

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING ITEMS

DEPARTMENT: _____ **DIVISION** _____

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Agenda Date <u>05/11/04</u> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing <input type="checkbox"/>
Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>

BILLS ADOPTED BY THE LEGISLATURE

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE FUNDING – CS/SB 2564. The bill implements the Department of Juvenile Justice cost shift to counties. It passed the House by a vote of 62-55, not enough to meet the constitutional requirement of approval by 2/3rds of the members of each house. We are waiting for a briefing from FAC regarding the possibility of a veto or filing a lawsuit if the bill is signed by the Governor.

The negative impact to the County is \$1.6 Million per year.

ARTICLE V / REVISION 7 – CS/CS/SB2962. The bill is over 150 pages long and is being reviewed by staff.

WEKIVA PARKWAY BILL - CS/CS/SB1214 This bill implements the task force recommendations; creates a study area, authorizes land acquisition (subject to funding by local entities and an appropriation by the Legislature); specifies the parameters of the Wekiva Parkway, including the number of interchanges; requires various studies to be performed and reported back to the Legislature at different times; requires several agencies to engage in rule making regarding water recharge and quality; requires local governments to amend their comprehensive plans for interchange land uses, and provides criteria to DCA for review of those amendments. The bill specifically includes the Seminole County Expressway Authority in the route selection in Seminole County. No money is appropriated in the bill.

FRS CONTRIBUTION RATE CHANGE BILL–SB2230 Revises payroll contribution rates for membership classes of FRS for state fiscal years effective July 1, 2004, & July 1, 2005.

DEADLINE FOR FILING/INITIATIVES - SJR 2394. Requires that all signatures of a citizen initiative petition be filed with the Secretary of State no later than February 1st and the Supreme Court to complete its review of the proposal and issue its opinion no later than April 1st of the year the proposal is to be on the general election ballot. **SB 2400 died** (would have placed this measure before the electors at a special election on August 31, 2004).

AGRICULTURAL ENCLAVES/COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING/BERT HARRIS - SB1712. Creates a new claim for agricultural lands under the Bert Harris act, reduces the time for local governments to respond to such a claim to 90 days, defines an agricultural enclave (essentially, an area surrounded by developed property) requires a finding of comp plan consistency if an application is made to change the land use to any of the land use designations applicable to one of the adjoining properties.

TRAUMA CENTERS – SB1762. This is the only bill dealing with trauma centers that survived the session. It authorizes local governments to impose a .25 per cent sales tax to fund trauma centers. The sales tax requires approval by referendum and can last no more than 4 years without reauthorization by referendum. The bill does appropriate \$20.7 million dollars to fund trauma centers.

TRANSPORTATION – CS/CS/SB 1456. This bill is over 80 pages long and is being reviewed by staff. We understand that the objectionable parts of the SIS bill are not included in this bill.

ALL THE OTHER BILLS WE WERE FOLLOWING DID NOT SURVIVE THE TROUBLES BETWEEN THE HOUSE AND SENATE.