

Pulse in Tallahassee

Florida State Representative Tina Polsky, District 81
Committee Week #3, October 21-25, 2019

Dear Friends,

This week marks the mid-point of the 2020 legislative committee weeks. During this week, the first bills of the 2020 session were considered by their assigned committees.

In Committee

- **HB 265, Abortion**—The Parental Consent bill has been re-filed for consideration during the 2020 Legislative Session. During the 2019 Legislative Session, the bill passed the House but failed to pass through all of its committees in the Senate. The bill would prohibit a physician from performing an abortion on a minor unless they receive notarized, written parental consent or an order from a court waiving the parental consent requirement. The bill passed out of its one and only committee, Health and Human Services, on a party line vote of 12-6.



Rep. Polsky and colleagues at the Jewish Federation's Senior Legislative Seminar

- **HB 223, Homestead Exemption**—This bill would prohibit homeowners who claim a Homestead Exemption in another state from claiming an exemption in Florida. The bill passed out of its first committee stop, Local, Federal, and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, unanimously and is heading to its second stop, Ways and Means Committee.

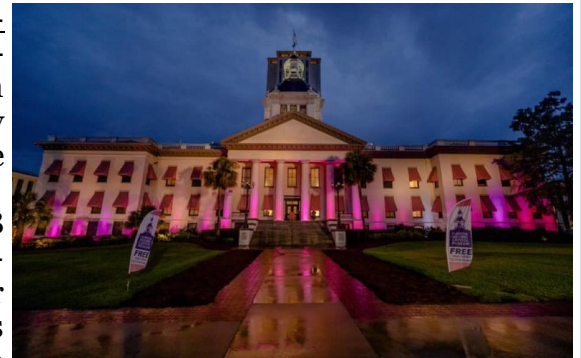


Rep. Polsky and members of Alzheimer's Community Care

- **HB 2083, South Bay Storm Water Improvement Project**—During this week, I was able to present the South Bay Storm Water Improvement Appropriations bill to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee. This bill would help the City of South Bay fix three specific areas within the city that suffer from extensive flooding during the rainy season. The bill was passed unanimously out of committee and can now begin to work its way through the appropriations process.

On the Horizon

- **HB 87, Tax Exemption for Diapers and Incontinence Products**—This bill would create a sales tax exemption for incontinence undergarments, liners, and pads, as well as diapers. I am a proud co-sponsor of this great bill which will be extremely helpful for Florida's families and seniors who rely on these products.
- **HB 93, Sales Tax Exemptions**—I am a proud co-sponsor of HB 93, which would create a sales tax exemption for home improvement items which assist with independent living. Under this bill, items such as bed rails, grab bars, and shower seats would be exempt from sales tax. This bill will go a long way to allow seniors to age at home with dignity.
- **HB 263, Insurance Coverage for Breast Cancer Tests and Procedures**—This bill would ensure that breast cancer patients whose medical providers deem specific diagnostic tests necessary, are billed at an equal rate as their preliminary mammogram. As a co-sponsor of this bill, I am hopeful that this change will increase the rate of breast cancer patients receiving preventative treatments without the worry of the financial cost.



In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month the Florida Capitol has been lit pink!

Sincerely,

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