The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

AGRICULTURE Senator Truenow, Chair Senator Grall, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2025

TIME: 4:00—6:00 p.m.
PLACE: 301 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator Truenow, Chair; Senator Grall, Vice Chair; Senators Bernard, Boyd, Burton, and Rouson

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
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 AEG FP	
2	SB 700 Truenow (Similar H 651, Compare H 1159, 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 owned by an electric utility be offered for sale for less than fee simple acquisition of development rights by this state before certain circumstances; 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 AEG FP	
3	SB 786 Truenow (Identical H 589)	Improvements to Structures on Agricultural Lands; Prohibiting assessment of any agricultural improvements used for certain purposes on specified lands, etc. AG 03/11/2025 FT AP	

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4 SB 980 Bernard (Similar H 1245)	Hunger-Free Campus Pilot Program; Citing this act the "Hunger-Free Campus Act"; establishing the pil program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for a specified period; requiring the Commissioner of Agriculture to identify the three state universities or Florida College System institutions with the highest percentage of Pell Grar eligible students for participation in the pilot prograr requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct a study to evaluate food insecurity on the campuses of state universities and Florida College System institutions etc. AG 03/11/2025 AEG FP	lot g ee nt- m;