

Possession of Real Property – Public Beach Access

Similar to eminent domain process. A county can want a piece of private land for a road but must go through the courts to ensure taking the property is legal. If a judge agrees, the county gets the land.

This is same legislation from the 2017 legislative session. It died because the House version was amended to include a customary-use ordinance prohibition which the Senate version would not accept.

The Chamber supports traffic free zones on the beach, combined with designated driving areas to reflect the tradition of beach driving i.e. public access is paramount. Both bills are on the Chamber's watch list.