

AGENDA ITEM 6

MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Directors

From: Michael J. Busha, Chair, EDAC

Date: June 30, 2016 EDAC Meeting

Subject: FRCA Executive Director's Report

During its April 14, 2016 telephone conference, EDAC members had requested FRCA's Executive Director, Ron Book, provide them with a written legislative bill wrap-up report and an explanation of the firm's activities and observations related to FRCA's 2016 project-specific state budget appropriation. A copy of the 2016 legislative bill wrap-up report and a final report related to FRCA's 2016 budget request is attached.

Recommendation

For information only.

Attachment

Mike Busha

From: Rana Brown <Rana@rlbookpa.com>
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 11:34 AM
To: Mike Busha
Subject: FW: bill report
Attachments: FRCA.pdf

Here is my bill report below and attached of all growth management bills this past session.Ra

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Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 4:46 PM
To: 'Austin Mount'; 'BTeep@nefrc.org'; 'Chris Rietow'; 'Hugh Harling'; 'Isabel Coslo'; 'koons@ncfrpc.org'; 'Margaret Wuerstle'; 'Michael Busha'; 'Pat Steed'; 'Sean Sullivan'
Subject: bill report

Hello all,

Attached is the full FRCA bill report, and below is the report of growth management bills that were moving in the last 2 - 3 weeks. Let me know if you need anything further on these bills.

Rana

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**Growth Management Report 2016**

| BILL                                  | TITLE                                    | SPONSOR           | SUMMARY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ACTIONS |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| HB 97<br>SB 126<br>(linked<br>SB 124) | Public Records<br>and Public<br>Meetings | Steube /<br>Evers | <b>Public Records and Public Meetings:</b> Provides exemption from public records & public meetings requirements for unsolicited proposals held by responsible public entity for specified period; requires that recording be made of closed meeting; provides exemption from public records requirements for records generated during closed meeting for specified period; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemptions; provides statement of public necessity; provides for contingent effect. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 95 or similar legislation takes effect | PASSED  |

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| SB 124             | Public-private Partnerships                                                | Evers                               | <b>Public-private Partnerships:</b> Deleting provisions creating the Public-Private Partnership Guidelines Task Force; requiring a private entity that submits an unsolicited proposal to pay an initial application fee and additional amounts if the fee does not cover certain costs; deleting provisions relating to notice to affected local jurisdictions; authorizing a negotiated portion of revenues from fee-generating uses to be returned to the responsible public entity, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016                                                                             | PASSED                                                        |
| HB 195<br>SB 172   | Special Election                                                           | Rodriguez/<br>Brandes               | <b>Special Election:</b> Providing for a special election to be held August 30, 2016, pursuant to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution, for the approval or rejection by the electors of this state of amendments to the State Constitution, proposed by joint resolution, relating to an exemption from the tangible personal property tax for solar or renewable energy source devices, a limitation on the assessed value of real property used for nonresidential purposes for the installation of such devices, and an effective date if such amendments are adopted, etc.      | PASSED<br><br>Transmitted - Govern has until 03/26/16 to act. |
| SB 190<br>HB 501   | Conservation Easements                                                     | Hutson /<br>McGhee                  | <b>Conservation Easements:</b> Deleting a requirement that an exemption for a conservation easement must be renewed annually; providing that a property owner is not required to file a renewal application until the use of the property no longer complies with conservation easement requirements or restrictions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | PASSED<br><br>Transmitted - Govern has until 03/26/16 to act. |
| HB 589<br>SB 1052  | Environmental Control                                                      | Pigman/<br>Hays                     | <b>Environmental Control:</b> Repealing provisions relating to violations of consumptive use permit conditions; providing conditions under which certain constructed clay settling areas are exempt from reclamation rate and financial responsibility requirements; requiring Florida registered professionals to certify that certain stormwater management systems will meet additional requirements for a general permit, etc. Effective Date: upon becoming a law                                                                                                                            | PASSED<br><br>Transmitted - Govern has until 03/26/16 to act. |
| HB 989<br>SB 1168  | Implementation of the Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment | Harrell /<br>Negron                 | <b>Implementation of the Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment:</b> Requiring a minimum specified percentage of funds within the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to be appropriated for Everglades restoration projects; providing a preference in the use of funds to certain projects that reduce harmful discharges to the St. Lucie Estuary and the Caloosahatchee Estuary; requiring a minimum specified percentage of funds within the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to be appropriated for spring restoration, protection, and management projects, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016 | PASSED                                                        |
| HB 1361<br>SB 1190 | Growth Management                                                          | La Rosa /<br>Diaz de la<br>Portilla | <b>Growth Management:</b> Authorizes governing body of county to employ tax increment financing for certain purposes; revises provisions regarding developments of regional impact; revises certain provisions regarding recommended orders & final orders; revises provisions to require state land planning agency to approve comprehensive plan amendments & land development regulations in Apalachicola Bay Area of critical state concern. Effective Date: July 1, 2016                                                                                                                     | PASSED<br><br>Transmitted - Govern has until 03/26/16 to act. |

