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The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

COMMERCE AND TOURISM
Senator Hooper, Chair
Senator Wright, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, October 18, 2021
TIME: 1:30—3:30 p.m.
PLACE: *Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building*

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

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Update on Reemployment Assistance and CONNECT by Dane Eagle, Secretary of the Department of Economic Opportunity		Presented
2	SM 174 Pizzo	Trade; 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 10/18/2021 Temporarily Postponed RC	Temporarily Postponed

Other Related Meeting Documents

Reemployment Assistance Update

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

Secretary Dane Eagle

Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee



October 18, 2021

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

DIVISION of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Bureau of Community Planning & Growth
- Bureau of Economic Self-Sufficiency
- Bureau of Small Cities and Rural Communities
- Office of Long-term Resiliency
- Office of Community Partnerships
- Small and Minority Business Capital

DIVISION of STRATEGIC BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- Bureau of Business Development
- Bureau of Compliance and Accountability
- Office of Partnership Engagement
- Office of Film and Entertainment

DIVISION of WORKFORCE SERVICES

- Bureau of One Stop & Program Support
- Bureau of Reemployment Assistance
- Bureau of Workforce Statistics & Economic Research

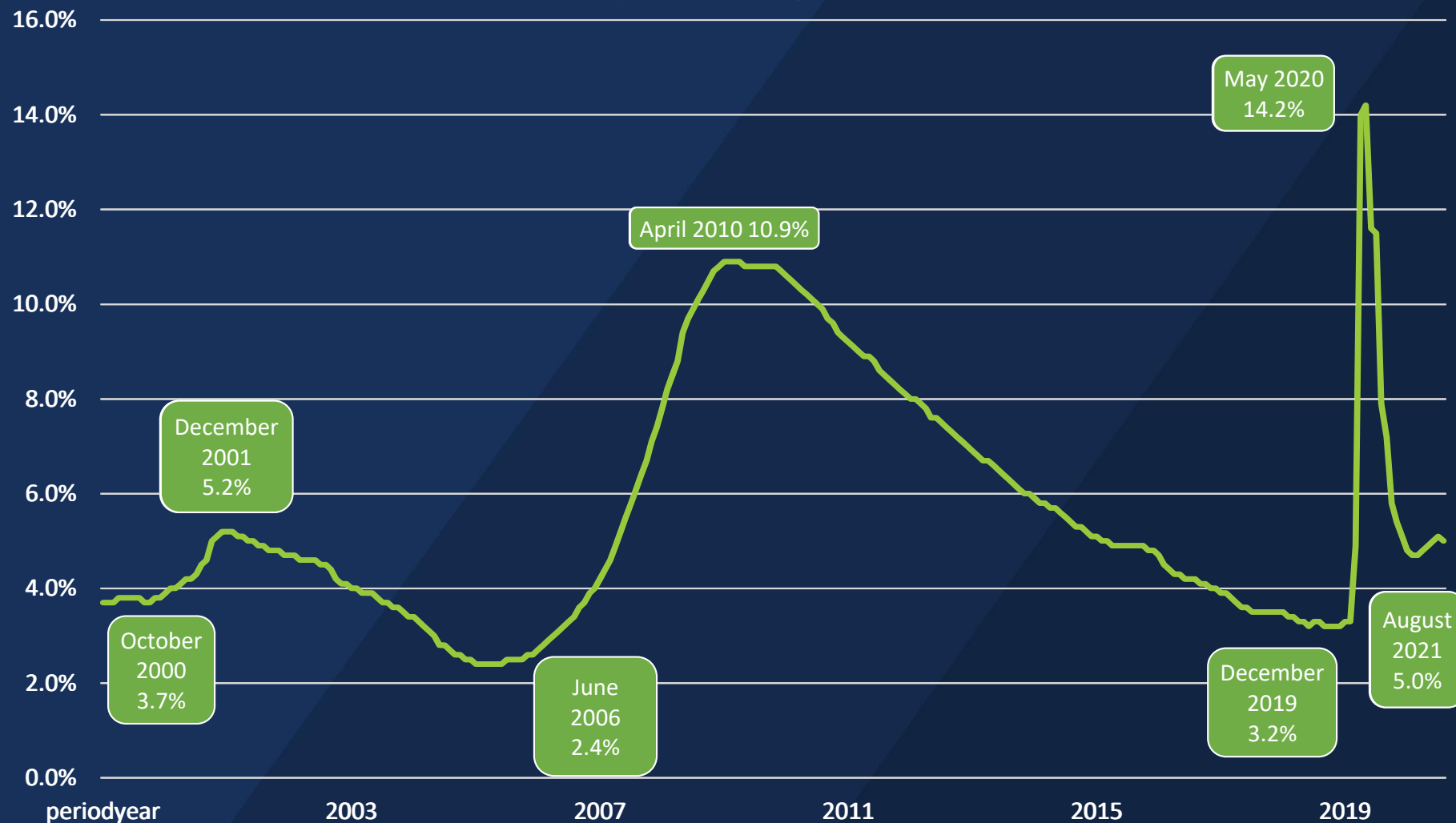
DEO Total Staff: 2,220

FY 2021-2022 Budget: \$1.54 B



Florida's Economic Momentum

Florida Unemployment Rate (Seasonally Adjusted)
January 2000 – August 2021



Source: DEO Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program. Prepared October 2021.

Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund Projection

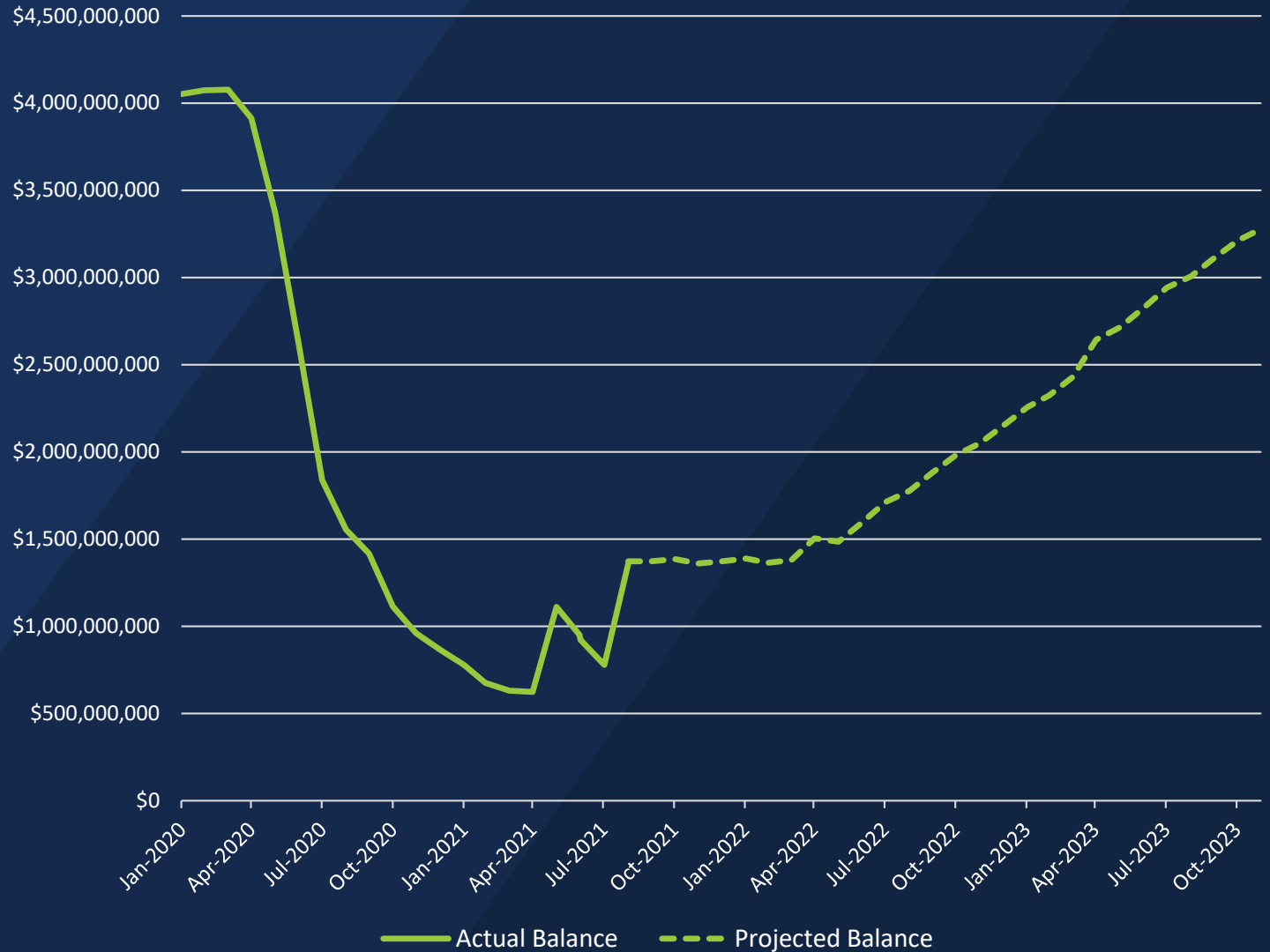
JANUARY 2020

\$4,053,594,025

SEPTEMBER 2021

\$1,304,499,987

Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund Projection (2020-2023)



RETURN TO WORK

- Encouraging Floridians to return to the workforce
- Helping employers attract job seekers
- Continuing to fuel the state's economic growth

990,400

Private sector
jobs recovered

79.6%

Private sector
jobs recovered

5.0%

Unemployment
rate

520,326

Job
advertisements

1.3M +

New hires since
ending FPUC

552,000

Increase in labor
force over-the-
year

Next data release: Friday, October 22 on [FloridaJobs.org](https://www.floridajobs.org)

Claimants Collecting Reemployment Assistance Benefits

Claimants receiving benefits over time on average:

- January-February of 2020: 23,059 per week
- Week of May 9, 2020: Peaked at over 1.4 million
- Week of September 4, 2021: 234,303
- Since September 4, 2021: 25,547 per week

Number of claimants who collected benefits for more than 12 months:

- 491,124

Source: DEO Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program. Prepared October 2021.

