

Pulse in Tallahassee

Florida State Representative Tina Polsky, District 81
Session Week #1
March 5-8, 2019

Dear Friends,

The 2019 Legislative Session officially began on Tuesday, March 5. I am looking forward to working through the next 60 days to improve the lives of my constituents in District 81.

This week we celebrated Palm Beach County Days in the Capitol! It was great to see so many of Palm Beach County's leaders in the Capitol supporting their legislative priorities.

Below you will find a few highlights from the first week of the Legislative Session.



Rep. Polsky and members of the PBC Medical Society.



Rep. Polsky Presenting HB 671 in the Workforce Development Committee.

In Committee

- **HJR 53, Single Subject Requirement for Revisions or Amendments to the Constitution**—This would require that all amendments put forth by the Constitutional Revision Commission or the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission be limited to one subject. I was happy to vote for the bill, which passed unanimously out of the State Affairs Committee, and is headed to its final committee stop, Judiciary Committee.
- **HB 671, Rural Development Grants**—I am excited to be working with Representative Clemons to bring forth a bill that would expand how regional economic development organizations may participate in the Regional Rural Developments Grants Program. The bill was passed out of the Workforce Development Committee and is headed to its second of three committee stops.

On the Horizon

- **Budget**—The Florida Legislature is constitutionally mandated to pass a balanced budget at the end of its 60 day legislative session. One of the first steps towards the final budget will take place next week, as the Appropriations Subcommittees will hear the final appropriation bills. These bills will make up the Subcommittee Chair's budget recommendations before heading to the full Appropriations Committee.
- **Healthcare**—The Health Quality Subcommittee will be considering HB 19, Prescription Drug Importation Programs next week. This bill would create programs for safely importing prescriptions into Florida from Canada and other countries.



Rep. Polsky & Sen. Rader during Opening Session.

On the Floor

- **HB 7015, Medical Use of Marijuana**—The first bill to be taken up by the Florida House will regulate how Marijuana can be dispensed by medical marijuana treatment centers, as well as packaging and labeling requirements. The bill has made it through all of its committee stops with very little opposition.

Don't forget that you can follow legislation, committees and floor sessions at www.MyFloridaHouse.gov. And as always, do not hesitate to contact my office to share your thoughts on what is happening throughout the Legislative Session.

Sincerely,

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