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| SB 1392<br>HB<br>7061 | Transportation             | Brandes /<br>Santiago                | <b>Transportation:</b> Revising the circumstances under which the Department of Transportation is authorized to direct the removal of certain traffic control devices; providing exceptions to the prohibition against certain television-type receiving equipment in vehicles; revising provisions relating to required equipment and operation of autonomous vehicles, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | PASSED                                                |
| SB 1508<br>HB<br>1379 | Growth<br>Management       | Simpson /<br>Miller                  | <b>Growth Management:</b> Providing that a proposed development that is consistent with certain comprehensive plans is not required to undergo review pursuant to the state coordinated review process; revising the requirements relating to permits required for obstructions; revising the circumstances under which a political subdivision owning or controlling an airport and another political subdivision adopt, administer, and enforce airport protection zoning regulations or create a joint airport protection zoning board; repealing provisions relating to guidelines regarding land use near airports, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016       | PASSED                                                |
| SB 7000               | Growth<br>Management       | Community<br>Affairs                 | <b>Growth Management:</b> Providing that a proposed development that is consistent with certain comprehensive plans is not required to undergo review pursuant to the state coordinated review process, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3/9; DID NOT PASS<br><br>Died in messages to tl House |
| HB 59<br>SB 304       | Agritourism                | Combee /<br>Stargel                  | <b>Agritourism:</b> Prohibits local government from enforcing local ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy that prohibits, restricts, regulates, or otherwise limits agritourism activity on land classified as agricultural land; specifies that prohibition does not apply to local regulation of substantial offsite impacts relating to such activities; revises definition of "agritourism activity" to include civic & ceremonial activities; provides conditions under which agritourism activities on farms or on lands classified as agricultural lands do not limit, restrict, or divest land of such classification. Effective Date: July 1, 2016 | Approved by Govern<br>Chapter No. 2016-14             |
| SB 552<br>HB<br>7005  | Environmental<br>Resources | Dean / State<br>Affairs<br>Commlltee | <b>Environmental Resources:</b> Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to publish, update, and maintain a database of conservation lands; authorizing certain water management districts to designate and implement pilot projects; prohibiting water management districts from modifying permitted allocation amounts under certain circumstances; creating the "Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act", etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Approved by Govern<br>Chapter No. 2016-1              |

# FRCA

Sorted by Bill Number

- HB 0033** **Relating to Community Investment Program** Rogers  
Community Investment Program: Establishes Community Investment Program within DEO to encourage investment & reduce poverty in economically disadvantaged communities; establishes Community Investment Council to govern program; provides for membership & duties of council; requires annual report to Governor & Legislature; provides program goals & objectives; establishes legislative advisory committee to advise council. Effective Date: July 1, 2016  
**Current Committee of Reference:** Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee  
8/3/2015 HOUSE Filed  
8/27/2015 HOUSE Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee  
8/27/2015 HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee  
**Similar**  
SB 0240 Relating to Community Investment Program (Soto)
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- HB 0059** **Relating to Agritourism** Combee  
Agritourism: Prohibits local government from enforcing local ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy that prohibits, restricts, regulates, or otherwise limits agritourism activity on land classified as agricultural land; specifies that prohibition does not apply to local regulation of substantial offsite impacts relating to such activities; revises definition of "agritourism activity" to include civic & ceremonial activities; provides conditions under which agritourism activities on farms or on lands classified as agricultural lands do not limit, restrict, or divest land of such classification. Effective Date: July 1, 2016  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
3/1/2016 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed  
3/1/2016 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 03/08/16)  
3/8/2016 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2016-14  
**Similar**  
SB 0304 Relating to Agritourism (Stargel)
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- HB 0097** **Relating to Public Records and Public Meetings** Steube  
Public Records and Public Meetings: Provides exemption from public records & public meetings requirements for unsolicited proposals held by responsible public entity for specified period; requires that recording be made of closed meeting; provides exemption from public records requirements for records generated during closed meeting for specified period; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemptions; provides statement of public necessity; provides for contingent effect. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 95 or similar legislation takes effect  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
2/4/2016 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading  
3/4/2016 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/07/16  
3/7/2016 HOUSE Substituted for SB 0126; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0126  
**Compare**  
SB 0124 Relating to Public-private Partnerships (Evers)  
**Similar**  
SB 0126 Relating to Public Records And Public Meetings/Public-private Partnerships (Evers)  
**Linked**  
HB 0095 Relating to Public-Private Partnerships (Steube)
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- SB 0124** **Relating to Public-private Partnerships** Evers  
Public-private Partnerships; Deleting provisions creating the Public-Private Partnership Guidelines Task Force; requiring a private entity that submits an unsolicited proposal to pay an initial application fee and additional amounts if the fee does not cover certain costs; deleting provisions

