

The Florida Senate  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Senator Rodriguez, Chair

Senator Harrell, Vice Chair

**MEETING DATE:** Monday, March 27, 2023

**TIME:** 11:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** 301 Senate Building

**MEMBERS:** Senator Rodriguez, Chair; Senator Harrell, Vice Chair; Senators Albritton, Martin, Mayfield, Polsky, Powell, Stewart, and Wright

TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
<p><b>Senate Confirmation Hearing:</b> A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointments to the offices indicated.</p>			
<p><b>Secretary of Environmental Protection</b></p>			
1	Hamilton, Emile DeShawn (Tallahassee)	Pleasure of Governor	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0
<p><b>Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission</b></p>			
2	Hudson, Steven W. (Fort Lauderdale)	08/01/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0
3	Rood, Sonya A. (St. Augustine)	01/06/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0
4	Nicklaus, Gary T. (Tequesta)	08/01/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0
5	Maury, Albert R. (Coral Gables)	08/01/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0
6	Lester, Gary L. (Oxford)	08/01/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0
<p><b>Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District</b></p>			
7	Armstrong, Elijah D. III (Dunedin)	03/01/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0
8	Stern, Robert Gary (Tampa)	03/01/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0
9	Rowland, Dustin (Dade City)	03/01/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0
10	Holton, James W. (St. Petersburg)	03/01/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0

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11	<b>SB 702</b> Simon (Identical H 407)	Apalachicola Bay Area of Critical State Concern; Authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to expend certain funds for the purpose of entering into financial assistance agreements with the City of Apalachicola for specified surface water and groundwater quality improvement projects within the Apalachicola Bay Area of Critical State Concern; providing for expiration of the authorization, etc.  EN 03/27/2023 Favorable AEG FP	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
12	<b>SB 742</b> Grall (Similar CS/H 713)	Administrative Procedures; Applying certain provisions applicable to all rules other than emergency rules to repromulgated rules; requiring that a notice of withdrawal be published in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Register if a notice of proposed rule is not filed within a certain timeframe; requiring an agency to provide a copy of a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative to the committee within a certain timeframe; requiring agency review of rules and repromulgation of rules that do not require substantive changes within a specified timeframe; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection and water management districts to conduct a holistic review of certain permitting processes, etc.  GO 03/15/2023 Favorable EN 03/27/2023 Fav/CS FP	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0
13	<b>SB 1018</b> Trumbull (Identical H 859)	Flood Damage Prevention; Citing this act as the "Flood Damage Prevention Act of 2023"; providing voluntary freeboard requirements for all new construction and substantial improvements to existing construction; prohibiting voluntary freeboard from being used in the calculation of the maximum allowable height for certain construction in applicable zoning districts; authorizing local governments to adopt by ordinance a minimum freeboard requirement or a maximum voluntary freeboard that exceeds the minimum requirements in the Florida Building Code or established in the act, etc.  CA 03/15/2023 Favorable EN 03/27/2023 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0

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14	<b>CS/SB 1258</b> Transportation / Trumbull (Identical CS/H 1191)	Use of Phosphogypsum; Authorizing the Department of Transportation to undertake demonstration projects using phosphogypsum in road construction aggregate material to determine its feasibility as a paving material; requiring the department to conduct a study on the suitability of using phosphogypsum as a construction aggregate material; prohibiting phosphogypsum from being regulated as solid waste if used in accordance with an allowed use under specified federal regulations and approvals, etc.  TR 03/20/2023 Fav/CS EN 03/27/2023 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
15	<b>SB 1134</b> Gruters (Identical H 1505)	Outstanding Florida Springs; Designating Warm Mineral Springs as an Outstanding Florida Spring, etc.  EN 03/27/2023 Temporarily Postponed CA RC	Temporarily Postponed
16	<b>SJR 1234</b> Brodeur (Identical HJR 1157)	Hunting and Fishing; Proposing the creation of Section 28 of Article I of the State Constitution to preserve in perpetuity hunting and fishing as a public right, etc.  EN 03/27/2023 Fav/CS JU RC	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 1
17	<b>SB 1420</b> Rodriguez (Similar H 661)	Sanitary Sewer Lateral Inspection Programs; Authorizing counties and municipalities, respectively, to access sanitary sewer laterals within their jurisdictions for specified purposes; requiring counties and municipalities to notify private property owners within a specified timeframe if the county or municipality intends to access the owner's sanitary sewer lateral; specifying requirements for counties and municipalities repair work; authorizing a program established by a county or a municipality to evaluate and rehabilitate sanitary sewer laterals on residential and commercial properties to use state or local funds allocated for environmental preservation or the protection of water quality, etc.  EN 03/27/2023 Favorable CA FP	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0

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18	<b>SB 1502</b> Rodriguez (Identical H 1385)	Vessel Owner and Operation Requirements; Revising anchoring limitation areas in certain sections of Biscayne Bay in Miami-Dade County; revising the timeframe during which a person may anchor a vessel in an anchoring limitation area within which such anchoring would otherwise be unlawful; requiring law enforcement officers to conduct national criminal background checks for vessel owners who are issued citations for specified violations, etc.  EN      03/27/2023 Favorable AEG FP	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
19	<b>SB 1686</b> Wright (Similar CS/H 1489)	Designation of Brevard Barrier Island Area as an Area of Critical State Concern; Creating the "Brevard Barrier Island Area Protection Act"; designating the Brevard Barrier Island Area as an area of critical state concern; providing guiding principles for development within the area; providing for removal of the designation, etc.  EN      03/27/2023 Fav/CS CA RC	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0

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