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INFORMATION ITEM

FROM: Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Chairperson

SUBJECT:

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: FLORIDA HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS 9 AND 1054

SUMMARY:

Legislation under House Bill (HB) 9 and Senate Bill (SB) 1054 regarding Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs) proposes amendments to Chapter 163, Part III, Community Redevelopment Act, Florida Statutes which includes revisions to reporting and operational requirements, the allowable use of redevelopment trust fund proceeds and establishes provisions for a phase-out period of Florida CRAs.

Similar legislation was proposed during the 2017 and 2018 Legislative Sessions but did not pass. However, these bills, in the form of HB 9 and SB 1054, have been brought back for consideration during the 2019 Legislative Session.

Key provisions of the legislation include:

- Limitations on allowable expenditures resulting in severe restrictions on the ability of CRAs to undertake revitalization activities.
- Requirements for County approval of all municipal CRA budgets and budget amendments.
- Allowances for Counties to reduce their TIF payments to CRA’s to 50% by ordinance.
- Additional and more stringent annual reporting requirements resulting in increased administrative costs

to CRAs.

- Termination of all CRAs by the year 2039, with extensions limited only to timely meeting bond obligations.
- Denial of local authority for the creation of new CRA's, limiting establishment to a County-wide referendum.

It is recommended that board members contact their state representatives to oppose the proposed legislation. An overview of the proposed bills provided by the Florida Redevelopment Association (FRA) is attached for reference.

PRIOR ACTION:

April 10, 2017 - The CRA received an overview of 2017 Legislative Session bills, HB 13 and SB 1770, proposing amendments to Chapter 163, Part III, Community Redevelopment Act, Florida Statutes.

August 7, 2017 - The CRA identified the continuation of Florida's CRA as a priority consideration for the 2018 Legislative Session.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) FRA Overview - HB 9 and SB 1054

PRESENTATION: No