



# **Appropriations Conference Chairs**

## **House Offer #1**

**HB 5003 - Implementing Bill**

**Monday, March 4, 2024  
212 Knott Building**

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Line	HB 5003	SB 2502	Description	Notes	House Bump Offer 1	Line
1	1	1	<b>INTENT.</b> This section provides legislative intent that the implementing and administering provisions of this act apply to the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.	Closed - Identical		1
2	48	N/A	<b>PEOPLE FIRST.</b> Amends s. 110.116, F.S., specifying that, in order to maintain continuity of operations and to ensure the successful completion of the PALM System, DMS must enter into a <u>35-year contract extension</u> , pursuant to s. 287.057(11), F.S., <u>with an option to renew for one additional year</u> , with the entity operating the People First System. People First cannot be updated until after successfully connecting payroll to PALM.		House modified	2
3	68	71	<b>LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR HEADQUARTERS.</b> Amends s. 112.061, F.S. to authorize a Lieutenant Governor who permanently resides outside Leon County to have an appropriate facility as an official headquarters. L.G. will be eligible for subsistence allowance for days spent at the State Capitol and transportation expenses between Capitol and official headquarters.	Identical - Closed		3
4	69	72	<b>STATE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.</b> Requires DMS to collect an administrative health insurance assessment from each state agency equal to the employer's cost of individual employee health care coverage for each vacant position within such agency eligible for coverage through the Division of State Group Insurance.		House modified (see attached)	4
5	70	73	<b>LEGISLATOR'S SALARIES.</b> Notwithstanding s. 11.13, F.S., maintains salaries of legislators at the same level as July 1, 2010.		Senate	5
6	71 & 72	74 & 75	<b>TF SWEEPS TO GR.</b> Amends s. 215.32(2)(b), F.S., in order to implement the transfer of moneys to the General Revenue Fund from trust funds in the General Appropriations Act.	Identical - Closed		6
7	73	76	<b>STATE EMPLOYEE TRAVEL.</b> Provides that funds appropriated for travel by state employees shall be limited to travel for activities that are critical to each state agency's mission. Prohibits funds from being used to travel to foreign countries, other states, conferences, staff-training or other administrative functions unless agency head approves in writing. Requires agency head to consider use of teleconferencing and electronic communication to meet needs of activity before approving travel.	Identical - Closed		7
8	74	77	<b>LODGING EXPENSES.</b> Notwithstanding s. 112.061, F.S., costs for lodging associated with a meeting, conference or convention organized or sponsored in whole or in part by a state agency or the judicial branch may not exceed \$225 per day. An employee may expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses in excess of \$225 per day. Exempts travel for conducting an audit, examination, inspection or investigation or travel activities relating to a litigation or emergency response.	Identical - Closed		8
9	75	N/A	<b>FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY.</b> Authorizes LBC to increase amounts appropriated to state agencies for FCO projects using general revenue funds.		House	9
10	76	78	<b>BUDGET TRANSFERS.</b> Amends s. 216.292(2), F.S. to specify that Legislature must review transfers to ensure compliance with ch. 216, F.S.; maximize the use of available and appropriate trust funds; and verify that such actions are not contrary to legislative policy and intent.	Identical - Closed		10
11	77	79	<b>PURCHASE OF VEHICLES OFF-CONTRACT.</b> In order to implement appropriations in the 2024-2025 GAA for the acquisitions of motor vehicles, and notwithstanding ch. 287, F.S., relating to the purchase of motor vehicles from a state term contract, authorizes state agencies may purchase vehicles from nonstate term contract vendors without prior approval from DMS, provided the cost of the motor vehicle is equal to or less than the cost of a similar class of vehicle found on a state term contract and provided the funds for the purchase have been specifically appropriated.	Identical - Closed		11
12	78	80	<b>CABINET LEASE SPACE.</b> Provides that, notwithstanding s. 255.25(3)(a), F.S., the Department of Management Services, the Executive Office of the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Attorney General are authorized to enter into a lease as a lessee <u>not to exceed 24 months</u> for the use of space in a privately owned building, even if such space is 5,000 square feet or more, without having to advertise or receive competitive solicitations.		Senate	12
13	79 & 80	N/A	<b>Formulary Management -</b> Amends s. 110.12315, F.S., to require DMS to implement the formulary beginning Plan Year 2025. Removes provision specifying that drugs excluded from the formulary must be available for inclusion if a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant prescribing a pharmaceutical clearly states on the prescription that the excluded drug is medically necessary.		Senate	13
14	81	82	<b>ARPA-State Fiscal Recovery Funds.</b> Authorizes OPB to submit a budget amendment to the LBC pursuant to ch. 216, F.S., to realign funding, within and between agencies, in appropriation categories specifically authorized for the implementation of the state's award from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (Public Law 117-2). Realignments must address projected surpluses and deficits in existing programs and maximize the state's utilization of federal funds, which must be fully obligated by December 31, 2024. EOG must submit a budget amendment to realign federal funds no later than <u>August 4 December 31, 2024</u> .		Senate	14
15	82	N/A	<b>RATE AT BUDGET ENTITY LEVEL</b> Amends s. 216.181(8)(b), F.S., to require rate at budget entity level for FDOC and DHSMV.		House	15
16	NEW House Language	N/A	<b>HILLSBOROUGH TRANSPORTATION SURTAX.</b> Amends s. 339.08, F.S., to authorize the Department of Transportation to expend funds from the Discretionary Sales Surtax Clearing Trust Fund and provided in the GAA.		House (see attached)	16
17	NEW House Language	N/A	<b>HILLSBOROUGH TRANSPORTATION SURTAX.</b> Requires the Department of Revenue to retain interest earnings associated with funds held in the Discretionary Sales Surtax Clearing Trust Fund related to the Hillsborough County surtax for the purpose of implementing the temporary suspension of surtaxes.		House (see attached)	17
18	NEW House Language	N/A	<b>MOVING FLORIDA FORWARD.</b> Authorizes the Department of Transportation, notwithstanding section 215 of ch. 2023-239, Laws of Florida, to retain interest earned on funds appropriated to implement the Moving Florida Forward Plan.		House (see attached)	18
19	NEW House Language	N/A	<b>IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGISLATION.</b> Requires state agencies to provide information about the status of implementation of recently enacted legislation.		House (see attached)	19

