

The background of the slide is a photograph of a natural landscape. In the foreground, there is a field of green and brown marsh plants. In the middle ground, a dense forest of tall, thin pine trees stretches across the frame. The sun is setting behind the trees, creating a bright, golden glow and long shadows. The sky is a mix of orange and grey.

TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
PARTNERSHIPS AND PATHWAYS TO PROGRESS

SENATE BILL 62

2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR JENNIFER BRADLEY, SENATE DISTRICT 5

LEGISLATION ELIMINATING REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS FROM
FLORIDA STATE STATUTES

GENERAL SENATE BILL 62 OVERVIEW

- Generated in the Community Affairs Committee-Regional Planning Councils
- Revising a requirement for the Executive Office of the Governor to review and consider certain reports, data, and analyses relating to the revision of the state comprehensive plan;
- Eliminating the advisory role of regional planning councils in state comprehensive plan preparation and revision;
- Repealing provisions relating to the Florida Regional Planning Council Act of 1980;
- Authorizing local governments to recommend areas of critical state concern to the state land planning agency, etc.
- Effective Date: 7/1/2021 Now in Judiciary Committee as of 2/3/2021

SENATE BILL 62 CURRENT STATUS

NO COMPANION HOUSE BILL AS OF 2/8/2021

- SB 62 was introduced by Senator Jennifer Bradley to the Community Affairs Committee.
- The Bill was heard on 01/26/21 by the committee.
- 12 elected and appointed officials from counties and municipalities along with business owners testified in opposition of the SB62. There was no public comment in favor of the Bill.
- SB62 was passed by the committee, 6 YEAS and 3 NAYS, and forwarded to the Judiciary Committee.
- SB 62 has been forwarded to the Judiciary Committee which is Chaired by Senator Jeff Brandes of Senate District 24-Pinellas County
- As of 02/08/21 SB 62 has not been scheduled or heard on the Judiciary Committee Agenda.

HOW OUR TBRPC MEMBER GOVERNMENTS CAN ASSIST IN DEFEATING SB62

- 2021 Legislative Session begins on March 2nd and adjourns on April 30
- Vote today to approve the TBRPC Resolution 01-2021 Opposing the Passing of SB62.
- Contact State Senators with an emphasis on those serving on the Judiciary Committee and express opposition to SB 62. Contact information is provided in today's agenda.
- Consider passing a resolution at your Commission or Council in opposition of SB62. A template is provided.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**CONTACT SEAN SULLIVAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR WREN KRAHL,
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ASSISTANCE OR INFORMATION
ON THIS IMPORTANT ENDEAVOR TO DEFEAT SB62.**

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