defining the term "state assumed waters"; providing the Department of Environmental Protection with the power and authority to adopt rules to assume and implement the section 404 dredge and fill permitting program pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act; requiring the department to adopt rules to create an expedited permit review process, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law</p> <p>12/28/17 SENATE Filed</p>			

01/12/18 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

<a href="#">SB 1480</a>	<b>Centralized Database for Public Charters and Amendments</b>	<a href="#">Brandes</a>	01/12/18	01/04/18 12:28PM
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Centralized Database for Public Charters and Amendments; Requiring the Department of State to create and maintain a centralized public database of county, municipal, and special district charters and amendments; requiring all counties, municipalities, and special districts to file, by specified dates, electronic copies of their charters and amendments with the department, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

01/03/18 SENATE Filed

01/12/18 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

<a href="#">HB 2781</a>	<b>Port Manatee Stormwater Requirements Study</b>	<a href="#">Gruters</a>	11/27/17	11/27/17 10:28AM
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Port Manatee Stormwater Requirements Study: Provides an appropriation for the Port Manatee Stormwater Requirements Study. APPROPRIATION: \$200,000.00 Effective Date: July 1, 2018

11/16/17 HOUSE Filed

11/27/17 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee

11/27/17 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

<a href="#">HB 3457</a>	<b>Broward College - Seaport Training Grant</b>	<a href="#">Williams</a>	11/29/17	11/28/17 10:24AM
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Broward College - Seaport Training Grant: Provides an appropriation for the Broward College - Seaport Training Grant. APPROPRIATION: \$1,000,000.00 Effective Date: July 1, 2018

11/28/17 HOUSE Filed

11/29/17 HOUSE Referred to Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee

11/29/17 HOUSE Now in Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee

<a href="#">HB 4015</a>	<b>Port of Fernandina - Multipurpose Dock Crane and Warehouse</b>	<a href="#">Byrd</a>	01/11/18	12/06/17 01:29PM
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Port of Fernandina - Multipurpose Dock Crane and Warehouse: Provides an appropriation

for the Port of Fernandina - Multipurpose Dock Crane and Warehouse. APPROPRIATION: \$5,000,000.00 Effective Date: July 1, 2018

- 12/05/17 HOUSE Filed
- 12/11/17 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee
- 12/11/17 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee
- 01/08/18 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 01/10/18, 3:30 pm, 102 H
- 01/10/18 HOUSE Favorable by Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays
- 01/11/18 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

<a href="#">HB 4409</a>	<b>St. Augustine Port, Waterway, and Beach District Summer Haven River Restoration Project</b>	<a href="#">Renner</a>	12/22/17	12/18/17 02:29PM
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St. Augustine Port, Waterway, and Beach District Summer Haven River Restoration Project: Provides an appropriation for the St. Augustine Port, Waterway, and Beach District Summer Haven River Restoration Project. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

- 12/18/17 HOUSE Filed
- 12/22/17 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee
- 12/22/17 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

<a href="#">HB 7003</a>	<b>Local Government Ethics Reform</b>	<a href="#">Public Integrity &amp; Ethics Committee</a>	01/12/18	11/15/17 01:52PM
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(C: [1279 15341804](#))  
(L: [7005](#))

Local Government Ethics Reform: Provides that contractual relationships held by business entities are deemed held by public officers or employees in certain situations; provides ethics training requirements; prohibits certain governing board members from voting in official capacity on specified matters; requires certain members of municipality governing body to file disclosure; provides for future repeal of provisions relating to local government authority to enact rule or ordinance requiring lobbyists to register with local government; provides for future repeal of provisions relating to registration & reporting for lobbying water management districts; requires Commission on Ethics to create Local Government Lobbyist Registration System; requires lobbyists to register with commission before lobbying specified governmental entities; provides responsibilities of Governor; provides civil penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

- 11/09/17 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB PIE2)
- 11/13/17 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
- 01/08/18 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 01/11/18

01/11/18 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 01/12/18

01/12/18 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 100 Yeas / 2 Nays)

<a href="#">NRPL2</a>	<b>State assumption of federal section 404 dredge and fill permitting authority</b>	<a href="#">Natural Resources &amp; Public Lands Subcommittee</a>	01/12/18	01/13/18 10:00AM
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PCB NRPL 18-02 -- State assumption of federal section 404 dredge and fill permitting authority. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law

01/12/18 HOUSE Filed

01/12/18 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee, 01/17/18, 12:30 pm, 12 H