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20	NEW House Language	N/A	<b>STATUTORILY REQUIRED REPORTS.</b> Requires state agencies and the judicial branch to review all statutorily-required reports and prepare a list of the reports that the agency would recommend to modify or repeal.		House (see attached)	20
21	NEW House Language	N/A	<b>LONG-RANGE PROGRAM PLAN (LRPP).</b> Provides that state executive agencies and the judicial branch are not required to develop or post a long-range program plan by September 30, 2024, for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, except in circumstances outlined in any updated written instructions prepared by the Executive Office of the Governor in consultation with the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees.		House (see attached)	21
22	NEW House Language	N/A	<b>LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUESTS.</b> Requires each state agency and the judicial branch, as part of their legislative budget request, to include an inventory of all ongoing technology-related projects that have a cumulative estimated or realized cost of more than \$1 million. The inventory must include specified information.		House (see attached)	22
23	NEW House Language	N/A	<b>TOLL RELIEF.</b> Requires the Florida Turnpike Enterprise to establish a toll relief program.		House (see attached)	23
24	83	83	<b>VETOED ITEMS.</b> Specifies that no section shall take effect if the appropriations and proviso to which it relates are vetoed.	Identical - Closed		24
25	84	84	<b>PRECEDENCE OF SUBSTANTIVE LAW.</b> Provides for a permanent change made by another law to any of the same statutes amended by this bill will take precedence over the provision in this bill.	Identical - Closed		25
26	85	85	<b>SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.</b>	Identical - Closed		26
27	86	86	<b>EFFECTIVE DATES.</b> Provides July 1, 2024, effective date unless otherwise provided in the act.	Identical - Closed		27

**STATE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.**

Section 69. (1) In order to implement section 8 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, beginning July 1, 2024, and on the first day of each month thereafter, the Department of Management Services shall assess an administrative health insurance assessment to each state agency equal to the employer's cost of individual employee health care coverage for each vacant position within such agency eligible for coverage through the Division of State Group Insurance. As used in this section, the term "state agency" means an agency within the State Personnel System, the Department of the Lottery, the Justice Administrative Commission and all entities administratively housed in the Justice Administrative Commission, and the state courts system.

(2) Each state agency shall remit the assessed administrative health insurance assessment under subsection (1) to the State Employees Health Insurance Trust Fund, for the State Group Insurance Program, as provided in ss. 110.123 and 110.1239, Florida Statutes, from currently allocated monies for salaries and benefits, within 30 days after receipt of the assessment from the Department of Management Services. Should any state agency become more than 60 days delinquent in payment of this obligation, the Department of Management Services shall certify to the Chief Financial Officer the amount due and the Chief Financial Officer shall transfer the amount due to the Department of Management Services.

