

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

COMMERCE AND TOURISM
Senator Leek, Chair
Senator Arrington, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, March 31, 2025
TIME: 1:30—3:30 p.m.
PLACE: *Toni Jennings Committee Room*, 110 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator Leek, Chair; Senator Arrington, Vice Chair; Senators Davis, DiCeglie, Gruters, McClain, Smith, Wright, and Yarborough

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	CS/SB 656 Health Policy / Rodriguez (Similar CS/H 547)	Health Care Billing and Collection Activities; Revising the definition of the term “extraordinary collection action”; authorizing facilities to engage in an extraordinary collection action under certain circumstances, etc. HP 03/25/2025 Fav/CS CM 03/31/2025 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
2	SB 1238 Rodriguez (Compare CS/H 1157)	Fraud in the Reemployment Assistance Program; Citing this act as the “Protecting the Reemployment Assistance Program from Fraud Act of 2025”; requiring the Department of Commerce to verify the identity of claimants who apply for reemployment assistance benefits before paying any benefits to them; requiring the department to scrutinize claims filed from foreign Internet protocol addresses before paying benefits on such claims; requiring that any suspected fraudulent claim be referred to the Department of Legal Affairs or the state attorney of the judicial circuit in which the suspected fraudulent claim originated from for further investigation and prosecution, etc. CM 03/31/2025 Fav/CS ATD FP	Fav/CS Yeas 6 Nays 3

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3	CS/SB 910 Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security / Collins (Similar CS/H 277)	Veterans' Benefits Assistance; Prohibiting a person from receiving compensation for referring an individual to another person for advising, assisting, or consulting on veterans' benefits matters; requiring that persons who advise, assist, or consult on veterans' benefits matters for compensation provide a specified oral and written disclosure before entering into a business relationship with a client; prohibiting a provider who advises, assists, or consults on veterans' benefits matters from charging certain fees; requiring a provider to successfully complete a specified background screening before entering into an agreement with a veteran for veterans' benefits matters, etc. MS 03/18/2025 Fav/CS CM 03/31/2025 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
4	SB 1264 Collins (Similar H 1125, Compare H 753, H 1185, S 896, S 1532, S 1694)	Rural and Urban Business Enterprises; Revising the purpose of the Department of Commerce; requiring that the statewide emergency shelter plan identify the general location and square footage of special needs shelters by regional planning council regions, as such regions existed on a specified date, during the next 5 years; revising the purpose of the Targeted Marketing Assistance Program to include businesses in rural or urban areas; establishing the Research, Innovation, Science, and Engineering (RISE) Investment Tax Credit Program within the Department of Commerce, etc. CM 03/31/2025 Fav/CS FT ATD RC	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 2
5	SB 1322 Simon (Similar H 837, Linked S 1324)	Tax Credits for Investment in Rural Communities; Creating the "Florida Rural Jobs Act"; requiring the Department of Commerce to accept applications for approval as rural funds in a specified manner; requiring the department to distribute revoked investment authority among certain rural funds; granting a credit against state tax liability for specified investors; providing restrictions on the credit, etc. CM 03/31/2025 Fav/CS FT AP	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0

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6	SB 1672 Truenow (Identical H 6033)	Labor Pool Act; Repealing provisions relating to short title; legislative intent; definitions; exclusions; duties and rights; remedies, damages, and costs; and application, respectively, etc. CM 03/31/2025 Favorable FP RC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
7	CS/SB 940 Regulated Industries / McClain (Similar CS/H 543)	Third-party Reservation Platforms; Citing this act as the "Restaurant Reservation Anti-Piracy Act"; specifying that a third-party reservation platform does not include certain contractual designees; prohibiting a third-party reservation platform from listing, advertising, promoting, selling, or otherwise enabling a reservation at a public food service establishment; authorizing the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to impose a civil penalty not to exceed a specified amount for a violation of the act or of a division rule, etc. RI 03/19/2025 Fav/CS CM 03/31/2025 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
8	CS/SB 1820 Transportation / Leek (Similar CS/H 429)	Motor Vehicle Manufacturers and Franchised Motor Vehicle Dealers; Prohibiting an applicant or a licensee, or a common entity thereof, from establishing, implementing, or enforcing certain criteria for measuring the sales or service performance of its franchised motor vehicle dealers unless certain conditions are met; revising the circumstances in which a discontinuation, cancellation, nonrenewal, modification, or replacement of a franchise agreement is deemed unfair, etc. TR 03/25/2025 Fav/CS CM 03/31/2025 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
9	SB 324 Smith (Similar H 215)	Construction Disruption Assistance; Citing this act as the "Construction Disruption Assistance Act"; establishing the Construction Impact Relief Program within the Department of Commerce pursuant to the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund; requiring the department to provide specified financial assistance to eligible small businesses within construction zones; requiring the department to develop a public awareness and marketing campaign to promote the program in partnership with specified entities, etc. CM 03/31/2025 Fav/CS ATD FP	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0

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10	SB 936 Davis (Identical H 827)	Statewide Study on Automation and Workforce Impact; Requiring the Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research of the Department of Commerce to study the economic impact of automation, artificial intelligence, and robotics on employment in the state; authorizing the bureau to consult with specified entities to complete the study; requiring the bureau to submit to the Governor and Legislature a report by a specified date, etc. CM 03/31/2025 Favorable ATD FP	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0

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 appointments to the offices indicated.			
Chair, Board of Supervisors of the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District			
11	Yarbrough, Alexis M. (Fort Lauderdale)	02/26/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0
Board of Supervisors of the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District			
12	Gilbert, John (Orlando)	02/26/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0

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