



# THE DAVIS REPORT: 2024 SESSION UPDATES

## KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW



Meeting with Florida League of Cities representatives and special guest

Dear Friends,  
We are almost to the finish line. SB 2500: Appropriations bill was presented in committee and now the "bargaining" process begins between the Senate and the House to have a balanced state budget.

Stay updated on the process by visiting <https://thefloridachannel.org/> for committee meetings and chamber sittings and <https://www.flsenate.gov/> to track the status of legislation over the next 60 days.

As always, thank you for the privilege of representing YOU in the Florida Senate!

Sincerely,

## PHOTOS OF THE WEEK!



It was my 2nd year participating with fellow state legislators bartending to raise funds for the Humane Society of Tallahassee. In the end our four-legged friends are the winners!



Meeting with Allegra Jaros, Wolfson Children's Hospital President and Dane Bennett, Director of Government Affairs.



My staff and I are honored to receive the Collins-Logan Award and LaMarr-Marlow Award respectively, from the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators and Pittman Law Group.



Honored to stand with several of my Senate colleagues to present SR 1822 in recognition of Black History Month.

### SB 1296: FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Current law requires the Commission to send a copy of the complaint by registered mail to a person who allegedly commits a violation. That person then has 25 days to respond and file an answer to the complaint.

Removing the words "registered mail" allows the Commission to consider the use of electronic forms of communication, which is a commonly accepted practice for business and courts in the State of Florida. I was happy to present my bill in its first committee stop which passed unanimously.

### SM 598: ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS

The rhetoric surrounding immigrants in the United States tends to revolve around perceived associations with increased violent crimes, gang activity, human trafficking, and terrorism, which in turn perpetuates this primal American fear that immigrants are dangerous and bad for American society. This bill intends to secure the southern border, yet it inadvertently continues to perpetuate an anti-immigrant agenda, contributing to the continued stratification of immigrants, and ultimately shows Floridians how the Florida Legislature sees immigration. I did not support this legislation on the Senate floor.

### CS/SB 62: RESIDENT STATUS FOR TUITION PURPOSES

Those who are incarcerated oftentimes tend to face a number of disparities including the inability to acclimate into society and difficulties in securing employment. This bill aims to support and maintain residential status for incarcerated persons as it pertains to keeping their eligibility for Florida tuition. This allows incarcerated people to have a feasible cost of attendance if they decide to pursue higher education. It is imperative that we refrain from imposing additional burdens and disenfranchisement on incarcerated people as they strive to establish mobility. I was pleased to support this bill in committee.

**HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE? REACH OUT TO MY OFFICE!**

**District Office:** (904) 359-2575  
**Tallahassee Office:** (850) 487-5005  
**Email:** [davis.tracie.web@flsenate.gov](mailto:davis.tracie.web@flsenate.gov)