


LEGISLATIVE REPORT

TO: Commission Members
FROM: Kerrie Stillman, Executive Director 
DATE: April 3, 2024

The following bills passed this session:

CS/SB 7014: Raises penalties for in-office and post-office lobbying restrictions to \$20,000 and allows candidates for office to seek costs and fees. These changes were a part of your 2024 legislative recommendations.

The bill also places a two-term limit for members of the Commission. Language in the bill also allows attorneys with confidential clients to simply list "legal client" under the Sources of Income and Secondary Sources of income parts of the Form 6 and Form 1. The bill includes a requirement that complaints filed with the Commission must be "based on personal knowledge or information other than hearsay" as well as language relating to local ethics commissions. The personal information/hearsay standard marks a significant shift in the requirements of complaints filed with our agency. The extent to which this new standard will impact complaints put before the Commission remains to be seen. All aforementioned changes are effective upon signature of the Governor.

A significant portion of the bill is devoted to timeframes for certain complaint processes, including: 30 days for orders to investigate, 150 days for investigations (with 60 days additional if 6 members of the Commission agree). The language in the bill also will require a 2/3 vote of members in attendance to reject a stipulation, rather than a majority vote. Probable cause decisions remain a simple majority vote. The effective date for these changes is October 1, 2024.

This bill has not yet been presented to the Governor for signature.

HB 7005: This bill amends s. 112.31446, F.S., which provides exemptions from public records requirements for secure login credentials held by the Commission and certain information entered into the EFDMS prior to a form being filed. The bill removed the scheduled repeal of the exemption. It was signed by the Governor on March 22, 2024. Its effective date is October 1, 2024.

OTHER BILLS:

There were a number of bills that passed during session, relating to confidentiality exemptions. Once those bills become law, Commission staff will incorporate the changes into redactions on disclosure forms where the filer has requested a confidentiality exemption under s. 119.

Two new boards were created whose members, by statute, will be required to file a Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests: Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board and the Health Care Innovation Council.

2024 Legislative Bills to Watch: (4/1/2024)

BILLS BEING TRACKED:

HOUSE:

<p>HB 7005, OCSR Financial Disclosure Records exemption for EFDMS login credentials</p>	<p>HB 735 Andrade Similar SB 734; Local lobbyist registration</p>	<p>HB 601 Duggan Similar SB 576 Complaints against law enforcement and correctional officers</p>
<p>HB 1017 Edmonds Identical SB 102 Compare SB 1556 Compare SB 1489 Creates Prop Insurance Comm; elected Ins Comm w/ certain post-emp restrictions</p>	<p>HB 1489 Driskell Compare HB 1017 Compare SB 102 Compare SB 1556 Creates Prop Insurance Comm; elected Ins Commissioner w/ certain post-emp restrictions</p>	<p>HB 1597 Brackett Identical SB 7014 Complaint timeframes; membership terms; fines</p>

SENATE:

<p>SB 102 Jones Identical HB 1017 Compare HB 1489 Compare SB 1556 Creates Prop Insurance Comm; elected Ins Commissioner w/ certain post-emp restrictions</p>	<p>SB 7014 Burgess Complaint timeframes; membership terms; fines</p>	<p>SB 734 Ingoglia Similar HB 735; Gov't accountability/local lobbyist registration</p>
<p>SB 1556 Davis Compare HB 1017 Compare SB 102 Compare HB 1489 Creates Prop Insurance Comm; elected Ins Commissioner w/ certain post-emp restrictions</p>	<p>SB 7012, OGSR Financial Disclosure Secure login credentials- EFDMS</p>	<p>SB 576 Ingoglia Similar HB 601 Complaints against law enforcement and correctional officers</p>

APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2500
HB 5001

HOUSE BILLS:**HB 7005 OGSR/Financial Disclosure****Public Records Exemption by House Ethics Elections & Open Government Committee**

Preserves public records exemption for logon credentials and certain other information entered into EFDMS

11/17/2023	HOUSE	Filed
11/30/2023	H	Referred to State Affairs Committee Now in State Affairs Committee
1/9/2024	H	1st Reading (Original Filed Version)
1/12/2024	H	Added to State Affairs Committee agenda
1/17/2024	H	Favorable by State Affairs Committee Reported out of State Affairs Committee Bill released to House Calendar Added to Second Reading Calendar
1/18/2024	H	Bill added to Special Order Calendar (1/23/2024)
1/23/2024	H	Read 2nd time Placed on 3rd reading Added to Third Reading Calendar
1/24/2024	H	Read 3rd time Passed; YEAS 118, NAYS 0
1/24/2024	SENATE	In Messages
1/25/2024	S	Referred to Rules Received
2/1/2024	S	Withdrawn from Rules -SJ 252 Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading Substituted for SB 7012 -SJ 252 Read 2nd time -SJ 252 Read 3rd time -SJ 252 Passed; YEAS 40 NAYS 0 -SJ 252 Immediately certified -SJ 254
2/1/2024	HOUSE	In Messages Ordered enrolled
3/19/2024		Signed by Officers and presented to Governor
3/22/2024		Approved by Governor Chapter No. 2024-40

