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	<u>HB 5001</u>	House Bump	Senate Bump Offer	<u>SB 2500</u>	
	1560 SPECIAL CATEGORIES				
	CITRUS RESEARCH				
16	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1560, the Citrus Research and Development Foundation Inc., shall hold quarterly public meetings at locations that best represent all geographic regions of the state with an emphasis on citrus production. The public meetings shall include in-depth reporting on the results of non-confidential completed research projects, current research and planned research projects on citrus disease, including but not limited to, citrus canker and citrus greening. Scientists, growers, industry representatives, and Citrus Research and Development Foundation administrators must be represented at the public meetings. Public meetings shall provide the opportunity for public input, questions, and comments.	Budget Decision	Senate Modified	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1560, \$22,500,000 <u>\$10,000,000</u> from the General Revenue Fund and <u>\$5,000,000</u> from the Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund shall be transferred to the Citrus Research and Development Foundation Inc., in consultation with the Department of Citrus, to issue a request for proposal to conduct large-scale, science-based, field trials that demonstrate the impact of utilizing a combination of management and therapeutic tools for plantings and the rehabilitation of existing trees, including, but not limited to, grove design, planting preparation, pest management, disease management, <u>tree therapeutics</u> , and, post planting production practices which promote increased production of citrus. During the initial solicitation period, at least 60 percent of the appropriated funds shall be made available to growers who, for property tax purposes, have citrus groves greater than or equal to five acres, but less than 2,500 acres. After the initial solicitation distribution, remaining funds are available to all growers. A maximum of two percent of funds provided under the request for proposal for large-scale, science-based, grower driven field trials may be used by the entity administering the program for direct operational and staffing costs.	16
17		Budget Decision	Senate	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1560, the Citrus Research and Development Foundation Inc., shall hold quarterly public meetings at locations that best represent all geographic regions of the state with an emphasis on citrus production. The public meetings shall include in-depth reporting on the results of non-confidential completed research projects, current research and planned research projects on citrus disease, including but not limited to, citrus canker and citrus greening. Scientists, growers, industry representatives, and Citrus Research and Development Foundation administrators must be represented at the public meetings. Public meetings shall provide the opportunity for public input, questions, and comments.	17

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	1561 SPECIAL CATEGORIES				
	CITRUS CANKER JUDGEMENTS - NON-CLASS ACTION				
19		Budget Decision	Senate	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1561, \$2,850,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to make full and final payment of all amounts due <u>under the settlement agreement dated January 4, 2023, inclusive of full compensation, interest, attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses, in the lawsuit brought against</u> on all judgments, including interest thereon, rendered against the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Commissioner of Agriculture in the case of Dooley Groves v. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, et al, Case No. 09-12839.	19
20		Budget Decision	Senate	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1561, \$2,681,800 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to make full and final payment of all amounts due <u>in settlement of or pursuant to</u> on all judgments, including interest thereon, rendered or to be rendered against the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Commissioner of Agriculture in the case of John and Shelby Mahon v. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, et al, Case No. 11 CA 3036A, <u>inclusive of full compensation, interest, attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in such case.</u>	20
	1564A SPECIAL CATEGORIES				
	CITRUS NURSERY EQUIPMENT				
21		Budget Decision	Senate	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1564A are provided to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to provide 80 percent cost-share funding to citrus tree nurseries for purchase of new equipment that will reduce the cost of trees to growers. To be eligible, a nursery must be in production, located in this state, and provide a cost-share of 20 percent of the costs to purchase the new equipment. Each request for funds must specify how much it will reduce the cost per tree to the grower.	21
	PLANT PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL				
	1610 SPECIAL CATEGORIES				
	CITRUS BUDWOOD NURSERY				
34		Budget Decision	Senate	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1610 are provided to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to expand the propagation of citrus greening tolerant or resistant citrus sinensis or citrus sinensis-like budwood trees and seedlings, and for operations and maintenance of the greenhouse.	34

