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**TO**: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM**: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE**: June 30, 2025

TITLE: 2025 End-of-Session State Legislative Update - (Commission District 1,

2, 3, 4)

City staff, members of the Florida Legislature, and the City's contract lobby teams will provide a 2025 State Legislative update.

Commencing on March 4, 2025, and concluding on June 16, 2025 – six (6) weeks beyond the originally scheduled adjournment of May 2, 2025 – lawmakers ultimately reached consensus, enacting a comprehensive budget, a tax package, and a range of impactful policy measures.

In total, 1,989 bills were filed, with 269 passing both chambers. The Legislature approved a \$115.1 billion budget (SB 2500), which now awaits the Governor's review and line-item veto authority, as the state's Fiscal Year begins July 1, 2025.

Throughout the Session, our contract lobby teams collaborated closely with the City Manager's Office to advance the City's legislative priorities and secure appropriations, while also successfully opposing measures that would have imposed unfunded mandates or preempted local authority. The City's lobby teams and staff tracked approximately 350 bills and secured \$5.32 million in funding for key city projects.

The attached draft Final Report provides a summary of significant legislation—both passed and failed—as well as a focused overview of budget items relevant to the City. All referenced bills will be linked in the final iteration of the report.

## Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

## **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – DRAFT 2025 State Legislative Session Final Report

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