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Overview

Happy Valentine's Day a day late! February 14th is a significant day for many people and especially for Florida. I would be remiss if I did not ask for each of us to take time to reflect on the tragedy of two years ago when 17 persons were killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Florida has been forever changed by this and we will honor those lost by remembering each February 14th.

We have reached the halfway point of this legislative session, but of course calling it halfwy depends on the legislature departing on time. For the 2020 legislative session, adjournment is scheduled for March 13th. Up to this point the session has been pretty smooth which makes life easier for legislators and those of us watching the legislative process. Budgets were released by both chambers and happily the two chambers are relatively close, they are about \$1.5B apart which is a lot of money when taken by itself. When put in the context of an overall budget in the low \$90B range, it is percentagewise a close match of numbers. A priority of the Speaker has been health-care reform and he has not gotten this yet. This is also his last session as Speaker so the pressure is on to accomplish this legislative priority. Watch for health care reform to factor into the actual date of session adjournment.

An indication of how smoothly things are going is to look at how many bills are moving along. Don't misread this to say that all bills are wine and roses. There have been some difficult bills and some debate on these bills has made for difficult meetings. As in any session, not all bills are moving forward. Given where we are in the session, it is safe to say if a bill has not yet been heard in Committee, then the bill is for all intents and purposes dead. Which leads to the next item.....

Subcommittees are no longer meeting and in about two and a half weeks the Committees themselves will have concluded their business (the last scheduled day of Committee meetings is set for March 3rd). As we wind down Committees and Subcommittees we will begin the process of conferencing the two chambers where differences in budget and legislation will be worked out. Senators and Representatives will be eager to wrap up and get back home so that they can begin campaigning for re-election. There are a few members who will go home and not have a re-election due to term limits. Seven of our Senators are term-limited and on the House side eighteen of our Representatives are term-limited.

Going back to the budget, a few details for you to watch and these are details that are likely to be at the center of debate between the two chambers. Spending for affordable housing from, the Sadowski Housing Fund is proposed at the full amount of \$387M in the Senate version of the budget. The House proposes sweeping funds for other purposes and providing \$147M for affordable housing. Both the Senate and House are looking to put

more money in education which the Governor also advocates. The Senate proposal includes increasing starting teacher salaries to \$47,500 which is what the Governor requested, the House proposes raising starting teacher pay to \$46,000. Both chambers propose doing away with the “Best and Brightest” teacher bonus program. Putting numbers to this, the Senate proposes \$500M for teachers and \$100M would go to veteran teacher’s salaries, the House proposes \$650M and \$150M would go to veteran teachers. Both chambers and the Governor seem to be in general agreement on education funding priorities, for the environment there are some differences. The Senate is proposing spending \$125M for Florida Forever while the House proposes \$20M. The Senate also dedicates another \$644 for the Everglades restoration and associated water projects, the House comes in slightly higher at \$647M. The Governor had asked for \$625M, both chambers propose exceeding that number for water quality and Everglades restoration. Again, it is good to see budgets in general alignment which is an indication that the session is advancing well. The last budget topic we will bring up is what seems to have become the perennial punching bag named VISIT Florida. The Senate proposes funding of \$52.5M which is about the same as the current year, but down from the \$75M of a couple years ago. The House proposes zero. This was a tough issue last year and VISIT Florida fought for their existence, the House agreed last year for a one-year extension with a plan to revisit the issue this year. This year has arrived. How this comes out will be seen.

As an overall issue in the budget are the member initiatives. You have heard them called earmarks or in other circles budget turkeys. Each earmark is required to have a bill filed so that everyone knows which legislator is requesting the money. This is part of the transparency changes made a few years ago. Several times a day during the session, the legislature produces a report that lists every bill filed for the session by topic area. The report for the 2020 legislative session is 38 pages long and in small print that probably belongs in a document that you find painful to read, but must, such as a car lease agreement. Pages 1 -20 of this report contain the listing of earmarks for this session, that my friends is a lot of earmarks. To be fair, I have heard in many places from around Florida that earmarks are commonly the only way communities can afford expensive projects. Earmarks can cause many problems and not everyone understands the impacts of earmarks on the budget. In the House budget 650 projects totaling \$210M are recommended for funding, in the Senate budget 600 projects are proposed and they total \$360M. The original list of submitted projects totaled \$2.5B (1,500 projects) in Senate and 1,600 projects totaling about \$2.3 B in the House. Last year Governor DeSantis was tough with his veto pen and if he follows this approach this year it could be another thin year for earmarks. When earmarks come from transportation things start at bad and can only go to worse. Transportation projects that are earmarked in the budget are funded with existing transportation dollars which is a kind way of saying that another project has to give up it’s funding to let the earmark have money. To be very clear, if you have a project that is proposed to be funded, it can be “bumped” by an earmark. Then if the Governor vetoes the earmarked project, the money is completely gone and so is the earmark project. The money does not come back, it is permanently erased, and the project is prohibited from receiving assistance from the state for the budget year. Think of this as a budgetary version of Russian Roulette. To add insult to injury, the original project that had to give up funding for the earmark is also gone since there is no funding available for either the earmark or the original “donor” project.

