

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.