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# 2023 Legislative Update Guardians of Martin County

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## SB 816/HB 843 – Polsky/Cross Challenges to Development Orders

- Requires a prevailing party to show that a development order challenge was frivolous before they can recover attorney fees.
- Prohibits intervening parties from recovering prevailing party attorney fees
- **UPDATE – Chairperson Person-Mulicka has advised that she will not allow the bill to even make it to its first committee stop. The bill is dead.**



# SB 540/HB 359 – DiCeglie/Duggan Local Comprehensive Plans

- Provides for prevailing attorney fees in comprehensive plan amendment challenges.
- Resolves discrepancy in the District Court of Appeals by limiting the scope of development order challenges to only those that involve use, density & intensity. No other inconsistency with a local comprehensive plan Goal, Objective, or Policy may be the subject of the challenge.
- **UPDATE – Bill has passed its first two House Committee stops and first Senate Committee stop. Sponsor refuses to respond to requests to amend the bill.**





# SB 856/ HB 41 – Rodriguez/Garcia Land Development Initiative and Referendum Process

- Prohibits a local Initiative or referendum on any land development regulations.
- **UPDATE: Passed first House Committee stop. Up for second committee hearing tomorrow.**



# SB 170/HB 1515 – Brackett/Trumbull Local Ordinances

- Requires local governments to prepare a business impact estimate before enacting a wide range of ordinances.
- Creates a new cause of action for businesses to sue local governments.
- Plaintiff only prevailing party attorney fees.
- “Hostage clause” – the ordinance is held in abeyance during the pendency of the litigation, including the appeal.
- **UPDATE: Passed all Senate Committee stops, one House Committee stop left tomorrow morning.**



## SB 346/HB 383 – DeCeglie/Griffits Public Construction

- Default approval of a development permit or development order after 180 days.
- **UPDATE: Passed first Senate Committee stop**



# SB 1604/HB 439 – Ingoglia/ McClain Land Use and Development Regulations

- Eliminates all state planning indicators for urban sprawl, instead defines sprawl as “unplanned development that requires an extension of public facilities by a local government.”
- Expands agricultural enclave from 1,000 residents to 1,000 residential units.
- Prohibits the denial of a development order just because it fails to meet level of service standards.
- **UPDATE: Passed first House Committee stop.**



## SB 682/HB 671 – DeCeglie/Esposito Residential Building Permits

- Reduces the time local governments have to approve or deny building permits from 30 business days to 9 calendar days. Failure to make a decision by the deadline is a default approval.
- **UPDATE: Referred to House Committees, not moving in the Senate.**





## SB 484/HB 325 – Bradley/Valdes Flood Disclosure for Residential and Commercial Property Sales

- Requires sellers to disclose information about the risk of flooding to prospective buyers.
- **UPDATE:** Referred to committees in the House, not moving in the Senate.



# Land Acquisition Funding

- SB 54/HB 135 Land Acquisition Trust Fund
- SB 320/HB 547 Land Acquisition Trust Fund
- SB 602/HB 557 Land Acquisition Trust Fund
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## SB 172/HB 177 – Berman/Gossett-Seidman Safe Waterways Act

- Requires DOH to notify people if water quality test fails in public bathing waters.
- **UPDATE:** Referred to House committees, not moving in the Senate.



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SB 1538/HB 423 Stewart/Cross  
Implementation of the Recommendations of the  
Blue-Green Algae Task Force

- Would implement some of the recommendations of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force.
- **UPDATE: Not moving.**



# SB 1240/HB 1197 Burgess/Maggard Land and Water Management

Preemption bill that prohibits local governments from adopting any regulations that related to water quality, pollutant discharge prevention or removal, and wetlands.

Repeals Land Management Review Teams

**UPDATE:** Referred to committee stops in both the House and Senate but no hearings set.

