



# VOTING RECORDS

2022 Regular and Special Session D of the Florida Legislature



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# a message from the CEO



Brewster B. Bevis  
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## Dear Employer:

It is my pleasure to provide you with this tabulation of the voting conduct of each member of the Florida Legislature during the 2022 Regular Session and Special Session D. The *Voting Records* reports on the votes made by every legislator on bills that were advocated, promoted or opposed by Associated Industries of Florida (AIF).

By reporting on the 3,755 votes cast by legislators on 49 bills, this publication embodies the most exhaustive and complete record of the Legislature's approach to the concerns of Florida's employers.

We go to great lengths to ensure that legislators are aware of AIF's positions on issues of great importance to the business community. Every year before the session begins, we produce AIF's *Session Priorities*, which explains why we support or oppose key issues. In addition, during the session we provide each legislator with a *Weekly Brief* on the activities of that week, highlighting bills of interest to business and our positions on those issues. Our greatest asset, however, is our experienced and accomplished legislative team which has compiled a record of success second to none.

For 48 years AIF has published *Voting Records*, yet these records only tell part of the story. AIF also helps its member companies detect which bills and amendments are filed and by whom, and who is taking part in behind-the-scenes efforts and debates on behalf of the business community. These intangible forms of support through non-voting actions are also of vital importance and merit recognition. AIF instituted the "**Champions for Business**" awards in 2003 to acknowledge lawmakers who provide leadership on key legislation.

A "**Champion for Business**" is a legislator who takes risks for his or her belief in the free-enterprise system, who defies the status quo when it is harmful to our state's competitive climate and faces down the opponents to the growing prosperity of Florida's citizens. Each of the six legislators (see page 14) honored this year are the epitome of a "**Champion for Business.**"

I encourage you to take a moment and read the following page where we discuss the method of these rankings and how top-tier issues are dealt with and their impact on the rankings contained in this publication.



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# Recognizing Top-Tier Issues

Highlighting top-priority issues helps provide context for *Voting Records*.

Since 1975, AIF has published *Voting Records* — the definitive legislative scorecard for the business community. From a mathematical perspective, all votes cast are equal. The *Voting Records* compares the votes cast in support of business to the total number of votes cast on those bills. The calculated percentages are a simple and easy tool used by both AIF members and legislators.

However, from time to time an issue arises that affects the majority of all Florida businesses regardless of industry, size, location, etc. Issues such as workers' compensation, tort reform, and across the board business taxes are always top priorities for AIF. More recently, consumer data privacy was a top-tier issue debated in the Capitol due to its wide impact on the business community.

Each year before the legislative session, we produce the *Session Priorities* publication to communicate to all legislators the wide range of issues we are following for our members. Additionally, we make it a point in both written forms, via our weekly briefs and in public testimony, when one of those top-tier issues is at play.

For the very first time we are highlighting the specific vote on a top-priority issue (page 4) so the business community is able to clearly see how each legislator voted on this critical issue. This ensures that we



have communicated to the business community both the overall vote percentage on all AIF-selected business issues and the key votes cast on top-tier issues for each legislator.

We have immense respect for the dedication of elected officials who come to Tallahassee each year to serve the citizens of their districts and the state, and we applaud those legislators who consistently vote in support of Florida's employers. Yet, a simple voting percentage does not always provide a complete picture of a legislator's support of the business community.

Because of the level of importance of the data privacy issue to the entirety of the business community, we believe it is important to highlight how individual legislators voted on this issue to provide further context for our overall voting records.

AIF will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of each legislator through their overall voting percentage, their votes on specific top-priority issues, as well as how they publicly address issues that are important to the business community. All of these factors are considered when AIF makes recommendations to our members as to which legislators truly show strong support for Florida's business community. ■



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# 2022 Session Top-Tier Issue: HB 9 – Consumer Data Privacy

**HB 9 was a top priority for AIF and its members due to its far-reaching impact on many Florida businesses regardless of size, location, or industry.** AIF supports the privacy of consumers, but this must be done at the federal level to avoid a patchwork of regulations across every state. **AIF opposed HB 9** because it imposed onerous regulatory mandates costing billions in compliance costs, as well as authorizing a private cause of action without a right to cure that would open a Pandora's box of costly lawsuits for the business community. **AIF supported amendments to HB 9** that would have limited the scope of the bill to just those buying and selling consumer data and would have created a right to cure.

Below are the five votes taken in the Florida House on **HB 9** and how each legislator voted regarding the business community's position.

- ✓ **SUPPORTED** the position of AIF and the business community
- ✗ **OPPOSED** the position of AIF and the business community
- No vote cast

Legislator	Commerce Committee (2/10/22)	Judiciary Committee (2/23/22)	Floor Amendment - 258739 (3/1/22)	Floor Amendment - 663407 (3/1/22)	Final Floor Vote (3/1/22)
Alexander (D)	-	✓	✓	✗	✓
Aloupis (R)	-	-	-	✗	✗
Altman (R)	-	-	✗	✗	✗
Andrade (R)	-	-	✗	✗	✗
Arrington (D)	-	-	✓	✓	✓
Avila (R)	-	-	✗	✗	✗
Barnaby (R)	✗	-	✗	✗	✗
Bartleman (D)	-	-	✓	✓	✗
Bell (R)	-	-	✗	✗	✗
Beltran (R)	-	✗	✗	✗	✗
Benjamin (D)	-	-	✓	✓	✗
Borrero (R)	-	-	✗	✗	✗
Botana (R)	-	-	✗	✗	✗
Brannan (R)	-	✗	✗	✗	✗
Brown (D)	-	-	✓	✗	-
Buchanan (R)	-	-	✗	✗	✗
Burton (R)	-	-	✗	✗	✗
Busatta Cabrera (R)	-	✗	✗	✗	✗
Bush (D)	-	-	-	-	✗
Byrd (R)	-	✗	✗	✗	✗
Campbell (D)	-	-	✓	✓	✗
Caruso (R)	-	-	✗	✗	✗
Casello (D)	-	-	✓	✗	✗

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Chambliss (D)	-	-	✓	✓	✗
Chaney (R)	-	-	✗	✗	✗
Clemons (R)	✗	-	✗	✗	✗
Daley (D)	✗	-	✓	✓	✗
Davis (D)	-	-	-	✗	✗
Diamond (D)	-	✓	✓	✓	✗
DiCeglie (R)	✗	-	✗	✗	✗
Drake (R)	✗	-	✗	✗	✗
Driskell (D)	-	✓	✓	✓	✗
Duggan (R)	-	✗	✗	✗	✗
Duran (D)	-	-	✓	✗	✗
Eskamani (D)	-	-	✗	✗	✗
Fabricio (R)	✗	-	✗	✗	✗
Fernandez-Barquin (R)	-	✗	✗	✗	✗
Fetterhoff (R)	-	-	✗	✗	✗
Fine (R)	-	-	✗	✗	✗
Fischer (R)	-	-	✓	✗	✗
Garrison (R)	-	-	✗	✗	✗
Geller (D)	✗	-	✓	✗	✗
Giallombardo (R)	-	-	✗	✗	✗
Goff-Marcil (D)	-	-	✓	-	✗
Gottlieb (D)	-	-	✓	✗	✗
Grant (R)	-	-	-	-	-

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Grant (R)	-	-	-	-	-
Gregory (R)	-	X	X	X	X
Grieco (D)	X	X	✓	X	X
Hage (R)	X	-	X	X	X
Harding (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Hart (D)	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hawkins (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Hinson (D)	-	-	✓	✓	X
Hunschofsky (D)	-	-	✓	X	X
Ingoglia (R)	X	-	X	X	X
Jenne (D)	-	-	-	X	X
Joseph (D)	-	-	-	X	X
Killebrew (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Koster (R)	-	-	X	X	X
LaMarca (R)	-	-	X	X	✓
Latvala (R)	X	-	X	X	X
Learned (D)	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Leek (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Maggard (R)	X	-	X	X	X
Maney (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Mariano (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Massullo (R)	-	-	X	X	X
McClain (R)	-	-	X	X	X
McClure (R)	X	-	X	X	-
McCurdy (D)	-	-	✓	✓	X
McFarland (R)	X	-	X	X	X
Melo (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Mooney (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Morales (D)	-	-	-	-	X
Nixon (D)	X	-	✓	X	✓
Omphroy (D)	X	-	-	-	X
Overdorf (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Payne (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Perez (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Persons-Mulicka (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Plakon (R)	X	X	X	X	X
Plasencia (R)	X	-	X	X	X

