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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Kate Pingolt Cotner, Assistant County Attorney *KPC*  
**DATE:** January 18, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** Amending the 2017 State Legislative Program to Include Legislation Relating to the Florida Building Commission to the County's List of Concerns

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**BACKGROUND:**

In December of 2016, Senator Tom Lee announced that he would be leading the Senate's effort to revamp and streamline the Florida Building Code. Specifically, Senator Lee is interested in removing a requirement for the Florida Building Code to be updated every three years to reflect the most current version of various international codes. However, Indian River County staff is concerned that this change could negatively impact our community's ability to receive federal emergency funding in the event there is a natural disaster (e.g. a hurricane).

**FUNDING:**

There is no funding associated with this item.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The County Attorney's Office recommends that the Board of County Commissioners amend the 2017 State Legislative Program to oppose any legislation which would change the Florida Building Code to negatively impact a local government's ability to receive federal emergency funding in the event there is a natural disaster.

*Attached: Proposed Committee Bill 7000*