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	FOOD, NUTRITION AND WELLNESS				
	1624 SPECIAL CATEGORIES				
	FEEDING FLORIDA				
37	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1624, \$4,775,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Feeding Florida, formerly known as the Florida Association of Food Banks (HF 2628).	Budget Decision	Senate		37
38		Budget Decision	Senate	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1624 are provided to Feeding Florida. Thirty percent of all food commodities distributed by Feeding Florida must be fresh Florida products (SF 2695).	38
39		Budget Decision	Senate	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1624, Feeding Florida shall submit quarterly reports that include the amount and type of fresh produce distributed to needy families, local food entities, and community partners. The reports shall include a detailed breakout of the types of fresh commodities distributed. The quarterly reports shall be submitted to the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the chair of the House Appropriations Committee by January 1, 2025.	39
40		Budget Decision	Senate	From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 1624, Feeding Florida may not allow any candidate for elective office to host a food distribution event during the period of time between the last day of the election qualifying period and the date of the election, if the candidate is opposed for election or re-election at the time of the event. This provision does not apply when the event is in response to a direct emergency.	40
	1626 SPECIAL CATEGORIES				
	FARM SHARE PROGRAM				
44	From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 1626, \$3,250,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Farm Share (HF 1065).	Budget Decision	Senate	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1626 are provided to Farm Share. Thirty percent of all food commodities distributed by Farm Share must be fresh Florida products (SF 2159).	44
45		Budget Decision	Senate	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1626, Farm Share shall submit quarterly reports that include the amount and type of fresh produce distributed to needy families, local food entities, and community partners. The reports shall include a detailed breakout of the types of fresh commodities distributed. The quarterly reports shall be submitted to the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the chair of the House Appropriations Committee by January 1, 2025.	45

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	1696D AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS				
	GRANTS AND AIDS - SOUTH FLORIDA WATER				
	MANAGEMENT DISTRICT - OPERATIONS				
59		House	House	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1696D are provided to the South Florida Water Management District for operations and maintenance responsibilities under the purview of the district. The funds shall be placed in reserve. From the funds, the district shall to enter into a contract with the Florida Gulf Coast University Water School to conduct a study of the health and ecosystem of Lake Okeechobee. The study must take into account the health of plant, fish, and wildlife to be used for future planning of invasive plant control, replanting of native vegetation, and fish and game management. The study must be submitted by January 1, 2025, to the Executive Office of the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Department of Environmental Protection is authorized to submit budget amendments to request release of funds pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes. Release is contingent upon the submission of a spend plan and negotiated draft contract between the South Florida Water Management District and the Florida Gulf Coast University Water School.	59
	1697 SPECIAL CATEGORIES				
	CONTRACTED SERVICES				
63		Budget Decision	Senate Modified	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1697, \$10,000,000 25,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Water School at the Florida Gulf Coast University to conduct a comprehensive water quality study to identify and analyze impaired rivers, including upstream sources, and determine the root cause of such impairments.	63
	1706 SPECIAL CATEGORIES				
	WATER QUALITY ENHANCEMENT AND				
	ACCOUNTABILITY				
66	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1706 are provided for increased water quality monitoring, maintenance and enhancement of a water quality public information portal, and for the continued support of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force. Funds may be used for administration and planning costs. The task force supports key funding and restoration initiatives to expedite nutrient reduction in Lake Okeechobee and the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries. The task force will identify priority projects for funding that are based on scientific data and build upon Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs) to provide the largest and most meaningful nutrient reductions in key waterbodies, can inform policy and framework changes as well as make recommendations for regulatory changes.	House	House	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1706 are provided for increased water quality monitoring, creation of a water quality public information portal, and for the establishment of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force. Funds may be used for administration and planning costs. The task force will support key funding and restoration initiatives to expedite nutrient reduction in Lake Okeechobee and the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries. The task force will identify priority projects for funding that are based on scientific data and build upon Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs) to provide the largest and most meaningful nutrient reductions in key waterbodies, as well as make recommendations for regulatory changes.	66

