

HB 703 has some particularly egregious language that **strips local home rule authority** related to comprehensive plans and environmental protection. This would **undermine the power of each local government** in Florida to enact and enforce critical local comprehensive plans, policies and implementing regulations. In summary, it:

- **Preempts local government authority to protect wetlands** and springs and regulate stormwater runoff **for agricultural lands**. It would, in effect, repeal comprehensive plan policies, implementing regulations and other land use controls related to these issues that have been adopted since July 1, 2003;
- Preempts local government authority to require a **supermajority vote** on comprehensive plans and amendments; and,
- **Prevents any local government from reconsidering a plan amendment** where development has been approved on bona fide agricultural lands.
- **Restricts local government wetland and mitigation standards for Chapter 298 drainage districts**
- Allows land owners agreeing to water storage to receive **50-year consumptive use permits**.
- Allows Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) to receive **30-year consumptive use permits** if located within Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern.
 - **Exempts Sector Plans and DRI master plans from Chapter 373 analyses** AND requires the water needs of these projects to be included in Regional Water Supply Plan
 - This legislation is **opposed by 1000 Friends of Florida, Sierra Club, Audubon, Defenders of Wildlife, Florida Wildlife Federation, League of Women Voters and Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation**
 - Resolutions opposing this bill have been filed by **Martin County, Alachua County, Miami-Dade County and St. Lucie County; towns of Stuart and Sewall's Point**, and the more than 50 local, state and national organizations that make up the **Everglades Coalition**

Don't let Tallahassee put a "one size fits all" standard in place to benefit special interests – make sure your conservation voice is heard!