## The Florida Senate

## **COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

## APPROPRIATIONS Senator Hooper, Chair Senator Rouson, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, December 10, 2025

**TIME:** 9:00—11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Hooper, Chair; Senator Rouson, Vice Chair; Senators Berman, Brodeur, Burgess, DiCeglie,

Garcia, Grall, Harrell, Martin, McClain, Pizzo, Polsky, Sharief, Smith, Trumbull, and Wright

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 250 Simon	Rural Communities; Requiring the state land planning agency to give preference for technical assistance funding to local governments located in a rural area of opportunity; revising the conditions required for a county to be considered a fiscally constrained county; creating the Office of Rural Prosperity within the Department of Commerce; requiring the Office of Rural Prosperity to administer the Renaissance Grants Program to provide block grants to eligible communities; creating the Public Infrastructure Smart Technology Grant Program within the Office of Rural Prosperity; creating the Florida Arterial Road Modernization Program within the Department of Transportation, etc.	
2	SB 318 Gaetz	Educational Scholarship Programs; Creating a categorical fund for implementing the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program; creating the educational enrollment stabilization program to provide supplemental state funds to address changes in full-time equivalent student enrollment; renaming the Hope Scholarship Program as the Hope Program; requiring an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization to provide a parent with certain information on scholarship programs; requiring an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization to create a single application for all educational scholarship programs, etc.	
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