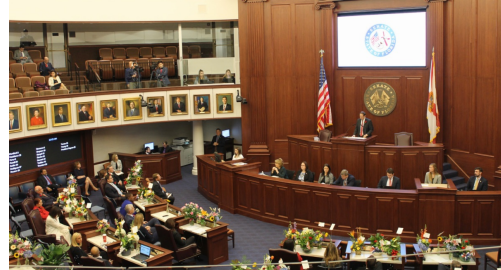




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**Growth Management - HB 519** Private Property Rights Protection by Grant and **SB 1766** by Lee passed out of their committees this week. These two damaging bills limit local government's ability to manage growth and exposes them and their taxpayers to unlimited liability. The House version requires a local government, when settling property rights claims under the Bert Harris Act, to apply the same settlement to all "similarly situated residential properties." If the government settles or the property owner secures a judgment declaring an inordinate burden, there is a presumption that similarly situated parcels are also inordinately burdened and entitled to the same settlement terms or judicial determination. A Senate amendment on this bill was introduced this week and was successful in removing the provision that Bert Harris settlements apply to all "similarly situated residential properties." **HB 519** has passed all of its committees and will be heard next by the full House. The Senate version, **SB 1766**, is on the agenda of its second referred committee, Community Affairs, for next Monday



### Endangered and Threatened Species

**SB 680** – Shark Fins by Hutson passed out of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources committee on Tuesday after a bill weakening amendment was withdrawn. This bill prohibits the import and export of shark fins to and from Florida. The bill will be heard next in Sen. Commerce and Tourism.

### Water Quality

**SB 712** – Water Quality Improvements by Mayfield was on the Senate Appropriations agenda for Wednesday but was temporarily postponed. Also at the Appropriations meeting, Sen Mayfield presented the Senate's budget for water quality protection and improvements as vetted through the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment and General Government. Some of the highlights of the Senate Budget recommendations are:

- \$643 million for Water Quality Protection (Everglades, Springs, Alt water supply)
- \$198 million for Water Quality Improvements (septic to sewer, regional watershed protections)
- \$33 million to combat Harmful Algal Blooms

- \$125 for Florida Forever programs

### **Everglades Day in Tallahassee**

SCCFs CEO and Policy staff will join other advocates in Tallahassee Monday and Tuesday for Everglades Action Day. We will be there to support full funding of Governor DeSantis's proposed \$322 million dollar budget for Everglades restoration, Legislative action to strengthen protection of all Florida's waters, Reinstatement of strong statewide land use planning for sustainable growth and protecting Everglades restoration investments from climate change.

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