SB 0170 Relating to Solar or Renewable Energy Source Device  
(Brandes)

**SB 0190 Relating to Conservation Easements** Hutson  
Conservation Easements; Deleting a requirement that an exemption for a conservation easement must be renewed annually; providing that a property owner is not required to file a renewal application until the use of the property no longer complies with conservation easement requirements or restrictions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
3/4/2016 SENATE Ordered enrolled  
3/4/2016 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed  
3/11/2016 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor has until 03/26/16 to act on this bill)  
**Identical**  
HB 0501 Relating to Conservation Easements (McGhee)

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**SB 0240 Relating to Community Investment Program** Soto  
Community Investment Program; Establishing the Community Investment Program within the Department of Economic Opportunity to encourage investment and reduce poverty in economically disadvantaged communities; establishing a Community Investment Council to govern the program; requiring an annual report to the Governor and Legislature; establishing a legislative advisory committee to advise the council, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016  
**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs  
9/8/2015 SENATE Filed  
9/17/2015 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Fiscal Policy  
**Similar**  
HB 0033 Relating to Community Investment Program (Rogers)

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**SB 0304 Relating to Agritourism** Stargel  
Agritourism; Prohibiting a local government from enforcing a local ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy that prohibits, restricts, regulates, or otherwise limits an agritourism activity on lands classified as agricultural in an unincorporated area; specifying that the conduct of agritourism activity on a bona fide farm or on agricultural lands may not limit, restrict, or divest the land of that classification, provided that such lands remain used primarily for bona fide agricultural purposes, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
1/15/2016 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading  
2/11/2016 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/18/16  
2/18/2016 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0059; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0059  
**Similar**  
HB 0059 Relating to Agritourism (Combee)

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**HB 0501 Relating to Conservation Easements** McGhee  
Conservation Easements: Deletes requirement that exemption for conservation easement must be renewed annually; provides that property owner is not required to file renewal application until use of property no longer complies with conservation easement requirements or restrictions. Effective Date: July 1, 2016  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
2/10/2016 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading  
3/1/2016 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/03/16  
3/3/2016 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 0190; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0190  
**Identical**  
SB 0190 Relating to Conservation Easements (Hutson)

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Appropriations Committee; Judiciary Committee  
11/17/2015 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee  
**Identical**

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SB 1404 Relating to Legislation by Initiative (Braynon)

**SB 0660 Relating to Local Governments** Hays  
Local Governments; Authorizing the use of impact fees to construct new capital facilities or to improve, alter, or expand existing capital facilities; authorizing a county or municipality to impose a surcharge on documents taxable under provisions for the purpose of funding certain capital improvements and capital facilities in lieu of imposing impact fees; restricting the amount of the surcharge; prohibiting a county or municipality that imposes a surcharge for an authorized purpose from also imposing an impact fee for the same purpose, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016  
**Current Committee of Reference:** Finance and Tax  
2/9/2016 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 6 Yeas, 1 Nay  
2/10/2016 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
2/10/2016 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax  
**Similar**  
HB 0735 Relating to Local Governments (Costello)

