

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Senator Rodriguez, Chair
Senator Harrell, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 10, 2024
TIME: 10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon
PLACE: 301 Senate Building

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

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 452 Burton (Identical H 451)	Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Providing an annual appropriation to the Department of Environmental Protection to implement the Heartland Headwaters Protection and Sustainability Act, etc. EN 01/10/2024 Favorable AEG AP	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
2	SB 602 DiCeglie (Identical CS/H 321)	Release of Balloons; Revising a prohibition on the release of certain balloons to delete a specified timeframe and number of balloons; deleting an exemption from such prohibition for certain biodegradable or photodegradable balloons; providing that a person who violates the prohibition commits the noncriminal infraction of littering, etc. EN 01/10/2024 Fav/CS CA FP	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 0
3	SB 632 Simon (Identical H 87)	Taking of Bears; Citing this act as the “Self Defense Act”; providing for the taking of bears without certain permits or authorizations under specified conditions; prohibiting certain possession, sale, and disposal of such bears; requiring the disposal of such bears by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, etc. EN 01/10/2024 Favorable AEG FP	Favorable Yeas 5 Nays 2

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4	SB 738 Burgess (Identical H 789, Compare S 406)	Environmental Management; Providing that the prevailing party in certain actions against the Department of Environmental Protection or a water management district is entitled to reasonable costs and attorney fees; requiring that nonindustrial stormwater management systems be designed with side slopes that meet certain minimum design requirements; revising construction relating to causes of action for damages to real or personal property directly resulting from certain discharges or other conditions of pollution; requiring the department and water management districts to conduct holistic reviews of their respective agency's costal permitting processes and permit programs, etc. EN 01/10/2024 Fav/CS JU FP	Fav/CS Yeas 5 Nays 2
5	SB 406 Rodriguez (Compare H 789, S 738)	Statewide Environmental Resource Permitting Rules; Requiring that stormwater management systems be designed with side slopes that meet a certain minimum design requirement; superseding certain side slope rules and authorizing their repeal by a specified publication of notice and a specified filing, etc. EN 01/10/2024 Favorable FP RC	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
6	SB 566 Rodriguez	Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Requiring an annual appropriation from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection to implement the Florida Keys Stewardship Act or to acquire land within the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern for specified purposes; prohibiting the department from using the appropriated funds to implement wastewater management projects or programs, etc. EN 01/10/2024 Favorable AEG AP	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0

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7	SB 650 Rodriguez (Identical H 803)	Alternative Fuel Fleet Vehicle Rebates; Renaming the natural gas fuel fleet vehicle rebate program as the alternative fuel fleet vehicle rebate program; revising the program to include rebates for certain fleet vehicles powered by alternative fuels, rather than only for fleet vehicles fueled by natural gas; requiring such fleet vehicles to comply with specified emission standards, etc. EN 01/10/2024 Favorable AEG FP	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
8	SB 682 Martin (Compare CS/H 487)	Lost or Abandoned Property; Revising the timeframe after which a law enforcement agency may take certain actions relating to abandoned property or specified vessels if the owner has not taken specified actions; making technical changes, etc. EN 01/10/2024 Favorable CJ RC	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0

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Senate Confirmation Hearing: A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointments to the offices indicated.

Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District

9	Andrews, Angus "Gus" G., Jr. (DeFuniak Springs)	03/01/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
10	Alter, John W. (Malone)	03/01/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0

Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District

11	Peterson, J. Christian, Jr. (Winter Park)	03/01/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
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12	Rice, Kelly S. (Webster)	03/01/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
13	Watkins, Nancy Hemmingway (Tampa)	03/01/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0

Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District

14	Lloyd, William (High Springs)	03/01/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
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15	Schwab, Richard (Perry)	03/01/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0

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