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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

SB 364 & CS/HB 39

Establishes an Independent Living Task Force within the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. Provides for the duties, membership, and meetings of task force. Requires the task force to submit a report to Governor and Legislature by specified date.

SB 998

Prohibits county governments from collecting (1) impact fees, (2) permit or inspecting fees, (3) tree mitigation fees, (4) water and sewer connection fees, or (5) a proportionate share contribution for development or construction of affordable housing as defined in Florida Statutes starting October 1, 2020. Requires local governments to pass ordinances allowing and subsequently permit accessory dwelling units in areas zoned as single-family residential. Stipulates that local governments have 60 days to inspect a development permit, construction permit, or certificate of occupancy for affordable housing and request any changes from the applicant. Provides that a local government cannot deny an applicant's permit application because of an applicant's errors or omissions if the local government fails to request a change within the 60 day time period. Requires a local government to either approve or deny a development permit, construction permit, or certificate of occupancy for affordable housing within 30 days of the local government receiving a completed application. Allows the Florida Housing Finance Corporation ("FHFC") to provide loans to construct workforce housing. Eliminates many FHFC rules related to granting loans for affordable housing. Requires rental developments that receive funding under Chapter 420 to develop a resident homeownership opportunity financial incentive program.

HB 1001

Revises tax exemption provision of 212.08, Fla. Stat. (2019) to exempt (1) affordable housing projects on designated brownfield areas so long as the developer agrees to set aside at least 20 percent of the housing units in any development for affordable housing, and (2) mixed-use units in a designated brownfield site so long as the developer agrees to set aside at least 20 percent of the square footage of the project for low-income and moderate-income housing. Revises tax credit provision of 376.30781, Fla. Stat. (2019) to make projects with mixed uses or that include market-rate housing eligible for a tax credit so long as the developer sets aside 20 percent of the housing units for affordable housing. Updates the definition of "solid waste disposal area." Exempts projects on brownfield sites from having to show that the project will create jobs under 376.82, Fla. Stat. (2019) so long as the development will provide affordable housing, create recreational areas, create conservation areas, create parks, or be maintained for cultural or historical preservation purposes.



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SB 306 & HB 381

Exempts the State Housing Trust Fund and the Local Government Housing Trust Fund from a provision authorizing the Legislature, in the General Appropriations Act, to transfer unappropriated cash balances from specified trust funds to the Budget Stabilization Fund and the General Revenue Fund.

