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FULL SPEED AHEAD

Things are heating up in Tallahassee. While the weather remains cool, the Legislature has picked up its pace of work substantially. This week brought a couple of important deadlines, including the bill filing deadline in both the House and Senate. The House has a seven-bill limit for members to file, while the Senate has no limit on the number of bills the members can file; therefore, House members are extremely particular about the pieces of legislation they ultimately introduce. With only three committee weeks remaining prior to the commencement of the 2023 Legislative Session on March 7, both chambers utilized this week to introduce, and in the House, pass through the first committee of reference, substantive policy priorities.

Senate President Kathleen Passidomo introduced her foundational priority relating to Affordable Housing. The bill, SB 102, aims to boost current state affordable housing programs, including the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL), which gives low-interest loans to developers who build affordable housing. Passidomo's proposal includes \$259 million for the program, including an additional \$150 million annually, by diverting property tax collections to SAIL. The new funding will be used to build new affordable housing units near current affordable housing, Passidomo says that will allow people in older rental units to move into newer units in their existing neighborhood, which will allow the older units to be renovated. The bill also creates a \$100 million new corporate tax break that would allow businesses to offset portions of their corporate or insurance premium taxes in return for contributing to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, which would use the additional funds for the SAIL program.

The Senate heard timely presentations relating to health care and, more specifically, the upcoming procurement for Statewide Medicaid Managed Care. The Senate Transpiration Committee heard a presentation relating to Electric Vehicle Registration Fees, a topic of conversation that has spanned multiple recent legislative sessions, while also hearing presentations on legislative priorities from both the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Florida Department of Transportation.

The House spent ample time hearing from the Department of Environmental Protection, in multiple committees, on water quality, water quantity (mostly reclaimed water), and the state of past mandated FDEP rulemaking relating to stormwater and potable reuse. As mentioned in last week's report, Speaker Paul Renner introduced HB 1, dealing with school choice. HB 1 was heard in its first committee of reference on Thursday, the Choice and Innovation Subcommittee, and passed favorably 13-4. Multiple news outlets have reported on the potential high fiscal cost of the bill (some going as high as \$4 billion dollars) for public schools.

Governor DeSantis continued to release a host of his legislative priorities for 2023, announcing on Thursday policies dealing with "Law and Order." Those initiatives included: reducing the number of jurors required for a recommendation of death from unanimity to a supermajority jury recommendation, imposing additional criminal penalties on fentanyl and other drug-related crimes when the drug's appearance resembles candy; and strengthening bail laws by limiting who is eligible for release prior to first appearance.

The Governor must present his recommended budget to the Legislature at least 30 days prior to the start of session. The Senate calendar for next week has been published, and all Appropriations Committees are scheduled to receive presentations on his spending plan, so anticipate his budget dropping sometime this week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The House has published its authorized meeting schedule for the fifth committee week, beginning February 6. The Senate has released the full schedule of events for that week. Both are attached below.

The Florida Brownfields Association Strategic Planning Meeting and Legislative Event has been scheduled for February 6-7, 2023. GrayRobinson staff is working to secure meetings with legislators and staff to discuss FBA's 2023 priorities once the committee block schedules for that week are announced. We have reached out to the Chairs, Vice Chairs, Republican Whips, Minority Ranking Members, and Staff Directors for the House Ways and Means Committee, House Appropriations Committee, Senate Finance & Tax Committee, and Senate Appropriations Committee to request a meeting time on Tuesday.

We strongly encourage all attendees to schedule meetings with their Representatives and Senators while in town. If you need to know who your elected representative is, you can find out by visiting <https://flsenate.gov/senators/find>.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

The Legislature will return to Tallahassee the week of February 6 for the fifth Interim Committee Week.

Calendar – Florida House of Representatives

AUTHORIZED MEETING SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 6, 2023-FEBRUARY 10, 2023 INTERIM WEEK 4

Committees and subcommittees shall meet only within the dates, times, and locations authorized by the Speaker – Rule 7.8

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| <p>MONDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2023</p> | |
| <p>TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2023 <i>Notice deadline, 4:30 pm January 31, 2023</i></p> | <p>9:00 am – 11:00 am</p> <p>Appropriations Committee <i>Webster Hall (212 Knott)</i></p> <p>Ways & Means Committee <i>Sumner Hall (404 HOB)</i></p> |
| | <p>11:30 am - 1:30 pm</p> <p>Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee <i>Reed Hall (102 HOB)</i></p> <p>Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee <i>Morris Hall (17 HOB)</i></p> <p>Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee <i>Sumner Hall (404 HOB)</i></p> |
| | <p>2:00 pm - 4:00 pm</p> <p>Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee <i>Reed Hall (102 HOB)</i></p> <p>PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee <i>Morris Hall (17 HOB)</i></p> <p>Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee <i>Sumner Hall (404 HOB)</i></p> |
| | <p>2:00 pm – 6:00 pm</p> <p>Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee <i>Webster Hall (212 Knott)</i></p> |
| <p>WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2023 <i>Notice deadline, 4:30 pm February 1, 2023</i></p> | <p>9:00 am – 11:00 am</p> <p>Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee <i>Webster Hall (212 Knott)</i></p> <p>Education Quality Subcommittee <i>Reed Hall (102 HOB)</i></p> <p>Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee <i>Morris Hall (17 HOB)</i></p> <p>Transportation & Modals Subcommittee <i>Sumner Hall (404 HOB)</i></p> |
| | <p>11:30 am – 1:30 pm</p> <p>Agriculture, Conservation & Resiliency Subcommittee <i>Sumner Hall (404 HOB)</i></p> <p>Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee <i>Reed Hall (102 HOB)</i></p> <p>Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee <i>Mashburn Hall (314 HOB)</i></p> <p>Justice Appropriations Subcommittee <i>Morris Hall (17 HOB)</i></p> |

