

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

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

Senator Brodeur, Chair
 Senator Berman, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Thursday, April 10, 2025

TIME: 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

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

TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
Senate Confirmation Hearing: A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.			
Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District			
	Bradley, Rob ()	03/01/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 11 Nays 0
2	Bournique, Douglas C. (Vero Beach)	03/01/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 11 Nays 0
Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District			
1	Ralston, Kellie Rebello (Tallahassee)	03/01/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 11 Nays 0
	Upton, Anna H. (Tallahassee)	03/01/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 11 Nays 0
Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District			
3	Butler, Benjamin L. (Lorida)	03/01/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 11 Nays 0
	Martinez, Carlos "Charlie" E. (Miami)	03/01/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 11 Nays 0
Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District			
4	Gamblin, Josh B. (Arcadia)	03/01/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 11 Nays 0
	Williamson, Michelle D. (Dover)	03/01/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 11 Nays 0
	Mitten, John Richard (Brooksville)	03/01/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 11 Nays 0
Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District			
5	Smith, Harry (Lake City)	03/01/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 11 Nays 0
	Wheeler, George A., Jr. (Madison)	03/01/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 11 Nays 0

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	Thompson, Larry K. (Bell)	03/01/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 11 Nays 0

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6	CS/SB 26 Judiciary / Gruters (Similar H 6513)	Relief of Kristen and Lia McIntosh by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Providing for the relief of Kristen and Lia McIntosh; providing an appropriation to compensate Kristen and Lia McIntosh for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation and attorney fees, etc. SM JU 03/19/2025 Fav/CS AEG 04/10/2025 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 0
7	CS/SB 196 Regulated Industries / Gruters (Compare H 525, S 1744)	Chemicals in Consumer Products; Revising the definition of the term "drug"; defining the term "vaccine or vaccine material"; prohibiting, beginning on a specified date, the manufacture, sale, offer or distribution for sale, or distribution for use of cosmetics that contain specified added chemical ingredients; deeming a drug misbranded if it is a food containing a vaccine or vaccine material, but its label does not include specified information, etc. RI 03/19/2025 Fav/CS AEG 04/10/2025 Fav/CS RC	Fav/CS Yeas 11 Nays 0
8	SB 320 Gaetz (Similar CS/H 339)	Licensure Requirements for Surveyors and Mappers; Requiring the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers to establish and administer the 1st Step Florida Surveyors and Mappers Credentialing and Licensing Protocol as an alternative pathway to temporary licensure; providing requirements for eligibility to take the surveyor and mapper licensure examination under the protocol; providing for the expiration of licenses granted pursuant to the protocol, etc. CM 02/18/2025 Favorable AEG 04/10/2025 Temporarily Postponed RC	Temporarily Postponed

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9	SB 880 Garcia (Identical H 81)	Designation of the State Birds; Designating the American flamingo as the official state bird and the Florida scrub-jay as the official state songbird; providing that such designations supersede the designation of the mockingbird as the official Florida state bird, etc. EN 03/25/2025 Favorable AEG 04/10/2025 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 0
10	SB 1300 Simon (Similar H 1143)	Permits for Drilling, Exploration, and Extraction of Oil and Gas Resources; Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to consider certain factors when determining whether the natural resources of certain bodies of water and shore areas are adequately protected from a potential accident or blowout; providing requirements for a balancing test to make such a determination, etc. EN 03/25/2025 Favorable AEG 04/10/2025 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 0
11	SB 1388 Trumbull (Identical H 1001, Compare H 735, S 1162)	Vessels; Citing this act as the "Boater Freedom Act"; including Clean Marine Manufacturers within the Clean Marine Program; authorizing certain grants to be awarded for the construction and maintenance of publicly owned parking for boat-hauling vehicles and trailers; prohibiting certain officers from performing a vessel stop or boarding a vessel without probable cause or specified knowledge; requiring the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, in coordination with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, to create the "Florida Freedom Boater" safety inspection decal for specified purposes; creating the "Watercraft Energy Source Freedom Act", etc. EN 03/25/2025 Favorable AEG 04/10/2025 Fav/CS FP	Fav/CS Yeas 11 Nays 0