For other surprises recently there was the proposed merger of two smaller universities with larger ones. One lobbyist described this as a shotgun wedding, neither party asked for this union. Under the proposal the University of Florida would absorb Florida Polytechnic University and Florida State University would take in New College of Florida. We are not sure if this is going to actually happen, but we can easily say that this surprise made a lot of press.

In previous newsletters we mentioned the mid-block crossing bills (SB 1000 and HB 1371). On Monday the House bill was up in committee and an amendment was filed that radically changed the bill. The new version in the House now states that the use of the flashing yellow lights on posts would be kept and the Florida DOT would request USDOT to allow the lights to be swapped out for red ones. If USDOT says no, then the lights would have to be replaced with a legally acceptable substitute. Facilities that are two lane or posted at 35MPH or less would be exempt. This amendment dramatically changes the financial impact of this bill. The Senate

version was up in committee a couple of weeks ago and the bill sponsor seemed open to changes which would reduce the financial impact. The Senate version is up in committee Tuesday, we are awaiting an amendment to this bill before the committee meeting to see where it goes.

Several transportation related bills are up in committee this week, details are shown with each bill on the following pages, look for the text in **RED**. The regular session began on January 14th, ends (hopefully) on March 13th and for these times in between these dates our capitol is a busy place once again. Bills appearing before a committee are shown in the bill details in **RED**. All new bills and any updates to bills shown below will be shown in **RED** so you can quickly distinguish between updates and old news. Your MPOAC Legislative Update will keep you apprised of newly filed bills and changes to existing bills.

Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy this edition of the MPOAC Legislative Update.

Important Dates for the 2020 Legislative Session

- August 01, 2019 – Deadline for filing claim bills.
- November 22, 2019 - Deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills.
- January 10, 2020 - Deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills.
- January 14, 2020 - Regular Session convenes, deadline for filing bills for introduction.
- February 29, 2020 - All bills are immediately certified, motion to reconsider made and considered the same day.
- March 03, 2020 – 50th day of Session. Last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings.
- March 13, 2020 – 60th day - Last day of Regular Session.

Legislation of interest to the membership

This is a summary of transportation related bills filed and published on the legislature's website as of February 15, 2020. The bills are listed in numerical order for your convenience. As the session progresses and the number of bills tracked in this newsletter grows, this ordering of bills will make it easier to follow the status of any bill you are tracking. All new bills and any updates to bills shown below will be shown in **RED** so you can quickly distinguish between updates and old news.

HB 37: School Bus Safety – (Zika; Co-Introducers: DiDeglie; Grieco) – Identical Bill SB 290 by Hooper. Revises civil penalties for certain violations relating to stopping for a school bus. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 10 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee, YEAS 23 NAYS 0, next stop House Floor for a full vote.

SB 76: Transportation Disadvantaged – (Book) – Similar to HB 551 by Jenne. Requiring community transportation coordinators, in cooperation with the coordinating board, to plan for and use any available and cost-effective regional fare payment systems that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for the transportation disadvantaged; requiring each coordinating board to evaluate multicounty or regional transportation opportunities to include any available regional fare payment systems that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for the transportation disadvantaged, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. **Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 5 NAYS 0**

SB 126: Sales and Use Tax – (Gruters; Co-Introducers: Hooper; Gainer; Baxley; Perry; Harrell; Albriton) – Similar to HB 159 by Clemons. Revising the definition of the term “retail sale”; renaming the term “mail order sale” to “remote sale” and revising the definition; revising conditions under which certain dealers are subject to sales tax levies and collection; providing that certain marketplace providers are subject to registration, collection, and remittance requirements for sales taxes, etc. This bill will require a sales tax to be collected on online purchases that are delivered to a Florida address and the bill requires that both a state sales tax and the local option surtaxes to be collected by online retailers. Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations. Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Finance and Tax. **Passed Finance and Tax; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations.**

