



## **Legislative Report for April 11, 2025**

### **General Bills**

#### **SB 7002: Water Management Districts**

GENERAL BILL by Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Conerly

Water Management Districts; Provides requirements for Commission on Ethics relating to prohibited expenditures by WMDs; requires quorum & affirmative vote of majority of members of governing board before any action may be taken by board; requires South Florida WMD to provide specified detailed report; prohibits WMD from using state funds for specified purpose; authorizes districts to levy ad valorem taxes on certain property; provides requirements for maximum total millage rate; provides requirements for South Florida WMD's & other WMD's budgets; requires WMD to give preference to certain bids, proposals, or replies for certain capital improvement projects; provides requirements for competitive selection process & procurement procedures.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government (Passed 3/5/25); Appropriations (Passed 4/2/25)

**Last Action:** 4/9/2025 Passed Full Senate – In messages to House

**ACECFL/FES Position:** Neutral

**Analysis:** [Appropriations Committee 4/4/2025](#)

#### **HB 1169: Water Management Districts**

GENERAL BILL by Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Conerly

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**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee (Passed 4/1/25); Ways & Means Committee (Passed 4/9/25); ~~Budget Committee~~; State Affairs Committee

**Last Action:** 4/9/2025 House – Now in State Affairs Committee

**ACECFL/FES Position:** Neutral

**Analysis:** [Ways and Means Committee 4/9/2025](#)

## CS/SB 1264: Rural and Urban Business Enterprises

GENERAL BILL by Commerce and Tourism ; [Collins](#)

Rural and Urban Business Enterprises; Revising the purpose of the Department of Commerce; requiring that the statewide emergency shelter plan identify the general location and square footage of special needs shelters by regional planning council regions, as such regions existed on a specified date, during the next 5 years; deleting the definition of the term "minority business enterprise"; establishing the Research, Innovation, Science, and Engineering (RISE) Investment Tax Credit Program within the Department of Commerce; requiring the department to authorize the Department of Revenue to issue tax credits to a qualifying private fund if certain requirements are met; requiring the department to issue a notice of revocation and recapture to the qualifying private fund and the Department of Revenue, etc.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Commerce and Tourism (Passed 3/31/25); Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; Rules

**Last Action:** On Agenda 4/15/25 Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development

**ACECFL/FES Position:** Neutral

**Analysis:** [Commerce and Tourism \(3/31/25\)](#)

## HB 1125: Regional Planning and Economic Development

GENERAL BILL by Owen

Regional Planning and Economic Development; Revises provisions relating to creation of Department of Commerce & its powers & duties; establishes Office of Secure Florida within DOC; revises economic policies of state comprehensive plan to promote entrepreneurship from certain business startups; revises composition of statewide advisory board of Florida Small Business Development Center Network; creates Rural Accelerator Program within DOC; requires funds to be appropriated from Rural Infrastructure Fund; revises composition requirements of Florida Sports Foundation; revises provisions relating to convention grants program established by Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation; revises provisions relating to use of statewide contracts register & who Small Business Development Center is required to coordinate with regarding such use; authorizes counties & municipalities to enter into agreements to create regional planning entities pursuant to specified law; replaces regional planning councils with DEP for purposes of hazardous waste management assessments & facilities; revises provisions relating to local health councils; revises composition of Affordable Housing Study Commission.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Commerce Committee; State Affairs Committee; Ways & Means Committee; Budget Committee

**Last Action:** 3/5/2025 House - Now in Commerce Committee

**ACECFL/FES Position:** Neutral

**Analysis:** None

## **SB 1452: Department of Business and Professional Regulation**

GENERAL BILL by [Truenow](#)

Department of Business and Professional Regulation; Repealing provisions relating to expenditure of excess funds; the Board of Employee Leasing Companies, membership, appointments, and terms; rules of the board; the Barbers' Board; the Board of Cosmetology; interior design, practice requirements, disclosure of compensation for professional services; disciplinary proceedings against registered interior designers; the Board of Landscape Architecture; the Board of Professional Geologists; the Drug Wholesale Distributor Advisory Council; and liens for interior design services, respectively, etc.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Regulated Industries, Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Fiscal Policy

