

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

☐ Consent  
☐ Ordinance

**[X] Regular**  
**[ ] Public Hearing**

**Submitted By: Intergovernmental Affairs**

**Staff recommends motion to receive and file:** Mid-Session Legislative Update for the 2025 State Legislative Session.

**Background and Policy Issues:** Each year the Board of County Commissioners adopts a program of legislative and appropriation priorities for the State Legislative Session. Updates are provided to the Board of County Commissioners weekly throughout the Legislative Session.

1. Mid-Session State Legislative Update Presentation

  
Department Director

3/28/25  
Date

  
Assistant County Administrator

4/2/25  
Date

## II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

### A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<b>Fiscal Years</b>					
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>					
<b>Operating Costs</b>					
<b>External Revenues</b>					
<b>Program Income(County)</b>					
<b>In-Kind Match(County</b>					
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
<b>#ADDITIONAL FTE</b>					
<b>POSITIONS (CUMULATIVE</b>					

Is Item Included in Current Budget?	Yes	No
Does this item include the use of federal funds?	Yes	No

**Budget Account No:**

Fund	Agency	Organization	Object
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**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

### C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

### III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:**

ASB 3/28/25  
OFMB QS. 3/28/25  
CB 3/28/25

Contract Dev. & Control

### B. Legal Sufficiency

 4/1/25  
Assistant County Attorney

### C. Other Department Review

**Department Director**

**(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)**

# **PALM BEACH COUNTY 2025 MID-SESSION LEGISLATIVE REPORT**



**Office of Intergovernmental Affairs  
April 8, 2025  
BCC Agenda Item: 5 F 1**

# **First Half of 2025 Session**

- 44 bills have passed one chamber or the other; none both
- 820 bills have not yet been heard in committee

## **House Passed**

**18 to purchase long guns  
Repeal of “Free Kill” Statute**

## **Senate Passed**

**Rural Renaissance  
Presidential Library preemption  
Repeal of Later School Times**

# Budget

Senate SB 2500

**\$ 117.36 billion**

House HB 5001

**\$ 112.95 billion**

**2025: \$ 4.4 billion**

**2024: \$ 400 million**

**Budget agreement by April 29, with 72 hour cooling off period,  
for on-time Sine Die.**



# **Taxation Proposals**

**Governor:** - \$1000 Property Tax Rebate in December 2025  
- Reduction in Property Taxes; 2026 Ballot

**House:** - Sales Tax Reduction 6% to 5.25%  
- HJR 357 creates \$100,000 Prop. Tax exemption  
- No Sales Tax Holidays

**Senate:** - SB 1016 increases homestead \$50K-75K

# PBC 2025 Appropriation Requests

Project Name	Request Amount	House	Senate
RESTORE Reentry	\$500,000	<b>\$ 250,000</b>	\$0
Peanut Island Historic Restoration	\$2,000,000	<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>	\$0
Australian Ave. Improvements	\$2,500,000	\$0	<b>\$ 742,614</b>
PBC Fire Rescue Water Vessels	\$200,000	\$0	<b>\$ 200,000</b>
Morikami Museum Gardens Design	\$500,000	<b>\$ 250,000</b>	\$0
Housing Units for the Homeless	\$2,550,000	<b>\$ 1,275,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,250,000</b>
Palm Tran Patriot Passes Pilot Program	\$150,000	<b>\$ 75,000</b>	\$0
WPB Downtown Signalization, Ph. 2	\$3,000,000	<b>\$ 1,500,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,500,000</b>

# PBC 2025 Appropriation Requests

	Request Amount	House	Senate
<b><u>Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative</u></b>			
LW Lagoon System Monitoring - PBC	\$154,500	<b>\$ 154,500</b>	<b>\$ 154,500</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> Ave. So. Outfall Restoration - LWB	\$371,250	<b>\$ 185,625</b>	<b>\$ 371,250</b>
<b><u>Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative</u></b>			
Daniels Way Water Quality - Jupiter	\$103,500	<b>\$ 63,963</b>	<b>\$ 103,500</b>
Lox River Easement Mapping - SIRWCD	\$75,000	<b>\$ 37,500</b>	<b>\$ 75,000</b>
Lox Slough Habitat Restoration - PBC	\$180,000	<b>\$ 90,000</b>	<b>\$ 180,000</b>