HB 133: Towing and Immobilizing Vehicles and Vessels – (McClain) – Similar to SB 1332 by Hooper. Authorizes local governments to enact rates to tow vessels on private property & remove & store vessels; prohibits counties or municipalities from enacting ordinances that impose costs or penalties on owners, persons in control, or lienholders of vehicles or vessels or that require wrecker operators or towing businesses to accept specified form of payment; authorizes persons to place liens on vehicles or vessels to recover fees or charges; removes requirement regarding notices & signs concerning towing or removal of vehicles & vessels &

liability for attorney fees; authorizes court to award damages, attorney fees, & court costs in certain cases. Filed in the House. On Committee agenda-- Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 10/23/19, 9:00 am, 12 HOB. Favorable by Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; YEAS 9 NAYS 5. Now in Business and Professions Subcommittee. Favorable by Business and Professions Subcommittee; YEAS 10 NAYS 2. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; YEAS 16 NAYS 7. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. **Floor vote on 02/19/2020.**

SB 158: Child Restraint Requirements – (Perry) – Identical Bill HB 533 by Beltran. Increasing the age of children for whom operators of motor vehicles must provide protection by using a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device; increasing the age of children for whom a separate carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may be used, etc. Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules. Favorable by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; YEAS 6, NAYS 0. Now in Infrastructure and Security. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Rules.

HB 159: Sales and Use Tax – (Clemons) – Similar to SB 126 by Gruters. Revises conditions under which certain dealers are subject to sales tax; deletes exemption for certain dealers from collecting local option surtaxes; provides that certain marketplace providers are subject to registration, collection, & remittance requirements for sales taxes; requires marketplace providers to provide certification to marketplace sellers; specifies requirements for marketplace sellers; requires marketplace providers to allow DOR to audit books & records; provides that marketplace seller is liable for sales tax collection & remittance; authorizes marketplace providers & marketplace sellers to enter into agreements to recover certain taxes, interest, & penalties; grants DOR settlement & compromise authority for marketplace sales; deletes authority of DOR to negotiate collection allowance with certain dealers. Referred to Ways and Means Committee; Commerce Committee; Appropriations Committee.

SB 178: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Rodriguez) – Identical to HB 579 by Aloupis. Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to develop by rule a standard for such studies; requiring the department to enforce certain requirements and to adopt rules, etc. Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations. Favorable by Environment and Natural Resources; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Infrastructure and Security. Favorable CS by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government. **Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; YEAS 9 NAYS 1.**

HB 179: Safety Belt Usage – (Slosberg) – Requires each passenger in a motor vehicle or autocycle to be restrained by a safety belt or child restraint device. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

SB 216: Assistance for Micro Businesses – (Rodriguez) – Authorizing certain local governments to set aside up to a specified percentage of funds for procuring personal property and services for the purpose of entering into contracts with micro businesses; providing eligibility for micro businesses under the Microfinance Loan Program; providing eligibility for micro businesses under the Department of Transportation's highway project business

development program, etc. Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations.

HB 249: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Slosberg) - Revises short title & legislative intent; prohibits operation of motor vehicle while holding or touching wireless communications device; provides exceptions; revises circumstances under which certain information may be admissible as evidence in proceeding to determine whether violation has been committed; revises procedures for collection & reporting by DHSMV of information recorded on citation; conforms provisions relating to use of wireless communications devices in school & work zones. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

HB 279: Local Government Public Construction Works – (Smith, D.; Co-Introducers: Sabatini) - Similar to SB 504 by Perry. Requires local governing board to consider estimated costs of certain projects when making specified determination; requires local government that performs project using its own services, employees, & equipment to disclose costs of project after completion to Auditor General; requires Auditor General to review such disclosures as part of routine audits of local governments. Referred to Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee; Business and Professions Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Passed Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 3. On Committee agenda-- Business and Professions Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Webster Hall.

SB 290: School Bus Safety – (Zika; Co-Introducers: DiDeglie; Grieco) – Identical Bill HB 37 by Zika. Revises civil penalties for certain violations relating to stopping for a school bus. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Judiciary. On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 02/04/20, 12:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Judiciary YEAS 5 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 02/12/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. **Passed Rules; YEAS 16 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full Senate Floor vote**

SB 308: Traffic Offenses – (Baxley) – Similar to HB 455 by McClain. Citing this act as the "Vulnerable Road User Act"; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring that the person who commits the moving violation pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring that the court revoke the person's driver license for a minimum specified period, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

