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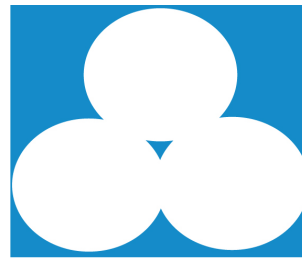
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THE INSIDER - SPECIAL EDITION 2022 END OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION - WEEK 9

After missing last Tuesday's budget deadline (in order to abide by the 72-hour "cooling off" period and end the regular legislative session on time), the Florida Legislature finally published the [proposed FY 2022-2023 budget](#) last Thursday at 1:53 pm. At that point, legislators unveiled a final proposed budget of \$112 billion for the next FY. The proposed FY 2022-2023 budget is the largest in Florida's history and an increase from the current FY 2021-2022 budget of \$99.5 billion.

The FY 2022-2023 budget included a \$1.7 billion increase in K-12 schools funding, \$362 million for affordable housing, a 5.4% across-the-board pay raise for state employees (all state workers will receive a minimum of \$15 per hour), boosts to environmental programs, and [numerous sales tax holidays and sales tax exemptions](#) — including a one-month moratorium in October 2022 on the state's 25-cents-per-gallon gas tax that will save motorists an estimated \$200 million.

Yesterday, the proposed FY 2022-2023 budget was passed with a unanimous vote in the Senate and a [105-3](#) vote in the House. The budget now awaits edits from the Governor, who holds line-item veto power. With the budget completed, the Florida Legislature adjourned Sine Die shortly after 1 p.m.

As we look back upon the 2022 Florida Legislative Session, CFHLA was **extremely successful in accomplishing four (4) of our seven (7) primary legislative priorities this year.** This includes:

[Seminole County](#)[City of Orlando](#)[City of Kissimmee](#)[City of Sanford](#)

- The reauthorization of **VISIT FLORIDA until 2028**, along with **\$50 million** in funding for the FY 2022-2023.
- Successfully blocked the passage of the **Consumer Data Privacy** legislation (HB 9/SB 1864), which included the private right of action as a method of enforcement.
- Defeated all four bills which proposed changes to the **Tourist Development Tax**.
- Secured an increase of nearly **\$153 million for affordable housing within the FY 2022-2023 Budget** (up from the FY 2021-2022 Budget), with approximately \$209 million for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program (an increase of approximately \$62 million from the FY 2021-2022 Budget) and another \$100 million newly focused on the down-payment assistance for teachers, health care workers, law enforcement and others.

Thank you to our governmental affairs team at GrayRobinson P.A., including Chris Carmody, Robert Stuart Jr., Katie Flury and Chris Dawson, along with all of our CFHLA Lodging and Allied members who joined us for two successful advocacy trips to Tallahassee this session!

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX (TDT)

ALL OF THESE BILLS DIED DURING THE 2022 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

A bill in each chamber proposing changes to the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) statute that would remove a provision that would require a specific percentage of all tourist development tax revenues to be used to promote and advertise tourism.

[HB 6075](#) - Representative Eskamani

[SB 1898](#) - Senator Farmer Jr.

[HB 673](#) - Representative Shoaf

[SB 1542](#) - Senator Gainer

CFHLA OPPOSED

VISIT FLORIDA & FUNDING

SB 434 WAS PASSED AND HAS BEEN SENT TO THE GOVERNOR FOR APPROVAL. ADDITIONALLY, VISIT FLORIDA WILL RECEIVE \$50 MILLION IN NON-RECURRING FUNDS FOR THE FY 2022-2023 BUDGET.

A bill filed in each chamber that reauthorizes and extends the scheduled repeal date of Florida's Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation (VISIT FLORIDA) **until October 1, 2028**.

[HB 489](#) - Representative Cheney and Co-Sponsored by Representatives Arrington, Brown, and Morales

[SB 434](#) - Senator Hooper and Co-Sponsored by Senator Stewart and Senator Torres

CFHLA SUPPORTED

VACATION RENTALS

WHILE THESE BILLS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, THE BILLS ULTIMATELY STALLED IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE AND DIED.