HB 735: Government Accountability**GENERAL BILL by Andrade**

Government Accountability; Prohibits individuals from soliciting or accepting anything of value from foreign country of concern; prohibits person from lobbying county, municipality, or special district unless registered as lobbyist; establishes requirements for registration, compliance, investigations, & registration fees; prohibits entities from renewing or extending employment contracts during specified timeframe; requires specified number of members of governing body to be physically present at meeting for quorum purposes; authorizes members to participate in deliberations of governing body through technology.

Effective Date: 7/1/2024

12/5/2023	HOUSE	Filed
12/19/2023	H	Referred to Local Administration, Federal Affairs &

		Special Districts Subcommittee Referred to Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee Referred to State Affairs Committee Now in Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee
1/9/2024	H	1st Reading (Original Filed Version)
1/23/2024	H	PCS added to Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee agenda
1/25/2024	H	Favorable with CS by Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee Reported out of Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee Laid on Table under Rule 7.18(a) CS Filed
1/26/2024	H	Original reference removed: Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee Referred to State Affairs Committee Now in State Affairs Committee 1st Reading (Committee Substitute 1)
2/5/2024	H	Added to State Affairs Committee agenda
2/19/2024	H	Added to State Affairs Committee agenda
2/21/2024	H	Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee Reported out of State Affairs Committee Laid on Table under Rule 7.18(a) CS Filed 1st Reading (Committee Substitute 2)
2/22/2024	H	Bill referred to House Calendar Added to Second Reading Calendar
2/27/2024	H	Bill added to Special Order Calendar (3/1/2024)
3/1/2024	H	Read 2nd time Amendment 052843 adopted Placed on 3rd reading Added to Third Reading Calendar
3/4/2024	H	Temporarily postponed, on 3rd Reading
3/5/2024	H	Added to Third Reading Calendar Temporarily postponed, on 3rd Reading
3/6/2024	H	Added to Third Reading Calendar Temporarily postponed, on 3rd Reading
3/8/2024	H	Died on Third Reading Calendar

HB 601: Complaints Against Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers

GENERAL BILL by Duggan ; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Black

Complaints Against Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers; Preempts regulation of complaints against law enforcement officers & correctional officers to state.

Effective Date: 7/1/2024

11/21/2023	HOUSE	Filed
11/30/2023	H	Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee Referred to Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee Referred to Judiciary Committee

		Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee
1/8/2024	H	Added to Criminal Justice Subcommittee agenda
1/9/2024	H	1st Reading (Original Filed Version)
1/10/2024	H	Favorable by Criminal Justice Subcommittee Reported out of Criminal Justice Subcommittee Now in Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee
1/17/2024	H	Added to Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee agenda
1/19/2024	H	Favorable by Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee Reported out of Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee Now in Judiciary Committee
2/5/2024	H	Added to Judiciary Committee agenda
2/7/2024	H	Favorable by Judiciary Committee Reported out of Judiciary Committee Bill released to House Calendar Added to Second Reading Calendar
2/15/2024	H	Bill added to Special Order Calendar (2/21/2024)
2/21/2024	H	Read 2nd time Amendment 342395 Failed Amendment 682123 Failed Amendment 629035 Failed Placed on 3rd reading Added to Third Reading Calendar
2/22/2024	H	Read 3rd time Passed; YEAS 87, NAYS 29
2/22/2024	SENATE	In Messages
2/23/2024	S	Referred to Rules
2/27/2024	S	Received
3/1/2024	S	Withdrawn from Rules -SJ 601 Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading Substituted for CS/SB 576 -SJ 601 Read 2nd time -SJ 601 Amendment(s) adopted (855090) -SJ 602 Read 3rd time -SJ 604 Passed as amended; YEAS 32 NAYS 0 -SJ 604
3/1/2024	HOUSE	In Messages
3/7/2024	H	Added to Senate Message List Amendment 855090 Concur Passed as amended; YEAS 81, NAYS 28 Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

HB 1017: Insurance

GENERAL BILL by Edmonds

Insurance; Creates Property Insurance Commission; provides powers & duties of commission & election of Commissioner of Insurance Regulation; prohibits commissioner from engaging in certain activities or employment after leaving office; requires interest earned on insurance proceeds be paid to insureds; specifies condition on insurance activities engaged in within this

state by person who engages in property insurance activities in another state; prohibits property insurers from using certain defenses for denial of claims; requires DFS to adopt rules regarding its handling of allegations of insurance fraud made by insurers or their employees or contractors; specifies appropriations for My Safe Florida Home Program. APPROPRIATION: \$300,000,000