SB 368: Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority – (Rouson) - Similar to HB 503 by Diamond. Authorizing certain mayors who are members of the governing board of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority to appoint a designee to attend a board meeting to act in his or her place with full voting rights on all issues; requiring the designee to be an elected official of the governing body of the mayor's municipality, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Community Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Community Affairs. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 02/10/20, 4:00 pm, 301 Senate Building. **Passed Community Affairs; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Rules.**

HB 377: Motor Vehicle Rentals – (Latvala) - Identical to SB 478 by Perry. Motor Vehicle Rentals; Requires specified surcharges to be imposed upon lease or rental of certain motor vehicle if facilitated by car-sharing service, motor vehicle rental company, or peer-to-peer vehicle-sharing program under certain circumstances; provides financial responsibility & insurance requirements; requires notification of implications of lien; provides recordkeeping requirements; provides responsibility for equipment; provides requirements relating to automobile safety recalls; provides driver license verification and retention requirements. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 2. On Committee agenda-- Ways and Means Committee, 02/11/20, 9:30 am, Morris Hall. **Passed Ways and Means Committee; YEAS 11 NAYS 6. Committee stop at State Affairs removed, sent to Commerce Committee.**

SB 378: Motor Vehicle Insurance – (Lee) – Similar to HB 771 by Grall. Repealing provisions which comprise the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; revising the motor vehicle insurance coverages that an applicant must show to register certain vehicles with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; revising garage liability insurance requirements for motor vehicle dealer applicants; revising minimum liability coverage requirements for motor vehicle owners or operators, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$83,651. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 6 NAYS 1. Now in Banking and Insurance. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 02/11/20, 2:00 pm, 412 Knott Building

HB 395: Transportation – (Andrade) - Similar to SB 1172 by Albritton. Revises requirements for determining salaries of secretary of DOT & assistant secretaries; revises time period during which sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by DOT are exempt from public records requirements; authorizes certain vehicles to show or display certain lights; requires certain contractors to be certified by DOT as qualified; revises financial statements required to accompany an application for certification; specifies conditions under which limitation on liability of DOT for personal injury, property damage, or death applies; authorizes Governor to suspend payment of tolls when necessary to assist emergency evacuation & override automatic reinstatement of tolls. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 01/28/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/10/20, 1:30 pm, Sumner Hall. **Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee.**

SB 452: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – (Rodriguez) - Identical to HB 943 by Daley. Similar to SB 7018 – Committee Bill. Requiring the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Florida Clean Cities Coalitions, or other appropriate entities, to develop and adopt by a specified date a master plan for electric vehicle charging stations on the state highway system, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations'

HB 455: Traffic Offenses – (McClain) – Similar to SB 308 by Baxley. Provides criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requires person to pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requires court to revoke the person’s driver license for a minimum specified period; defines “vulnerable road user.” Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

HB 465: High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety – (Sirois) – Identical to SB 676 by Mayfield. Provides for regulation of railroad companies; requires training for local emergency services under certain circumstances; provides requirements for railroad company reporting & DOT website publication; provides minimum safety standards for high-speed passenger rail; designates responsibility for maintenance of certain safety improvements; provides safety inspection requirements; requires certain fencing; provides liability for failure to construct or maintain fencing; provides for enforcement. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State.

SB 478: Motor Vehicle Rentals – (Perry) - Identical to HB 377 by Latvala. Motor Vehicle Rentals; Requires specified surcharges to be imposed upon lease or rental of certain motor vehicle if facilitated by car-sharing service, motor vehicle rental company, or peer-to-peer vehicle-sharing program under certain circumstances; provides financial responsibility & insurance requirements; requires notification of implications of lien; provides recordkeeping requirements; provides responsibility for equipment; provides requirements relating to automobile safety recalls; provides driver license verification and retention requirements. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Innovation, Industry, and Technology, 01/27/20, 1:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Innovation, Industry, and Technology; YEAS 9 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 02/04/20, 12:30 pm, 412 Knott Building – Temporarily Postponed. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 02/11/20, 2:00 pm, 412 Knott Building. **Temporarily postponed. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 02/19/20, 1:30 pm, 412 Knott Building.**

HB 503: Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Governing Board – (Diamond) – Similar to SB 368 by Rouson. Authorizes mayor's designated alternate to serve as member of board; provides membership requirements; specifies designated alternate's right to vote; authorizes members to attend meeting physically, telephonically, or electronically in order to constitute quorum; provides requirements for telephonic or electronic attendance. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee.

