

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**APPROPRIATIONS**  
**Senator Hooper, Chair**  
**Senator Rouson, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026

**TIME:** 1:30—6:00 p.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, Massullo, McClain, Pizzo, Polsky, Sharief, Smith, Trumbull, and Wright

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
Consideration of proposed bill:			
1	<b>SPB 2500</b>	Appropriations; Providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, and supplemental appropriations for the period ending June 30, 2026, to pay salaries, and other expenses, capital outlay - buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government, etc.	
Consideration of proposed bill:			
2	<b>SPB 2502</b>	Implementing the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act; Revising the services required to be provided by regional consortium service organizations under certain circumstances; creating the Regional Consortia Service Organization Supplemental Services Program; establishing the Rural Incentive for Professional Educators (RIPE) Program within the Department of Education for a specified purpose; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment requesting additional spending authority to implement specified programs and payments, etc.	
Consideration of proposed bill:			
3	<b>SPB 2504</b>	State Employees; Providing for the resolution of collective bargaining issues at impasse between the state and certified bargaining units for state employees, etc.	

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4	<b>SB 7028</b> Governmental Oversight and Accountability	Retirement; Authorizing an elected officer, except while serving as a legislator, to remain in elective office and receive accumulated Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) proceeds after the officer attains a certain age; requiring the Division of Retirement or the State Board of Administration, as appropriate, to take steps to recoup from the elected officer any DROP proceeds distributed in accordance with a specified provision, under specified circumstances; revising the cost-of-living adjustment for eligible Special Risk Class retirees, etc.	
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Consideration of proposed bill:			
5	<b>SPB 2506</b>	Fuel Taxes; Revising the distribution of the proceeds of the fuel sales tax; revising the transfer of funds received and collected into the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund, etc.	
Consideration of proposed bill:			
6	<b>SPB 2508</b>	State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System; Abrogating the scheduled expiration of provisions relating to the remission of surcharges for specified criminal offenses and noncriminal moving traffic violations to the Department of Revenue to fund the state agency law enforcement radio system and to provide technical assistance with respect to statewide systems of regional law enforcement communications, etc.	
Consideration of proposed bill:			
7	<b>SPB 2510</b>	Trust Funds of the State Courts System; Terminating the Mediation and Arbitration Trust Fund; providing for the disposition of balances in and revenues of the trust fund; prescribing procedures for the termination of the trust fund, etc.	
Consideration of proposed bill:			
8	<b>SPB 2512</b>	Judges; Increasing the number of circuit judges in certain judicial circuits; increasing the number of county court judges in certain counties, etc.	
Consideration of proposed bill:			

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9	<b>SPB 2514</b>	Pre-K-12 Education; Revising conditions under which a specified scholarship account's funds revert to the state; providing a supplement for districts that have a decline in enrollment; requiring that fiscally constrained districts receive a higher calculation than non-fiscally constrained districts, etc.	
Consideration of proposed bill:			
10	<b>SPB 2516</b>	Higher Education; Establishing the Florida Center for Nursing within the University of South Florida; providing that a specified fee waiver applies to a student's out-of-pocket expenses for tuition and fees after other aid is applied; providing that the LINE Fund was established for shortages in health science professions in addition to nursing; requiring institutions awarded grant funds to submit an annual report by a certain date to the center instead of the Board of Governors or the Department of Education; requiring the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help to provide specified data to the department, etc.	
Consideration of proposed bill:			
11	<b>SPB 2518</b>	Health; Requiring the Social Services Estimating Conference to develop certain official information relating to the pilot program for individuals with developmental disabilities; authorizing the Department of Children and Families, as authorized by and consistent with appropriated funding, to contract with a specified organization to provide grief support services to help certain children and youth; revising the monthly room and board rates the department is required to pay to certain foster parents and caregivers; renaming the Step into Success Workforce Education and Internship Pilot Program as the Step into Success Workforce Education and Internship Program, etc.	

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12	<b>SB 482</b>	Artificial Intelligence Bill of Rights; Prohibiting a governmental entity from extending or renewing a contract with specified entities; creating the "Artificial Intelligence Bill of Rights"; providing the rights of Floridians relating to the use of artificial intelligence; requiring companion chatbot platforms to prohibit a minor from creating new or maintaining existing accounts unless the minor's parent or guardian consents; prohibiting artificial intelligence technology companies from selling or disclosing the personal information of users unless the information is deidentified data, etc.	CM 01/21/2026 Favorable AP 02/18/2026
13	<b>CS/SB 678</b>	Regulated Industries / Mayfield (Identical CS/H 1137)	Deductions for Certain Losses of Alcoholic Beverages; Authorizing a distributor of vinous, spirituous, or malt beverages to make an excise tax deduction in its monthly tax report for alcoholic beverages that have become unsellable through warehouse breakage, spoliation, evaporation, or expiration or that have become unfit for human consumption; requiring distributors that distribute more than one type of alcoholic beverage to deduct their gross taxes for products according to those specified in a specified manner; requiring a distributor to immediately notify the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco when an extraordinary loss occurs, etc.
14	<b>CS/SB 984</b>	Governmental Oversight and Accountability / DiCeglie (Similar H 813)	Firefighter Cancer Benefits and Prevention; Revising conditions under which a specified one-time payment must be made by a former employer upon a firefighter's cancer diagnosis; requiring a former employer to provide death benefits for a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; deleting the requirement for the Division of State Fire Marshal to adopt rules for establishing employer cancer prevention best practices, etc.

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15	<b>CS/SB 1016</b> Children, Families, and Elder Affairs / Bradley (Similar CS/H 915)	Medical Assistance Eligibility for Working Persons with Disabilities; Creating the Working People with Disabilities program within the Agency for Health Care Administration; specifying income and asset requirements for eligibility in the program; requiring the Department of Children and Families to provide a written notice of specified information to eligible adults upon their initial enrollment in certain Medicaid waiver programs, and at least annually thereafter; requiring the agency to identify certain Medicaid recipients and share such information with the department for a specified purpose, etc.	CF 01/27/2026 Fav/CS AHS 02/12/2026 Favorable AP 02/18/2026
16	<b>CS/SB 1074</b> Finance and Tax / Gaetz (Identical CS/CS/H 951)	One-cent Piece; Defining the term "cash"; authorizing dealers to round to the nearest nickel in certain circumstances; providing that rounding to the nearest nickel is not a deceptive and unfair trade practice in certain circumstances; requiring that certain cash payments be made in the full amount due or rounded in a specified manner in certain circumstances, etc.	CM 01/21/2026 Favorable FT 02/12/2026 Fav/CS AP 02/18/2026
17	<b>SB 1706</b> Pizzo (Similar CS/H 1497)	My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program; Revising eligibility requirements for participation in the My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program; requiring the Department of Financial Services to adopt rules to verify household income; specifying that condominium property with mixed-income occupancies is eligible to participate in the pilot program under certain circumstances; limiting the award of grant funds, etc.	BI 02/04/2026 Favorable RI 02/10/2026 Favorable AP 02/18/2026

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18	<b>SB 7030</b>	Commerce and Tourism (Compare H 1395, Linked S 482)	Public Records/Investigations by the Department of Legal Affairs; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for information held by the Department of Legal Affairs relating to notifications or investigations of certain companion chatbot violations; providing an exemption from public records requirements for information held by the department relating to notifications or investigations of certain bot-related consumer protection violations; requiring that certain information remain confidential and exempt upon the completion or cessation of an investigation; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.	AP 02/18/2026

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Other Related Meeting Documents