Effective Date: 7/1/2024

12/22/2023	HOUSE	Filed
1/8/2024	H	Referred to Insurance & Banking Subcommittee Referred to Appropriations Committee Referred to Commerce Committee Now in Insurance & Banking Subcommittee
1/9/2024	H	1st Reading (Original Filed Version)
3/8/2024	H	Died in Insurance & Banking Subcommittee

HB 1489: Insurance

GENERAL BILL by Driskell

Insurance; Creates Property Insurance Commission; provides powers & duties of commission; provides for election of Commissioner of Insurance Regulation; prohibits commissioner from engaging in certain activities or employment for specified period after leaving office; requires interest earned on insurance proceeds received by mortgagees & assignees to be paid to insureds; prohibits property insurers from claiming insolvency; authorizes persons who engage in property insurance activities in other states to engage in insurance activities in this state; prohibits property insurers from using certain defenses as claims denials; requires insurance agents to advise insurance applicants of flood risk; requires OPPAGA to conduct study of effectiveness of property insurance mediation program; increases appropriation to My Safe Florida Home Program; provides effective date. APPROPRIATION: \$300,000,000

Effective Date: 7/1/2024

1/8/2024	HOUSE	Filed
1/9/2024	H	1st Reading (Original Filed Version)
1/13/2024	H	Referred to Insurance & Banking Subcommittee Referred to State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee Referred to Commerce Committee Now in Insurance & Banking Subcommittee
3/8/2024	H	Died in Insurance & Banking Subcommittee

HB 1597: Ethics

GENERAL BILL by Brackett

Ethics; Revises and provides requirements relating to the Code of Ethics, including lobbying by public officer, Commission on Ethics membership, & procedures & timeframes for investigation & reports of complaints or referrals of violations of code.

Effective Date: 7/1/2024

1/8/2024	HOUSE	Filed
1/9/2024	H	1st Reading (Original Filed Version)
1/13/2024	H	Referred to Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee Referred to State Affairs Committee Now in Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
1/22/2024	H	PCS added to Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee agenda
1/24/2024	H	Favorable with CS by Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee

		Reported out of Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
		Laid on Table under Rule 7.18(a)
		CS Filed
		1st Reading (Committee Substitute 1)
1/25/2024	H	Referred to State Affairs Committee
		Now in State Affairs Committee
2/19/2024	H	Added to State Affairs Committee agenda
2/21/2024	H	Favorable by State Affairs Committee
		Reported out of State Affairs Committee
		Bill released to House Calendar
		Added to Second Reading Calendar
3/5/2024	H	Laid on Table

SENATE BILLS:

SB 102: Property Insurance

General Bill by Jones

Property Insurance; Creating the Property Insurance Commission; providing for the election of the Commissioner of Insurance Regulation; prohibiting the commissioner from engaging in certain activities or employment for a specified period after leaving office; prohibiting property insurers from claiming insolvency under specified circumstances; requiring residential property insurers to release specified information to insureds upon request, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$300,000,000

Effective Date: 7/1/2024

10/4/2023	SENATE	Filed
10/17/2023	S	Referred to Banking and Insurance; Ethics and Elections; Appropriations
1/9/2024	S	Introduced
3/8/2024	S	Died in Banking and Insurance

SB 7014: Ethics

GENERAL BILL by Ethics and Elections

Ethics; Increasing the maximum fine for violations of specified lobbying provisions; prohibiting a member of the Commission on Ethics from serving more than two full terms, instead of two full terms in succession; requiring the commission to submit a copy of a certain referral to an alleged violator within a specified timeframe; authorizing an investigation that must be completed within a specified timeframe if a specified number of commissioners determines further investigation is necessary, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2024

12/4/2023	SENATE	Submitted for consideration by Ethics and Elections On Committee agenda-- Ethics and Elections, 12/13/23, 8:30 am, 110 Senate Building
12/13/2023	S	Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Ethics and Elections; YEAS 7 NAYS 1 Filed
12/14/2023	S	Referred to Rules
1/5/2024	S	On Committee agenda-- Rules, 01/10/24, 1:00 pm, 412 Knott Building

