

2025 Legislative Session Review

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Key bills affecting municipalities this session

Property Tax Initiatives Report from Charles Chapman

| HJR 1257/HB 1259 (Busatta) & SJR 1510/SB 1512 (Avila) Homestead | Final Outcome: |
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| Property Exemption and Assessment Limitations (Opposed) | Failed |
| HJR 357/HB 359 (<i>Chamberlin</i>) Property Tax Exemptions (Opposed) | Final Outcome: Failed |
| SB 852 (<i>Martin</i>) Study on Elimination of Property Taxes (Monitored) | Final Outcome: Failed |
| HJR 773/HB 775 (Steele) & SB 1092 (Martin) Revising How | Final Outcome: |
| Homestead Property is Assessed (Opposed) | Failed |

Property Tax Initiatives Report from Charles Chapman

| HB 787 (Chamberlin) & SB 996 (Collins) Revenues from Ad | Final Outcome: |
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| Valorem Taxes (Opposed) | Failed |
| SJR 1016/SB 1018 (<i>Ingoglia</i>) Increased Homestead Property Exemptions (\$25k to \$75k) (Opposed) | Final Outcome: Failed |
| SB 1308 (<i>Ingoglia</i>) Ad Valorem Tax/Rebate Programs | Final Outcome: |
| (Monitored) | Failed |

Property Tax Initiatives Report from Charles Chapman

House Select Committee on Property Taxes

Requiring a referendum on the question of eliminating property taxes on homestead properties

New **\$500,00** Homestead Exemption & **\$1 Million** homestead exemption for 65 and older + 30year ownership

Allow Legislature to increase homestead exemption to any value by general law.

Modifying the assessment increase limitations: **3% every 3 years** (homestead) and **15% every 3** years (non homestead)

Eliminating foreclosures on homestead property due to tax lien

Bill Report from Charles Chapman

| HB 7033 (Duggan) Tax Package (Monitored) | Final Outcome: TBD |
|--|---------------------------------|
| HB 1221 (Miller) & SB 1664 (Trumbull) Local Option Taxes (Opposed) | Final Outcome: Failed |
| HB 503 (<i>Botana</i>) & SB 1196 (<i>Truenow</i>) Local Business Taxes (Opposed) | Final Outcome: Failed |

Report from **David Cruz**

| HB 301 (<i>McFarland</i>) & SB 1570 (<i>DiCeglie</i>) Sovereign | Final Outcome: |
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| Immunity (Opposed) | Failed |
| HB 991 (<i>Giallombardo</i>) & SB 1242 (<i>McClain</i>) Community | Final Outcome: |
| Redevelopment Agencies (Opposed) | Failed |
| SB 110 (Simon) Rural Communities (Monitored) | Final Outcome: TBD |
| HB 1209 (Steele) & SB 1118 (McClain) Growth Management (Opposed) | Final Outcome: Failed |

Report from **David Cruz**, continued

| HB 569 (<i>Kendall</i>) & SB 1188 (<i>McClain</i>) Charter School | Final Outcome: |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Zoning (Opposed) | Failed |
| HB 1255 (Trabulsy) Education (Opposed) | Final Outcome: Passed |
| HB 665 (Steele) & SB 482 (DiCeglie) Impact Fees | Final Outcome: |
| (Opposed) | Failed |
| SB 1080 (<i>McClain</i>) Local Government Land | Final Outcome: |
| Regulation (Opposed) | Passed |
| SB 582 (<i>Leek</i>) Unlawful Demolition of Historical Buildings and Structures (Supported) | Final Outcome: Passed |

Report from Matt Singer

| HB 703 (W. Robinson) Utility Relocation (Opposed) | Final Outcome: Passed |
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| HB 683 (Griffitts) Construction Regulations (Opposed) | Final Outcome: Passed |
| SB 180 (<i>DiCeglie</i>) Emergencies (Opposed) | Final Outcome: Passed |
| SB 810 (<i>Burgess</i>) Stormwater Management Systems (Opposed) | Final Outcome: Failed |

Report from **Rebecca O'Hara**

| SB 1730 (<i>Calatayud</i>) Live Local Development/Affordable | Final Outcome: |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Housing (Opposed) | Passed |
| HB 247 (<i>Conerly</i>) & SB 184 (<i>Gaetz</i>) Affordable | Final Outcome: |
| Housing/ADUs (Opposed) | Failed |
| HB 7033 (Duggan) Taxation/Missing Middle (Opposed) | Final Outcome: TBD |
| HB 1523 (<i>Busatta</i>) & SB 1704 (<i>Calatayud</i>) Utility Services (Opposed) | Final Outcome: Failed |

Report from Sam Wagoner

| SB 110 (Simon) Rural Communities (Monitored) | Final Outcome: TBD |
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| SB 954 (<i>Gruters</i>) Certified Recovery Residences (Monitored) | Final Outcome: Passed |



Post-Session Resources

- ✓ Legislative Bill Summaries
- FLC Final Report
- June 2 Policy Committee Signup Opens
- ✓ Legislative Resources

QUESTIONS?

What's Next?



August 14-16

FLC Annual Conference



September 26

FLC Legislative Policy Committee Meetings (Round 1)



October 17

FLC Legislative Policy Committee Meetings (Round 2)



December 4-5

FLC Legislative Conference



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