**Last Action:** 3/10/2025 Senate - Introduced

## **HB 1461: Department of Business and Professional Regulation**

GENERAL BILL by Yarkosky

Department of Business and Professional Regulation; Revises boards, commissions, & programs established in DBPR; revises general licensing provisions for individuals desiring to be licensed by department; creates auctioneers licensing program, employee leasing companies licensing program, barbers' licensing program, cosmetology licensing program, and professional geologists licensing program in department; revises Clay Ford Scholarship Program; requires department to adopt rules governing licensure, operation, & inspection of mobile barbershops; requires applicants desiring to be licensed as cosmetologist, or in any specialty practice within practice of cosmetology, to submit to department complete set of fingerprints; creates Board of Architecture & Landscape Architecture in department; revises meeting requirements of Construction Industry Licensing Board; prohibits operators of public lodging establishments from offering or charging hourly rates for temporary lodging or sleeping purposes & from offering or renting rooms on hourly basis or for less than one overnight stay.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee (Passed 4/10/25); State Administration Budget Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

**Last Action:** 4/10/2025 House - PCS Reported favorably by in Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee

## **HB 1185: Department of Management Services**

GENERAL BILL by Sapp

Department of Management Services; Provides for equal employment opportunity; prohibits discrimination in employment; prohibits executive agencies from engaging in certain employment practices; authorizes certain persons to file complaint with Attorney General or Department of Business of Professional Regulation; provides for competitive procurement of claims review services for state group health insurance plans; revises exempt positions that are not covered by career service system; revises recruitment provisions relating to career service system; revises personnel rules of DMS; revises specified benefits of law enforcement officers & firefighters, respectively; revises powers & duties of Board of Governors; revises provisions relating to advertising & awarding contracts.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Government Operations Subcommittee; Budget Committee; State Affairs Committee

**Last Action:** 3/5/25 House - Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

## **SB 1532: Executive Branch**

GENERAL BILL by [McClain](#)

Executive Branch; Revising policies regarding equal employment opportunity in state government; repealing a provision relating to utilization of minority business enterprises in contracts for public construction works; revising provisions governing preferences for Florida-based businesses in procurement; repealing a provision relating to the certification of minority business enterprises; authorizing the Attorney General to bring a civil action against a vendor or affiliate that violates specified provisions, etc.

**Effective Date:** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2025

**Committee References:**

**Last Action:** 2/27/2025 Senate - Filed

## **HB 893: Construction Liens and Bonds**

GENERAL BILL by Overdorf

Construction Liens and Bonds; Requires, rather than authorizing, specified waiver to be in certain form; authorizes claimant to condition waiver on receipt of funds; provides that certain waivers are unenforceable; revises notice contractor must provide to owner of certain real property if direct contract between owner & contractor is more than specified amount; provides that person may not have lien on improved real property if contractor was paid in full under direct contract; provides that person may not have lien on improved real property if contractor was paid in full under direct contract; revises notice that certain lienors must provide to owner of real property before perfecting lien & recording claim of lien.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; Industries and Professional Activities Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

**Last Action:** 3/4/2025 House - 1st Reading (Original Filed Version)

## **SB 658: Waiver or Release of Liens**

GENERAL BILL by [Truenow](#)

Waiver or Release of Liens; Requiring that waiver and release of lien forms include specific language; authorizing a lienor who executes such lien and release forms in exchange for payment, rather than a check, to condition such waiver and release on receipt of funds, rather than payment of a check, etc.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Judiciary (Passed 3/25/25); Community Affairs (Passed 3/31/25); Rules (Passed 4/8/25)

**Last Action:** 4/9/2025 Senate - On Special Order Calendar 4/16/25

## **SB 1134: Alternative Plans Review and Inspections**

GENERAL BILL by [Calatayud](#)

Alternative Plans Review and Inspections; Requiring that a notice of private inspection services specify whether any scheduled inspection by a private provider will be conducted virtually or in person; authorizing a private provider to use an automated or software-based plans review system designed to make specific determinations; requiring the local building official to issue the requested permit or provide written notice of noncompliance within a specified timeframe for permits related to single-trade plans reviews for single-family or two-family dwellings, etc.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Community Affairs (Passed 3/17/25); Regulated Industries; Rules

**Last Action:** 3/17/2025 Senate - Now in Regulated Industries

**Analysis:** [Community Affairs 3/17/25](#)

## **HB 1071: Alternative Plans Reviews and Inspections**

GENERAL BILL by Benarroch

Alternative Plans Reviews and Inspections; Revises definition of "single-trade inspection" & defines term "single-trade plans review"; authorizes specified notices to specify how scheduled inspection will be conducted; authorizes private provider to use specified review systems for single-trade plans reviews; authorizes private provider to specify which review system he or she used; requires certain actions by local building official within specified timeframe for certain permits; authorizes single-trade inspections to be performed in person or virtually.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2025

**Committee References:** Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee (3/19/25); Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee Passed 4/1/25); Commerce Committee

**Last Action:** 4/1/2025 House - Now in Commerce Committee