



WATCHDOG



Guarding manufactured/mobile home owner rights

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In early 2020 YOU made the difference in avoiding a bad mobile/manufactured home bill. You wrote and called your Legislators and persuaded them to make changes! Please ENGAGE again!!

The Mobile Home Tie-Down Program is scheduled to **END** on June 30, 2021. We MUST pass a law to keep this very important Program in the Florida Statutes. FYI details about the Program are found on Page 2!

Senator Ed Hooper, (Palm Harbor), has filed **Senate Bill 168** and he needs FMO help to get it to the Governor!

1. **Senate President Wilton Simpson** needs to know you **SUPPORT SB 168**:
simpson.wilton.web@flsenate.gov
2. **Senate Chair** of Banking & Insurance, **Senator Jim Boyd**, (Bradenton) needs to know you **Support SB 168**. Call his District office: 941-742-6445 Please ask him to agenda the bill and then VOTE YES!!
3. The other **Senators** on the Banking & Insurance Committee need to know you **SUPPORT SB 168**. It must pass in order to keep this important Program! Please write or call:

Senator Doug Broxson	Pensacola	850-595-1036	broxson.doug.web@flsenate.gov
Senator Jeff Brandes	St. Pete	727-563-2100	brandes.jeff.web@flsenate.gov
Senator Danny Burgess	Zephyrhills	813-779-7059	burgess.danny.web@flsenate.gov
Senator Joe Gruters	Sarasota	941-378-6309	gruters.joe.web@flsenate.gov
Senator Kathleen Passidomo:	Naples	239-417-6205	passidomo.kathleen.web@flsenate.gov
Senator Ray Rodrigues	Ft. Myers	239-338-2570	rodrigues.ray.web@flsenate.gov
Senator Darryl Rouson	St. Pete	727-822-6828	rouson.darryl.web@flsenate.gov
Senator Kelli Stargel	Lakeland	863-668-3028	stargel.kelli.web@flsenate.gov
Senator Linda Stewart	Orlando	407-893-2422	stewart.linda.web@flsenate.gov
Senator Annette Taddeo	Miami	305-596-3003	taddeo.annette.web@flsenate.gov
Senator Perry Thurston	Ft. Lauderdale	954-321-2705	thurston.perry.web@flsenate.gov

4. AND! Please contact your own Senator! You have received a **Watchdog** listing your county legislative delegation or go to: www.flsenate.gov Click on Senators tab at top. All contact information is readily available...call or write their office today to **support SB 168!!**



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The Need to Support Senate Bill 168 in 2021:

- The Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program has assisted manufactured/mobile home owners to strengthen their homes through the inspection and improvement or replacement of their anchoring systems. Between 1999-2019, **279** parks have been served and **44,954** homes have been strengthened to improve wind resistance and mitigate loss. Senate Bill 168 **extends** the Program for 10 years.
- The HLMP, (s. 215.559, F.S.), **ends** on June 30, 2021. There are **157 parks** on the wait list which represents **46,099** homes. It will take approximately 7 years to address the current wait list.

Explanation of the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program:

- Current law requires an annual appropriation of \$10 million from the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, (Cat Fund), to provide funding for several hurricane mitigation programs.
- The “Cat Fund” is considered a trust fund under state law. The State Board of Administration administers this trust fund. (Funding is NOT from General Revenue)
- By statute, the specified \$10 million is allocated as follows:
 - ✓ \$3.5 million to “to improve the wind resistance of residences and mobile homes, including loans, subsidies, grants, demonstration projects, and direct assistance; educating persons concerning the Florida Building Code cooperative programs with local governments and the Federal Government; and other efforts to prevent or reduce losses or reduce the cost of rebuilding after a disaster.”
 - ✓ \$3 million “to retrofit existing facilities used as public hurricane shelters”
 - ✓ \$2.8 million “to inspect and improve tie-downs for mobile homes”
 - ✓ \$700,000 “to the Florida International University center dedicated to hurricane research”
- The Mobile Home Tie-Down Program is administered by Tallahassee Community College.
- The Mobile Home Tie-Down Program now includes manufactured and mobile homes on private property as well as those within parks and communities.
- This loss mitigation program is essential to support Florida’s affordable housing stock.
- Senate Bill 168: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2021/168/BillText/Filed/PDF>