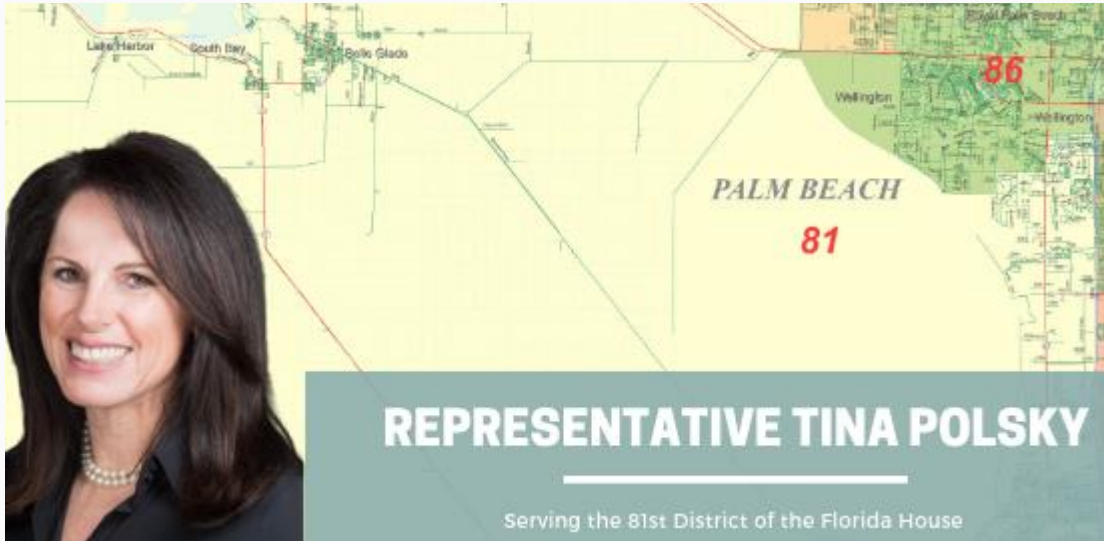


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Good Afternoon Friends,

Thank you so much for subscribing to the Polsky Pulse.

Enclosed in this email you will find a copy of the Pulse in Tallahassee, Session Week Eight Edition. This edition of the Pulse has great information regarding the seventh week of the 2020 Legislative Session.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and I will do my best to address them

Sincerely,

Rep. Tina Polsky

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Session Week 8 Update

# Pulse in Tallahassee

Florida State Representative Tina Polsky, District 81  
Session Week #8, March 2-6

Dear Friends,

This week was the last week we could hear new bills on the floor for session. I'm looking forward to the bills and ideas we will be debating in the coming week. As we move ahead, I will keep you updated on the comings and goings of the legislative session in Tallahassee.

## **This Week**

- **HB 743-Nonopioid Alternatives**-This week HB 743 was heard which would revise certain requirements for health care officials to inform patients of non-opioid alternatives before prescribing an opioid drug. To ensure that patients know of non-addicting alternatives to opioids, the bill changes the circumstances under which a health care practitioner must counsel a patient about non-opioid alternatives.
- **HB 853, State Park Waivers and Discounts**-This week HB 853 was heard which would give those who provide children with out-of-home care with free annual passes and a 50 percent discount on base campsite fees. This bill is a nice change of pace as it gives those children who are in out-of-home care the opportunity to experience the different natural parks and trails in their area while undergoing a change in their home lives.



Representative Polsky fighting for union employees on the floor

- **CS for HB 1005, Voting Systems**-This beneficial bill would make the election recount process more efficient for counties with electronic auditing systems. The newly authorized system is able to find all over-votes and under-votes immediately. This would help supervisors of elections be able to conduct a more thorough and faster recount than the traditional method of feeding paper ballots back through the machines.

## **On the Horizon**

- **Budget Negotiations**-This weekend, we will begin budget conferencing between the House and Senate to resolve the roughly \$1.4 billion gap between the two chambers. I hope that the House will meet the Senate in their affordable housing allocation by fully funding the Sadowski Trust Fund. Hopefully, the House also increases their current funding for Florida Forever in this year's budget.
- **Coronavirus Funding**-With the spread of the novel coronavirus throughout the country, the state of Florida must ensure that our local and state health departments receive the necessary funding to fight this outbreak. We must ensure that we conduct the necessary testing of individuals who may have been exposed to the virus so that we can isolate those cases and contain the virus to the best of

our ability. I hope that both chambers address these budget issues as we go into conferencing this weekend.

Sincerely,

Representative Tina Polsky



Representative Polsky at press conference protecting citizens' initiatives



Representative Polsky and colleagues advocating for direct democracy



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