

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
 ENVIRONMENT, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Senator Brodeur, Chair
Senator Berman, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 26, 2025
TIME: 3:30—5:30 p.m.
PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Brodeur, Chair; Senator Berman, Vice Chair; Senators Arrington, Burton, Collins, DiCeglie, Fine, Grall, McClain, Pizzo, Rodriguez, Sharief, and Truenow

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
		Review and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Issues Relating to: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Department of Citrus Department of Environmental Protection Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Department of Business and Professional Regulation Department of Financial Services Office of Financial Regulation Offices of Insurance Regulation Florida Gaming Control Commission Department of Lottery Department of Management Services Division of Administrative Hearings Florida Commission of Human Relations Public Employees Relations Commission Public Service Commission Department of Revenue	Discussed
1	SB 178 Rouson	Agronomic Study on Emerging Crops; Requiring Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to conduct an agronomic study on emerging crops in this state, subject to legislative appropriation; requiring Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date, etc. AG 03/11/2025 Favorable AEG 03/26/2025 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 12 Nays 0
2	SB 466 Leek (Identical H 659)	Florida Museum of Black History; Providing legislative intent; establishing the Florida Museum of Black History Board of Directors; prohibiting specified members of the board from holding state or local elective office while serving on the board; requiring that the board work jointly with the Foundation for the Museum of Black History, Inc., etc. CA 03/11/2025 Favorable AEG 03/26/2025 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 12 Nays 0

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3	CS/SB 678 Commerce and Tourism / Truenow (Similar CS/CS/H 139)	Pawnbroker Transaction Forms; Authorizing pawnbroker transaction forms to be in digital or printed formats; authorizing a pawnbroker to use either format; revising recordkeeping requirements, etc. CM 03/10/2025 Fav/CS AEG 03/26/2025 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 12 Nays 0
4	CS/SB 700 Agriculture / Truenow (Similar CS/H 651, Compare H 1159, S 84, S 1194)	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Providing that certain positions in the department are exempt from the Career Service System; prohibiting a person from knowingly or willfully performing certain actions on lands classified as agricultural; requiring that certain lands acquired or owned by an electric utility be offered for fee simple acquisition by the department before the land may be offered for sale or transfer to a private individual or entity; requiring local governmental entities to issue permits for electric vehicle charging stations based on specified standards and provisions of law, etc. AG 03/11/2025 Fav/CS AEG 03/26/2025 Fav/CS FP	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 4
5	CS/SB 736 Environment and Natural Resources / Truenow (Similar CS/H 733)	Brownfields; Deleting a provision requiring certain property owners to provide information regarding institutional controls to the local government for mapping purposes; revising the conditions under which an applicant who has rehabilitated a contaminated site may submit and claim certain tax credits; deleting the definition of the term "monetary compensation"; revising the date by which the Department of Environmental Protection must issue annual site rehabilitation tax credit certificate awards, etc. EN 03/11/2025 Fav/CS AEG 03/26/2025 Fav/CS RC	Fav/CS Yeas 12 Nays 0

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6	SB 796 Bradley (Similar H 645)	General Permits for Distributed Wastewater Treatment Systems; Authorizing the Secretary of Environmental Protection to grant a general permit for the replacement of an existing onsite sewage treatment and disposal system with a distributed wastewater treatment system under certain circumstances; providing for the installation of distributed wastewater treatment units to proceed without any further action by the Department of Environmental Protection if a permittee submits a notification to the department at least a specified number of days before installation, etc. EN 03/11/2025 Favorable AEG 03/26/2025 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 12 Nays 0
7	SB 1162 Leek (Identical H 735, Compare H 1001, S 1388)	Water Access Facilities; Providing sovereignty submerged land leases for Clean Marine Manufacturer facilities; providing competitive grant programs for the construction and maintenance of publicly owned parking for boat-hauling vehicles and trailers, etc. EN 03/11/2025 Favorable AEG 03/26/2025 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 12 Nays 0
8	SB 1226 DiCeglie (Similar H 655)	Pet Insurance and Wellness Programs; Revising the definition of the term "property insurance" to include a pet insurance option; providing that certain practices relating to pet wellness programs are unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices; creating the "Pet Insurance Act"; requiring pet insurers to disclose certain requirements for required medical examinations of a pet by a veterinarian, etc. BI 03/10/2025 Favorable AEG 03/26/2025 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 12 Nays 0

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