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Update on Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs) and Wireless Infrastructure Bills

Community Redevelopment Agencies

This morning, [CS/CS/HB 13 \(Raburn\)](#) passed the [House Government Accountability Committee](#) by a vote of 18-5.

CS/CS/HB 13 was amended by the committee to allow the creation of a new CRA, but only by enactment of a Special Act of the Legislature.

The FLC opposes this provision and other provisions in the bill which would severely restrict the ability of CRAs to conduct their original purpose.

Vote on CS/CS/HB 13:

Yeas

Matt Caldwell, Chair
Charlie Stone, V. Chr
Joseph Abruzzo
Colleen Burton
Neil Combee
Brad Drake
Jay Fant
Chris Latvala
Amber Mariano
Cary Pigman
Scott Plakon
Holly Raschein
Daniel Raulerson
Bob Rommel
David Santiago
Carlos G. Smith
Matt Willhite
Jayer Williamson

Nays

Patrick Henry
Kristin Jacobs
Wengay Newton
Barbara Watson
Clovis Watson

Please thank the Representatives who voted “No” on CS/CS/HB 13.

Should you have any questions, please contact: David Cruz at dcruz@flcities.com or 850-701-3676.

Wireless Communications Infrastructure

Wednesday evening, [CS/CS/SB 596 \(Hutson\)](#) unanimously passed the [Senate Rules Committee](#).

Senator Tom Lee offered an amendment to the bill which would remove the \$100 fee cap and instead require the fee be set to reflect the market rate, but the amendment failed on a voice vote.

Please thank Senator Lee for offering this amendment.

Should you have any questions, please contact Megan Sirjane-Samples at 850-701-3655 or msirjanesamples@flcities.com.

Thank you for your advocacy efforts!