

MEMORANDUM

To: SEFLUC

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RE: 2018 Legislation – SEFLUC December Update

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The following is a summary of legislation which may be of interest to the Southeast Florida Utility Council (“SEFLUC”). A summary of proposed changes and an analysis of impacts to SEFLUC are presented for each bill. In some cases, because of the length of the bill, the analysis may be limited to only those provisions impacting SEFLUC. In the event a more extensive summary and analysis is required, a separate memo addressing the specific legislation can be prepared upon request.

List of Bills Contained in Memo:

1. **SB 92 – C-51 Reservoir Project (Book)**
2. **HB 63 – Property-Assessed Clean Environment (Rodrigues)**
3. **SB 66 – Drinking Water in Public Schools (Book, Taddeo)**

**BILLS**

1. **SB 92 – C-51 Reservoir Project (Book)**

**Summary:**

- Revises the portions of the C-51 reservoir project for which the South Florida Water Management District may negotiate to include any portion of the project not already committed to utilities for AWS purposes;
- Revises water storage and use requirements specified for the project if state funds are appropriated for the project
  - operation of Phases I must be in accordance with any operation and maintenance agreement adopted by the Districts,
  - requires maximization of reduction of harmful discharges to Lake Worth lagoon,
  - Provides that water received from Lake O may be available to support CUPs if use is in accordance with district rules (existing language says water is Not available to support CUPs)
- Specifies that Phase II of the project may be funded by appropriation, in addition to other sources;

- Authorizes the District to enter into a capacity allocation agreement with a water supply entity for pro rata share of unreserved capacity in water storage facility and may request the department waive repayment of all or a portion of a loan issued through water storage facility revolving loan fund (373.475)
- Clarifies the projects for which distributions from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund remaining in any fiscal year may be made available

**Impact on SEFLUC:**

Opportunity for CUP water availability from Lake Okeechobee.

**Status:**

**SB 92**

11/27/18 – Filed

**2. HB 63 – Property-Assessed Clean Environment (Rodrigues)**

**Summary:**

- Legislative findings
  - All properties not using advanced technologies for wastewater removal contribute to the water quality problems affecting the state and particularly coastal areas.
  - Improved property retrofitted with advanced onsite treatment system or converted to central sewage significantly benefits quality of water
- Amends definition of “qualifying improvements” to include sewage treatment improvements
- Adds registered septic tank contractors to list of contractors authorized to make or install a qualifying improvement
- Revises the contract language to be provided to prospective purchaser if qualifying improvement has been made

**Impact on SEFLUC:**

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**Status:**

**HB 63**

11/29/18 – Filed

**3. SB 66 – Drinking Water in Public Schools (Book, Taddeo)**

**Summary:**

- Legislative findings relating to adverse health effects of lead exposure and need to control or eliminate sources of lead to prevent childhood lead poisoning
- Defining the term “drinking water source” to include any water source used for drinking, food preparation, or cooking.

- Requiring each school district built before 1986 to locate all drinking water sources in certain schools, install a barcode on each source, and install filters that meet certain specifications on all such sources, and post certain signage on certain water sources and to publish a list of drinking water sources on the school district's website

**Impact on SEFLUC:**  
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**Status:**  
**HB 63**  
**11/20/18** – Filed