

## **FHBA Legislative Affairs Update:**

### **ADVOCACY:**

- Construction Workforce Taskforce
  - The Construction Workforce Taskforce was established via state legislation to address the shortage of skilled crafts people and building inspectors training in Florida.
  - Promoted by the FHBA during the 2016 legislative session, the Taskforce will make a number of recommendations at their January 20th meeting.
  - FHBA staff will help move those recommendations through the 2017 session.
  - Beth Catlin, FHBA member from Lee HBA, is the FHBA representative on the Taskforce.
- Florida Building Commission (FBC) Meeting
  - The FBC has completed work on the 6th edition of the Florida Building Code effective January 1, 2018.
  - FHBA staff has participated for over 2 years in this endeavor.
  - The FBC will undertake a number of “glitches” to assure the code is ready.
  - Training is available from the FHBA on the significant code changes.
- 2017 Legislative Session
  - March 7 – May 5, 2017
  - Legislative Priorities:
    - Workers’ Compensation Reform,
    - Building Code Development,
    - Notice and Right to Cure,
    - Statute of Repose,
    - Workforce, and
    - Condominium Bulk Buyer.
  - FHBA staff will review 100’s of bills for their impact on our industry.
  - While session runs March 7 - May 5, the action is ongoing. Committees are meeting almost every week until opening day.
  - We anticipate other issues will be filed dealing with HOA’s, building code, funding affordable housing, insurance and licenses.