

The background of the entire page features a close-up of the American flag on the left, with its stars and stripes clearly visible. On the right, the wooden skeletal frame of a building under construction is shown, with numerous vertical and horizontal beams creating a complex geometric pattern. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

# **FHBA**

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# **BUILDING INDUSTRY**

The 2021 Legislative Session poses many issues affecting the building industry - and we take it personally.

The Florida Home Builders Association (FHBA) stands ready to support legislation that will improve the economic environment of Florida's building industry, and oppose that which will slow progress.



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**VOTE YES**

**IMPACT FEES: HB 337 / SB 750**

**REP NICK DICEGLIE**

**Referred To:**

Local, Admin & Veterans Affairs;  
Ways & Means; State Affairs

**SENATOR JOE GRUTERS**

**Referred To:**

Community Affairs; Finance and Tax;  
Appropriations

- Requires Impact Fee increases to be incrementally phased-in.
- Defines Infrastructure.
- Ensures Credits for Extractions.
- Prevents local governments from collecting undirected and unplanned impact fees.
- Provides for Local Government attestation





**VOTE YES**

**CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS: HB 21 / SB 270**

**REP ALEX ANDRADE**

**Referred To:**

Civil Justice and Prop. Rights; Gov.  
Regulatory Reform; Judiciary

**SENATOR KEITH PERRY**

**Referred To:**

Community Affairs; Judiciary; Rules

- Defining material location.
- Requiring claimants to exhaust warranty options before seeking recourse
- Requiring visible proof with specific detail surrounding the defect.
- Providing the claimant to attest that they have personal knowledge of the alleged defect.
- Providing that the a claimant does not have a cause of action for a construction defect, if the contractor offers to fix the repairs at no cost to the claimant within 90 days, and the claimant is satisfied with the repairs.
- Ensures a notice to mortgage is provided for any 558 claim that resulted in a monetary settlement, including the nature of the defect was repaired following the financial settlement.
- Changes the statute from an "opt-out" to an "opt-in" dispute resolution process.



**VOTE YES**

**BUILDING PERMITS: HB 1059 / SB 1788**

**REP WILL ROBINSON**

**Referred To:**  
Regulatory Reform; Commerce

**SENATOR JIM BOYD**

**Referred To:**  
Community Affairs; Gov. Oversight &  
Accountability, Rules

- Requires all building departments to accept permit applications as well as all corresponding drawings and documents electronically, and post the status of each building permit application it receives on its website until permit issue.
- The legislation will apply penalties on local enforcement authorities who fail to meet statutory deadlines, such as 10 percent permit fee reductions if a jurisdiction fails to issue a building permit within 30 business days (and every 10 business days thereafter):
- The bill has a similar provision to SB 1146/HB 401 that prohibits jurisdictions from requiring contracts with building permit applications.



**VOTE YES**

**FLORIDA BUILDING CODE: HB 401 / SB 1146**

**REP ELIZABETH  
FETTERHOFF**

**Referred To:**

Regulatory Reform; Local Admin &  
Veterans Affairs; Commerce

**SENATOR JASON BRODEUR**

**Referred To:**

Community Affairs; Appropriations ;  
Rules

- Prohibits building departments from requiring building contracts in permit applications.
- Discourages local governments from bypassing the local technical amendment process to the Florida Building Code by allowing an affected party the opportunity to submit a complaint to the Florida Building Commission for a non-binding advisory opinion.
- Authorizes the Florida Building Commission to correct errors in the code by simplifying the procedures and not opening the process up to special interests





**VOTE YES**

**PREEMPTION ON RESTRICTION OF UTILITY SERVICES  
HB 919 / SB 1128**

**REP JOSIE TOMKOW**

**Referred To:**

Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy;  
Local Admin. & Vet Affairs; Ways &  
Means; Commerce

**SENATOR TRAVIS HUTSON**

**Referred To:**

Regulated Industries; Community  
Affairs; Rules

- Prohibits local governments from enacting ordinances that would restrict a property owner or tenants' choice of utility service, including but not limited to: Natural gas, manufactured gas, electric, etc.