

Current FHBA Legislative Issues(update mid-February, 2017) for session March 7 through May 5, 2017.

1. Workers Comp. A House bill has been drafted and it addresses attorney fees. A Senate bill has not come forward yet.
2. Mechanics Lien Law. Speaker Corcoran would like to see the mechanics lien law reformed. A bill has not been crafted yet.
3. Kissimmee River Discharge. Senate president Negron wants to sweep water issues funds to buy the land south of Lake Okeechobee. Others will want to use the funds to complete existing projects in order to gain past-due Federal funding. Still evolving.
4. Septic Tanks. House bill 0285 proposes inspecting on-site sewage disposal systems at time of sale.
5. Base Building Code. The legislature asked FHBA to submit a base code that can be adopted, with subsequent revisions only considered in future years. Senate bill 7000 has been drafted and sponsors are being recruited. Hearings are underway. Opposition is coming from BOAF and some insurance groups.
6. Workforce Task Force. Continuing support included in Code-lite bill being drafted now. Has sponsors.
7. Statute of Repose. Bill being drafted. Will establish starting point of warranty period as the date of completion, or date final payment is due.
8. Right-to-Cure. Bill drafted and filed. Will require mandatory mediation, which will insure notice to builder before litigation.
9. Others. Pollution Notification, HOA Rules and Condo Bulk Buyer bills are being monitored.