



The following is an informational update from the FGFOA Legislative Committee.

HB 127 (Williamson) and companion SB 142 (Perry)

Permit Fees; Requiring the governing bodies of counties and municipalities to post their permit and inspection fee schedules and building permit and inspection utilization reports on their websites; requiring certain governing bodies of local governments to post their building permit and inspection utilization reports on their websites by a specified date, etc.

The proposed bills require local governments, counties and municipalities, to publish building permit and inspection fee schedules and utilization reports on their websites. The bills require the building permit and inspection utilization report to include direct and indirect costs incurred by the local government to implement the Florida Building Code, including salary and benefits, and third part costs related to the provision of services. The bills also establish a date of December 31, 2020, by which local governments are required to publish the permit and inspection utilization report on the local government website; require the subsequent posting of an updated permit and inspection report prior to making any adjustments to the permit and inspection fee schedule; and require that the permit and inspection utilization report be based on the information available in the most recently completed financial audit.

HB 127 was referred to the Business and Professions Subcommittee after being approved by the Local, Federal, and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee 14-0.

SB 142 is scheduled on the Community Affairs Committee meeting on 2/5/19 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

SB 144 (Bean) and Similar Companion HB 207 (Donalds)

Impact Fees; Revising the minimum requirements for impact fees adopted by a local government; exempting water and sewer connection fees from the Florida Impact Fee Act.

The proposed bills provide that impact fees may not be required to occur prior to building permit issuance and fees must be “reasonably connected to or have a rational nexus with the need for additional capital facilities...”

SB 144 is scheduled on the Community Affairs Committee meeting on 2/5/19 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

SB 7014 (Governmental Oversight and Accountability)

Government Accountability; among other things, specifies that the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, or the designee of the Governor or of the commissioner, may notify the Legislative Auditing Committee of an entity’s failure to comply with certain auditing and financial reporting requirements; specifies that any person who willfully fails or refuses to provide access to an employee, officer, or agent of an entity under audit is subject to a penalty.

The proposed bill defines fraud, waste and abuse consistent with language developed from the yellow book and green book of auditing standards at the federal and state levels.

SB 7014 is scheduled on the Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee meeting on 2/5/19 from 10:00AM.



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