# Other 2025 PBC Appropriations

## Project Name

## In Proposed Budget(s)

Palm Beach County Rape Crisis Center

**\$ 282,039 S, H**

South Florida Fair EM Shelter

**\$ 350,000**

Busch Wildlife Education Program

**\$ 500,000 S; \$250,000 H**

Boca Helping Hands

**\$ 427,700 S**

Palm Beach State College Emergency Response Training Ctr.

**\$ 2,050,000 H**

Belle Glade Senior Home Rehab. Grants Program

**\$ 750,000 H**

Greenacres Swain Blvd. Sewer, Ph. 3

**\$ 275,000 H**

Roosevelt Elem. School Enhancements

**\$ 350,000 S**

YMCA of the Palm Beaches Community Center

**\$ 500,000 H**

Belle Glade Hardening of Lake Shore Resource Center

**\$ 1,000,000 S**

Gulfstream Goodwill Behavioral Health Services

**\$ 400,000 H**

Cox Science Center Expansion

**\$ 2.5 M S; \$500,000 H**

# Other 2025 PBC Appropriations

## Project Name

## In Proposed Budget(s)

Royal Palm Beach Stormwater

**\$ 450,000 S**

Palm Springs 2nd Ave. North Stormwater

**\$ 375,000 H**

FAU Health Professions Training & Research Facility

**\$ 10M S; \$5M H**

Furry Friends

**\$ 24,000 H**

Alpert Jewish Family Service Mental Health First Aid

**\$ 500,000 S, H**

Alpert Jewish Family Service – PWD

**\$ 375,000 S, H**

Let's Move 365! Health Initiative for Low Income and Elderly

**\$ 500,000 S**

Families First of PBC – Adult and Children's Mental Health

**\$ 300,000 S**

Busch Wildlife Sanctuary – Env. Education

**\$ 500,000 S; \$250,000 H**

Fern Street Crossing Project

**\$ 3M S; \$1.5M H**

# **BCC Priorities – CR 880**

## **Floor amendment to SB 110**

### County Incentive Grant Program:

Beginning in the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the department shall give priority to a county located either wholly or partially within the Everglades Agricultural Area as defined in s. 373.4592(15) which, notwithstanding subsection (4), requests 100 percent of the project costs for an eligible project that meets the criteria established in paragraph (3)(e). Requests under this subsection are limited to \$15 million annually. This subsection expires July 1, 2031.



## **BCC Priorities - Supporting**

<b>106/97</b>	<b>Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults</b>
<b>200/295</b>	<b>Waste Reduction and Recycling</b>
<b>382/365</b>	<b>Rent of Affordable Housing Dwelling Units</b>
<b>464/405</b>	<b>Recovery Residences</b>



## **BCC Priorities - Supporting**

**842/623 County Administration PREX**

**856/507 Sexual Assault Counselors PREX**

**HB 4011 PBC Local Bill – Building Officials**

# **Bills Monitoring**

<b>80/209</b>	<b>State Land Management</b>
<b>110/1427</b>	<b>Rural Communities</b>
<b>180/1535</b>	<b>Emergency Response and Preparedness</b>
<b>818/703</b>	<b>Utility Relocation</b>
<b>1822/1609</b>	<b>Waste Management</b>

# **Bills Monitoring**

**1114/6031 Tourist Development Tax**

**1664/1221 Local Option Taxes**

**1570/301 Sovereign Immunity Limits**

**1694/1613 Prohibited Practices in Local Gov. Contracting**

**1742/913 Condominium Associations**

# **Expected Pre-Session Issues**

**Condominium Assessment Relief**

**Condo / Property Insurance**

**Disaster Recovery**

**State Park Use Protection**

**Budget Expectations**



# Questions