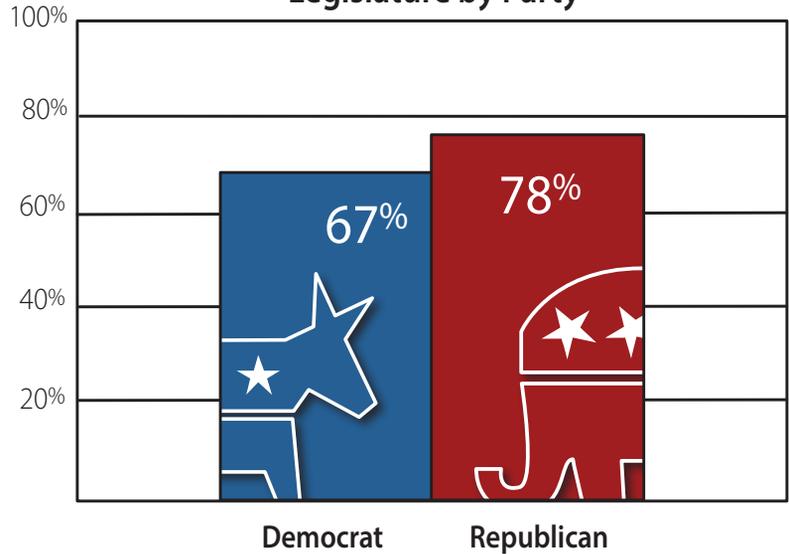
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Rayner (D)	-	-	X	X	X
Renner (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Rizo (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Roach (R)	-	X	X	X	X
Robinson, F. (D)	-	-	-	✓	✓
Robinson, W. (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Rodriguez (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Rommel (R)	X	-	X	X	X
Roth (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Sabatini (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Salzman (R)	-	X	X	X	X
Shoaf (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Silvers (D)	X	-	✓	X	X
Sirois (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Skidmore (D)	-	-	✓	✓	X
Slosberg-King (D)	-	-	✓	-	X
Smith, C. (D)	-	-	X	X	X
Smith, D. (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Snyder (R)	-	X	X	X	X
Sprowls (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Stevenson (R)	-	-	X	-	X
Tant (D)	-	-	✓	✓	✓
Thompson (D)	X	-	✓	✓	X
Toledo (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Tomkow (R)	X	-	X	X	X
Trabulsy (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Truenow (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Trumbull (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Tuck (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Valdés (D)	-	-	✓	-	X
Willhite (D)	X	-	✓	X	X
Williams (D)	-	-	✓	✓	✓
Williamson (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Woodson (D)	-	-	✓	X	X
Yarborough (R)	-	-	X	X	X
Zika (R)	-	-	X	X	X



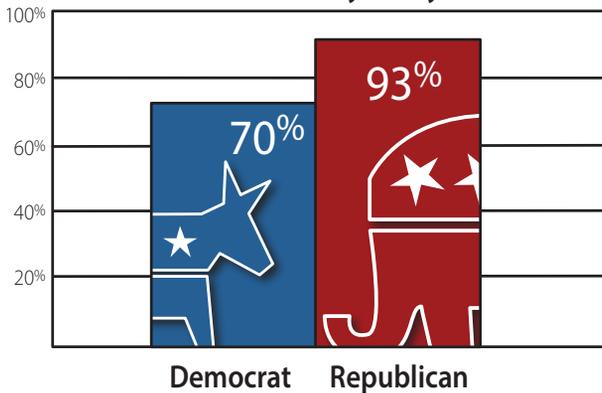
# 2022 Florida Legislature *by the Numbers* on Key Business Issues

**K**nowing how individual legislators cast their votes is extremely important when evaluating their stance on the issues facing our members. However, it is also important to look at other areas of the data to find clues on how different segments of the Florida Legislature are casting their votes. For instance, which party in which chamber tends to support business issues more than the other? How do the current voting records compare to those from past years? This section will break down different segments of the votes and provide some interesting **snapshots of the Florida Legislature's direction on business issues.**

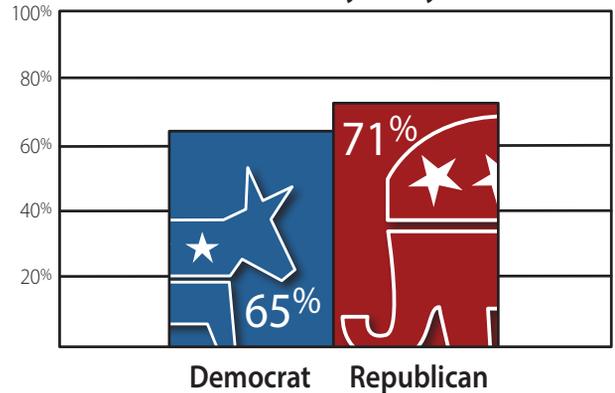
### Legislature by Party



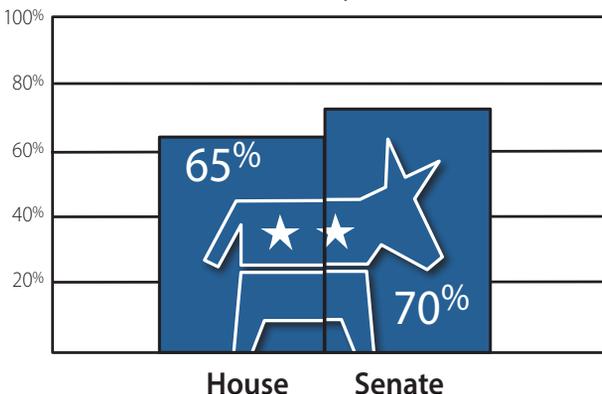
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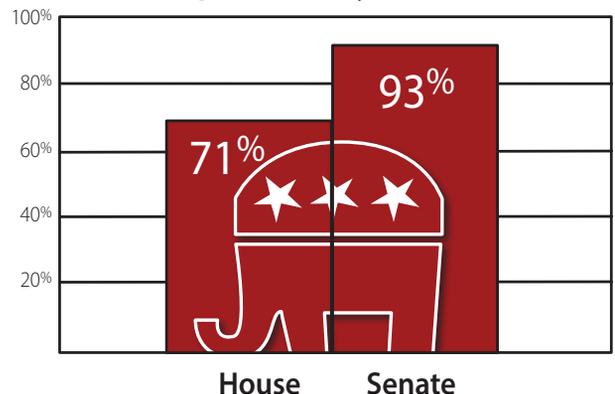
### House by Party