SB 504: Local Government Public Construction Works – (Perry) – Similar to HB 279 by Smith. Requiring the governing board of a local government to consider estimated costs of certain projects using generally accepted cost-accounting principles that account for specified costs when the board is making a specified determination; prohibiting a local government from performing a project using its own services, employees, and equipment if the project requires an increase in the number of government employees or an increase in certain capital expenditures, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules. Favorable by Community Affairs; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability. Passed Governmental Oversight and

Accountability; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Rules. CS by Governmental Oversight and Accountability read 1st time

HB 533: Child Restraint Requirements – (Beltran) – Identical to SB 158 by Perry. Requires sea level impact projection study of state-financed coastal structures before construction begins; requires DEP to develop study standards, publish studies on its website, enforce requirements, & adopt rules. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0. Now in Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee.

HB 551: Transportation Disadvantaged – (Jenne; Co-Introducer Eskamani) – Similar to SB 76 by Book. Requires increase & support of programs that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for transportation disadvantaged; requires evaluation of multicounty or regional transportation opportunities to increase & support such programs; requires Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged to develop disability sensitivity training program & A Ride Away Program; provides program requirements; requires possession of certain identification issued by commission; requires motor vehicles used to provide transportation disadvantaged services to be equipped with cameras & GPS.. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 15 NAYS 0. Removed reference to Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Referred to State Affairs Committee. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; YEAS 22 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. **Passed; YEAS 117 NAYS 0.**

HB 579: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Aloupis) – Identical to SB 178 by Rogriguez. Requires sea level impact projection study of state-financed coastal structures before construction begins; requires DEP to develop study standards, publish studies on its website, enforce requirements, & adopt rules. Filed in the House. Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, 12 HOB. Passed Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Committee. **On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Committee, 02/18/20, 11:30 am, Webster Hall**

HB 585: Pay-for-success Contracts – (Ausley) – Identical to SB 1182 by Montford. Authorizing a state agency to enter into a pay-for-success contract with a private entity under certain conditions, subject to an appropriation and specified language in the General Appropriations Act; authorizing cancellation of the contract under specified circumstances; specifying services and programs eligible for funding under the contract; prohibiting a private entity from viewing or receiving certain information that is otherwise confidential and exempt from public records requirements, etc. Referred to Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee.

HB 657: Transportation Network Companies – (Plasencia) – Authorizes person to establish TNC account & add authorized users to such account; provides requirements; requires TNC & TNC driver to send certain notifications to person requesting prearranged ride on behalf of authorized user; allows authorized user to view notifications; prohibits authorized user from changing certain information; requires TNC to provide human trafficking awareness training & education to employees; provides training & education requirements; limits liability of TNC in

cases of human trafficking; authorizes DFS to seek court order to require TNC to comply with certain provisions; provides legislative intent & construction.. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Withdrawn.

SB 676: High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety – (Mayfield) – Identical to HB 465 by Sirois. Provides for regulation of railroad companies; requires training for local emergency services under certain circumstances; provides requirements for railroad company reporting & DOT website publication; provides minimum safety standards for high-speed passenger rail; designates responsibility for maintenance of certain safety improvements; provides safety inspection requirements; requires certain fencing; provides liability for failure to construct or maintain fencing; provides for enforcement. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

HB 717: Space Florida Financing – (Sirois) – Similar to SB 1070 by Wright. Specifies bonding provisions to which Space Florida is subject; revises powers of Space Florida regarding bond issuance; removes provisions regarding presentation of bond proposals to, & approval of bond issuance by, Governor & Cabinet; revises provisions relating to securing issuance of revenue bonds; repeals provisions relating to pledging assessments & other revenues & properties as additional security on bonds, issuance of bond anticipation notes, & short-term borrowing; revises provisions relating to lien of pledges; revises bond maturity date requirements; authorizes Space Florida to validate bonds pursuant to certain provisions. Referred to Workforce Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Commerce Committee. Favorable by Workforce Development and Tourism Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0. Now in Ways and Means Committee. On Committee agenda-- Ways and Means Committee, 01/27/20, 3:30 pm, Morris Hall. Favorable by Ways and Means Committee; YEAS 15 NAYS 0. Now in Commerce Committee. Passed Commerce Committee; YEAS 20 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House Floor vote.

