



# Senator Wilton Simpson

*Update | October 11, 2013*

Senate District 18

Good afternoon,

We just finished up the second week of committee meetings as we begin preparing for the upcoming Legislative Session in 2014. I am in the process of drafting my legislative priorities, and am preparing for our upcoming annual Legislative Delegation meetings for Pasco, Hernando, and Sumter Counties.



*In September I received the 2013  
Legislator of the Year Award from the  
Florida Forestry Association.*

As we move into the fall and winter committee weeks, I wanted to give you an update on some of the news and events that are happening. Below you will find information about the upcoming Legislative Delegation meetings, an informational forum on Medicaid and Medicare that I am co-hosting with Congressman Bilirakis, and Citizens Property Insurance Corporation Policyholder Office Day events that I am hosting at my offices in November.

I would like to encourage you to follow me on [Facebook](#) for regular updates on what I'm doing in

Tallahassee and around the district. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or my office should you need any assistance with a state agency.

Regards,  
Wilton

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## **Senator Simpson Announces Legislative Delegation Meeting Dates**

Senator Wilton Simpson, Chairman of the Pasco, Hernando, and Sumter County Legislative Delegations, announces the annual Legislative Delegation public meetings for the 2014 Legislative Session. The public meetings are held to receive testimony from other elected officials, organizations and the general public. The meeting dates, times, and locations are:

<b>Hernando County Legislative Delegation</b> Date: Monday, October 14, 2013 Time: 1:00PM - 4:00PM Brooksville City Hall City Commission Chamber Rm. 201 Howell Avenue Brooksville, FL 34601	<b>Sumter County Legislative Delegation</b> Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 Time: 2:00PM – 4:00PM Sumter County Governmental Complex 7375 Powell Road Wildwood, FL 34785
<b>Pasco County Legislative Delegation</b> Date: Wednesday January 22, 2014 Time: 1:00PM – 5:00PM Location: Charles S. Rushe Middle School 18654 Mentmore Blvd Land O’Lakes, FL 34638	

Decisions regarding local legislation for the 2014 Legislative Session will be made at this time. All proposals for local bills will be presented at the hearing and accompanied by a Resolution from the local government supporting the proposed legislation. This information must be submitted to Senator Simpson’s office, P O Box 938, Brooksville, FL 34605.

If you would like to be placed on the printed agenda, please contact Senator Simpson’s office at [harrison.patty@flsenate.gov](mailto:harrison.patty@flsenate.gov) or at 352-540-6074. You may also complete a Speaker’s Form on the day of the meeting and you will be afforded time to speak in the order in which it was received.

If you would like more information regarding this meeting, please contact Patty Harrison at the above information or contact Judy Parker at: [parker.judy@flsenate.gov](mailto:parker.judy@flsenate.gov) or 727-816-1120.

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## **U.S. Congressman Bilirakis & Florida Senator Simpson Present Forum on Medicaid & Medicare**

Tallahassee, Fla. - Congressman Gus Bilirakis and Senator Wilton Simpson invite their constituents to attend an informational forum on Medicaid and Medicare. The forum will be held on Wednesday, October 16, at 10 a.m. at the CARES Elfers Center, 4136 Barker Drive in New Port Richey.

The Florida Medicaid program is in the process of implementing a new system through which Medicaid recipients receive their long-term care services. Learn information regarding the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-term Care program. The Long-term Care program is not affiliated with the Affordable Care Act. Representatives from Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) will be on-hand to explain the changes. Representatives from the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. will discuss their roll in assisting Medicaid recipients.

Medicare recipients can benefit from learning about the Annual Medicare Enrollment Period (October 15th - December 7th) from SHINE, an organization that provides educational materials and free unbiased insurance counseling to Florida elders, caregivers and family members.

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## **Florida League of Cities Honors Senator Simpson with Legislative Appreciation Award**

Tallahassee, Fla. - This morning, the Florida League of Cities honored Senator Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby) with the 2013 Legislative Appreciation Award.

Legislative Appreciation Award recipients are lawmakers who consistently vote and advocate on behalf of the League and its members. This prestigious award was presented to Sen. Simpson for his tireless efforts to protect the home rule powers of Florida's cities during the 2013 legislative session. Sen. Simpson voted in support of League positions, offered amendments to help prevent preemptions and unfunded mandates, and worked behind the scenes to rally support for League positions.

"The Florida League of Cities and its lobbying team are proud to recognize Sen. Simpson for his support," said Florida League of Cities Legislative Director Scott Dudley. "He believes the level of government closest to the people should make the decisions that affect the quality of life of the citizens they have been elected to represent. Florida's cities, municipal officials and residents owe him a great deal of thanks." "I am very humbled to receive this award," said Sen. Simpson. "The ability of our local governments to respond to the needs of constituents is of the utmost importance, and I am a strong supporter of fewer mandates from the state level that would impede that ability."

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## Senator Wilton Simpson Announces Citizens Property Insurance Policyholder Office Days

Tallahassee, Fla. - Senator Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby) invites his constituents to schedule an appointment for the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation Policyholder Office Day event. These appointments will be held on November 12th at his New Port Richey office and November 13th at his Brooksville office. Senator Simpson has heard feedback from many of his constituents who received helpful information during the policy forums he hosted during the spring, and would like to extend this invitation once more. "So many of my constituents are Citizens policyholders, and they have voiced a variety of valid concerns. Hosting the forums and these office days will allow people to get real answers to their questions," said Senator Simpson.

Policyholders will be able to sit down one-on-one with a representative from Citizens to review their insurance policies and concerns. Senator Simpson and his staff will be available to meet with constituents as well.

Policyholders who are interested in participating in the office day to need to make an appointment by emailing [Rogers.Rachel@flsenate.gov](mailto:Rogers.Rachel@flsenate.gov) or by calling 850.487.5018.

<p>Tuesday, November 12th 2pm – 6pm Senator Simpson's Office 5612 Grand Boulevard New Port Richey, FL 34656</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 13th 1pm – 6pm Senator Simpson's Office 10 West Jefferson Street Brooksville, FL 34605</p>
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### **Upcoming 2013 Committee Weeks**

November 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>  
December 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

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