(3) The administrative health insurance assessment shall apply to all vacant positions funded with state funds whether fully or partially funded with state funds. Vacant positions partially funded with state funds shall pay a percentage of the assessment imposed in subsection (1) equal to the percentage share of state funds provided for such vacant positions. No

assessment shall apply to vacant positions fully funded with federal funds. Each state agency shall provide the Department of Management Services with a complete list of ~~vacant~~ position numbers that are funded, or partially funded, with federal funding, and include the percentage of federal funding for each position no later than July 31, 2024, and shall update the list on the last day of each month thereafter. For federally funded vacant positions, or partially funded vacant positions, each state agency shall immediately take steps to include the administrative health insurance assessment in its indirect cost plan for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter. A state agency shall notify the Department of Management Services, the Executive Office of the Governor, and the chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriation and the chair of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, upon approval of the updated indirect cost plan. If the state agency is not able to obtain approval from its federal awarding agency, the state agency must notify the Department of Management Services, the Executive Office of the Governor, and the appropriation chairs no later than January 15, 2025.

(4) Pursuant to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor may transfer budget authority appropriated in the Salaries and Benefits appropriation category between agencies in order to align the appropriations granted with the assessments that must be paid by each agency to the Department of Management Services for the administrative health insurance assessment.

(5) This section expires July 1, 2025.

### **Hillsborough Transportation Surtax**

Section ????. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and in order to implement sections ??? and ??? of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, subsection (4) of section 339.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.08 Use of moneys in State Transportation Trust Fund.—

(4) Notwithstanding any other law, and for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal years only, funds are appropriated to the State Transportation Trust Fund from the General Revenue Fund and the Discretionary Sales Surtax Clearing Trust Fund as provided in the General Appropriations Act. The department is not required to deplete the resources transferred from the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal year as required in s. 339.135(3) (b), and the funds may not be used in calculating the required quarterly cash balance of the trust fund as required in s. 339.135(6) (b). The department shall track and account for appropriated funds from the General Revenue Fund as a separate funding source for eligible projects on the State Highway System and from the Discretionary Sales Surtax Clearing Trust Fund for eligible projects pursuant to the General Appropriations Act. This subsection expires July 1, 2025 ~~2024~~.

### **Hillsborough Transportation Surtax**

Section ????. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and in order to implement section ??? of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 212.20, Florida Statutes, the Department of Revenue shall retain interest earnings associated with the funds held in the separate account for Hillsborough County established within the Discretionary Sales Surtax Clearing Trust Fund pursuant to section 155 of chapter 2022-156, Laws of Florida. Such funds shall be used to implement the temporary suspension of surtaxes authorized in

section 212.054(9)(b), Florida Statutes.

### **Moving Florida Forward**

Section XX. In order to implement section ??? of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding section 215 of chapter 2023-239, Laws of Florida, the Department of Transportation is authorized to retain the interest earnings on funds appropriated to implement the Moving Florida Forward Plan. The interest earnings must be used by the department to implement the plan. This section expires July 1, 2025.

### **Implementation of Legislation**

Section xx. In order to implement Specific Appropriation X of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, section 11.52, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

11.52 Implementation of Enacted Legislation.—Each state agency shall provide the Legislature and the Executive Office of the Governor with information about the status of implementation of recently enacted legislation. The implementation status must be provided 90 days following the effective date of the legislation and updated each August 1 thereafter until all provisions of the legislation have been fully implemented. The implementation status report must include, at a minimum, for each enacted legislation the actions or steps taken to implement the legislation and planned actions or steps for implementation, such as any rules proposed for implementation, any procurements required, any contract executed to assist the agency in the implementation, any contracts executed to implement or administer the legislation, programs started, or federal waivers requested; any expenditures made directly related to the implementation; and any impediments or delays in implementation.

No later than fourteen days prior to the next regular legislative session, the state agency shall provide an update of any changes to the implementation status, notify the legislature of any protests of rulemaking or other communications regarding the implementation of the legislation, and identify any policy issues that need to be resolved by the legislature to ensure timely and effective implementation of the legislation. This section expires July 1, 2025.

### **Statutorily Required Reports**

Section xx. In order to implement Specific Appropriation X of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act each state agency and the judicial branch shall review all reports required of the agency or the judicial branch by statute, prepare a list of such reports that the agency would recommend to modify or repeal in a template provided by the Executive Office of the Governor, and shall submit such list to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Executive Office of the Governor no later than October 15, 2024. At a minimum, the list must include the report name; the statutory authority for the report; the first year that the report was required; a descriptive rationale that supports the recommended modification or repeal, which may include any information or recommendation for alternative availability of the information required by the report such as a current online source; and proposed statutory language to effectuate any recommended modification. This section expires July 1, 2025.

