

ALERT – HB 1109 – WATER SUPPLY
ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE TOMORROW AFTERNOON

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR DELEGATION IMMEDIATELY

While we were chasing some pretty ugly bills last week, **HB 1109** slipped through the cracks and passed its final committee on Friday. It is now on “Second Reading” in the House Chamber which means it can be amended and questioned tomorrow by the entire House body. Of course, the way session has been going, they could waive the rules and run this straight through to “Third Reading” which will allow them to vote on it tomorrow. Then it would be onto the Senate. (Attached is our 5 hour review of **HB 1109**.)

Email Hillsborough County’s Legislative Delegation for reasons stated below you and ask them to OPPOSE HB 1109.

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C4RG’s focus is on the language that is NOT in the bill:

- The legislative intent and policy protecting the environment and public health and safety has been removed as a stated legislative intent from this bill.
- The remaining section of the legislative intent and policy in Rep. Williams’ bill is focused on supplying water for present and future growth only.
- Two of the three pronged approach that Sen. Dockery had worked so hard to balance in 2005 is eliminated.
- **Therefore, the omission of this language creates a new legislative intent and policy with regard to our water supply.**
- Most assuredly, this would make it much easier for utilities, water management districts, water authorities, ie. Tampa Bay Water, and others to create and move water – and count on them choosing the least expensive source: groundwater!

- This also makes it easier to distribute water statewide. As you know, South Florida needs the water Northwest Florida has in abundance. Legislation has been around for years trying to accomplish this.

Please DO NOT SUPPORT this bill on the floor of the House.

Thank you, and hurry!

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