Reemployment Assistance Insights

7.2 Million +
Reemployment
Assistance applications
have been received

330,000 +
Legislative
submissions
addressed

5.7 Million +
claims processed

2.5 Million +
eligible claims
processed

29.6 Million +
adjudication issues
resolved

\$31.7 Billion +
disbursed across all
state and federal
unemployment
assistance programs

2.4 Million +
total claimants paid

Reemployment Assistance Adjudication

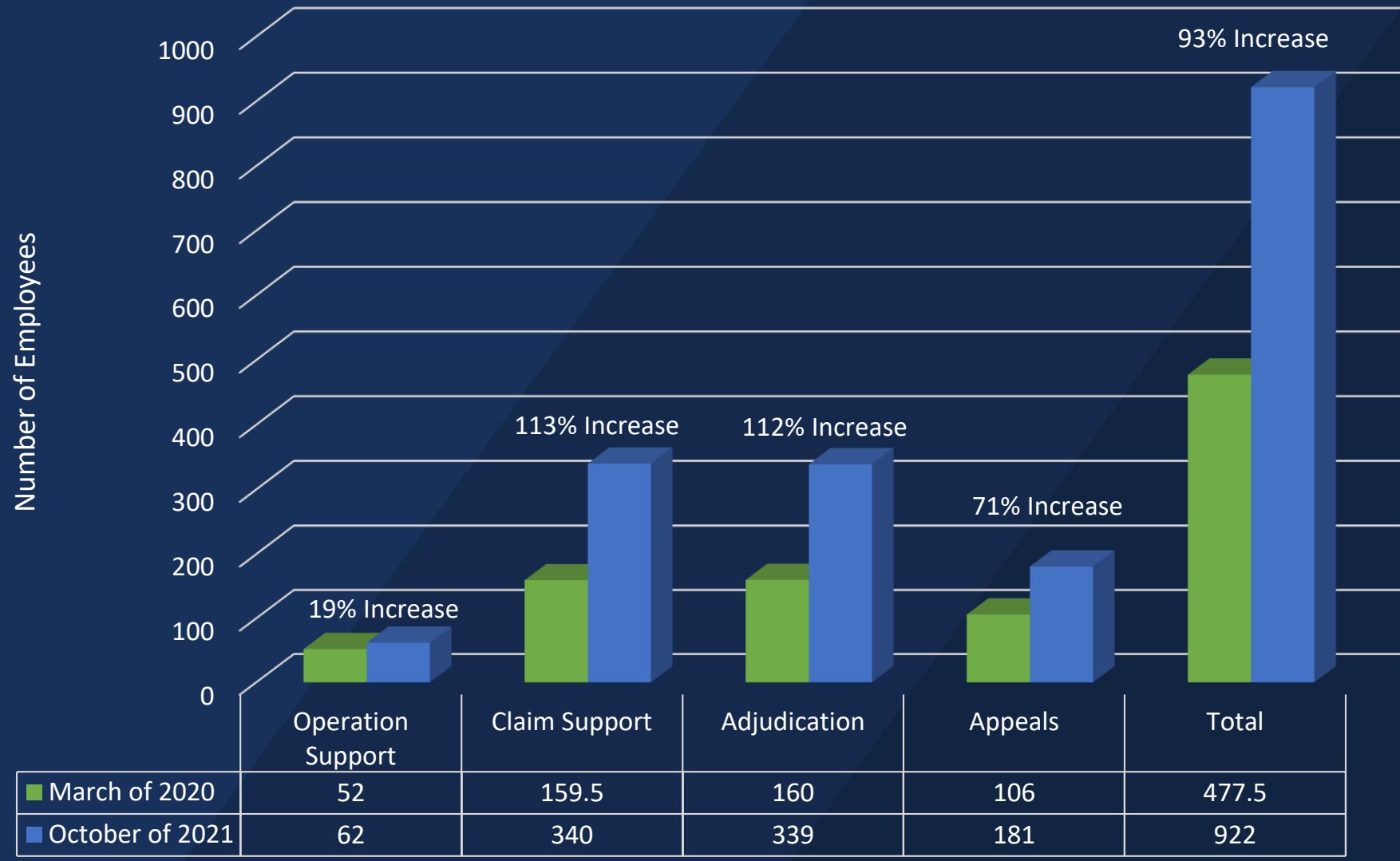
Adjudication Issues
June 26 - October 11, 2021



Source: DEO Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program. Prepared October 2021.