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12	CS/SB 490 Criminal Justice / Collins (Similar CS/CS/H 383)	Concealed Carry Licensing Requirements for Law Enforcement Officers, Correctional Officers, Correctional Probation Officers, and Military Servicemembers; Specifying that correctional probation officers have the right to carry concealed firearms, during off-duty hours, at the discretion of their superior officers; authorizing correctional probation officers to perform certain law enforcement functions under limited circumstances; revising the exceptions to the required 3-day waiting period between purchase and delivery of a firearm, etc. CJ 03/04/2025 Fav/CS AEG 04/10/2025 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 10 Nays 1
13	SB 492 McClain (Compare CS/CS/H 1175)	Mitigation Banking; Revising the schedule to which the Department of Environmental Protection and water management districts are required to adhere for the release of credits awarded by a mitigation bank permit; prohibiting the release of mitigation credits for freshwater wetland creation until certain criteria are met; authorizing certain projects or activities to use credits released from a bank to offset impacts if certain requirements are met, etc. EN 03/11/2025 Favorable AEG 04/10/2025 Fav/CS FP	Fav/CS Yeas 11 Nays 0
14	SB 830 Rodriguez (Similar CS/H 1285)	Lost or Abandoned Property; Defining the terms “irregularly constructed vessel” and “migrant vessel”; prohibiting persons, firms, and corporations from leaving any migrant vessel upon the waters of this state; authorizing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to implement a plan to procure federal disaster funds to remove migrant vessels; requiring law enforcement officers to place a certain notice on migrant vessels under certain circumstances, etc. EN 03/17/2025 Favorable AEG 04/10/2025 Fav/CS FP	Fav/CS Yeas 11 Nays 0

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15	CS/SB 1326 Environment and Natural Resources / Rodriguez (Similar CS/CS/H 995, Compare CS/CS/S 180, CS/CS/S 1730)	Areas of Critical State Concern; Revising conditions under which certain property may be considered property used for a charitable purpose; exempting a person entering into a construction contract with Habitat for Humanity International, Inc., or any of its affiliates from executing a payment and performance bond under certain circumstances; extending the timeframe for specific Florida Forever appropriations to be used for the purchase of lands in the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern; providing a limitation for additional building permit allocations, etc. EN 03/25/2025 Fav/CS AEG 04/10/2025 Fav/CS RC	Fav/CS Yeas 11 Nays 0
16	CS/SB 978 Environment and Natural Resources / Berman (Similar H 861)	Advanced Wastewater Treatment; Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with water management districts and wastewater facilities, to submit to the Governor and the Legislature specified reports on certain sewage disposal facilities in this state by specified dates, etc. EN 03/17/2025 Fav/CS AEG 04/10/2025 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 0
17	CS/SB 988 Banking and Insurance / Truenow (Similar CS/CS/H 379)	Securities; Revising the circumstances under which securities transactions are exempt from registration requirements; revising the filing requirements for securities issuers under the Florida Invest Local Exemption law; revising the list of persons who must submit fingerprints for live-scan processing for registration applications; defining the term “restitution order”, etc. BI 03/10/2025 Fav/CS AEG 04/10/2025 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 0
18	CS/SB 1212 Banking and Insurance / DiCeglie (Similar CS/H 929)	Firefighter Health and Safety; Requiring the Division of State Fire Marshal within the Department of Financial Services to assist in decreasing the frequency and severity of fatalities; authorizing the division to recommend a phased approach in adopting certain rules related to firefighting gear; requiring the division to adopt rules relating to education on chemical hazards and toxic substances in protective gear and mental health best practices, etc. BI 03/17/2025 Fav/CS AEG 04/10/2025 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 0

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19	CS/SB 1612 Banking and Insurance / Grall (Identical CS/H 1549)	Financial Institutions; Requiring state financial institutions to pay a semiannual assessment for specified time periods; authorizing the office to issue a specified certificate under certain circumstances; authorizing elected officers, directors, or committee members of a credit union to be reimbursed for certain expenses, etc. BI 03/17/2025 Fav/CS AEG 04/10/2025 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 0

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