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State Legislative Wrap Up

March 26, 2024



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Session Overview

By the Numbers

1902 **Bills filed**

325 **Bills that passed both chambers**

100+ **Preemption/Mandates**

494 **Bills followed by Orange County**



Session Overview

Wins

Appropriations for Pedestrian Safety Project at Clarcona Ocoee Road and Lake Bumby, Lake Tyner Sediment Project; Live Local Act modifications

Losses

Major impacts to Home Rule



Session Overview

House Bill 5001

- House and Senate budget for State Fiscal Year 2024-25 totals approximately \$117.5 billion
- Represents a 0.37% increase from the previous SFY 2023 General Appropriations Act.
- Includes \$49.4b in general revenue and \$68b in trust fund dollars



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Board Priorities

Tourist Impact Tax

Tax Package Amendment - FAILED

- Language submitted to bill drafting, prior to session
- Ultimately shifted strategy to file proposed change as an amendment to the tax package
- Somewhat similar effort by Monroe County was successful (SB 1456)



Board Priorities

State Funding

Pedestrian Safety Project:	\$1M
Sediment Project:	\$220,300
Central Receiving Center:	funded
CAT Team:	funded



Board Priorities

Home Rule, Existing Authority, Funding

SB 328 (Live Local Act Modifications) - PASSED

- Local government can restrict height in certain circumstances
- Clarifies “currently allowed” density does not include bonuses, variances, special exceptions
- Additionally, language in tax package revises “Missing Middle” property tax exemption, offering an opt-out in some circumstances



Board Priorities

Home Rule, Existing Authority, Funding

HB 433 (Employment Regulations) - PASSED

- Prohibits county from using evaluation factors and award preferences on basis of wages or employment benefits provided by vendors, contractors
- Prohibits county from using its purchasing / contracting process to control or affect wages or employment benefits provided by vendors, contractors, service providers



Board Priorities

Home Rule, Existing Authority, Funding

SB 1420 (Department of Commerce) - PASSED

Late-session amendment added: “A citizen-led county charter amendment that is not required to be approved by the board of county commissioners preempting any development order, land development regulation, comprehensive plan, or voluntary annexation is prohibited unless expressly authorized in a county charter.”



Board Priorities

Home Rule, Existing Authority, Funding

SB 770 (Improvements to Real Property) – PASSED

- Substantially amends “Property Assessed Clean Energy” or PACE program
- Expands definition of “qualifying improvements”
- Requires program be authorized by county or municipality
- Creates additional consumer protections



Board Priorities

Home Rule, Existing Authority, Funding

SB 280 (Vacation Rentals) - PASSED

- Regulation of advertising platforms preempted to the state
- Allows local ordinances adopted prior to June 1, 2011 to be amended, so long as change is *less restrictive*



Board Priorities

Home Rule, Existing Authority, Funding

HB 705 (Public Works Projects) - PASSED

- Revises definition to include locally funded projects in the preemption of “local preferences” within the procurement phase of a public works project
- Geographic preferences still permitted if local funds are the sole funding source of project



Board Priorities

Home Rule, Existing Authority, Funding

SB 1628 (Local Government Actions) - PASSED

- Requires business impact estimate preparation for any ordinance that implements growth-related activities
- Significantly amended from original version, which provided any party could challenge the validity of a local ordinance as arbitrary or unreasonable



Board Priorities

Home Rule, Existing Authority, Funding

FAILED:

County Commissioner Term Limits
(HB 57/SB 438)

Sovereign Immunity Increases
(HB 569/SB 472)

Local Business Tax Elimination
(HB 609/SB 1144)



Board Priorities

Home Rule, Existing Authority, Funding

FAILED:

Fertilizer Application Preemption
(never filed)

Doubling the Homestead Exemption
(HJR 7015)

but....



Board Priorities

Home Rule, Existing Authority, Funding

PASSED:

Homestead Exemption CPI (HJR 7017)

Proposes increase on second \$25,000 Homestead Exemption that applies to non-school levies, tied to annual change in CPI. On General Election ballot in November.



Board Priorities

Support | Oppose

SUPPORT: Priorities of community partners consistent with county efforts

- ➔ MetroPlan Orlando effort to amend proposals that would have impacted how the MPO is structured and the role of the MPOAC
- ➔ LYNX effort to ensure advertising funding



Board Priorities

Support | Oppose

OPPOSE: Legislation that negatively impacts TDT funding, governance

- Tremendous discussion throughout session, including proposals to add a referendum requirement for TDT expenditures every six years, limiting how much can be programed for one project, and a preemption proposal involving destination marketing



Board Priorities

Additional Bills

Unauthorized Public Camping and Sleeping (HB 1365) – PASSED

Prohibits a county from authorizing or otherwise allowing any person from regularly engaging in public camping or public sleeping on Public property under the county's jurisdiction



Board Priorities

Additional Bills

Alternative Mobility Funding Systems (HB 479) – PASSED

Requires single collector for transportation impact fees and interlocal agreement to disperse

Applicant making contribution or constructing its proportionate share must be allowed to proceed if all other development requirements are met



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