

INTERIM UPDATE



From November 30, 2021

SB 7014 - Relating to COVID-19-Related Claims Against Health Care Providers

On Tuesday, November 30, [SB 7014](#) sponsored and heard by the Senate Judiciary Committee was reported favorable with 7 yeas and 4 nays. **AIF's President, Brewster Bevis, stood in support of this legislation.**

This bill extends the length of time that health care providers receive certain liability protections from COVID-19-related claims. Legislation passed during the 2021 Session provided health care providers liability protections until March 29, 2022. This bill extends those protections until June 1, 2023.

SB 7014 will now receive additional Senate committee references.

AIF supports legislation that protects the Florida health care community, who has been on the frontline during this pandemic, from frivolous and costly litigation by plaintiffs suing to settle.

SB 620 - Relating to Local Government

On Tuesday, November 30, [SB 620](#) by Senator Travis Hutson (R-Palm Coast) was heard by the Senate Judiciary Committee and was reported favorable with 7 yeas and 4 nays. **AIF's President, Brewster Bevis, stood in support of this legislation.**

This bill creates a cause of action for a business to sue a local government when the enactment or amendment of an ordinance or charter provision causes at least a 15% loss of income or profits to the business.

SB 620 will now go to the Senate Rules Committee.

AIF supports legislation bolstering the rights of businesses to recoup undue losses at the hands of local governments to maintain a prosperous business climate in Florida.