Reemployment Assistance: Employee Recruitment

Reemployment Assistance Program Filled Positions Data



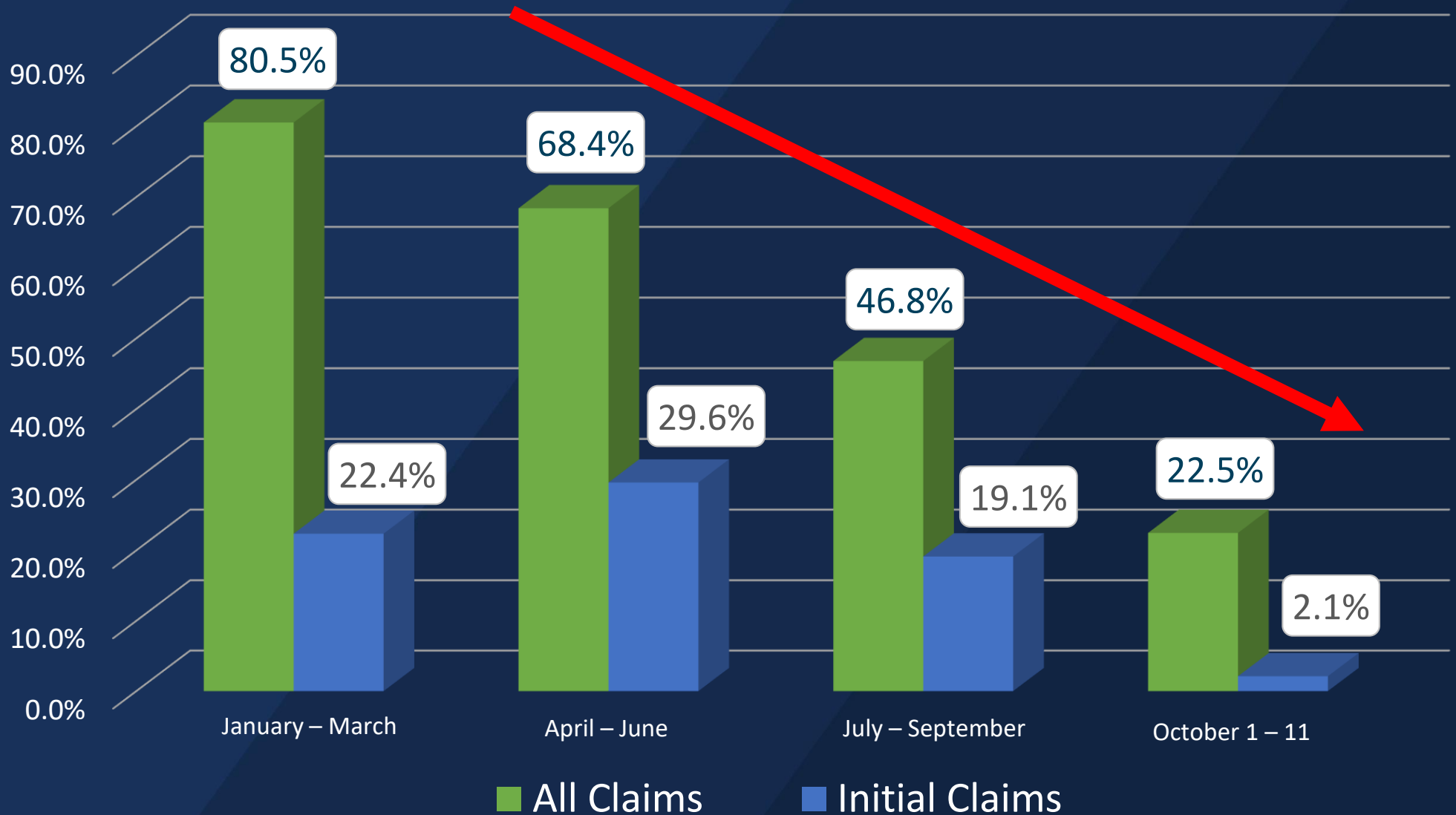
Since March of 2020, DEO has prevented **\$23 Billion + in Fraud**

- Prevented more than 90% of identified fraudulent activity on claimant accounts, which resulted in preventing more than \$23 billion in fraudulent payments

- \$8.8 million has been recouped from financial institutions in confirmed identity theft cases

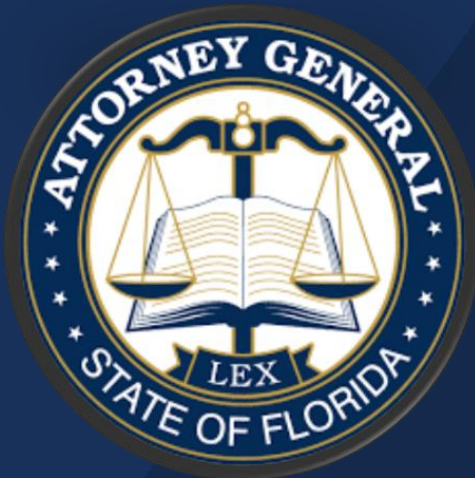
Reemployment Assistance: Fighting Fraud

Percentages Attempted Fraudulent Attacks – 2021



Reemployment Assistance: Fighting Fraud

Law Enforcement Partnerships



Fraud Prevention Measures

- **Internal Systems and Processes**
 - Fraud Initiative Rating and Rules Engine (FIRRE)
 - Front Door
 - Kroll Government Systems
 - CONNECT Account Alerts
 - Claimant Toolkit
 - Weekly Fraud Meetings
- **ID.me Authentication**
- **Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)**

Fighting Fraud: Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

- Common best-practice tool that is often required to securely access a variety of websites and software applications
- Began implementation late August 2021; full integration early September 2021
- Alleviates log-in challenges and adds an additional security measure to combat fraudulent activity

Prior to MFA, high of 91% of accounts locked due to fraud → after MFA introduced, only 1.26% locked

