











2015 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY REPORT


LOCAL











Bill Name	Pro-Biz or No-Biz	Summary of Bill and What it Means for Your Business	Progress
Crosswalks		Pedestrian safety promotion and education of the crosswalk system along Gulf Boulevard is paramount. Provide safety information to businesses, residents and tourists. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	PASSED
Upham Beach Infrastructure		Last year the TBBCoC successfully advocated for beach renourishment. Now, we need to keep the sand in place by replacing temporary T-groins with Permanent rock structures. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	PASSED
Water Quality		Protect our waterways and quality of life by creating more power for local officials to enforce laws to prevent waste from being discharged into our pristine waters. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	PASSED

COUNTY

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Gulf Boulevard Beautification		Underground utilities, streetscaping and other improvements along Gulf Boulevard that enhance our quality of life. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	PASSED
Restore Act		Pinellas County is receiving \$1.5 million a year from BP for projects that will restore and preservation of our coastline and Gulf of Mexico. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	PASSED
Tourist Development Tax Enforcement		Enforce collection of Tourist Development Tax by strengthening short term rental laws. This is essential to promote our destination, attract visitors and support the tourism industry. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	PASSED
Tourist Development Tax Preservation		Preserving the Bed Tax for its intended purpose is essential to promote our destination, attract visitors and support the tourism Industry. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	PASSED
Transit		As ridership reaches record highs, county transportation budget has been cut. We need an improved transit system to ensure growing demand of PSTA services are met. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	UNFINISHED BUSINESS

STATE

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Corporate Lease Tax Reform		Lower the corporate lease tax to create a fair tax structure. Florida is the only state that has this tax creating an unfair playing field. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	UNFINISHED BUSINESS DID NOT PASS

E-fairness		Protect Florida's brick and mortar business by closing the internet sales tax loophole, while not creating a new tax. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	UNFINISHED BUSINESS DID NOT PASS
Film Florida		Ensure success of Florida's film industry by reforming funding procedure & creating incentives for films coming to Florida. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	UNFINISHED BUSINESS DID NOT PASS
Insurance Reform		Provide framework for reducing the size and exposure of Citizens Insurance, reforming Florida's Catastrophe Fund, spreading risks, reducing fraudulent claims and more. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	PASSED
Regulation Reform		Allow for competitive business climate, paramount to our efforts to return Florida to the #1 job creator in the nation. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	PASSED
Reliable and Effective Energy Solutions		Generate reliable and effective energy solutions as an alternative to offshore oil drilling, ultimately protecting our beaches from another oil spill or perception of a spill. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	PASSED
Sales Tax Revenue		Recalculating the formula used to return sales tax to cities. Currently, vacation destinations are at a disadvantage. A new formula is needed to create a fair and level playing field. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	UNFINISHED BUSINESS DID NOT PASS
Transportation Infrastructure		Allocate funding for transportation projects in Pinellas County and invest in transportation infrastructure. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	PASSED
<u>FEDERAL</u>	Pro-Biz or No-Biz	Summary of Bill and What it Means for Your Business	Progress
Fisheries		Conduct enhanced studies to see if the length of seasons for commercial & recreational fishing can be extended TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	PASSED
Insurance Reform		Reduces flood insurance premiums for commercial and secondary properties. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	H.R. 141 - Now in House Committee on Financial Services
Preserve Coastal Communities		Extend the moratorium on oil & gas leasing activities and prevent oil drilling off our coastline. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	PASSED

