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INDEMNIFICATION REFORM FOR FLORIDA INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

SB 888 / HB 699 aligns liability with responsibility, improves insurability, and protects taxpayers and property owners.

The legislation limits indemnification and insurance obligations for design professionals so they are only responsible for damages caused by their own negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct, and prevents contracts from imposing higher-than-standard professional care requirements.



What the Bill Does

- Standardizes indemnification rules for all infrastructure projects—public and private.
- Limits indemnification to an engineer's own acts or omissions and those under their control.



Why This Matters

- Current Florida law treats public infrastructure projects differently than private projects.
- Non-public projects are not required to limit indemnification requirements to insurable professional liability.
- This makes projects difficult or impossible to insure.
- Excessive liability drives up costs, delays projects, and exposes taxpayers to risk.



Policy Benefits

- **Consistency:** One indemnification framework statewide.
- **Fairness:** Engineers are accountable for what they control—no more, no less.
- **Cost Control:** Improved insurability reduces premiums and project costs.
- **Taxpayer Protection:** Aligns risk with responsibility, limiting public exposure.

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