Unlocked 104K + accounts after full integration

Reemployment Assistance: Overpayments

An overpayment occurs when Reemployment Assistance benefits are paid to a claimant who may have not been eligible. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Auto-certification between March 15, 2020 – May 9, 2020
- Claimant did not report earnings or reported incorrect earnings while requesting and receiving benefits
- Correction to the monetary summary resulting in a lower weekly benefit amount because of inaccurate wage history
- Claimant provided incorrect or false information about a job separation or work search
- An appeal decision changes the claimant's eligibility after benefits were paid to the claimant
- Reemployment Assistance fraud

Relieving Overpayments

Federal and state law require DEO to issue Notices of Disqualifications that may have overpayments attached. To ease the burden of overpayments on claimants, DEO is taking the following proactive measures for non-fraudulent debts:

Auto-certification

- Answer the certification questions for the weeks you received state RA benefit payments from March 15, 2020, to May 9, 2020

Overpayment Waiver

- DEO has opted in to provide waivers for claimants for federal overpayments

Collections

- Collections suspended until January 2023
- At direction of Governor Ron DeSantis, DEO has requested an indefinite suspension.

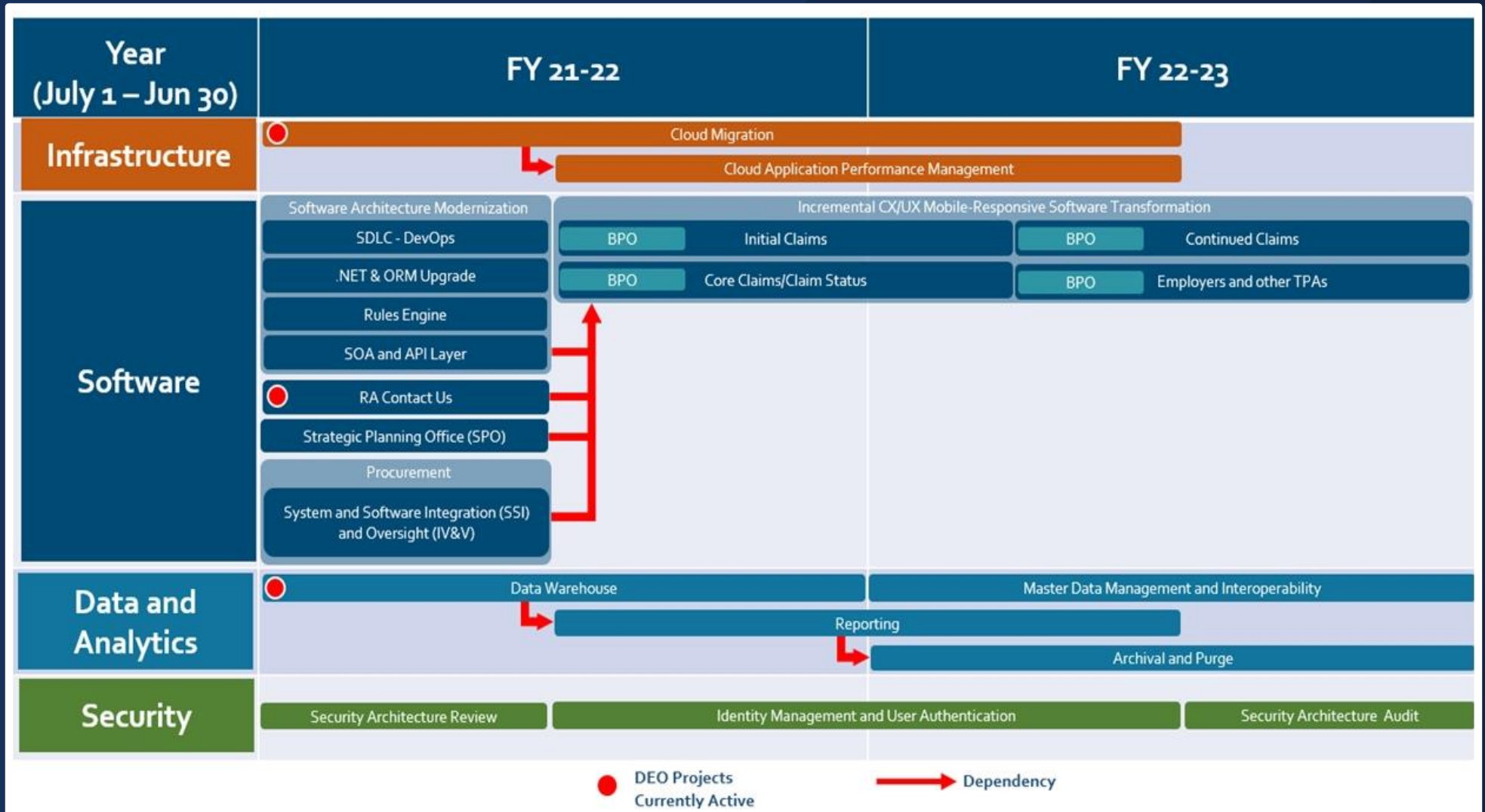
Overpayment Resources

To assist claimants in navigating overpayments on their accounts, the Department has made available the following resources:

