



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

2023 State Legislative Program.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the 2023 State Legislative Program.

- The 2023 State Legislative Program lays out the Board's guiding principles and priorities for the 2023 Florida Legislative Session.
- The program is a result of discussions with the Board, county staff, and the County's contracted state government relations firm.
- Priorities include:
  - a.) Support legislation that amends s 163.211 F.S. to allow for the licensing of specialty contractors and provides them the ability to continue to operate independently.
  - b.) Support legislation that maintains local governments' ability to certify landscape maintenance professionals.
  - c.) Support efforts that provide for additional revenue to offset solid waste enterprise expenses and capital costs for waste-to-energy facilities owned by local governments.
  - d.) Support legislation that dissolves the Greater Seminole Area Recreation District and transfers District property to Pinellas County
  - e.) Support County appropriation requests for:
    - Airco Infrastructure Improvements
    - Weedon Island Preserve Salt Marsh Restoration
    - Special Needs Emergency Shelter Generators

### **Strategic Plan:**

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

### **Summary:**

The 2023 State Legislative Program lays out the Board's guiding principles and priorities for the 2023 Florida Legislative Session. In addition to the priorities included in the program, county staff and The Southern Group will closely monitor all issues that emerge throughout the 2023 Legislative Session and throughout the remainder of the year.

### **Background Information:**

After meeting with internal County departments and individual commissioners, this program will be presented to the Pinellas Legislative Delegation at a joint meeting with the Board on February 2nd. The program will guide the County's legislative advocacy efforts during the 2023 Legislative Session and throughout the remainder of the year.

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Brian Lowack, Intergovernmental Liaison, Office of the County Administrator

**Partners:**

Pinellas County Legislative Delegation

The Southern Group, State Government Relations Firm

**Attachments:**

2023 State Legislative Program