A bill in each chamber to require advertising platforms, such as **Airbnb** and **Vrbo**, to remit specified taxes imposed on some transactions. It also requires all licenses issued by the Division of Hotels & Restaurants of DBPR to be displayed conspicuously. Additionally, these bills would preempt regulation of vacation rentals to the State of Florida, which would prohibit local law, ordinance, or regulation from allowing or requiring inspections or licensing of public lodging establishments.

[HB 325](#) - Representative Fischer and Co-Sponsored by Representative Morales

[SB 512](#) - Senator Burgess

CFHLA SUPPORTED

CONSUMER DATA PRIVACY

CFHLA, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FRLA, AIF, THE FLORIDA CHAMBER AND OTHER TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, SUCCESSFULLY DEFEATED THESE BILLS DURING THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

A priority of Governor DeSantis and the Speaker of the House Chris Sprowls, this bill would allow consumers to control how their personal data is shared and sold. This bill also **included a private right of action clause that we strongly opposed.**

[HB 9](#) - Representative McFarland

[SB 1864](#) - Senator Bradley

CFHLA OPPOSED

WORKFORCE/AFFORDABLE HOUSING

CFHLA SUPPORTED THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH WAS INCLUDED IN THE FY 2022-2023 BUDGET (HB 5001). HB 5001 WAS PASSED AND HAS BEEN SENT TO THE GOVERNOR FOR APPROVAL.

The FY 2022-2023 Budget included an increase of nearly **\$153 million for affordable housing** (up from the FY 2021-2022 budget), with

approximately **\$209 million** for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program (up from approximately \$147 million in the FY 2021-2022 budget) and another **\$100 million** newly focused on the down-payment assistance for teachers, health care workers, law enforcement and others.

[HB 5001](#) - *General Appropriations Act*

CFHLA SUPPORTED

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WHILE THESE BILLS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, BOTH OF THESE BILLS DIED IN THE FINAL DAYS OF THE 2022 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

A bill in each chamber named the Human Trafficking Reduction Act, proposes a slew of provisions, including a prohibition of hourly rate offerings at hotels and motels, seeks to raise Florida's criminal penalties, and establishes a statewide human trafficking data repository at the University of South Florida. We've worked with our legislators to ensure that the measures in this bill, are fair and tailored to meet their objectives.

[HB 1439](#) - *Representative Toledo*

[SB 1852](#) - *Senator Bradley*

CFHLA SUPPORTED

FLORIDA TIMESHARE ACT

WHILE THESE BILLS MADE PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE 2022 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION, THE BILLS ULTIMATELY STALLED IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE AND DIED.

A bill filed in each chamber that seeks to clarify and modernize several provisions in the **Florida Timeshare Act**. The bill includes beneficial revisions for owners associations including the option for meetings to be held virtually, an exemption from current requirements to deliver notices to an owners unit rather than address of record, clearer authority to act in an emergency, and streamlining the trustee foreclosure process to make it less time-consuming. The proposal would also allow developers to deliver certain documents to purchasers electronically and clarify provisions regarding the delivery and filing of other required documents. These proposed changes would help bring the statute up to date relative to the current business model and available technology.

[HB 575](#) - *Representative McClain*

[SB 1216](#) - *Senator Hutson*

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IN THE NEWS

[Insurance reform died last week. Will lawmakers come back to address it in Special Session?](#) (Florida Politics)

[Gas prices hit new record high after second week of 40-cent increases](#) (Florida Politics)

[Florida lawmakers pass \\$112 billion budget, largest in state history](#) (Tampa Bay Times)

[Dead bills: Nine legislative issues that couldn't make it across the finish line](#) (Fernandina Observer)

[Redistricting litigation now being waged on two fronts — state and federal court](#) (Florida Phoenix)

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