**HB 0989 Relating to Implementation of Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment** Harrell  
Implementation of Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment: Requires minimum specified percentage of funds within Land Acquisition Trust Fund to be appropriated for Everglades restoration projects; provides preference in use of funds to certain projects that reduce discharges to St. Lucie & Caloosahatchee estuaries. Effective Date: July 1, 2016  
**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee  
3/11/2016 HOUSE In returning messages  
3/11/2016 HOUSE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment (153680); Passed (Vote: 113 Yeas / 1 Nay)  
3/11/2016 HOUSE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled  
**Similar**  
SB 1168 Relating to Implementation of the Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment (Negrón)

**HB 1159 Relating to Water Oversight and Planning** Antone  
Water Oversight and Planning: Establishes Water Oversight & Planning Board to address state water issues; provides membership for board; provides duties of board; requires board to submit long-range plans to DEP, water management districts, Governor & Legislature; requires board to provide findings & recommendations to Governor & Legislature. Effective Date: July 1, 2016  
**Current Committee of Reference:** Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee  
1/6/2016 HOUSE Filed  
1/13/2016 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee  
1/13/2016 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee  
**Identical**  
SB 1400 Relating to Water Oversight and Planning (Gibson)

**SB 1168 Relating to Implementation of the Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment** Negrón  
Implementation of the Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment; Requiring a minimum specified percentage of funds within the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to be appropriated for Everglades restoration projects; providing a preference in the use of funds to certain projects that reduce harmful discharges to the St. Lucie Estuary and the Caloosahatchee Estuary; requiring a minimum specified percentage of funds within the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to be appropriated

1/15/2016 HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

**Similar**

SB 1544 Relating to Natural Hazards (Clemens)

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**SB 1272 Relating to Florida Renewable Energy Production Credit** Hukill

Florida Renewable Energy Production Credit; Deleting the time limit for the renewable energy production credit against the corporate income tax; revising the total amount of tax credits which may be granted to taxpayers per state fiscal year; revising the permissible use of certain unallocated credit amounts, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations

2/8/2016 SENATE Favorable with CS by Finance and Tax; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

2/10/2016 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

2/10/2016 SENATE Now in Appropriations

**Compare**

HB 7099 Relating to Taxation (Finance & Tax Committee)

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**HB 1361 Relating to Growth Management** La Rosa

Growth Management: Authorizing county boards to meet and discuss matters of mutual interest with specified counties or municipalities upon due public notice; authorizing the governing body of a county to employ tax increment financing for certain purposes in certain counties; providing that comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulations in the Apalachicola Bay Area of critical state concern will be reviewed and approved by the state land planning agency, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

3/9/2016 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E2) Filed

3/9/2016 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

3/11/2016 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor has until 03/26/16 to act on this bill)

**Compare**

SB 1188 Relating to Representatives of Military Installations Who Serve on Land Planning or Zoning Boards (Altman)

HB 1325 Relating to Economic Development (Boyd)

SB 7000 Relating to Growth Management (Community Affairs)

**Similar**

SB 1190 Relating to Growth Management (Diaz de la Portilla)

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**HB 1377 Relating to Expressway Authorities** Nuñez

Expressway Authorities: Revises Florida Expressway Authority Act; revises provisions for membership on certain expressway authorities; provides for termination of membership upon violation or failure to comply with specified provisions; requires expression of support from local governmental authority before certain authorities may begin certain projects; authorizes certain expressway authorities to be redesignated as transportation authorities; authorizes such authorities to establish transportation reinvestment zones; provides for such authorities to receive ad valorem tax increment revenues; requires county to establish urban center infill nodes & redevelopment areas; exempts certain amendments to county comprehensive plan from review under specified provisions; authorizes DOT to allocate specified funds to certain authorities. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

**Current Committee of Reference:** Transportation & Ports Subcommittee

1/28/2016 HOUSE Removed from Agenda of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 01/29/16, 10:00 am, 117 K

1/29/2016 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Ports Subcommittee, 02/02/16, 10:30 am, 12 H

2/2/2016 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by Transportation & Ports Subcommittee

**Compare**

SB 1372 Relating to Transportation (Flores)

