

Pulse in Tallahassee

Florida State Representative Tina Polsky, District 81
Session Week #2
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Dear Friends,

We have finished our second week of the Legislative Session. It was an extremely busy week in the capitol as we hosted Broward Days, Bankers Day, and Nurses Day at the capitol.

My colleagues and I have been busy ushering our appropriations projects and legislation through the process. It has been a pleasure to present 8 appropriations projects on behalf of the citizens of District 81. I look forward to working the projects through the process.



Rep. Polsky with Nurses and Nursing Students from FAU.

In Committee

- **HB 3113, Belle Glade Community Impact Scholars. Robotics Coaches**—I was happy to present this bill in the PreK-12 Appropriation Subcommittee. This project would help hire and train approximately 20 Palm Beach State Students so that they can help support the robotics and technology program run by the Boys and Girls Club. Students, at both Palm Beach State and Glades area elementary and middle schools, would learn skills such as how to use CAD, Laser Cutters, Drones and more. The bill passed unanimously and will be moving on to the next step of the Appropriations process.
- **Local Preemptions**—There are several bills that have been presented this year that would preempt local governments from passing ordinances. Two of those bills were in committee this week, HB 3, Preemption of Local Regulations, and HB 5, Discretionary Sales Surtaxes. I voted against HB 3, which came before my committee this week, but unfortunately it passed to its next committee stop along party lines.



Rep. Polsky with members and staff of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach.

On the Floor

- **SB 182, Medical Marijuana**—The first bill to be passed out of the Florida Legislature during the 2019 Legislative Session provides people with chronic illnesses the opportunity to use smokable Medical Marijuana as part of their treatment. I was happy to support the measure to make sure that people get the best treatment possible.

On the Horizon

- **State Hemp Program**—The Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services has made it a priority to create a Hemp Production Program. It is hoped that this will help develop and regulate the growing hemp industry in the state. HB 333, State Hemp Program, would create the policy and regulation for the program and my accompanying bill HB 1329, Fees, would create the licensure fee for new companies in Florida. I am happy to be a part of the team bringing forth this legislation.



Rep. Polsky and members of Associated Builders and Contractors from PBC.

My first priority as your State Representative is to serve you, so please do not hesitate to contact my office to share your thoughts on what is happening throughout the legislative session.

Sincerely,

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