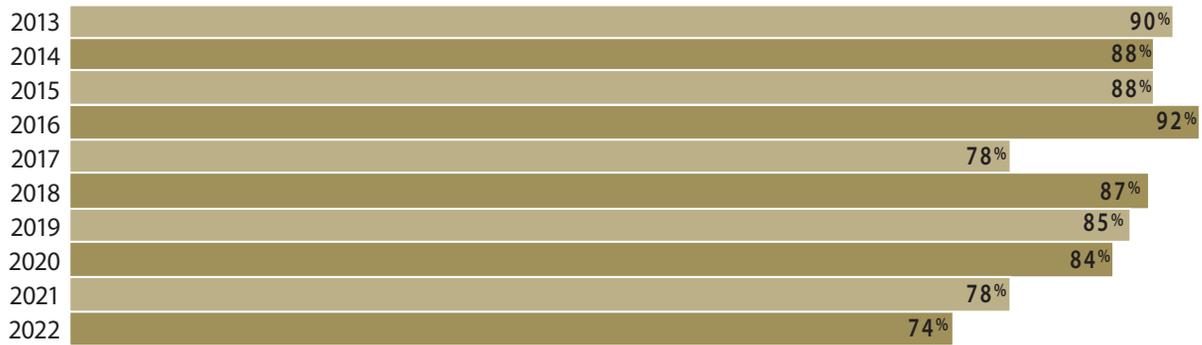
### Democrats by Chamber



### Republicans by Chamber

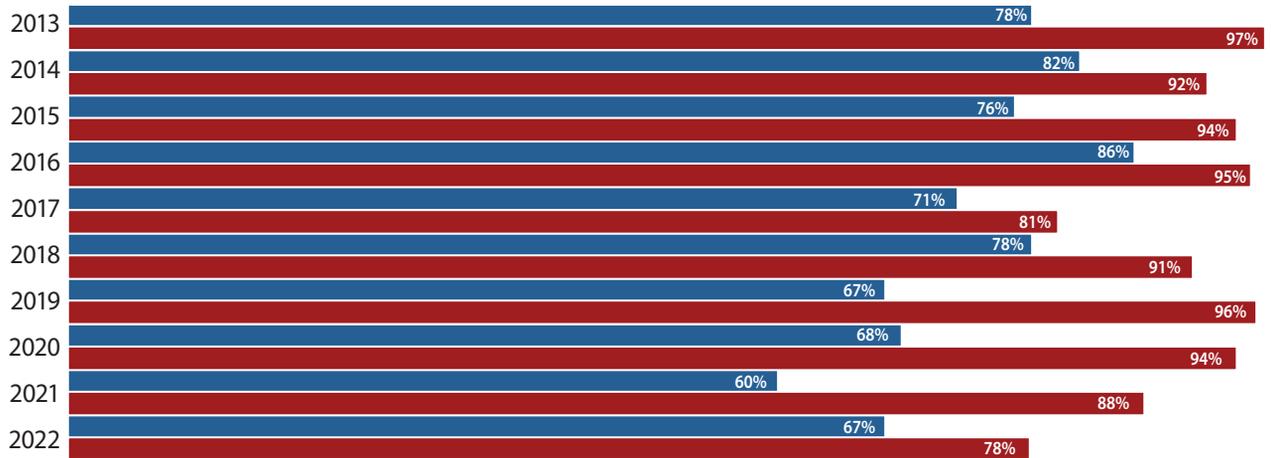


## Legislature Voting Records — Past Ten Years



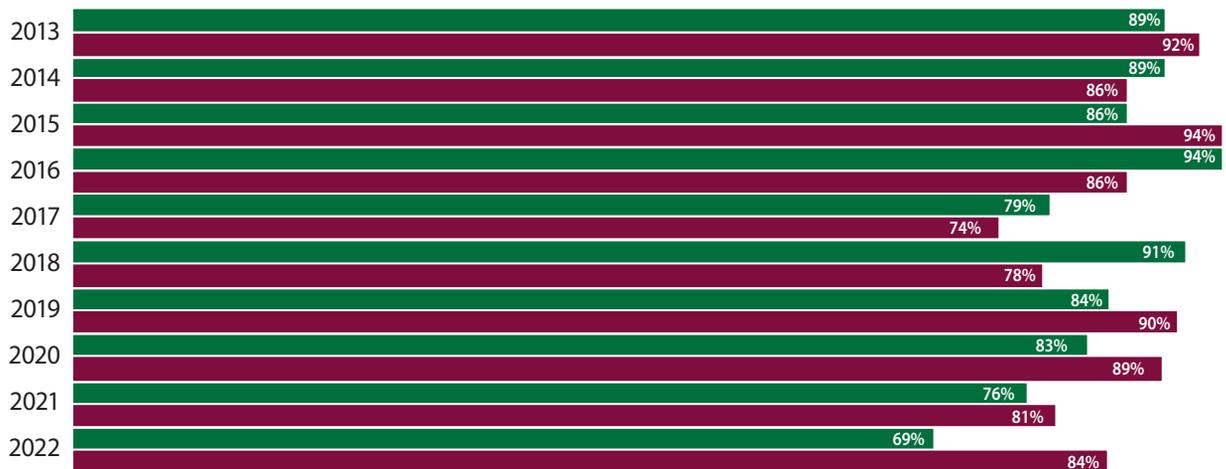
## Party Voting Records — Past Ten Years

■ Democrats ■ Republicans



## Chamber Voting Records — Past Ten Years

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## BY RANK

### FLORIDA SENATE

% w/AIF	Name/Party	For	Against
97%	Hutson (R)	35	1
97%	Perry (R)	31	1
96%	Wright (R)	23	1
95%	Albritton (R)	37	2
95%	Baxley (R)	38	2
95%	Bean (R)	35	2
95%	Bradley (R)	21	1
95%	Brodeur (R)	19	1
95%	Hoopar (R)	38	2
95%	Mayfield (R)	38	2
95%	Rodriguez, A. (R)	18	1
94%	Boyd (R)	32	2
94%	Harrell (R)	16	1
94%	Stargel (R)	33	2
93%	Passidomo (R)	37	3
93%	Simpson (R)	13	1
91%	Gruters (R)	31	3
90%	Broxson (R)	26	3
90%	Burgess (R)	19	2
90%	Gainer (R)	19	2
88%	Diaz (R)	36	5
88%	Garcia (R)	30	4
88%	Rodrigues, R. (R)	22	3
83%	Powell (D)	33	7
82%	Book (D)	32	7
81%	Brandes (R)	29	7
79%	Stewart (D)	27	7
77%	Pizzo (D)	24	7
75%	Jones (D)	12	4
75%	Torres (D)	15	5
72%	Gibson (D)	28	11
70%	Bracy (D)	21	9
67%	Cruz (D)	12	6
67%	Taddeo (D)	16	8
66%	Rouson (D)	21	11
64%	Ausley (D)	14	8
61%	Berman (D)	11	7
60%	Polsky (D)	12	8
38%	Farmer (D)	10	16
33% <sup>1</sup>	Thurston (D)	1	2
0% <sup>2</sup>	Osgood (D)	0	1

**Total Votes with AIF/Business = 84%**

## BY RANK

### FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

% w/AIF	Name/Party	For	Against	% w/AIF	Name/Party	For	Against	% w/AIF	Name/Party	For	Against
92%	Grant (R)	11	1	73%	Morales (D)	11	4	67%	Rizo (R)	12	6
90%	Arrington (D)	18	2	73%	Trabulsy (R)	16	6	67%	Valdés (D)	10	5
89%	Learned (D)	17	2	72%	Aloupis (R)	13	5	65%	Caruso (R)	11	6
86%	Drake (R)	30	5	72%	Andrade (R)	13	5	65%	Davis (D)	13	7
83%	Brown (D)	19	4	72%	Borrero (R)	13	5	65%	Koster (R)	11	6
83%	Clemons (R)	20	4	72%	Burton (R)	13	5	65%	Plasencia (R)	11	6
83%	Omphroy (D)	19	4	72%	Mooney (R)	21	8	64%	Beltran (R)	16	9
83%	Silvers (D)	24	5	72%	Perez (R)	13	5	64%	Busatta Cabrera (R)	14	8
81%	LaMarca (R)	22	5	72%	Sirois (R)	13	5	64%	Fernandez-Barquin (R)	14	8
81%	McFarland (R)	25	6	72%	Smith, D. (R)	18	7	64%	Willhite (D)	14	8
81%	Shoaf (R)	21	5	71%	Benjamin (D)	12	5	64%	Woodson (D)	16	9
80%	Hart (D)	16	4	71%	DiCeglie (R)	15	6	63%	Casello (D)	10	6
79%	Buchanan (R)	27	7	71%	Driskell (D)	15	6	63%	Hage (R)	12	7
79%	Roth (R)	23	6	71%	Latvala (R)	15	6	63%	Hunschofsky (D)	12	7
79%	Toledo (R)	27	7	71%	Leek (R)	12	5	63%	Killebrew (R)	12	7
78%	Stevenson (R)	18	5	71%	McClain (R)	12	5	63%	Maney (R)	10	6
78%	Tant (D)	14	4	71%	Rommel (R)	20	8	62%	Fabricio (R)	13	8
78%	Williams (D)	14	4	71%	Trumbull (R)	12	5	62%	Gottlieb (D)	13	8
77%	Fine (R)	20	6	71%	Tuck (R)	12	5	61%	Byrd (R)	11	7
77%	Maggard (R)	20	6	71%	Yarborough (R)	17	7	61%	Goff-Marcil (D)	17	11
77%	Massullo (R)	20	6	70%	Duggan (R)	16	7	60%	Ingoglia (R)	12	8
77%	Overdorf (R)	24	7	70%	Fetterhoff (R)	14	6	60%	Salzman (R)	15	10
77%	Skidmore (D)	17	5	70%	Geller (D)	16	7	60%	Snyder (R)	12	8
76%	Brannan (R)	16	5	70%	Rodriguez (R)	14	6	59%	Hinson (D)	16	11
76%	Giallombardo (R)	22	7	70%	Slosberg-King (D)	14	6	58%	Roach (R)	11	8
76%	McClure (R)	16	5	70%	Truenow (R)	16	7	58%	Robinson, F. (D)	11	8
76%	Tomkow (R)	19	6	70%	Zika (R)	16	7	58%	Thompson (D)	14	10
75%	Duran (D)	15	5	69%	Plakon (R)	18	8	57%	Grall (R)	12	9
75%	Fischer (R)	18	6	69%	Renner (R)	11	5	56% <sup>4</sup>	Campbell (D)	14	11
75%	Harding (R)	18	6	69%	Sprowls (R)	11	5	52%	Nixon (D)	12	11
75%	Payne (R)	18	6	68%	Altman (R)	15	7	50%	Grieco (D)	12	12
75%	Robinson, W. (R)	18	6	68%	Bartleman (D)	17	8	50%	Rayner (D)	9	9
74%	Alexander (D)	17	6	68%	Bell (R)	13	6	48%	Joseph (D)	13	14
74%	Avila (R)	14	5	68%	Garrison (R)	15	7	47%	McCurdy (D)	8	9
74%	Mariano (R)	14	5	68%	Gregory (R)	17	8	47%	Sabatini (R)	8	9
74%	Persons-Mulicka (R)	17	6	68%	Hawkins (R)	13	6	46%	Diamond (D)	12	14
74%	Williamson (R)	17	6	68%	Melo (R)	15	7	46%	Smith, C. (D)	12	14
73%	Chambliss (D)	16	6	67%	Barnaby (R)	12	6	40%	Jenne (D)	6	9
73%	Chaney (R)	24	9	67%	Botana (R)	14	7	39%	Eskamani (D)	9	14
73%	Daley (D)	22	8	67%	Bush (D)	10	5	100% <sup>3</sup>	Edmonds (D)	2	0