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| <p>WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2023 <i>Notice deadline, 4:30 pm</i> <i>February 1, 2023</i></p> | <p>2:00 pm – 3:30 pm</p> <p>Education & Employment Committee <i>Morris Hall (17 HOB)</i></p> <p>Judiciary Committee <i>Sumner Hall (404 HOB)</i></p> <p>State Affairs Committee <i>Webster Hall (212 Knott)</i></p> |
| | <p>4:00 pm – 5:00 pm</p> <p>Commerce Committee <i>Webster Hall (212 Knott)</i></p> <p>Health & Human Services Committee <i>Morris Hall (17 HOB)</i></p> <p>Infrastructure Strategies Committee <i>Sumner Hall (404 HOB)</i></p> |
| | <p>9:00 am – 11:00 am</p> <p>Criminal Justice Subcommittee <i>Sumner Hall (404 HOB)</i></p> <p>Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee <i>Reed Hall (102 HOB)</i></p> <p>Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee <i>Morris Hall (17 HOB)</i></p> <p>State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee <i>Wester Hall (212 Knott)</i></p> |
| | <p>11:30 am – 1:30 pm</p> <p>Choice & Innovation Subcommittee <i>Reed Hall (102 HOB)</i></p> <p>Civil Justice Subcommittee <i>Sumner Hall (404 HOB)</i></p> <p>Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee <i>Mashburn Hall (314 HOB)</i></p> <p>Insurance & Banking Subcommittee <i>Morris Hall (17 HOB)</i></p> |
| | <p>2:00 pm - 4:00 pm</p> <p>Joint Administrative Procedures Committee <i>Reed Hall (102 HOB)</i></p> <p>Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight <i>110 SOB</i></p> <p>Joint Legislative Auditing Committee <i>412 Knott Building</i></p> |
| | <p>2:00 pm - 5:00 pm</p> <p>Select Committee on Hurricane Resiliency & Recovery <i>Sumner Hall (404 HOB)</i></p> |
| <p>FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2023</p> | |

Tentative calendar subject to change. Check meeting notices for accurate meeting time.

Up to the minute information found at <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/HouseSchedule/houseschedule.aspx>.

When using the web page, select the appropriate date to view meeting schedules.

Calendar – Florida Senate

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6 - 10, 2023

(NM)* = Not Meeting (MC)* = Meeting Canceled

Monday, February 6, 2023

3:30 – 5:30 pm – GROUP I

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| Agriculture..... | 301SB |
| Commerce & Tourism..... | (NM)* |
| Criminal Justice..... | 37SB |
| Health Policy..... | 412KB |

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

9:30 – 11:30 am – GROUP II

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| Children, Families, & Elder Affairs..... | (NM)* |
| Education PreK-12..... | 412KB |
| Environment & Natural Resources..... | (NM)* |
| Transportation..... | 110SB |

1:00 – 3:00 pm - GROUP VII

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| Appropriations..... | 412KB |
| Fiscal Policy..... | (NM)* |

3:30 – 5:30 pm – GROUP III

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| Ethics & Elections..... | (NM)* |
| Judiciary..... | 412KB |
| Military & Veterans’ Affairs, Space, & Domestic Security..... | 301SB |
| Regulated Industries..... | 401SB |

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

9:30 - 11:30 am – GROUP IV

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| Banking & Insurance..... | 412KB |
| Community Affairs..... | 401SB |
| Education Postsecondary..... | 110SB |
| Governmental Oversight & Accountability..... | (NM)* |

1:00 – 3:00 pm – GROUP V

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| App./Health & Human Services..... | 412KB |
| App./Transportation, Tourism, & Economic Development..... | 110SB |
| Finance & Tax..... | (NM)* |

3:30 – 5:30 pm – GROUP VI

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| App./Agriculture, Environment & General Government..... | 110SB |
| App./Criminal & Civil Justice..... | 37SB |
| App./Education..... | 412KB |

Thursday, February 9, 2023

8:30 – 11:00 am – GROUP VIII

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| Select Committee on Resiliency..... | 412KB |
| Rules..... | (NM)* |

2:00 - 4:00 pm – GROUP IX

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| Joint Administrative Procedures..... | (NM)* |
| Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight..... | (NM)* |
| Joint Legislative Auditing..... | 412KB |

Friday, February 10, 2023