HB 771: Motor Vehicle Insurance – (Grall) – Similar to SB 378 by Lee. Repeals provisions relating Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; revises garage liability insurance requirements; revises minimum coverage requirements for proof of financial responsibility for motor vehicles; revises amount of certificate of deposit required to elect certain method of proof of financial responsibility; revises excess liability coverage requirements; revises financial responsibility requirements for owners or lessees of for-hire passenger transportation vehicles; revises coverages of motor vehicle policy which are subject to stacking prohibition; revises insurance requirements for transportation network company drivers. APPROPRIATION: \$83,651. Filed in House. On Committee agenda-- Insurance and Banking Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 8:00 am, Sumner Hall. Passed Insurance and Banking Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 1. On Committee agenda-- Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/11/20, 1:30 pm, Mashburn Hall. **Passed Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 8 NAYS 4. Now in Commerce Committee.**

HB 829: Express Lanes – (Avila) – Similar to SB 1090 by Diaz. Prohibits S.R. 826 from having any express lane or toll; requires express lanes that exist on such road to be immediately opened to public; requires tolls that exist on such road to be immediately removed; prohibits charges from being imposed for use of such road. Filed in House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

HB 915: Commercial Service Airports – (Avila) – Similar to SB 1258 by Diaz. Directs Auditor General to conduct specified audits of large-hub commercial service airports; requires governing bodies of such airports to comply with certain financial disclosure requirements; requires governing body of municipality, county, or special district that operates commercial service airport to establish & maintain website & post certain information; requires such airports to comply with certain contracting requirements; requires governing body members & employees of such airports to comply with certain ethics requirements; requires governing body members to complete annual ethics training; requires annual reports to DOT, Governor, & Legislature; prohibits expenditure of certain funds unless specified conditions are met. Filed in House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 01/22/20, 12:30 pm, Sumner Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. **Passed State Affairs Committee; YEAS 19 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House Floor vote.**

HB 943: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – (Daley) – Identical to SB 452 by Rodriguez. Comparable to SB 7012 by Infrastructure and Security Committee. Defines "master plan for electric vehicle charging stations" or "master plan"; requires DOT, in coordination with Office of Energy within DACS & Florida Clean Cities Coalitions, or other appropriate entities, to develop & adopt by specified date master plan for electric vehicle charging stations on state highway system; specifies goals & objectives of master plan; requires master plan to be updated annually by specified date. Filed in House. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 01/28/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Committee. Passed Appropriations Committee; YEAS 25 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee.

HB 951: Assaults on Specified Persons – (Beltran) – Similar to SB 1416 by Perry. Requires public transit providers to post specified sign concerning assaulting transit operators; requires public transit providers to create & implement risk reduction program; revises reclassification of offense of assault on specified persons. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/11/20, 1:30 pm, Sumner Hall. **Passed Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee**

HB 969: Broadband Internet Service – (Drake – Co-Introducers: Ausley) – Similar to SB 1166 by Albritton. Designates DEO as lead state agency to facilitate expansion of broadband Internet service in this state; requires department to work collaboratively with certain entities; creates Florida Office of Broadband within DEO; provides purpose & duties of office. Referred to Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Favorable by Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/03/20, 3:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in Commerce Committee.

HB 971: Electric Bicycles – (Grant, M) – Identical to SB 1148 by Brandes. Provides for rights & privileges of electric bicycles & operators; provides that electric bicycles are vehicles to same extent as bicycles; exempts electric bicycles & operators from specified provisions; requires certain labeling of electric bicycles; prohibits tampering with or modifying electric bicycles for certain purposes; requires electric bicycles to comply with specified provisions & operate in certain manner; authorizes operators to ride electric bicycles where bicycles are allowed; authorizes municipalities, counties, & agencies to regulate operation of electric bicycles under certain conditions. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 01/28/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/03/20, 3:00 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee.

SB 1000: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety – (Perry) – Similar to HB 1371 by Fine. Requiring a pedestrian crosswalk on a public highway, street, or road which is located at any point other than at an intersection with another public highway, street, or road to be controlled by traffic control signal devices and pedestrian control signals that conform to specified requirements; requiring, by a specified date, the entity with jurisdiction over a public highway, street, or road with a certain pedestrian crosswalk to ensure that the crosswalk is controlled by coordinated traffic control signal devices and pedestrian control signals, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 6 NAYS 1. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. **On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 02/18/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building**

SB 1070: Space Florida – (Wright) – Similar to HB 717 by Sirois. Clarifying that Space Florida is subject to a specified provision of law; revising Space Florida's authorization to issue bonds; revising the revenue sources by which revenue bonds may be secured or repaid; reducing the term of years for which Space Florida may issue bonds, etc. Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs and Space; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Military and Veterans Affairs and Space, 01/22/20, 8:30 am, 37 Senate Building. Passed Military and Veterans Affairs and Space; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. **Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 8 NAYS 0**

SB 1090: Express Lanes – (Diaz) – Similar to HB 829 by Avila. Prohibiting express lanes and tolls on a specified state road; requiring the Department of Transportation to remove all existing express lanes and the imposition of tolls, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. **Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations.**

