

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2024 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

SB 1720 — Marine Encroachment on Military Operations

by Senator Rodriguez

The Community Planning Act in ch. 163, part II, F.S., promotes cooperation between local governments and nearby military installations to encourage compatible land use, help prevent incompatible encroachment, and facilitate the continued presence of major military installations in Florida.

Current law identifies 16 major military installations that, due to their mission and activities, have a greater potential for experiencing compatibility and coordination issues with local government planning than others. For these identified installations, local governments must transmit to the commanding officer information relating to proposed changes to comprehensive plans, plan amendments, and proposed changes to land development regulations which, if approved, would affect the use of land adjacent to or in close proximity to the military installation. The local government must take into consideration the advisory comments submitted by the commanding officer on the impact of proposed changes on the mission of the military installation.

The bill adds various annexes and a range at Naval Air Station Key West that require coordination with local government on land use decisions. These include the annexes across Boca Chica Key and Key West as well as the Fleming Bay/Patton Water Drop Zone training range used by the Army Special Forces Underwater Operations School.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 114-0