

2018 Florida Legislative Session

Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber stance on current legislation:

Tourist Development Tax – **Oppose**

HB 585 – Randy Fine

SB 658 – Jeff Brandes

Summary: Expands the use of the Tourist Development Tax for sewer infrastructure, roads, bridges and other basic responsibilities of local government.

Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability – **Oppose**

HB 3 – Michael Grant

SB 1714 – Keith Perry

Summary: Overregulates our local organizations like Pinellas County Economic Development and Visit St. Pete/Clearwater.

Minimum Wage – **Oppose**

HB 1441 – Al Jacquet

SB 166 – Jose Rodriguez

Summary: State mandate increasing minimum wage to \$15.25 by 2023

Tax Exempt Income - **Support**

SB 58 – Dorothy Hukill

Summary: Increases the exemption from \$50,000 to \$75,000 for the Corporate Income Tax.

Business Rent Tax - **Support**

HB 939 – Jackie Toledo

SB 60 – Dorothy Hukill

Summary: Continues decreasing the business rent tax from 5.8 percent to 5 percent, with the goal of eventual repeal.

Assignment of Benefits – **Monitoring**

HB 7015 – Jay Trumbull

SB 62 – Dorothy Hukill

Summary: Fixes assignment of benefits fraud by addressing attorney fees while protecting consumers.

Small Business Saturday Tax Holiday - **Support**

HB 519 – Kamia Brown

SB 76 – Rene Garcia

Summary: Supports small businesses by creating a sales tax holiday for purchases at small businesses on Small Business Saturday.

Supermajority to Raise Taxes - **Support**

HB 7001 – Tom Leek

SB 1742 – Kelli Stargel

Summary: Creates a constitutional amendment on the ballot. If passed by voters, the amendment would require a two-thirds (supermajority vote) by legislators to increase taxes or remove a tax exemption.

Plastic Bags – **Oppose**

SB 348 – Kelli Stargel

Summary: Prohibits businesses from using plastic bags, even in the storage of perishable foods.

Vacation Rentals – **Monitoring**

HB 773 – Mike La Rosa

SB 1400 – Greg Steube

Summary: Protects the private property rights of owners by establishing a statewide framework for the use of short term vacation rentals