



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#26-0181

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: February 17, 2026

TITLE: 2026 State Legislative Mid-Session Update – City Manager’s Office
(**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

City staff will present an update on the 2026 State Legislative Session (Exhibit 1).

On October 23, 2025, the City Commission adopted a Resolution approving the 2026 State Legislative Program for the City of Fort Lauderdale, establishing the City’s priorities for the upcoming state session. The 2026 Legislative Program was developed in coordination with City departments and the City’s legislative consultants to address issues including infrastructure, resiliency, housing, public safety, and home rule.

The 2026 State Legislative Session convened in January 2026 for a sixty (60)-day period to consider statewide policy and adopt a balanced budget. State lawmakers are heavily focused on affordability, including proposals related to property tax relief, insurance, housing, and infrastructure investment. Staff and the City’s legislative consultants continue to monitor bills, engage the Broward Legislative Delegation, and advocate for positions consistent with Commission direction, including protection of municipal home rule and flexibility in local revenue authority. Exhibit 2 contains a full bill report of bills of interest to City operations.

The final state budget will be approved at the close of session, and it will determine the level of state support available to the City and region for key projects beginning July 1, 2026. Following the end of the legislative session, City staff will return to the City Commission with a follow-up report summarizing specific enacted bills of local impact. Staff will also use the outcomes of the 2026 session to inform development of the City’s 2027 State Legislative Program.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – 2026 Mid-Session Update Presentation
Exhibit 2 – 2026 Bill Report

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