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adoption of recovery or prevention strategies & minimum flows & levels; provides for Central Florida Water Initiative Area; authorizes allocation of water by SFWMD; requires monitoring of consumptive use permits; provides for certain preferred water supply sources; prohibits modification of permitted water allocations; provides priority consideration to certain public-private partnerships for water storage, groundwater recharge, & water quality improvements on private agricultural lands; revises Northern Everglades & Estuaries Protection Program; revises membership qualifications for Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council; requires certain funding plans in water resource development work program; authorizes private landowners to assist WMDs; requires promotion of certain cost-share criteria; creates the Florida Springs & Aquifer Protection Act; authorizes funding for nutrient & sediment reduction & conservation pilot projects; revises requirements for basin management action plans; provides treated potable water supply as designated use of surface waters; requires DEP & DACS to assess water resources & conservation lands. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

12/1/2015 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

1/12/2016 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 01/14/16

1/14/2016 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 0552; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0552

**Identical**

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SB 0552 Relating to Environmental Resources (Dean)

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Ronald L. Book, P.A.

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Michael Busha, Chair  
Florida Regional Councils Association

**From:** Ronald L. Book, Esq.  
Rana G. Brown

**Date:** June 20, 2016

**RE:** 2016 Legislative Session – Final Report

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On behalf of Ronald L. Book, P.A., we would like to first and foremost extend our appreciation for the continued opportunity to represent the Florida Regional Councils Association.

The issue of pursuing state funding for the 10 Regional Councils (RPC) came about late in the Session process as it was decided in the fall that funding would not be pursued. However, the RPC Policy Board at their meeting January 27<sup>th</sup>, decided to pivot and pursue a funding proposal. A funding request was submitted for \$2 million, for a proposed Statewide Job Creation initiative within Florida's Industry Clusters, to the Senate Transportation and Economic Development (TED) Appropriations Subcommittee, and it was similarly submitted in the House to the House Transportation and Economic Development (TED) Appropriations Subcommittee. Initial budget spreadsheets throughout the subcommittee process, did not include the funding in either the House or Senate.

As the Session continued to progress, we met multiple times with Chairman Latvala, Chairman Ingram, and Representative Diaz. We also met with members of each subcommittee, including Senator Clemens, who serves as Vice Chair, Senators Brandes, Diaz de la Portilla, Sachs, Detert, Sachs, Thompson, Gibson, and Hukill, as well as key leadership in the House TED Appropriations subcommittee. Additionally, we met many times with Representatives Corcoran and Oliva, and key leadership members involved in the Appropriations process. We also had meetings with House Vice Chair Moraitis, and Representatives Burton, Artiles, Rogers, Avila, and Peters.

As the budgets in the House and Senate were being advanced, Chairman Latvala submitted a budget amendment, adding funding for the following two projects, in the following amounts:

- South Florida Hurricane Evacuation Clearance Time Initiative \$160,000
- South Florida Economic Development District's Statewide Industry Cluster Analysis \$1 million

During the RPC Policy Board meeting, members asked for guidance on how to be helpful with the funding request. In response, we prepared a plan of action for the RPC Executive Directors to assist the Policy Board members in a push to support the funding request. We recommended that Policy board

members directly call key legislators to offer support. We created individualized scripts to be used when making the calls for the final four key funding decision makers, which are included in this report.

Our collective message was clear, that the RPCs pursuit of funding of \$1 million for the Florida Economic Development District's Statewide Industry Cluster Analysis would serve to generate two unique outcomes critical to Florida's future economic development:

- Creation of an invaluable new resource that currently does not exist: the first statewide industry cluster map and analysis that includes and documents supplier relationships and out-of-state suppliers to Florida's existing and emerging industry clusters.
- Give guidance to counties, municipalities, and economic development organizations related to the best use and leverage of their economic and community development funds to attract industry cluster suppliers and supportive businesses to their community.

As the budget conference between the House and Senate commenced, we continued our meetings with key legislators in both the appropriations committees and in leadership, in the House and Senate. Funding in the budget was finalized, with the House and Senate agreeing to fund our proposal with \$500,000, however, for the South Florida Economic Development District's Statewide Industry Cluster Analysis, (budget line item 2234).

In the final 10 days of the Session remaining, we began to shift our focus to the Governor's office as we anticipated early budget action. Before the budget was officially transmitted to the Governor, in an unprecedented way, the Governor released his list of vetoed items prior to receiving the budget. It was a preemptive move. The Economic Development District's Statewide Industry Cluster Analysis funding of \$500,000 was vetoed.