SB 1148: Electric Bicycles – (Brandes) – Identical to HB 971 by Grant. Revising definitions relating to the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law; requiring the driver of a vehicle overtaking an electric bicycle to pass the electric bicycle at a certain distance; expanding exceptions to a prohibition on persons driving certain vehicles on sidewalks and bicycle paths; providing electric bicycle regulations; requiring electric bicycles to comply with specified provisions of law; authorizing operators to ride electric bicycles where bicycles are allowed, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Community Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/03/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 02/10/20, 4:00 pm, 301 Senate Building. **Passed Community Affairs; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Rules.**

SB 1166: Broadband Internet Service – (Albritton) – Similar to HB 969 (Drake). Authorizing certain funds within the State Transportation Trust Fund to be used for certain broadband infrastructure projects within or adjacent to multiuse corridors; designating the Department of Economic Opportunity, and not the Department of Management Services, as the lead state entity to facilitate the expansion of broadband Internet service in this state; creating the Florida Office of Broadband within the Division of Community Development within the Department of Economic Opportunity, etc. Filed in Senate. Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Commerce and Tourism, 01/28/20, 1:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Commerce and Tourism; YEAS 3 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. **Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations.**

SB 1172: Transportation – (Albritton) – Similar to HB 395 by Andrade. Revising requirements for determining the salaries of the secretary of the Department of Transportation and assistant secretaries; requiring certain contractors to be certified by the department as qualified; specifying conditions under which the limitation on liability of the department applies for personal injury, property damage, or death; authorizing the Governor to suspend payment of tolls when necessary to assist emergency evacuation, etc. Filed in Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Judiciary; Appropriations

SB 1182: Pay-for-success Contracts – (Montford) – Identical to HB 585 by Ausley. Authorizing a state agency to enter into a pay-for-success contract with a private entity under certain conditions, subject to an appropriation and specified language in the General Appropriations Act; authorizing cancellation of the contract under specified circumstances; specifying services and programs eligible for funding under the contract; prohibiting a private entity from viewing or receiving certain information that is otherwise confidential and exempt from public records requirements, etc. Filed in Senate. Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

SB 1192: Tax on Aviation Fuel – (Gruters) – Comparable to HB 6061 by Roach, McClure. Repealing provisions relating to definitions, the tax on aviation fuel, refunds for certain air carriers, administration of the tax, disclosure of price, distribution of proceeds, refunds to carriers, commercial air carrier registration and reporting, and a tax exemption for federal entities, etc. Filed in Senate. Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations. Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; YEAS 4 NAYS 1. Now in Finance and Tax.

HB 1219: Electric Vehicles – (Toledo; Slosberg) – Similar to SB 1230 by Brandes. Requires DOT to establish Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program; provides for distribution of grants to certain entities to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure; provides grant requirements; provides requirements for equipment installed; requires DOT to review emerging research, policies, & standards; authorizes DOT to develop model plan for local governments; requires DOT to develop master plan for charging stations; provides appropriation. APPROPRIATION: \$5,000,000. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

SB 1230: Electric Vehicles – (Brandes) – Authorizing the Department of Transportation to adopt rules; requiring that certain funds be used for specified purposes relating to the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program, beginning in specified years; requiring the department to establish the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program; providing for the distribution of grants to certain entities to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure; providing grant requirements, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$5,000,000. Filed in Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

HB 1239: Electric Vehicle Charging State Infrastructure – (Diamond; Daley) – Requires PSC, in consultation with other agencies, to recommend to Governor and Legislature a plan for development of electric vehicle charging station infrastructure along State Highway System; provides goals & objectives of plan; requires PSC to file status report with Governor & Legislature by specified date. Referred to Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

SB 1258: Commercial Service Airports – (Diaz) – Similar to HB 915 by Avila. Requiring the Auditor General to conduct specified audits of certain airports; requiring members of the governing body of a large-hub commercial service airport to comply with certain financial disclosure requirements; requiring the governing body of a municipality, county, or special district that operates a commercial service airport to establish and maintain a website; requiring commercial service airports to comply with certain contracting requirements, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Community Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 1. Now in Community Affairs. **On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 02/17/20, 4:00 pm, 301 Senate Building**

HB 1315: Transportation – (Fetterhoff) – Related Bill SB 7054 by Infrastructure and Security Committee. Please see the 01/18/2020 edition of the MPOAC Legislative Newsletter for a write-up on this bill. Revises DOT organization & responsibilities; revises provisions relating to distribution of certain moneys; revises time period within which disclosure of beneficial interests must be submitted to state or certain local governmental units; revises provisions relating to notice delivery; removes scheduled repeal of certain provisions; requires vehicle operator to take certain actions when road & bridge maintenance or construction vehicle is on roadside; requires airport protection zoning regulations to require certain permit applicants to submit final valid determination from FAA; revises date by which M.P.O. must submit list of project priorities to DOT district. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee.

