

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
Senator Simpson, Chair
Senator Brandes, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 1, 2015

TIME: 1:00—3:00 p.m.

PLACE: 301 Senate Office Building

MEMBERS: Senator Simpson, Chair; Senator Brandes, Vice Chair; Senators Abruzzo, Bradley, Dean, Diaz de la Portilla, Hutson, and Thompson

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 222 Detert (Identical H 235)	Parking for Disabled Veterans; Requiring the governing body of each publicly owned or publicly operated airport to grant free parking to any vehicle displaying specified license plates for disabled veterans; clarifying that such license plates, rather than "DV" license plates, are exempt from certain parking fees charged by a county, municipality, or an agency thereof, etc. TR 11/04/2015 Favorable CA 12/01/2015 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 5 Nays 0
2	SB 346 Altman	Local Government Infrastructure Surtax; Authorizing the governing authority of a county to levy a discretionary sales surtax to fund capital restoration of natural water bodies for public use; limiting expenditures of the proceeds and interest from the surtax or specified bonds that pledge the surtax to dredging operations related to ecologically beneficial muck removal, etc. CA 12/01/2015 Favorable FT AP	Favorable Yeas 5 Nays 0
3	SB 156 Smith (Identical H 133)	After-school Programs; Deleting a legislative intent provision regarding certain not-for-profit organizations and background screening for such organizations; defining the term "not-for-profit organization"; requiring certain employees of not-for-profit organizations to meet certain background screening requirements; creating a study group, etc. CA 10/06/2015 Temporarily Postponed CA 12/01/2015 Fav/CS CJ AHS RC	Fav/CS Yeas 5 Nays 0

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4	SB 544 Dean (Identical H 841)	Nonresidential Farm Buildings; Exempting nonresidential farm buildings, farm fences, and farm signs that are located on lands used for bona fide agricultural purposes from any county or municipal special assessment, including a dependent special district assessment, etc. CA 12/01/2015 Favorable FT AP	Favorable Yeas 5 Nays 0
5	SJR 648 Hutson (Compare CS/HJR 165)	County Officers; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to remove authority for certain county officers to be chosen in a manner other than election, for any county office to be abolished, or for certain ex officio duties of the clerk of the circuit court to be transferred to another officer, etc. CA 12/01/2015 Fav/CS EE RC	Fav/CS Yeas 4 Nays 1
6	SJR 170 Brandes (Similar HJR 193, Compare H 195, Linked S 172)	Renewable Energy Source Device; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require the Legislature, by general law, to exempt the assessed value of a renewable energy source device or a component thereof from the tangible personal property tax, to allow the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit the consideration of the installation of such device or component in determining the assessed value of residential and nonresidential real property for the purpose of ad valorem taxation, and to provide effective and expiration dates, etc. CU 11/03/2015 Favorable CA 12/01/2015 Favorable FT AP	Favorable Yeas 5 Nays 0

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7	SB 172 Brandes (Similar H 195, Compare HJR 193, Linked SJR 170)	Renewable Energy Source Devices; Revising the term "renewable energy source device" to include certain devices that store or use solar energy, wind energy, or energy from geothermal deposits to generate specified forms of energy; specifying a period during which a property appraiser is prohibited from considering an increase in the just value of real property used for residential purposes which is attributable to the installation of a renewable energy source device; exempting a renewable energy source device, or a component of such device, which is installed upon real property on or after a specified date from the tangible personal property tax, etc. CU 11/03/2015 Favorable CA 12/01/2015 Fav/CS FT AP	Fav/CS Yeas 5 Nays 0
8	SB 584 Brandes	Peril of Flood; Authorizing the Division of Emergency Management to administer a matching grant program to provide up to \$50 million in technical and financial assistance to local governments to implement certain flood risk reduction policies and projects; authorizing the Florida Communities Trust to undertake, coordinate, or fund flood mitigation projects and to acquire and dispose of real and personal property or specified interest when necessary or appropriate to reduce flood hazards, etc. CA 12/01/2015 Fav/CS ATD AP	Fav/CS Yeas 5 Nays 0
9	SB 770 Simpson (Identical H 447)	Local Government Environmental Financing; Citing this act as the "Florida Keys Stewardship Act"; expanding the use of local government infrastructure surtaxes to include acquiring any interest in land for public recreation, conservation, or protection of natural resources or to reduce impacts of new development on hurricane evacuation clearance times; expanding the use of Everglades restoration bonds to include the City of Key West Area of Critical State Concern; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to annually consider certain recommendations to buy specific lands within and outside an area of critical state concern, etc. CA 12/01/2015 Favorable AGG AP	Favorable Yeas 5 Nays 0

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