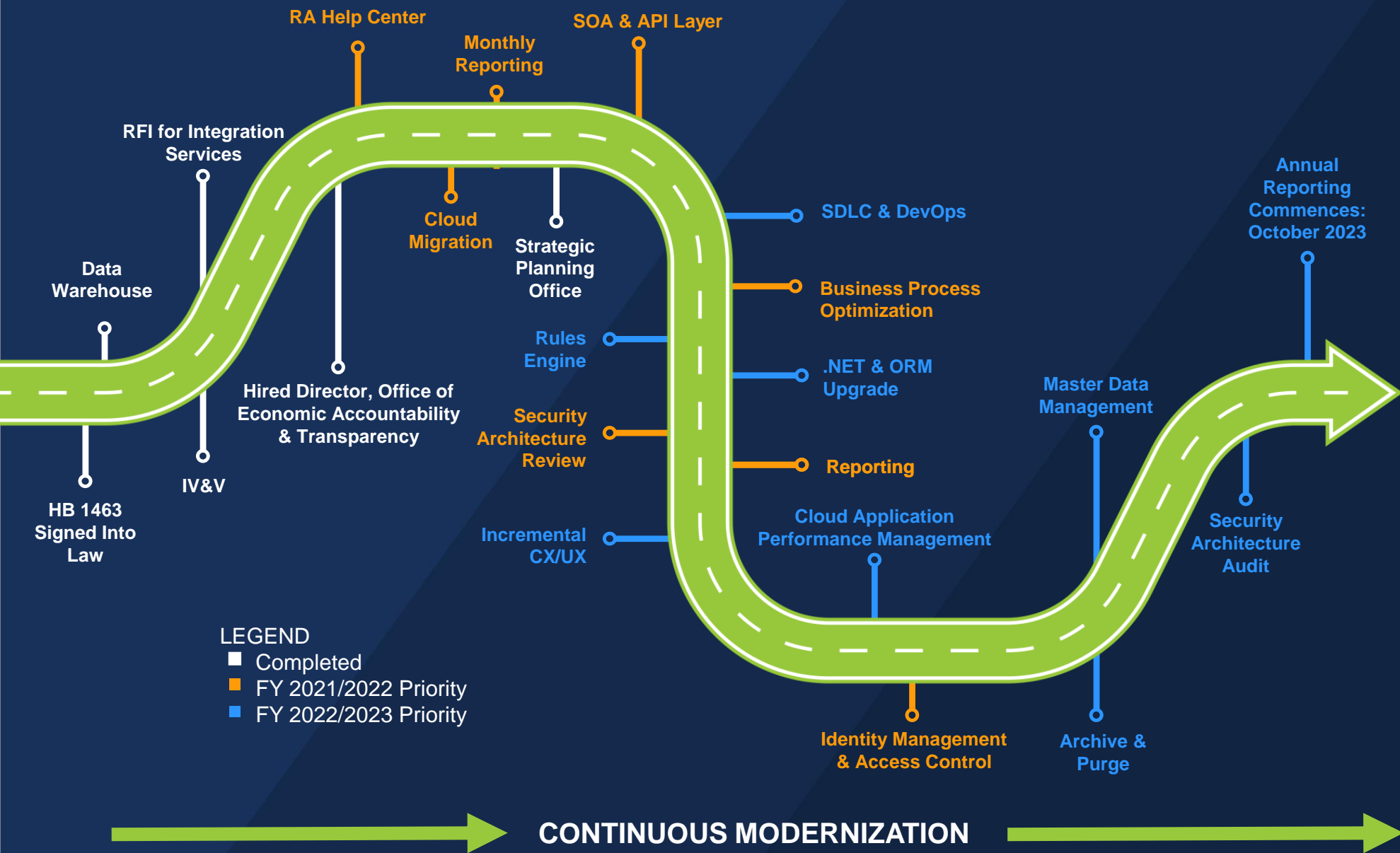
- **[FloridaJobs.org/Overpayments](https://www.floridajobs.org/Overpayments)** - with easy-to-understand information and resources on overpayments
- **[Reemployment Assistance Overpayments Guide](#)** for applying for an overpayment waiver
- **[Informational Flyers](#)** with helpful information on overpayments and overpayment waivers
- **[FloridaJobs.org/RAHelpCenter](https://www.floridajobs.org/RAHelpCenter)**- self-service paths for notice of disqualification, overpayment, and appeals assistance

Reemployment Assistance: Modernization

Strategic Roadmap



Reemployment Assistance: Modernization



Thank You



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Meeting Date

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APPEARANCE RECORD

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Committee Agenda Request

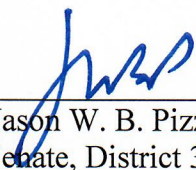
To: Senator Ed Hooper, Chair
Committee on Commerce and Tourism

Subject: Committee Agenda Request

Date: September 22, 2021

I respectfully request that **SM 174**, relating to Trade, be placed on the:

- committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.
- next committee agenda.



Senator Jason W. B. Pizzo
Florida Senate, District 38

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Commerce and Tourism

BILL: SM 174

INTRODUCER: Senator Pizzo

SUBJECT: Trade

DATE: October 15, 2021

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Vigrass</u>	<u>McKay</u>	<u>CM</u>	<u>Pre-meeting</u>
2.	_____	_____	<u>RC</u>	_____

I. Summary:

SM 174 commends Congress for granting Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) to the executive branch. The memorial also encourages the executive branch to negotiate a comprehensive and mutually beneficial free trade agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom, and encourages Congress to ratify such an agreement.

