

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

**COMMERCE AND TOURISM**

**Senator Hooper, Chair**  
**Senator Wright, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Monday, March 15, 2021

**TIME:** 3:30—6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** *Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building*

**MEMBERS:** Senator Hooper, Chair; Senator Wright, Vice Chair; Senators Burgess, Diaz, Garcia, Gruters, Hutson, Pizzo, Powell, Taddeo, and Torres

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301			
1	<b>SB 1948</b> Bean (Identical H 1463, Compare H 1291, S 1640)	Department of Economic Opportunity; Renaming the executive director of the Department of Economic Opportunity as the Secretary of Economic Opportunity; revising the application process and funding for development grants awarded by the department to local governments; requiring the department to implement an integrated modular cloud-based system, rather than an integrated Internet-based system, for the reemployment assistance program; revising the timeline for employers' responses to notices of benefits claims sent by the department, etc.  CM      03/15/2021 Fav/CS AP RC	Fav/CS Yeas 11 Nays 0
2	<b>SB 1046</b> Bean (Compare CS/H 755)	Arrest Booking Photographs; Expanding the applicability of provisions relating to the dissemination of arrest booking photographs to include a person or entity whose primary business model is the publishing or dissemination of such photographs for a commercial purpose or pecuniary gain, etc.  CJ      03/02/2021 Favorable CM      03/15/2021 Fav/CS RC	Fav/CS Yeas 11 Nays 0

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3	<b>SB 572</b> Baxley (Similar H 931, Compare H 933, Linked CS/S 574)	Engineers; Prohibiting a person who is not licensed as an engineer from using a specified name or title; prohibiting, after a specified date, a person who is not a licensed professional structural engineer from using specified names and titles or practicing professional structural engineering; authorizing the Board of Professional Engineers to refuse to certify an applicant for a professional structural engineer license for certain reasons; exempting certain applicants who apply for licensure before a specified date from having to pass a certain national examination, under certain conditions; specifying acts that constitute grounds for disciplinary action, including civil penalties, against a professional structural engineer, etc.  RI 03/01/2021 Favorable CM 03/15/2021 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 0
4	<b>CS/SB 574</b> Regulated Industries / Baxley (Identical H 933, Compare H 931, Linked S 572)	Fees/Professional Structural Engineer Licensing; Authorizing the Board of Professional Engineers to establish fees relating to professional structural engineer licensing; requiring applicants to pay a specified fee in order to be eligible to receive a professional structural engineer license, etc.  RI 03/01/2021 Fav/CS CM 03/15/2021 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 0
5	<b>SB 1560</b> Ausley (Identical H 1339, Compare CS/H 753)	Broadband Internet Service; Revising the duties of the Florida Office of Broadband within the Department of Economic Opportunity; requiring the office to develop geographic information system maps in collaboration with specified entities and consistent with certain federal reporting standards by a specified date; requiring the department to annually update such maps and establish a mechanism to receive and verify governmental and public input related to broadband Internet service; establishing the Broadband Deployment Task Force within the office for a specified purpose; requiring the office to establish a process to identify eligible households to receive federal Emergency Broadband Benefit Program funds under certain circumstances, etc.  CM 03/15/2021 Fav/CS ATD AP	Fav/CS Yeas 11 Nays 0

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6	<b>SB 302</b> Taddeo (Similar H 637)	Small Business Saturday Sales Tax Holiday; Defining the term "small business"; providing that small businesses are not required to collect the sales and use tax on the retail sale of certain items of tangible personal property during a specified timeframe; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules, etc.  CM 03/15/2021 Fav/CS FT AP	Fav/CS Yeas 11 Nays 0
7	<b>SB 616</b> Gruters (Similar H 317)	Public Accountancy; Requiring that certain applicants not be licensed in any state or territory in order to be licensed by endorsement; requiring that a majority of the hours required for continuing education include specific content; authorizing certain Florida certified public accountants to apply to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to have their license placed in a retired status, etc.  RI 03/01/2021 Favorable CM 03/15/2021 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 0
8	<b>SB 1444</b> Wright (Identical H 1161)	Florida Small Manufacturing Business Recovery Act; Creating the "Florida Small Manufacturing Business Recovery Act"; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to accept applications for certification of relief funds and relief contributions in a specified manner; prohibiting the department from approving more than a specified amount of relief investment authority and relief contributions; authorizing applicants whose applications were denied to provide additional information within a certain timeframe to cure defects in their applications; authorizing nonrefundable tax credits for owners of tax credit certificates issued by the department, etc.  CM 03/15/2021 Favorable FT AP	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 0
9	<b>SM 1544</b> Pizzo	Free Trade Agreement/United States and United Kingdom ; Commending Congress for granting trade promotion authority to the executive branch, urging the executive branch to negotiate a comprehensive and mutually beneficial free trade agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom, and urging Congress to ratify such agreement, etc.  CM 03/15/2021 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 0

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10	<b>SB 2004</b> Burgess	Broadband Internet; Requiring the Florida Office of Broadband's strategic plan to include short-term and long-term goals for increasing the availability of and access to broadband Internet service in this state; requiring the updated plan to be submitted to the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Legislature by a specified date; requiring the office to provide technical and planning assistance related to broadband infrastructure to rural communities, etc.  CM      03/15/2021 Fav/CS CA RC	Fav/CS Yeas 11 Nays 0

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