### **Long-Range Program Plan (LRPP)**

Section xx. In order to implement Specific Appropriation X of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, subsection (7) is added to section 216.013, Florida Statutes, to read:

216.013 Long-range program plan.—State agencies and the judicial branch shall develop long-range program plans to



achieve state goals using an interagency planning process that includes the development of integrated agency program service outcomes. The plans shall be policy based, priority driven, accountable, and developed through careful examination and justification of all agency and judicial branch programs.

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, each state executive agency and the judicial branch is not required to develop or post a long-range program plan by September 30, 2024, for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, except in circumstances outlined in any updated written instructions prepared by the Executive Office of the Governor in consultation with the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees. This subsection expires July 1, 2025.

### **Legislative Budget Requests**

Section xx. In order to implement Specific Appropriation X of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, a new subsection (7) is added to section 216.023, Florida Statutes, and present subsections (7) through (10) are redesignated as subsections (8) through (11), to read:

216.023 Legislative budget requests to be furnished to Legislature by agencies.—

(7) As part of the legislative budget request, each state agency and the judicial branch shall include an inventory of all ongoing technology-related projects that have a cumulative estimated or realized cost of more than \$1 million. The inventory must, at a minimum, contain all of the following information:

(a) The name of the technology system.

(b) A brief description of the purpose and function of the system.

(c) A brief description of the goals of the project.

(d) The initiation date of the project.

(d) The key performance indicators for the project.

(e) Any other metrics for the project evaluating the health and status of the project.

(f) The original and current baseline estimated end dates of the project.

(g) The original and current estimated costs of the project.

(h) Total funds appropriated or allocated to the project and the current realized cost for the project by fiscal year.

For purposes of this subsection, an ongoing technology-related project is one which has been funded or has had or is expected to have expenditures in more than one fiscal year. An ongoing technology-related project does not include the continuance of existing hardware and software maintenance agreements, renewal of existing software licensing agreements, or the replacement of desktop units with new technology that is substantially similar to the technology being replaced. This subsection expires July 1, 2025.

### **Toll Relief**

Section 1. (1) In order to implement Section XXX in the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, the Florida Turnpike Enterprise shall establish a toll relief program effective April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, for all Florida toll facilities or Florida toll facility entities that use a Florida-issued transponder or are interoperable with the Department of Transportation's prepaid electronic transponder toll system.

(a) As used in this subsection, the term:

1. "Qualifying account" means a private prepaid SunPass account or another Florida-based electronic prepaid toll program account in good standing.

2. "Qualifying transaction" means a paid transponder-based toll transaction incurred by a two-axle vehicle for travel on a Florida toll facility using a Florida issued transponder linked to a qualifying account.

(b) A qualifying account that records 35 or more qualifying transactions per transponder per calendar month is eligible for an account credit equal to 50 percent of the amount paid in that calendar month for the qualifying transactions per transponder. The account credit shall be posted to the qualifying account the month after the credit is earned.

(c) A SunPass or other transponder issued by a Florida toll entity must be linked to a qualifying account.

(2) From the funds appropriated in the General Appropriations Act, the Department of Transportation shall reimburse the department, the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, and other Florida toll facilities or Florida toll facility entities for account credits issued for promotional purposes as authorized in s. 338.161(1), Florida Statutes, and under the toll relief program created by this act. The department shall provide reimbursements to support compliance with covenants made with the bondholders of the department, the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, or other Florida toll facility entities which are in the trust indentures or resolutions adopted in connection with the issuance of such bonds. The department may not use appropriated funds for administration, contracted services, or expenses of the department, the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, a Florida toll facility or Florida toll facility entity, or any contractor or vendor thereof.

(3) The department may reimburse each Florida toll facility or Florida toll facility entities, as applicable, from appropriated funds for the amount of actual account credits issued, based upon auditable reports prepared by the Florida toll facility or Florida toll facility entities which aggregate the account credits issued. The reports must include any

documentation required by the department to provide the department with sufficient information for reimbursement of account credits issued.

(4) Any unexpended balance of funds as of May 30, 2025, shall immediately revert to the General Revenue Fund.

(5) The department shall submit quarterly reports to the Executive Office of the Governor and the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees documenting reimbursements issued under this program to the department, the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, and other Florida toll facilities and Florida toll facility entities. The department's report must include supporting documentation with auditable data to support the account credits issued.

(6) By the end of the month following each quarter, the department shall reconcile all disbursements and transfers for reimbursement, transfer to the General Revenue Fund all interest earnings from the appropriated funds, and provide a report of reconciliation to the Executive Office of the Governor and the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees.

(7) This act expires May 30, 2025.