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67		House	House	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1706, \$4,000,000 in nonrecurring funds is provided to the Department of Environmental Protection to continue to expand statewide water quality analytics for the nutrient over-enrichment analytics assessment and water quality information portal.	67
	1711 FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY				
	HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS MITIGATION				
70	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1711 are provided to the Department of Environmental Protection to competitively procure water quality treatment technologies to combat harmful algal blooms in Lake Okeechobee as determined by the Department.	House	House		70
	1715 GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND				
	NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY				
	EVERGLADES RESTORATION				
74	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1715, \$550,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall be distributed to the South Florida Water Management District for the planning, design, engineering, and construction of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).	Budget Decision	House Modified to reflect budget decision	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1715, \$200,000,000 from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund and \$43,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund are provided for transfer to the South Florida Water Management District and may be used for the planning, design, engineering, and construction of the following Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) projects: C-43 West Storage Reservoir, IRL C-23 to C44 Interconnect, New Water Seepage Barrier, and Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Cutler Flow Way projects.	74
	1716 GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND				
	NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY				
	NORTHERN EVERGLADES AND ESTUARIES				
	PROTECTION				
75	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1716, \$29,876,213 in recurring funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund and \$10,000,000 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund shall be used to implement the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program, pursuant to section 373.4595, Florida Statutes.	Budget Decision	House Modified to reflect budget decision	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1716, \$29,876,213 in recurring funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund and \$10,000,000 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund and \$41,650,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund shall be used to implement the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program, pursuant to section 373.4595, Florida Statutes. The South Florida Water Management District may utilize the recurring funds to provide inflationary adjustments to current contracts.	75

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	1716A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY				
	GRANTS AND AIDS - ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY				
77	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1716A, are provided to the water supply and water resource development grant program to help communities plan for and implement conservation, reuse, and other water supply and water resource development projects. Priority funding will be given to regional projects in the areas of greatest need and for projects that provide the greatest benefit. The department shall identify and research all viable alternative water supply resources and provide an assessment of funding needs critical to supporting Florida's growing economy.	House	House		77
	1717 GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY				
	GRANTS AND AIDS - HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS MANAGEMENT				
78	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1717 are provided to the Department of Environmental Protection to assist county governments responses to emergency conditions associated with Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) (which includes, but is not limited to, red tide and blue-green algae blooms) that may impact the public health, Florida's environment and fragile ecosystems, including beaches and wildlife. Funds will implement an emergency grant program for the mitigation of HABs to minimize the impacts to Florida residents and visitors.	House	House	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1717 are provided to the Department of Environmental Protection for a red tide and other harmful algal blooms emergency grant program to support county governments in cleanup of biological debris to minimize the impacts of red tide and other harmful algal blooms to residents and visitors.	78
	1740A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY				
	GRANTS AND AIDS - INDIAN RIVER LAGOON WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS				
87	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1740A, \$100,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to implement section 373.469, Florida Statutes, and for water quality improvement projects within the proximity of the Indian River Lagoon.	House Modified	House \$75,000,000	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1740A are provided for water quality improvement projects within the proximity of the Indian River Lagoon.	87
	1741 GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY				
	GRANTS AND AID - WASTEWATER GRANT PROGRAM				
88	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1741 from the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund are provided for the Water Quality Improvement Grant Program, formerly known as the Wastewater Grant Program, as established in section 403.0673, Florida Statutes.	House	Senate	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1741 are provided for the water quality improvement grant program as established in section 403.0673, Florida Statutes.	88

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	1851 FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY				
	CORAL REEF RESTORATION				
103	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1851 are provided to implement Florida's Coral Reef Restoration and Recovery (FCR3) Initiative to enter into agreements with academic and private partnerships to establish, expand, and maintain in-state propagation and grow-out facilities; develop and implement strategies and site-specific restoration plans including curriculum for a trained workforce; and reinforce and expand restoration efforts across Florida's Coral Reef.	House	House		103
	1853 GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY				
	FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE RESILIENCE PLAN - STATEWIDE				
105	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1853 are provided to the Department of Environmental Protection for the Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan, years one and two, as submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on December 1, 2023, pursuant to section 380.093(5), Florida Statutes. In the event that projects included in the plan are unable to continue or if excess funds are identified by completed projects, the department may reallocate funds to projects on its Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan to the next project on the ranked list or to projects already funded in year one that have identified funding needs in subsequent years.	Budget Decision	House	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1853 are provided to the Department of Environmental Protection for the Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan. In the event that projects included in the plan are unable to continue or if excess funds are identified by completed projects, the department may reallocate funds to projects on its Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan to the next project on the ranked list or to projects already funded and that have identified funding needs in subsequent years.	105
	1856A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY				
	GRANTS AND AID - WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS - BISCAYNE BAY				
107	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1856A, \$20,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for projects, including septic to sewer and wastewater projects, that will improve the water quality of Biscayne Bay.	House	House	Funds in Specific Appropriation 1856A are provided for projects, including septic to sewer and wastewater projects, that will improve the water quality of Biscayne Bay.	107

