

# DAILY BRIEF

*For the 2022 Legislative Session*



**FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

## **AGRICULTURE**

### **HB 1291 – Relating to Nutrient Application Rates**

On Tuesday, February 8, [HB 1291](#) by Representative Lawrence McClure (R-Plant City) was heard by the House Environment, Agriculture and Flooding Subcommittee and was reported favorable with 14 yeas and 4 nays. **AIF's Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Adam Basford, stood in support of this legislation.**

The bill allows certified crop advisors to recommend preferred fertilizer rates to tailor nutrient application rates. The bill provides that producers using rate tailoring are required to enroll in and implement applicable best management practices (BMPs) adopted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

HB 1291 will now go to the House Appropriations Committee.

**AIF supports legislation which protects an agricultural producers' enrollment in the Best Management Practices program while providing the ability to specifically tailor nutrient rates based upon variables such as crop variety, site-specific conditions, meteorological events, or pest and disease pressures.**

## **BUSINESS REGULATION**

### **SB 1564 – Relating to Telephone Solicitation**

On Tuesday, February 8, [SB 1564](#) by Senator Travis Hutson (R-Palm Coast) was heard by the Senate Regulated Industries Committee and was reported favorable with 6 yeas and 0 nays. **AIF's Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Adam Basford, stood in support of this legislation.**

In 2021, SB 1120 was passed and prevented telephonic sales calls using automated systems that select numbers **OR** the usage of automated systems that dial the numbers. This bill further clarifies that telephonic sales calls may not be made using automated number generators **AND** automated dialers, i.e., robocalls. The bill allows telephonic sales calls with human interaction and

therefore clarifies the intent of the original 2021 bill to prevent robocalls to called parties that have not made an inquiry.

SB 1564 will now go to the Senate Rules Committee.

**AIF supports legislative efforts that address some of the issues created by the 2021 passage of SB 1120 dealing with telephone solicitation to allow businesses to use certain systems to conduct legitimate telephone solicitation.**

## ENERGY

### SB 1024 – Relating to Renewable Energy Generation

On Tuesday, February 8, [SB 1024](#) by Senator Jennifer Bradley (R-Orange Park) was heard by the Senate Community Affairs Committee and was reported favorable with 6 yeas and 3 nays. **AIF's Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Adam Basford, stood in support of this legislation.**

Net metering is a metering and billing methodology where customer-owned renewable generation (such as rooftop solar panels) is allowed to offset the customer's electricity consumption from utility providers. Under net metering, customers are credited for excess energy produced which flows back to the grid. A meter is used to record both electricity drawn from the grid and excess electricity that flows to the grid from the customer.

SB 1024 will now go to the Senate Rules Committee.

**AIF supports legislation that allows Florida's utility providers to best serve the state and the businesses located here while reducing the financial burden passed on to the general customer base.**

## LEGAL & JUDICIAL

### HB 1259 – Relating to Criminal History Information

On Tuesday, February 8, [HB 1259](#) by Representative Spencer Roach (R-Fort Meyers) was heard by the House Regulatory Reform Subcommittee and was reported favorable with 16 yeas and 0 nays. **AIF's Legislative Affairs Assistant, BD Jogerst, stood in support of this legislation.**

The bill revises the process by which a regulatory board within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) may consider the criminal background of license applicants. The bill revises the process for a court-ordered sealing of a criminal record to allow a person to petition a court to seal a criminal history record if the record has been automatically sealed by the

State of Florida and the subject of the sealed record presents a certificate of sealing issued by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

HB 1259 will now go to the House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee.

**AIF supports legislative efforts that allows individuals with sealed records at the State level to petition local government to further seal their records. Businesses in Florida drive the economy and employers need employees. A sealed record at the state level is indicative of amends made, and therefore these subjects should have access to well-paying jobs that keep Florida moving forward.**