Legislative memorials are not subject to the Governor’s veto power and are not presented to the Governor for review. Memorials have no force of law, as they are mechanisms for formally petitioning the federal government to act on a particular subject.

II. Present Situation:

Trade Promotion Authority

Although the President has the authority to negotiate treaties with foreign countries, Congress has the sole authority to regulate international trade.¹ “The President shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur.”²

Since 1974, Congress has enacted TPA legislation that defines U.S. negotiating objectives and priorities for trade agreements and establishes consultation and notification requirements for the President to follow throughout the negotiation process.³ TPA does not provide new power to the executive branch, but rather, TPA is a legislative procedure through which Congress defines U.S. negotiating objectives and details the oversight process used during trade negotiations.⁴

¹ U.S. CONST. art. 1, s.8

² U.S. CONST. art. 2, s.2

³ Office of the United States Trade Representative, *Trade Promotion Authority*, available at <https://ustr.gov/trade-topics/trade-promotion-authority> (last visited Oct. 15, 2021).

⁴ *Id.*

TPA is only extended for limited periods, so Congress periodically reconsiders legislation to extend it and to outline future negotiation objectives.⁵ The most recent TPA expired on July 1, 2021. This precludes the opportunity to fast track trade agreements between the United States and other countries.⁶

Free Trade Agreements

A Free Trade Agreement is an agreement between two or more countries where the parties involved agree on certain trade obligations for the purpose of reducing barriers and providing a more stable and transparent trading environment. It also allows an easier process for U.S. companies to export products or services to partner markets.⁷ All U.S. Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), except the agreement with Jordan, were considered in Congress under TPA.⁸

The U.S. currently has FTAs with 20 countries. The current U.S. FTA partner countries include: Australia; Bahrain; Canada; Chile; Colombia; Costa Rica; Dominican Republic; El Salvador; Guatemala; Honduras; Israel; Jordan; Korea; Mexico; Morocco; Nicaragua; Oman; Panama; Peru; and Singapore.⁹ In 2020, the U.S., Mexico, and Canada renegotiated the North American Free Trade Agreement and entered into force the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement on July 1, 2020.¹⁰

US and UK Trade Negotiations

In July of 2017, the U.S. – UK Trade and Investment Working Group was established to provide commercial progress for the UK and U.S. businesses, workers, and consumers to prepare for the UK's withdrawal from the European Union. On May 5, 2020, the U.S. and UK announced the formal launch of trade agreement negotiations.¹¹

With total trade at over \$250 billion a year, the U.S. and the UK are each other's largest source of foreign direct investment with about \$1 trillion invested in each other's economies.¹² More than 1.25 million U.S. workers are employed by British companies in the U.S., and over 1.5

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ Congressional Research Service, *Brexit and Outlook for US-UK Free Trade Agreement* (Jan. 14, 2021), available at <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/row/IF11123.pdf> (last visited Oct. 15, 2021).

⁷ International Trade Administration, *U.S. Free Trade Agreements*, available at <https://2016.export.gov/FTA/index.asp> (last visited Oct. 15, 2021).

⁸ Congressional Research Service, *Major Votes on Free Trade Agreements and Trade Promotion Authority* (July 22, 2020), available at <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R45846.pdf> (last visited Oct. 15, 2021).

⁹ Office of the United States Trade Representative, *Free Trade Agreements*, available at <https://ustr.gov/trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements> (last visited Oct. 15, 2021).

¹⁰ Office of the United States Trade Representative, *United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement*, available at <https://ustr.gov/trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements/united-states-mexico-canada-agreement> (last visited Oct. 15, 2021).

¹¹ Office of the United States Trade Representative, *U.S.-UK Trade Agreement Negotiations*, available at <https://ustr.gov/countries-regions/europe-middle-east/europe/united-kingdom/us-uk-trade-agreement-negotiations> (last visited Oct. 15, 2021).

¹² U.S. Department of State, *U.S. Relations with the United Kingdom*. (Feb. 6, 2020), available at <https://www.state.gov/u-s-relations-with-united-kingdom/> (last visited Oct. 15, 2021).

million Britons are employed by U.S. affiliates. Additionally, the UK is the United States' 7th largest trading partner and the 5th largest export destination for U.S. goods and services.¹³

Current Trade Agreements

As part of the U.S. – UK Trade and Investment Working Group, the U.S. and the UK have signed agreements on specific products that were covered by existing agreements the U.S. maintains with the EU.¹⁴ These agreements between the U.S. and UK were entered into force on December 31, 2020, to ensure that there was no disruption in trade for specific products between the U.S. and UK. These new agreements include U.S. – UK Agreement on Trade in Wine; U.S. – UK Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Certain Distilled Spirits/Spirits Drinks; Agreement on Mutual Recognition; and Agreement on the Mutual Recognition of Certificates of Conformity for Marine Equipment.¹⁵

As of January 1, 2021, EU Trade Agreements no longer apply to the UK. The UK has sought to replicate the effects of previous trade agreements to ensure continuity for UK business.¹⁶ In 2018, the Trump Administration notified Congress, under TPA, of its intent to enter comprehensive FTA negotiations with the UK. The U.S. and UK conducted five rounds of negotiations in 2020, with negotiations pending over outstanding issues.¹⁷ The most recent TPA, which was established under the Obama administration, expired on July 1, 2021.¹⁸

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

SM 174 commends Congress for granting TPA to the executive branch. The memorial also encourages the executive branch to negotiate a comprehensive and mutually beneficial free trade agreement between the U.S. and UK, and encourages Congress to ratify such an agreement.