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	2274A SPECIAL CATEGORIES				
	CITRUS RECOVERY PROGRAM				
154		Budget Decision	Senate Modified	Funds in Specific Appropriation 2274A are provided to the Department of Citrus for the purpose of entering into agreements; (1) to increase the production of trees that show tolerance or resistance to citrus greening,(2) to advance technologies that produce tolerance or resistance to citrus greening, <u>and</u> (3) for the advancement of greening tolerant or resistant trees using clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats, and (4) to advance technologies leading to the creation of a genetically engineered self-limiting strain of an Asian citrus psyllid for population suppression.	154
	SENATE NEW LANGUAGE			<i>SENATE NEW LANGUAGE</i>	
154A		House	Senate New Language	Funds in Specific Appropriation XXXX are provided to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in coordination with the Department of Citrus, to advance technologies leading to the creation of a genetically engineered self-limiting strain of an Asian Citrus psyllid for population suppression.	154A
	SENATE NEW LANGUAGE			<i>SENATE NEW LANGUAGE</i>	
154B		House	Senate New Language	Funds in Specific Appropriation XXXX are provided to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to determine the scale and scope of the ongoing fish mortality and disease event in Biscayne Bay, Florida Bay, and the Florida Keys. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall contract with a non-profit organization to assist with data collection and analysis, and employ local fishing guides to assist with the collection of data.	154B
	BACK OF THE BILL				
161		House	Senate	SECTION 129. The nonrecurring sum of \$3,600,000 in the Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund is appropriated to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in a fixed capital outlay appropriation category for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for the construction of a warehouse and office space at the Gadsden State Farmers Market. This section shall take effect upon becoming a law.	161

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162		House	Senate Modified	SECTION 130. <u>The nonrecurring sum of \$346,326,390 from the Federal Grants Trust Fund is appropriated to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in a fixed capital outlay appropriation category for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for the administration of home energy rebate programs provided in Public Law 117-169.. The Home Efficiency Rebate Program shall provide home energy upgrades using a measured energy savings methodology. The Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate Program shall provide for the purchase of and installation of home appliances and equipment. The department shall provide a detailed implementation plan for the programs and receipt of the federal award. This section is effective upon becoming a law.</u>	162
166		House	Senate	SECTION 135. The unexpended balance of funds provided to the Department of Environmental Protection for the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts Program shall revert and is appropriated to the department in Fixed Capital Outlay for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to be used pursuant to section 380.5105, Florida Statutes.	166
167C	<u>SECTION xxx. The nonrecurring sum of \$200,000,000 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection in a Fixed Capital Outlay appropriation category for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to acquire lands needed to construct the surface water storage project identified in the 2020 Central Florida Water Initiative Regional Water Supply Plan that provides the greatest water resource benefit in terms of both millions of gallons per day of water supply generated and surface water storage and treatment capacity while providing water quality benefits by reducing harmful freshwater discharges to the Indian River Lagoon. This section is effective upon becoming a law.</u>	House New	House New Modified	<u>SECTION xxx. The nonrecurring sum of \$400,000,000 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the St. Johns River Water Management District in a Fixed Capital Outlay appropriation category for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to acquire those lands within the Grove Land Reservoir and Storm Water Treatment Area Project boundary subject to appraisal. Any funds remaining from the purchase of such lands shall be used by the District in coordination with the South Florida Water Management District for the purpose of planning, design, permitting, or construction of a water quality and/or water supply project on such lands. This section is effective upon becoming a law.</u>	167C

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167D			Senate New Language	SECTION xxx. <u>The unexpended balance of funds provided to the Department of Environmental Protection for the acquisition of lands in section 146 of chapter 2023-239, Laws of Florida, shall revert and is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection in a Fixed Capital Outlay appropriation category for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to purchase lands for the Florida Wildlife Corridor, subject to appraisals and subject to the provision of chapter 253, Florida Statutes, through the acquisition of the Caloosahatchee Big Cypress Land Acquisition Project (SF 3211) in whole or in part, and the acquisition of lands that are partially or wholly within the Ocala to Osceola (020) Wildlife Corridor within Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Duval, Hamilton, Lake, Marion, Putnam, Union and Volusia counties or within a Florida Forever project boundary in Flagler, St. Johns or Nassau counties. Lands purchased must be within or connected to the 020 Wildlife Corridor and identified on a current Florida Forever Priority List approved by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. This section is effective upon becoming a law.</u>	167C