



Professional Engineers Legislative Agenda – 2019 Session

The Practice of Engineering – **DEFEND** the practice of engineering and **OPPOSE** attempts by non-engineers to provide engineering services as defined by the Florida Board of Professional Engineers.

- **HB 827/SB 616 Professional Engineering** **Toledo/Perry**
SUPPORT much-needed reforms to simplify the licensing process for qualified Floridians. Makes the work of the FBPE Board more efficient. Restores provisions that were previously contained in Rule that courts ruled could not be enforced without matching clauses in statute.
- **HB 279/SB 578 Professional Geology** **Stevenson/Broxson**
Successful negotiations were held between representatives of the Florida Engineering Society, American Council of Engineering Companies of Florida and the Florida Association of Professional Geologists on language revisions that both parties agreed to and will be placed as an amendment on the first committee stop.

Water Infrastructure and Environment – **SUPPORT** protecting Florida’s water future by supporting science-based infrastructure investments and initiatives that allow our state to grow while protecting our natural resources and streamlining state processes.

- **HB 105/SB 286 Domestic Wastewater Collection System Assessment** **Jacobs/Albritton**
SUPPORT the Domestic Wastewater Collection System Assessment and Maintenance bill would create the Blue Star Collection System Assessment & Maintenance Program with DEP to certify utilities that demonstrate they are following best industry practices for maintaining infrastructure and equipment with the goal of minimizing or eliminating sanitary sewer overflows and ultimately improving area surface water quality. This program entices utilities to be a better utility and improve water quality by providing incentives such as reduced fines, longer permit durations and a presumption of compliance for Blue Star Certified systems.

Transportation Infrastructure – **SUPPORT** a transportation plan that meets the following goals: safety, infrastructure condition, mobility, economy and the environment. The goals are all interrelated and together create Florida’s transportation future.

SUPPORT transportation funding, and **OPPOSE** any effort to transfer funds from the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) to General Revenue, or use TTF funds for any purpose unrelated to transportation.

Energy – **SUPPORT** proactive legislative and regulatory advocacy on energy by developing industry-wide consensus on a wide range of energy issues.