Copies of this memorial will be dispatched to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

Legislative memorials are not subject to the Governor's veto power and are not presented to the Governor for review. Memorials have no force of law, as they are mechanisms for formally petitioning the federal government to act on a particular subject.

¹³ U.S. Chamber of Commerce, *U.S.-UK Trade and Investment Ties*, available at <https://www.uschamber.com/international/europe/us-uk-business-council/us-uk-trade-and-investment-ties> (last visited Oct. 15, 2021).

¹⁴ These existing agreements have covered trade with the UK by virtue of the UK's membership in the EU. See Office of the United States Trade Representative, *U.S.-UK Trade Agreement Negotiations*, available at <https://ustr.gov/countries-regions/europe-middle-east/europe/united-kingdom/us-uk-trade-agreement-negotiations> (last visited Oct. 15, 2021).

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ Gov.UK, *UK trade agreements with non-EU countries*, available at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-trade-agreements-with-non-eu-countries> (last visited Oct. 15, 2021).

¹⁷ Congressional Research Service, *Brexit and Outlook for US-UK Free Trade Agreement* (Jan. 14, 2021), available at <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/row/IF11123.pdf> (last visited Oct. 15, 2021).

¹⁸ *Id.*

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

The most recent TPA expired on July 1, 2021 and has not been extended. The Memorial should be redrafted to account for this.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

None.

IX. Additional Information:

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.



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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism (Pizzo) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 43 - 44

and insert:

That the Congress of the United States is urged to expeditiously renew trade promotion authority for the executive branch, the

===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

And the title is amended as follows:



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11 Delete lines 3 - 4
12 and insert:
13 the President of the United States urging Congress to
14 expeditiously renew trade promotion authority for the

By Senator Pizzo

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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States 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.

WHEREAS, the United States is the United Kingdom's largest single-country trade partner, with a relationship valued at more than \$200 billion; the two countries are each other's largest foreign direct investors, having approximately \$1 trillion invested in their counterpart's economy; and the UK-US Trade and Investment Working Group has been laying the groundwork to strengthen trade and investment ties between the two countries, including through the use of a free trade agreement, and

WHEREAS, the expansion of global trade, especially with the United Kingdom, is of vital importance to the growth of the United States' economy, small business participation in the international marketplace, and job creation, and

WHEREAS, this state would benefit greatly from the ratification of a comprehensive free trade agreement, which, since the United Kingdom is currently the largest foreign direct employer in this state and is the second largest market for tourism, would create employment opportunities for residents of this state as a direct result of reducing and removing barriers to trade and free markets, and

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WHEREAS, the successful implementation of a free trade agreement will increase exports to the United Kingdom from this state, and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution grants the United States Congress exclusive authority to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and

WHEREAS, the negotiation of a successful free trade agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom will require bipartisan cooperation between state, federal, and foreign governments, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the Congress of the United States is commended for granting trade promotion authority to the executive branch, the executive branch is urged to complete a timely and successful negotiation of a comprehensive and mutually beneficial free trade agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom, and the Congress of the United States is urged to ratify such agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State dispatch copies of this memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

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Started: 10/18/2021 1:30:32 PM

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Length: 01:15:33

1:30:31 PM Chairman Hooper brings meeting to order
1:30:41 PM Roll call
1:30:57 PM Quorum is present.
1:31:15 PM Comments by Chair
1:31:20 PM Sen. Pizzo is out therefore, SM 174 is TP'd
1:31:48 PM Presentation by Adrienne Johnston, Deputy Director, Dept. of Economic Development
2:22:44 PM Chair Hooper comments to presenter
2:23:03 PM Sen. Powell for question
2:23:35 PM Response by presenter
2:24:19 PM Sen. Torres for question
2:24:39 PM Response of presenter
2:25:33 PM Further questions of Sen. Torres and responses
2:32:50 PM Comments by Sen. Torres
2:33:28 PM Sen. Powell, question
2:34:19 PM Response of presenter
2:35:37 PM Follow up question of Sen. Powell
2:36:46 PM Ms. Johnston responds
2:38:46 PM Karen Woodall, FL Center for Fiscal & Economic Policy speaking for information to Committee
2:41:00 PM Ida Eskamani speaker, Florida Rising
2:44:05 PM Final commenting of Chair Hooper
2:44:37 PM Sen. Wright comments to presenter
2:45:41 PM Sen. Gruters moved adjournment



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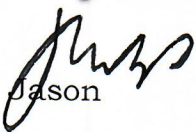
Chair Hooper,

My father's health has rapidly deteriorated and it's important for me to be with him. For this reason, I am asking to be excused from the Commerce and Tourism Committee Meeting taking place on October 18, 2021.

I am also requesting that Senate Memorial 174, which is on the agenda for the meeting, be temporarily postponed.

I appreciate your understanding during this difficult time.

Thank you,


Jason

cc: Todd McKay, Staff Director