



**Your assistance is needed on HB 639
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We now know that **HB 639** is rushing its way through the house, propelled by its sponsor, [Dana Young](#). **It is scheduled Tuesday for the Rulemaking and Regulation Subcommittee at 2:00PM.** The chair is [Representative Chris Dorworth \(R\)](#) a real estate investor from Lake Mary and his phone number is 850/488-5843. Here are the other members [Ray Lake](#) Jacksonville, [Barbara Watson](#) Miami Gardens, [Frank Artiles](#) Miami, [Jeff Brandes](#) St. Petersburg, [Brad Drake](#) Defuniak, [Matt Gaetz](#) Shalimar, [Tom Goodson](#) Titusville, [Matt Hudson](#) Naples, [Jimmy Patronis](#) Panama City, [Scott Randolph](#) Orlando, [Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda](#) Tallahassee, [Hazelle Rogers](#) Lauderhill, [Patrick Rooney](#) Palm Beach Gardens, [Franklin Sands](#) Palm Beach Gardens. **Your urgent assistance** is needed to contact the chair and members of the Rulemaking and Regulation Subcommittee.

The Bill: Even though all the waters in Florida are a public resource, HB 639 would put reclaimed waters under the exclusive control of utilities with no oversight by the water management districts. Twelve members on the House Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee voted for this bill and only two legislators, Representatives Vasilinda Rehwinkel and Garcia voted against this bill. Its next stop is the Rulemaking and Regulation Subcommittee. No meeting is currently scheduled. Unfortunately key legislators, support this bill, and the South Florida Water Management District Executive Director Melissa Meeker supports the concept if not the specific language. The City of Tampa is the prime mover behind this bill. Conservation groups are working hard to stop it, but it is moving quickly through the committee process.