

Don't gamble with Florida's future! Vote NO on HB 1219

HB 1219 ignores the environmental risks of oil & gas drilling

- As a result of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina, the US Coast Guard reported that more than 9 million gallons (214,286 barrels) of oil were released (and this does not include the 5,000 so-called minor spills recorded). For comparison, the Exxon-Valdez spill was 240,000 barrels.
- Spills don't just occur during storms. The US Coast Guard documented 1300 spills from rigs, 1300 spills from pipelines and 2400 spills from storage tanks *in 2008 alone*.

Why put our coastal economy at risk?

- Florida's coastal economy generated almost \$562B in 2006.
- This coastal economy is dependent upon abundant, healthy natural resources and the pristine beaches tourists expect.

HB 1219 would help oil companies get leases without careful environmental review.

Passing HB 1219 would be gambling with the ideals of good government in Florida: transparency, accountability and public participation.

Making a decision of this magnitude in the last two weeks of session without substantive discussion, squanders the public trust in government in the Sunshine.

The bill sponsors have not even shown how this bill would generate the amount of revenue promised by the oil companies.

In the absence of time for detailed discussion, the oil companies say "trust us!"
It should take more than good faith to earn your vote.

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