1/9/2024	S	Introduced
1/10/2024	S	CS by- Rules; YEAS 18 NAYS 0
1/12/2024	S	Pending reference review -under Rule 4.7(2) - (Committee Substitute) Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
1/17/2024	S	CS by Rules read 1st time
1/30/2024	S	Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/01/24
2/1/2024	S	Read 2nd time -SJ 252 Amendment(s) adopted (170806, 317468, 562898, 932020) -SJ 252 Read 3rd time -SJ 254 CS passed as amended; YEAS 39 NAYS 0 -SJ 254 Immediately certified -SJ 254
2/1/2024	HOUSE	In Messages
3/4/2024	H	Bill referred to House Calendar Bill added to Special Order Calendar (3/5/2024) 1st Reading (Engrossed 1)
3/5/2024	H	Read 2nd time Amendment 598259 Failed Amendment 071005 Failed Amendment 456135 Failed Amendment 126105 adopted Amendment 444599 Failed Placed on 3rd reading Added to Third Reading Calendar
3/6/2024	H	Read 3rd time CS passed as amended; YEAS 81, NAYS 33
3/6/2024	SENATE	In returning messages Amendment(s) to House amendment(s) adopted (844484) -SJ 888 Concurred in House amendment(s) as amended (126105) -SJ 890 CS passed as amended; YEAS 26 NAYS 4 -SJ 890
3/6/2024	HOUSE	In Messages
3/7/2024	H	Added to Senate Message List Concurred in 844484 amendment(s) CS passed as amended; YEAS 79, NAYS 34
3/7/2024	SENATE	Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

SB 734: Government Accountability

GENERAL BILL by Ingoglia

Government Accountability; Prohibiting specified individuals from soliciting or accepting anything of value from a foreign country of concern; prohibiting a person from lobbying a county, municipality, or special district unless he or she is registered as a lobbyist; requiring a Commission on Ethics and Public Trust established by a county or municipality or the Commission on Ethics to investigate a lobbyist or principal upon receipt of a sworn complaint containing certain allegations; prohibiting the governing body of a county from renewing or extending the employment contract of a county administrator during a specified timeframe; prohibiting a district school board from renewing or extending the employment contract of a district school superintendent during a specified timeframe, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2024

12/6/2023	SENATE	Filed
12/15/2023	S	Referred to Community Affairs; Ethics and Elections; Rules

1/9/2024	S	Introduced
1/24/2024	S	On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 01/29/24, 1:30pm, 401 Senate Building
1/29/2024	S	CS by Community Affairs; YEAS 7 NAYS 0
1/31/2024	S	Pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2) - (Committee Substitute) Original reference(s) removed: Rules Remaining references corrected to Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Now in Ethics and Elections On Committee agenda-- Ethics and Elections, 02/05/24, 2:30 pm, 37 Senate Building
2/1/2024	S	CS by Community Affairs read 1st time
2/5/2024	S	CS/CS by Ethics and Elections; YEAS 8 NAYS 0
2/7/2024	S	Pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2) - (Committee Substitute) Now in Appropriations CS/CS by Ethics and Elections read 1st time
3/8/2024	S	Died in Appropriations

SB 1556: Insurance

GENERAL BILL by Davis

Insurance; Creating the Property Insurance Commission; providing membership of the commission; providing for the election of the Commissioner of Insurance Regulation; requiring that interest earned on insurance proceeds received by mortgagees and assignees be paid to insureds; prohibiting property insurers from claiming insolvency under specified circumstances; prohibiting property insurers from using specified factors as a defense for denial of a claim, etc.
APPROPRIATION: \$300,000,000

Effective Date: 7/1/2024

1/5/2024	SENATE	Filed
1/10/2024	S	Referred to Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Fiscal Policy Introduced
3/8/2024	S	Died in Banking and Insurance

SB 7012: OGSR/Secure Login Credentials Held by the Commission on Ethics

PUBLIC RECORDS/GENERAL BILL by Ethics and Elections

OGSR/Secure Login Credentials Held by the Commission on Ethics; Amending a provision which provides exemptions from public records requirements for secure login credentials held by the Commission on Ethics and certain information entered into the electronic filing system for financial disclosures; deleting the scheduled repeal of the exemption, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2024

12/4/2023	SENATE	Submitted for consideration by Ethics and Elections On Committee agenda-- Ethics and Elections, 12/13/23, 8:30 am, 110 Senate Building
12/13/2023	S	Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Ethics and Elections; YEAS 6 NAYS 0 Filed
12/15/2023	S	Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

1/4/2024	S	On Committee agenda-- Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 01/09/24, 4:30 pm, 37 Senate Building
1/9/2024	S	Introduced Favorable by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; YEAS 6 NAYS 0 Now in Rules
1/19/2024	S	On Committee agenda-- Rules, 01/24/24, 11:00 am, 412 Knott Building
1/24/2024	S	Favorable by- Rules; YEAS 15 NAYS 0 Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
1/30/2024	S	Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/01/24
2/1/2024	S	Read 2nd time -SJ 252 Substituted HB 7005 -SJ 252 Laid on Table, refer to HB 7005 -SJ 252