1 This does not reflect a complete voting record because Sen. Thurston resigned on January 10, 2022.

2 This does not reflect a complete voting record because Sen. Osgood took office on March 10, 2022, during the last week of the Legislative Session.

3 This does not reflect a complete voting record because Rep. Edmonds took office on March 10, 2022, during the last week of the Legislative Session.

4 This does not reflect a complete voting record because Rep. Campbell took office on February 1, 2022.

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### FLORIDA SENATE

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95%	Brodeur (R)	19	1
90%	Broxson (R)	26	3
90%	Burgess (R)	19	2
67%	Cruz (D)	12	6
88%	Diaz (R)	36	5
38%	Farmer (D)	10	16
90%	Gainer (R)	19	2
88%	Garcia (R)	30	4
72%	Gibson (D)	28	11
91%	Gruters (R)	31	3
94%	Harrell (R)	16	1
95%	Hooper (R)	38	2
97%	Hutson (R)	35	1
75%	Jones (D)	12	4
95%	Mayfield (R)	38	2
0% <sup>2</sup>	Osgood (D)	0	1
93%	Passidomo (R)	37	3
97%	Perry (R)	31	1
77%	Pizzo (D)	24	7
60%	Polsky (D)	12	8
83%	Powell (D)	33	7
88%	Rodrigues, R. (R)	22	3
95%	Rodriguez, A. (R)	18	1
66%	Rouson (D)	21	11
93%	Simpson (R)	13	1
94%	Stargel (R)	33	2
79%	Stewart (D)	27	7
67%	Taddeo (D)	16	8
33% <sup>1</sup>	Thurston (D)	1	2
75%	Torres (D)	15	5
96%	Wright (R)	23	1

**Total Votes with AIF/Business = 84%**

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## FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

% w/AIF	Name/Party	For	Against	% w/AIF	Name/Party	For	Against	% w/AIF	Name/Party	For	Against
74%	Alexander (D)	17	6	75%	Fischer (R)	18	6	72%	Perez (R)	13	5
72%	Aloupis (R)	13	5	68%	Garrison (R)	15	7	74%	Persons-Mulicka (R)	17	6
68%	Altman (R)	15	7	70%	Geller (D)	16	7	69%	Plakon (R)	18	8
72%	Andrade (R)	13	5	76%	Giallombardo (R)	22	7	65%	Plasencia (R)	11	6
90%	Arrington (D)	18	2	61%	Goff-Marcil (D)	17	11	50%	Rayner (D)	9	9
74%	Avila (R)	14	5	62%	Gottlieb (D)	13	8	69%	Renner (R)	11	5
67%	Barnaby (R)	12	6	57%	Grall (R)	12	9	67%	Rizo (R)	12	6
68%	Bartleman (D)	17	8	92%	Grant (R)	11	1	58%	Roach (R)	11	8
68%	Bell (R)	13	6	68%	Gregory (R)	17	8	58%	Robinson, F. (D)	11	8
64%	Beltran (R)	16	9	50%	Grieco (D)	12	12	75%	Robinson, W. (R)	18	6
71%	Benjamin (D)	12	5	63%	Hage (R)	12	7	70%	Rodriguez (R)	14	6
72%	Borrero (R)	13	5	75%	Harding (R)	18	6	71%	Rommel (R)	20	8
67%	Botana (R)	14	7	80%	Hart (D)	16	4	79%	Roth (R)	23	6
76%	Brannan (R)	16	5	68%	Hawkins (R)	13	6	47%	Sabatini (R)	8	9
83%	Brown (D)	19	4	59%	Hinson (D)	16	11	60%	Salzman (R)	15	10
79%	Buchanan (R)	27	7	63%	Hunschofsky (D)	12	7	81%	Shoaf (R)	21	5
72%	Burton (R)	13	5	60%	Ingoglia (R)	12	8	83%	Silvers (D)	24	5
64%	Busatta Cabrera (R)	14	8	40%	Jenne (D)	6	9	72%	Sirois (R)	13	5
67%	Bush (D)	10	5	48%	Joseph (D)	13	14	77%	Skidmore (D)	17	5
61%	Byrd (R)	11	7	63%	Killebrew (R)	12	7	70%	Slosberg-King (D)	14	6
56% <sup>4</sup>	Campbell (D)	14	11	65%	Koster (R)	11	6	46%	Smith, C. (D)	12	14
65%	Caruso (R)	11	6	81%	LaMarca (R)	22	5	72%	Smith, D. (R)	18	7
63%	Casello (D)	10	6	71%	Latvala (R)	15	6	60%	Snyder (R)	12	8
73%	Chambliss (D)	16	6	89%	Learned (D)	17	2	69%	Sprolws (R)	11	5
73%	Chaney (R)	24	9	71%	Leek (R)	12	5	78%	Stevenson (R)	18	5
83%	Clemons (R)	20	4	77%	Maggard (R)	20	6	78%	Tant (D)	14	4
73%	Daley (D)	22	8	63%	Maney (R)	10	6	58%	Thompson (D)	14	10
65%	Davis (D)	13	7	74%	Mariano (R)	14	5	79%	Toledo (R)	27	7
46%	Diamond (D)	12	14	77%	Massullo (R)	20	6	76%	Tomkow (R)	19	6
71%	DiCeglie (R)	15	6	71%	McClain (R)	12	5	73%	Trabulsy (R)	16	6
86%	Drake (R)	30	5	76%	McClure (R)	16	5	70%	Truenow (R)	16	7
71%	Driskell (D)	15	6	47%	McCurdy (D)	8	9	71%	Trumbull (R)	12	5
70%	Duggan (R)	16	7	81%	McFarland (R)	25	6	71%	Tuck (R)	12	5
75%	Duran (D)	15	5	68%	Melo (R)	15	7	67%	Valdés (D)	10	5
100% <sup>3</sup>	Edmonds (D)	2	0	72%	Mooney (R)	21	8	64%	Willhite (D)	14	8
39%	Eskamani (D)	9	14	73%	Morales (D)	11	4	78%	Williams (D)	14	4
62%	Fabricio (R)	13	8	52%	Nixon (D)	12	11	74%	Williamson (R)	17	6
64%	Fernandez-Barquin (R)	14	8	83%	Omphroy (D)	19	4	64%	Woodson (D)	16	9
70%	Fetterhoff (R)	14	6	77%	Overdorf (R)	24	7	71%	Yarborough (R)	17	7
77%	Fine (R)	20		75%	Payne (R)	18	6	70%	Zika (R)	16	7