SB 1332: Towing and Immobilizing Vehicles and Vessels – (Hooper) – Similar to HB 133 by Business and Professions Subcommittee. Authorizing local governments to enact rates to tow or immobilize vessels on private property and to remove and store vessels under specified circumstances; prohibiting counties from enacting certain ordinances or rules that impose fees or charges on authorized wrecker operators or towing businesses; authorizing certain persons to place liens on vehicles or vessels to recover specified fees or charges; deleting requirements regarding notices and signs concerning the towing or removal of vehicles or vessels, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 301 Senate Building. Community Affairs; YEAS 3 NAYS 0. Now in Infrastructure and Security. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/10/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. **Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 02/19/20, 10:00 am, 110 Senate Building**

HB 1371: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety – (Fine) – Identical to SB 1000 by Perry. Requires pedestrian crosswalk on public highway, street, or road which is located at any point other than at intersection with another public highway, street, or road to be controlled by traffic control signal devices & pedestrian control signals that conform to specified requirements; provides coordination requirements for such devices & signals; requires entity with jurisdiction over public highway, street, or road with certain pedestrian crosswalk to ensure that crosswalk is controlled by coordinated traffic control signal devices & pedestrian control signals; authorizes such entity to alternatively remove any such crosswalk. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 01/28/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Amendment filed which appears to lessen the financial impact, On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/10/20, 1:30 pm, Sumner Hall. **Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee.**

SB 1416: Assaults on Specified Persons – (Perry) – Similar to HB 951 by Beltran. Requiring public transit providers to post a specified sign concerning assaulting a transit operator; requiring public transit providers to create and implement a risk reduction program; revising the reclassification of the offense of assault on specified persons, etc. Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Criminal Justice, 01/28/20, 1:30 pm, 37 Senate Building – Temporarily Postponed. On Committee agenda-- Criminal Justice, 02/04/20, 9:00 am, 37 Senate Building. Passed Criminal Justice; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. **On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 02/19/20, 1:30 pm, 110 Senate Building**

HB 6061: Aviation Fuel Tax – (Roach; McClure) – Comparable to SB 1192 by Gruters. Deletes aviation fuel tax & provisions related to administration of the tax program. Referred to Ways and Means Committee; Appropriations Committee.

HB 6083: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Rodriguez, A.) – Identical to SB 1148 by Brandes. Repeals provisions relating to Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program & authorization to use traffic infraction detectors; repeals provisions relating to distribution of penalties, transitional implementation, & placement & installation; conforms cross-references & provisions to changes made by act. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 9 NAYS 5. Now in Appropriations Committee.

SB 7018: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – (Infrastructure and Security Committee) –

Comparable to SB 452 by Rodriguez and Comparable to HB 943 by Daley. Requiring the Public Service Commission, in consultation with the Department of Transportation and the Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to develop and recommend, by a specified date, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a plan for the development of electric vehicle charging station infrastructure along the State Highway System; requiring the plan to include recommendations for legislation; authorizing the plan to include other recommendations as determined by the commission, etc. Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Filed in Senate. Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations. **Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; YEAS 9 NAYS 1**

SB 7020: Emergency Staging Areas – (Infrastructure and Security Committee) –

Authorizing the Department of Transportation to plan, design, and construct staging areas as part of the turnpike system for the intended purpose of staging supplies for prompt provision of assistance to the public in a declared state of emergency; requiring the department, in consultation with the Division of Emergency Management, to select sites for such areas; requiring the department to give priority consideration to placement of such staging areas in specified counties, etc. Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Filed in Senate. Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 01/29/20, 11:00 am, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 8 NAYS 0 -SJ 216. Now in Appropriations.

SB 7054: Transportation – (Infrastructure and Security Committee) –

Related Bill HB 1315 by Fetterhoff. Revising the organization of the Department of Transportation; revising uses for distributions made under the State Transportation Trust Fund in specified fiscal years; deleting the scheduled expiration of funding for the Intermodal Logistics Center Infrastructure Support Program; requiring airport protection zoning regulations to require certain permit applicants to submit a final valid determination from the Federal Aviation Administration, etc. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/10/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. **Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations**