

LEGISLATIVE UPDATED ALERT

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UPDATE ON THESE BILLS (See below previously sent Alert):

I. ALERT: SB 2246 is on tomorrow morning's agenda in the Agriculture Committee in the Senate.

You can reach the members of the Senate Ag Committee (cut and paste into an email):

Members:

- **Chair:** Senator JD Alexander (R) - alexander.jd.web@flsenate.gov
- **Vice Chair:** Senator Larcenia J. Bullard (D) : bullard.larcenia.web@flsenate.gov

- Senator Lisa Carlton (R): carlton.lisa.web@flsenate.gov
- Senator Ted Deutch (D): deutch.ted.web@flsenate.gov
- Senator Alex Diaz de la Portilla (R): portilla.alex.web@flsenate.gov
- Senator Durell Peaden, Jr. (R): peaden.durell.web@flsenate.gov
- Senator Jeremy Ring (D): ring.jeremy.web@flsenate.gov

Our message:

This should be handled in a local bill – not a state-wide general bill. Don't take land use decisions away from local government on agricultural lands – this will NOT protect or help retain our agricultural communities. We have community plans adopted into our comprehensive plan. Does this abolish our community planning efforts? This is a rapid move toward developing ag lands. VOTE NO ON THIS BILL!

II. **UPDATE: HB 1173 was not heard in the Environment & Natural Resources Council in the House due to lack of time. This council's energy bill took remaining time. I would anticipate this bill on next week's ENRC agenda.**

III. **UPDATE: HB 761/SB 2060 was not heard in any committees or councils this week. We will continue to monitor.**

THE FOLLOWING ARE BILLS DETRIMENTAL TO THE TAMPA BAY AREA, IF NOT THE WHOLE STATE:

I. HB 1173/SB 2246: Land Development Regulations – BOTH OF THESE BILLS ARE IN COMMITTEE/COUNCIL THIS WEEK!!!!

These two beauties go a step further than the Agricultural Enclave bill passed a few years ago, which said that ag lands surrounding 75% of their borders with densities, get to develop like the surrounding densities. This Ag Enclave bill is as a result of a Palm Beach County property that the local government can't define "surrounding". So, they're back with teeth saying that you get to:

1. Average a three mile radius of densities as an entitlement on your ag enclave property;
2. Local governments have no control over land use on these ag enclave lands;
3. If the local government does interfere, (I'm not sure about the public for that matter) it will be considered an undue burden under Bert Harris Act and they can be sued.

Both of these bills were "TP'd" (temporarily passed, which means tabled) last week in each committee.

Great, so local control over ag lands (meeting certain criteria that is weak at best) will be taken away over land use decisions. I would think our Commissioners would want to defend their turf! Or not? What in the world has this community been fighting for if the State will take away local power?

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HB 1173 is on tomorrow – Wednesday's agenda in Environment & Natural Resources Council at 8:30 am. The following are the Council members (click on name and email directly):

Representatives:

Mayfield, Stan (R)	Chair
Troutman, Baxter G. (R)	Vice Chair
Brandenburg, Mary (D)	Democratic Ranking Member
Boyd, Debbie (D)	
Culp, Faye B. (R)	
Glorioso, Richard (R)	
Grimsley, Denise (R)	
Kendrick, Will S. (R)	
Kreegel, Paige (R)	
Kriseman, Rick (D)	

[Machek, Richard A. \(D\)](#)

[Nelson, Bryan \(R\)](#)

[Poppell, Ralph \(R\)](#)

[Precourt, Stephen L. \(R\)](#)

[Randolph, Scott \(D\)](#)

[Sasso III, Anthony P. \(D\)](#)

[Williams, Trudi K. \(R\)](#)

SB 2246 is in the Agriculture Committee Thursday, April 3rd at 9:00 am. The committee members are (click on name and email directly):

Members:

- **Chair:** [Senator JD Alexander \(R\)](#)
- **Vice Chair:** [Senator Larcenia J. Bullard \(D\)](#)

- [Senator Lisa Carlton \(R\)](#)
- [Senator Ted Deutch \(D\)](#)
- [Senator Alex Diaz de la Portilla \(R\)](#)
- [Senator Durell Peadar, Jr. \(R\)](#)
- [Senator Jeremy Ring \(D\)](#)

II. HB 761/SB 2060: Agriculture Bills

These bills add two words, “and enforce” to what local governments cannot do to bona fide ag lands. When you read this section you will see that not only are local governments not allowed to regulate ERP permitting (wetlands), but they can’t enforce local regulations currently in place. This would take control of wetlands on ag land totally away from our EPC and elected officials and public decision making. The Senate bill hasn’t been heard in a committee or council yet, but **HB 761 has been through two public hearings** (just passed the Environment and Natural Resources Council last week, and probably going to Policy & Budget Council this week).

Our message:

Don’t take away local control of wetlands on agricultural lands – regulation or enforcement. This nasty bill continues last year’s amendment trying to take away local control of wetlands! In Hillsborough County, our Environmental Protection Commission has been working with our Ag community to streamline process, including obtaining delegation from the state and federal agencies so there will be truly one stop shopping for all wetlands permitting. Please vote NO on this bill!

Although I haven’t seen the agenda yet for the House’s Policy & Budget Council – **this council is meeting from 8 am to 2 pm this Thursday!** The following are the list of House council members which you can [click onto and email directly](#).