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**Total Votes with AIF/Business = 69%**

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## FLORIDA SENATE

Name/Party	2022	History
Albritton (R)	95%	97%
Ausley (D)	64%	73%
Baxley (R)	95%	95%
Bean (R)	95%	92%
Berman (D)	61%	65%
Book (D)	82%	79%
Boyd (R)	94%	97%
Bracy (D)	70%	78%
Bradley (R)	95%	94%
Brandes (R)	81%	93%
Brodeur (R)	95%	96%
Broxson (R)	90%	96%
Burgess (R)	90%	89%
Cruz (D)	67%	64%
Diaz (R)	88%	93%
Farmer (D)	38%	56%
Gainer (R)	90%	85%
Garcia (R)	88%	88%
Gibson (D)	72%	75%
Gruters (R)	91%	90%
Harrell (R)	94%	95%
Hooper (R)	95%	95%
Hutson (R)	97%	94%
Jones (D)	75%	78%
Mayfield (R)	95%	95%
Osgood (D)	0% <sup>2</sup>	0%
Passidomo (R)	93%	96%
Perry (R)	97%	96%
Pizzo (D)	77%	79%
Polsky (D)	60%	62%
Powell (D)	83%	78%
Rodrigues, R. (R)	88%	91%
Rodriguez, A. (R)	95%	94%
Rouson (D)	66%	69%
Simpson (R)	93%	92%
Stargel (R)	94%	95%
Stewart (D)	79%	83%
Taddeo (D)	67%	70%
Thurston (D)	33% <sup>1</sup>	33%
Torres (D)	75%	73%
Wright (R)	96%	96%

# FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Name/Party	2022	History	Name/Party	2022	History	Name/Party	2022	History
Alexander (D)	74%	69%	Fischer (R)	75%	90%	Perez (R)	72%	90%
Aloupis (R)	72%	88%	Garrison (R)	68%	77%	Persons-Mulicka (R)	74%	80%
Altman (R)	68%	91%	Geller (D)	70%	61%	Plakon (R)	69%	93%
Andrade (R)	72%	91%	Giallombardo (R)	76%	82%	Plasencia (R)	65%	90%
Arrington (D)	90%	78%	Goff-Marcil (D)	61%	53%	Rayner (D)	50%	53%
Avila (R)	74%	88%	Gottlieb (D)	62%	48%	Renner (R)	69%	90%
Barnaby (R)	67%	80%	Grall (R)	57%	77%	Rizo (R)	67%	79%
Bartleman (D)	68%	61%	Grant (R)	92%	95%	Roach (R)	58%	83%
Bell (R)	68%	88%	Gregory (R)	68%	84%	Robinson, F. (D)	58%	59%
Beltran (R)	64%	87%	Grieco (D)	50%	64%	Robinson, W. (R)	75%	91%
Benjamin (D)	71%	68%	Hage (R)	63%	89%	Rodriguez (R)	70%	85%
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Chaney (R)	73%	80%	Leek (R)	71%	92%	Stevenson (R)	78%	92%
Clemons (R)	83%	94%	Maggard (R)	77%	86%	Tant (D)	78%	67%
Daley (D)	73%	72%	Maney (R)	63%	76%	Thompson (D)	58%	67%
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Whether they proposed an important bill, authored a key amendment, or toiled behind the scenes, these legislators are the ones who made a difference this session.



A *Champion for Business* is a legislator who takes a stand for his or her belief in the free-enterprise system, who defies the status quo when it is harmful to our state's competitive climate and who faces down opponents to the growing prosperity of Florida's citizens.

The *Champion for Business* is evidence that, in our efforts to let our members and their legislators know who has supported business and who hasn't, we leave no stone unturned.

In our collective wisdom, these six legislators are the epitome of what a *Champion for Business* should be. Whether they proposed an important bill, authored a key amendment, or toiled behind the scenes, these legislators are the ones who made a difference this session.



#### Senate President Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby)

President Wilton Simpson is receiving his third **Champion for Business Award**. Associated Industries of Florida applauds President Simpson for his steadfast leadership on behalf of the business community. AIF recognizes the impact that President Simpson had on preventing the increased costs and liability exposure that would have come from the proposed data privacy legislation. President Simpson's leadership also led to additional accountability for environmental spending in a way that ensures that all legal users have access to water resources while providing significant environmental enhancements.



#### Senator Kathleen Passidomo (R-Naples)

Sen. Kathleen Passidomo is receiving her fourth **Champion for Business Award**. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Sen. Passidomo for her diligent efforts in working closely with AIF on the proposed data privacy legislation and allowing the business community to provide input and feedback. AIF thanks Sen. Passidomo for her unwavering commitment to the Florida business community.



#### Senator Ben Albritton (R-Wauchula)

Sen. Ben Albritton is receiving his fourth **Champion for Business Award**. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Sen. Albritton for his efforts to provide additional accountability for environmental spending in a way that ensures that all legal users have access to water resources while providing significant environmental enhancements. Sen. Albritton also successfully championed legislation that allows agricultural producers to specifically tailor nutrient rates to environmental and crop needs.

**The *Champion for Business* award symbolizes our gratitude for extraordinary efforts by legislators on behalf of the business community.**



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## Senator Jim Boyd (R-Bradenton)

Sen. Jim Boyd is receiving his fifth **Champion for Business Award**. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Sen. Boyd for his efforts to provide solutions to Florida's property insurance crisis. During the Special Session on homeowner's insurance, Sen. Boyd led the Senate's efforts that resulted in significant reform aimed at reducing the impact of frivolous lawsuits on the insurance markets. Elements of this bill will reduce the significant pressure that property insurance premium payers see in the form of increasing rates and decreasing options. AIF is thankful for Sen. Boyd's continued efforts in this area.



## Representative Jay Trumbull (R-Panama City)

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## Representative Andrew Learned (D-Brandon)

Rep. Andrew Learned is receiving his first **Champion for Business Award**. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Rep. Learned for his efforts to make significant changes to the consumer data privacy legislation. Rep. Learned offered multiple amendments that would have dramatically limited the scope of the bill and would have provided meaningful changes to the most egregious parts of the legislation. AIF thanks Rep. Learned for listening to the business community and making compelling arguments on its behalf.



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# 2022 Bills

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## Agriculture & Environment

### **HB 1291 & SB 1000**

**Nutrient Application Rates** by Rep. Lawrence McClure (R-Dover) and Sen. Ben Albritton (R-Wauchula)

The bills provide a mechanism for citrus producers to utilize “rate tailoring” fertilizer application rates developed in concert with a 4R Certified Crop Advisor. To utilize the rate tailoring option, the producer must be enrolled in the commodity appropriate Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Best Management Practices (BMP) manual. In addition, the legislation maintains the Presumption of Compliance for growers who are enrolled in the BMP program and utilizing rate tailoring.

*SB 1000 was signed into law by the Governor and assigned Chapter No. 2022-177.*

**AIF supported this legislation** because it protects agricultural producers’ enrollment in the Best Management Practices program while providing the ability to specifically tailor nutrient rates based upon variables such as crop variety, site-specific conditions, meteorological events, or pest and disease pressures.

### **HB 909 & SB 1210**

**Pollution Control Standards and Liability** by Rep. Bobby Payne (R-Palatka) and Sen. Ben Albritton (R-Wauchula)

As a matter of common practice in real estate transactions and other permitting, environmental assessments are conducted to ensure there are not any environmental contamination issues. In a vast majority of transactions on agricultural lands, a relatively simple “phase 1” assessment suffices. However, some municipalities have recently implemented new criteria which presume all agricultural lands are contaminated. As such, they must

complete a “phase 2” assessment which includes taking representative samples throughout the entire parcel for analysis.

The bills specify that the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has exclusive jurisdiction in setting standards or procedures for evaluating environmental conditions and assessing potential liability for the presence of contaminants on land that is classified as agricultural and is being converted to a nonagricultural use. The bill prohibits the FDEP Secretary from delegating such authority to a city, a county, or another unit of local government through a local pollution control program.

*HB 909 was signed into law by the Governor and assigned Chapter No. 2022-127.*

**AIF supported this legislation** because it protects the normal and customary procedures for environmental assessments on agricultural lands. Further, AIF supported unifying regulatory authority over site assessments for current or former agricultural lands by making the FDEP the sole authority for evaluating environmental conditions and assessing potential liability for the presence of contaminants on these properties.

### **SB 2508**

**Environmental Resources** by the Senate Appropriations Committee

In the past two years, the Florida Legislature has provided over \$1.1 billion to the South Florida Water Management District (District). This level of investment by the State in Everglades restoration and water resource development requires additional accountability. SB 2508 by the Senate Appropriations Committee provides a framework for ensuring that the District continues to fulfill each of its statutory responsibilities of flood control, water supply, water quality, and natural systems while implementing large-scale ecosystem restoration projects.

 Supported by AIF  Opposed by AIF

*SB 2508 was vetoed by the Governor.*

**AIF supported this legislation** as it addresses existing water quality and quantity issues. Florida's businesses and citizens alike rely on access to clean, uncontaminated water.

## Business Regulation

### **HB 9**

**Consumer Data Privacy** by Rep. Fiona McFarland (R-Sarasota)

Every day, businesses collect data on consumers. From email addresses to send out warranty reminders, to phone numbers and birthdays, businesses have more consumer data than ever. As responsible Florida companies, protecting consumers' data is of the utmost importance to AIF and our members.

The bill gave consumers certain rights related to personal information collected by a business. It would allow the Department of Legal Affairs to enforce these rights by bringing an action against and collecting civil penalties from violators. Consumers would also be able to bring a private cause of action—with no attorney fee limits—if their personal information was sold or shared after opting-out or after a request to delete or correct.

Although a priority bill for the Speaker of the House, AIF worked tirelessly for our members to ensure this bad piece of legislation did not pass. As written, HB 9 would have decimated businesses with more than \$21 billion in compliance costs and the threat of endless, frivolous litigation. While AIF supports commonsense protections for consumer data, HB 9 was a huge step in the wrong direction.

As HB 9 worked through the committee process, AIF provided the legislature with multiple amendments to drastically improve the bill. Unfortunately, the amendments failed along partisan lines. If passed, these amendments would have helped to resolve some of the most significant issues that we brought to light and would have made this bill significantly better.

*HB 9 died in the Senate.*

**AIF will continue to oppose** legislation that imposes onerous mandates with significant financial burdens on private businesses. Additionally, AIF will continue to oppose the private right of action without a right to cure as it will open a Pandora's box of costly lawsuits for the business community who create the jobs that drive



President & CEO Brewster Bevis addresses members at the AIF Session Briefing in Tallahassee.

Florida's economy. AIF supports the privacy of consumers, but this must be done at the federal level to avoid a patchwork of regulations across every state.

### **HB 569 & SB 620**

**Local Business Protection Act** by Rep. Lawrence McClure (R-Dover) and Sen. Travis Hutson (R-Palm Coast)

Far too often, local government mandates directly affect business operations—whether intentional or not. For Florida to maintain the status of the best state in the nation to do business, we must address these barriers to success.

The bills grant businesses a process to recover losses from a local government when the enactment or amendment of an ordinance or charter provision causes at least a 15% loss of profits to the business, if the business has been legally operating for at least 3 years preceding the ordinance.

*SB 620 was vetoed by the Governor.*

**AIF supported this legislation** because it grants businesses the right to challenge, in court, unjust and arbitrary local ordinances that create barriers to business which leads to jobs lost and a decelerated economy. Business is the lifeblood of Florida, and owners deserve the right to protect their livelihood.

## **HB 403 & SB 280**

**Local Ordinances** by Rep. Mike Giallombardo (R-Cape Coral) and Sen. Travis Hutson (R-Palm Coast)

In the same vein as the Local Business Protection Act, the bills sought to grant businesses more protections by:

- Requiring counties and municipalities to prepare a “business impact statement” before the adoption of any proposed ordinance, which must be published on the local government’s website and contain specific information;
- Providing for expedited court review of challenged ordinances; and
- Establishing criteria for courts to consider when determining if an ordinance is arbitrary or unreasonable.

*HB 403 died on the House calendar.*

*SB 280 died in House messages.*

**AIF will continue to support** legislation that bolsters the rights of businesses to recoup undue losses at the hands of local governments to maintain a prosperous business climate in Florida.

## **HB 1197**

**Employee Organizations Representing Public Employees** by Rep. Scott Plakon (R-Longwood)

The Florida Constitution forbids an employer from denying citizens the right to work based on membership or non-membership in any employee organization. The bill required a public employee who wants to join an employee organization to sign a membership authorization form that contains the following acknowledgement:

*I acknowledge and understand that Florida is a right-to-work state, and that union membership is not required as a condition of employment. I understand that union membership and payment of union dues and assessments are voluntary and that I may not be discriminated against in any manner if I refuse to join or financially support a union.*

The bill required an employee organization to revoke a public employee’s membership upon receipt of the employee’s written request. If the public employee must complete a form to request revocation, the form may not require the public employee to provide a reason for membership revocation.

*HB 1197 died in the Senate Rules Committee.*

 Supported by AIF  Opposed by AIF

**AIF will continue to support** legislation that helps Florida compete for and protect workers and further enhance the economic development in the state.

## **SB 536**

**Administrative Procedures** by Sen. Manny Diaz (R-Hialeah)

The bill requires each agency to review its rules every five years to provide assurances that all of its rules are consistent with current statutory authority and to repeal those rules that are no longer necessary or authorized by current statutory authority. If an agency failed to re-promulgate its rules, the former iteration of the bill would automatically repeal such rules. Simple inaction by an agency would have eliminated rules without public input. Potential automatic repeal of agency rules is problematic because there is no opportunity for stakeholder involvement or comment and the process creates substantial regulatory uncertainty, potential hardship, and a lack of transparency.

The bill accomplishes the intended goal by amending the existing requirements for annual agency review of existing rules and increasing the authority of the Legislature’s Joint Administrative Procedures Committee to ensure the agencies are following the new directives.

*SB 536 died in House messages.*

**AIF will continue to support** legislative efforts that clarify and streamline adherence to rules which affect all regulated industries and businesses in the state as uncertainty creates unnecessary hardships in an already difficult time.

## **HB 1095 & SB 1564**

**Telephone Solicitation** by Rep. Mike Beltran (R-Lithia) and Sen. Travis Hutson (R-Palm Coast)

In 2021, SB 1120 was passed and prevented telephonic sales calls using automated systems that select numbers OR the usage of automated systems that dial the numbers. SB 1564 further clarified that telephonic sales calls may not be made using automated number generators AND automated dialers, i.e., robocalls. The bills allowed telephonic sales calls with human interaction and therefore clarified the intent of the original 2021 bill to prevent robocalls to parties that had not made an inquiry. HB 1095 was amended to take a different approach.

*HB 1095 died on the House calendar.*

*SB 1564 died in House messages.*

**AIF will continue to support** legislative efforts that address some of the issues created by the 2021 passage



Brewster Bevis, AIF President & CEO with CFO Jimmy Patronis and Sen. Debbie Mayfield (R-Melbourne) at AIF's Legislative Reception in Tallahassee.

## **HB 685**

**Rural Development** by Rep. Brad Drake (R-DeFuniak Springs)

Florida has a variety of economic grant and loan programs to aid the development of rural and otherwise economically distressed regions of the state. The bill reduced the required non-state match amount for the Regional Rural Development Grants Program from 25% to 15% and allowed in-kind contributions to count toward this threshold. The bill removed the requirement that repaid funds from the Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund be matched to be retained to fund future loans. Finally, the bill revised the uses of the Rural Infrastructure Fund to remove the requirement that grants be linked to financing specific projects. It increased the proportion of an infrastructure project that may be covered by the grant from 50% to 75% and increased the maximum grant for infrastructure feasibility studies, design and engineering activities, or other infrastructure planning and preparation activities, to \$300,000 for all projects.

*HB 685 died on the House calendar.*

**AIF continues to support** legislative efforts to increase economic development in Florida's rural areas by increasing job growth and access to well-paying jobs.

of SB 1120, dealing with telephone solicitation to allow businesses to use certain systems to conduct legitimate telephone solicitation.

## **Economic Development**

### **HB 489 & SB 434**

**Florida Tourism Marketing** by Rep. Linda Chaney (R-St. Petersburg) and Sen. Ed Hooper (R-Palm Harbor)

VISIT FLORIDA is the name for the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation, a non-profit that serves as Florida's statewide destination marketing organization and represents the state's tourism industry. Under the bill, the scheduled repeal date for VISIT FLORIDA and the Division of Tourism Marketing is extended from October 1, 2023, to October 1, 2028.

*SB 434 was signed into law by the Governor and assigned Chapter No. 2022-92.*

**AIF supports** investment in building a world-class marketing engine with top talent, analytics, and funding that develops and executes data-driven branding strategies to bolster tourism and further the economic growth of Florida.

 Supported by AIF  Opposed by AIF

## **Energy**

### **HB 741 & SB 1024**

**Net Metering** by Rep. Lawrence McClure (R-Dover) and Sen. Jennifer Bradley (R-Orange Park)

Net metering is a metering and billing methodology whereby customer-owned renewable generation (such as rooftop solar panels) is allowed to offset the customer's electricity consumption from utility providers. Under net metering, customers are credited for excess energy produced which flows back to the grid. A meter is used to record both electricity drawn from the grid and excess electricity that flows to the grid from the customer. The bills address issues in the current net metering framework to better allow utility providers to serve businesses and consumers alike.

*HB 741 was vetoed by the Governor.*

**AIF supported this legislation** because it allows Florida's utility providers to best serve the state and the businesses located here while reducing the financial burden passed on to the general customer base.

### **HB 737**

**Electric Vehicle Transportation Electrification Plan** by Rep. David Borrero (R-Sweetwater)

The bill required the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) to adopt rules for an electric vehicle (EV) transportation electrification plan to facilitate the deployment of EV charging infrastructure and prohibits investor-owned utilities (IOUs) from using rate base investment in the ownership and operation of EV charging stations.

The bill authorized intervention in certain Commission proceedings by EV charging station providers. Specifically, any entity that provides EV charging stations to the public may intervene and participate in any IOUs ratemaking or other Commission proceeding involving rates, terms, or conditions. Such proceedings include the rate structure paid by or proposed to be paid by customers for EV charging offered to the public.

Of great concern to AIF, there was no qualifier that the intervenor be a customer in the IOU's service territory, which would normally be required to prove standing. For example, an EV charging station based in California, with no charging stations in Florida, could intervene in a

proceeding in Florida. It is unclear what the purpose of this intervention is if an IOU is prohibited from including EV charging stations in its rate base.

*HB 737 died in the House Commerce Committee.*

**AIF will continue to oppose** legislation that burdens businesses with unnecessary regulations in introducing EV charging stations while simultaneously asking the Florida Public Service Commission to regulate an entire industry over which it has no jurisdiction.

## General Government

### **HB 943**

**Preemption of Local Government Wage Mandates** by Rep. Joe Harding (R-Williston)

The bill prohibited local governments from enacting, maintaining, or enforcing any wage mandates in an amount greater than the state minimum wage rate calculated pursuant to the state's Constitution, and provided that any wage mandates in conflict with the state minimum wage are void.

*HB 943 died in the House State Affairs Committee.*

**AIF will continue to support** legislation that allows Florida businesses to adhere to state or federal wage requirements, thus eliminating onerous regulations set by municipalities.



AIF members, business leaders and legislators gather at the 2022 AIF Legislative Reception.



Rep. Andrew Learned (D-Brandon) addresses AIF members at the Session Briefing in Tallahassee.

licensure requirements. This allows all individuals, not just licensed clinical laboratory personnel, to perform alternate site testing within a hospital or in a FED.

*SB 1374 was signed into law by the Governor and assigned Chapter No. 2022-37.*

**AIF supported this legislation** because permitting registered nurses to perform moderately complex lab tests outside of a clinical lab, but within a hospital department or an off-site hospital-based emergency department, will ensure greater access to quality care.

## Insurance

### **HB 1D & SB 2D**

**Relating to Property Insurance** by Rep. Jay Trumbull (R-Panama City) and Sen. Jim Boyd (R-Bradenton)

This legislation takes a giant step forward in beginning to end the wealth transfer happening from hardworking business owners and consumers to trial lawyers, who file inexplicable amounts of lawsuits against property insurers. Restoring the intent of the one-way attorney fee statute, preventing the frivolous piercing of insurance policy limits, and aligning with federal law on the use of contingency fee multipliers will reduce the significant pressure that property insurance premium payers see in the form of increasing rates and decreasing options.

Over the last several years, the Governor and Legislature's commitment to job creation and fiscal stewardship has made Florida the most prosperous state in the country, helping our state withstand significant national difficulties. This is a huge significant forward on civil justice reform and we will continue to press for more in the future.

*SB 2D was signed by the Governor and assigned Chapter No. 2022-268.*

**AIF supported this legislation** because it dives headfirst into the problems that have been plaguing property insurance policyholders for so long, and we look forward to continuing the work that remains.

### **SB 1728**

**Property Insurance** by Sen. Jim Boyd (R-Bradenton)

This bill was an AIF priority, and we will continue to advocate for meaningful insurance reform to lower rates and foster a great business climate in Florida.

## Health Care

### **HB 931 & SB 1374**

**Clinical Laboratory Testing** by Rep. Lawrence McClure (R-Dover) and Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez (R-Doral)

As we have all seen, there is a major staffing shortage amongst the health care community. The bills address staffing shortages by allowing nurses to provide clinical testing outside of a central laboratory or hospital. AIF proudly supported this bill to ensure Floridians have greater access to high-quality care.

Currently, advanced practice registered nurses, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and licensed clinical laboratory personnel are permitted to perform testing at alternate sites (lab testing under the control of a hospital but not onsite) which allows for bedside, ER and operating room testing. A freestanding emergency department (FED) is a facility that receives individuals for emergency care and is structurally separate from a hospital. Only licensed clinical laboratory personnel may perform clinical laboratory testing in a FED. The bill exempts individuals who perform alternate-site testing outside of a central laboratory of a hospital or at a hospital-based, off-campus emergency department from clinical laboratory personnel

The bill addressed contractor solicitations related to property insurance roof claims, the type of homeowners' insurance coverage that insurers must offer for roof losses, and various aspects of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation. The bill allowed contractors to make written or electronic communications to potential consumers to contact a contractor or public adjuster for the purpose of making an insurance claim for roof damage only if the following disclosures were included:

- The consumer is responsible for payment of any insurance deductible;
- It is insurance fraud punishable as a felony of the third degree for a contractor to pay, waive, or rebate all or part of an insurance deductible applicable to payment to the contractor for repairs to property covered by a property insurance policy; and
- It is insurance fraud punishable as a felony of the third degree to intentionally file an insurance claim containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information.

*SB 1728 died on the House calendar.*

**AIF will continue to support** legislative efforts that prevent unscrupulous actors from taking advantage of property insurance disputes which keeps insurance rates low and allows growth in all Florida businesses.

## **HB 1529**

**Applicability of Payments for Nonpreferred Provider Services** by Rep. John Snyder (R-Stuart)

Most health plans have a list of doctors, hospitals, and other providers that have agreed to participate in the plan's network. In-network providers have a contract with a plan that limits the amount of money a provider may charge insureds. The bill required an individual health insurer to apply an insured's payments to an out-of-network, nonpreferred provider to the deductible and out-of-pocket maximum obligations under a health insurance policy.

Of great concern to AIF was the lack of oversight or vetting that can occur with out-of-network providers. Doctors are vetted for quality to be included in a health insurer's network and with quality providers comes a lower cost of high-quality care. While some doctors may have low costs, they may also provide low quality care.

*HB 1529 died in the House Health & Human Services Committee.*

**AIF will continue to oppose** legislation that leads to higher costs to individuals and in turn an increase in health care costs and insurance rates to the businesses that offer health coverage to their employees.

## **HB 1525 & SB 150**

**Motor Vehicle Insurance** by Rep. Erin Grall (R-Vero Beach) and Sen. Danny Burgess (R-Zephyrhills)

These bills would have repealed the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law which requires every owner and registrant of a motor vehicle in this state to maintain Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage. By repealing PIP, the bill removed PIP's tort liability limitation, making drivers at fault in an accident fully liable for any damages they caused.

*HB 1525 died in the House Judiciary Committee.*

*SB 150 died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

**AIF will continue to oppose** future legislation in this form as it simply shifts insurance costs—much like squeezing a balloon—rather than comprehensively lowering them. AIF believes it is critical that any discussions to repeal PIP and move to Bodily Injury coverage be deliberative, thoughtful, and involve all stakeholders from the outset.

## **HB 7013 & SB 7018**

**OGSR/Injured or Deceased Employee/Department of Financial Services** by the House Government Operations Subcommittee and the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

Prior to the passage of this public records exemption in 2017, the Division of Workers' Compensation would receive approximately 90 requests monthly—from law firms—for the names and contact information of injured or deceased workers reported in the previous month. These law firms would then use the information to solicit the nearly 5,000 employees per month that are injured on the job. Such solicitation violated the privacy of injured workers for the sole and exclusive purpose of driving litigation. In 2017, AIF spearheaded the effort to protect this information. This year's bill now makes these protections permanent.

*SB 7018 was signed into law by the Governor and assigned Chapter No. 2022-11.*

**AIF supported this legislation** protecting the private information of injured or deceased employees. Employees and employers deserve to be treated fairly in the workers' compensation process, and keeping this loophole closed avoids unnecessary interference by those seeking to exploit the system.



Members at the 2022 AIF Political Council Candidate Interviews in Tallahassee.

## SB 468

**Hurricane Catastrophe Fund** by Sen. Keith Perry (R-Gainesville)

The bill aimed to amend several statutes to better clarify intent and fix insurance-industry issues. Specifically addressed, the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund is a state-run program that provides reinsurance coverage. Its capable management over the last decade has allowed Florida to benefit from this reinsurance backup without the need to resort to assessments on private insurance policies. This bill strengthened those protections to help avoid further disruptions to the insurance market.

*SB 468 died in Senate returning messages.*

**AIF will continue to support** maintaining the stability of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund which acts as a safety net for all Floridians.

## Legal & Judicial

## SB 7014

**COVID-19-Related Claims Against Health Care Providers** by the Senate Judiciary Committee

The bill extends the length of time that health care providers receive liability protections from COVID-19-related claims. According to legislation passed during the 2021 Legislative Session, liability protections from COVID-19-related claims apply to claims accruing within one year after the effective date of the act, which was March 29, 2022. The bill extends the application period of the liability protections, making them applicable to claims accruing

before June 1, 2023. The net result of the bill is to extend the liability protections for about 14 months, from March 29, 2022, to June 1, 2023.

*SB 7014 was signed into law by the Governor and assigned Chapter No. 2022-10.*

**AIF supported this legislation** because it protects the Florida health care community, who has been on the frontline during the pandemic, from frivolous and costly litigation by plaintiffs suing to settle.

## HB 1259 & SB 1302

**Criminal History Records** by Rep. Spencer Roach (R-North Fort Myers) and Sen. Danny Burgess (R-Zephyrhills)

The staffing shortage is widespread and is affecting every industry and every business. The bill addressed an underlying factor of this shortage and revised the process by which a regulatory board within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) may consider the criminal background of license applicants. The bill revised the process for a court-ordered sealing of a criminal record to allow a criminal history record to be sealed if the record has been automatically sealed by the State of Florida.

*HB 1259 died in the House Judiciary Committee.*

*SB 1302 died on the Senate calendar.*

**AIF will continue to support** legislative efforts that allow individuals with sealed records at the state level to petition local governments to further seal their records. Businesses in Florida drive the economy and employers need employees. A sealed record at the state level is indicative of amends made, and therefore, these subjects should have access to well-paying jobs that keep Florida moving forward.

**HB 7049****Legal Notices** by the House Judiciary Committee

In 2021, the Florida Legislature passed legislation that modernized public notice. It was a collective piece of legislation that took input from a variety of stakeholders, including the business community, and, importantly, ensured businesses and individuals would not lose access to critical information gained from public notice—most especially regarding private property rights, including judicial notice of sale.

The bill gives a governmental agency the option to publish legal notices on a publicly accessible website instead of in a print newspaper, essentially repealing and replacing the legislation from last year, which will negatively impact businesses.

*HB 7049 was signed into law by the Governor and assigned Chapter No. 2022-103.*

**AIF will continue to oppose** internet-only public notice, as it eliminates the wide net created by print media and the internet combined. Webpages are present one day and gone the next; the internet is an inherently unreliable platform for critical information.

**Taxation****SB 1090****Corporate Income Tax** by Sen. Joe Gruters (R-Sarasota)

Each year, Florida adopts the federal Internal Revenue Code for purposes of the state corporate income tax code. The bill updated Florida's Corporate Income Tax Code and:

- Adopted the changes originally made in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 to section 174 of the Internal Revenue Code, relating to the treatment of research and development expenditures;
- Allowed taxpayers to use the bonus depreciation deduction for property placed in service in taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023; and
- Revised the calculation of the business interest expense deduction for Florida tax purposes for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, to allow taxpayers to deduct the amount that would have been allowed prior to the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

*SB 1090 died in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**AIF will continue to support** legislation that decouples Florida's Corporate Income Tax from provisions enacted in late 2017 by the federal government to support job and business growth.

**Telecommunications****HB 1543/HB 1545 & SB 1800/SB 1802****Broadband Infrastructure & Broadband Pole****Replacement Trust Fund** by Rep. Josie Tomkow (R-Polk City) and Sen. Jim Boyd (R-Bradenton)

HB 1543 and SB 1800 created the Broadband Pole Replacement Program. The Program would reimburse eligible broadband internet service providers for their costs incurred for the removal and replacement of existing utility poles in areas of Florida that are unserved by broadband internet service.

HB 1545 and SB 1802 created the Broadband Pole Replacement Trust Fund to ensure funding for the broadband expansion program.

*HB 1543 and HB 1545 died on the House calendar.*

*SB 1800 and SB 1802 died in House messages.*

**AIF will continue to support** efforts to increase economic development in Florida's rural areas by expanding access to broadband internet which allows residents to connect with employers and educators and, in turn, strengthens the workforce and access to high wage jobs.

**Transportation****HB 145 & SB 474****Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Weight Limits** by

Rep. Brett Hage (R-Oxford) and Sen. Keith Perry (R-Gainesville)

As technology progresses, so too should industry regulations. The bills increase the dry weight allowed for recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs) from 2,500 lbs. to 3,500 lbs. This increase is necessary to allow for the development of electric powered ROVs because the battery components often weigh significantly more than internal combustion vehicles.

*SB 474 was signed into law by the Governor and assigned Chapter No. 2022-93.*

**AIF supported this legislation** because it encourages revisions to outdated regulations that bolster the business climate and drives competition for new and better products for Florida's businesses and consumers.



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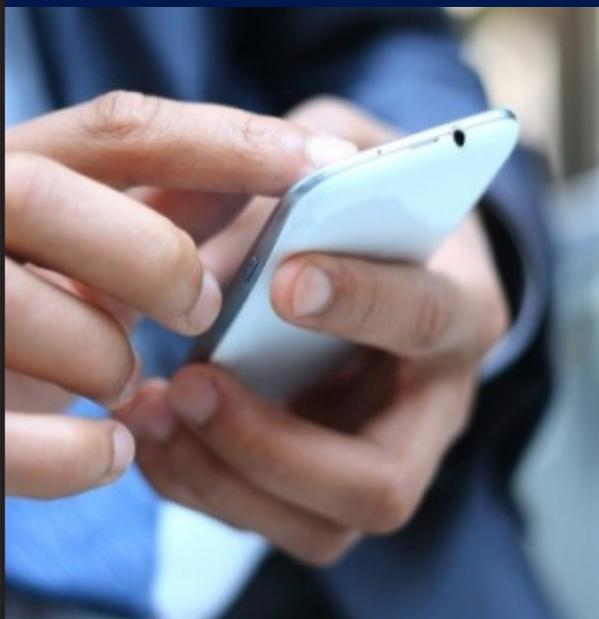
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## Want to Participate?

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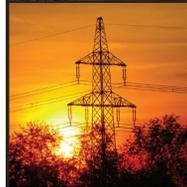
### **Environmental Sustainability & Agriculture Council (ESAC)**

Addressing recycling, water quality, product stewardship, and other environmental issues important to the business community.



### **Financial Services Council (FSC)**

Insurance and financial industries, working in concert with other interested parties, to secure a stable fiscal climate for Florida.



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### **Florida Transportation & Maritime Council (FTMC)**

Ensuring their continued economic prowess in a global marketplace for businesses that operate or support operations at any of Florida's 14 deep water ports.



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Working to craft a more functional and sustainable health care delivery system for Florida, incorporating the core principles of access, quality and affordability.



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