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**Senate Balanced Budget Reduces State Spending, Keeps Strong Reserves**

*Pays down state debt, lowers per capita spending, reduces growth of state government workforce  
Accounts for broad-based tax relief, new reporting requirements to safeguard tax dollars*

**Tallahassee**—The Florida Senate Committee on Appropriations, chaired by Senator Ed Hooper (R-Clearwater), today released Senate Proposed Bill 2500, the General Appropriations Act (GAA), as well as the implementing bill and conforming bills associated with a balanced budget for the upcoming 2025-2026 fiscal year. This fiscally responsible, balanced budget reduces state spending, lowers per capita spending, and reduces the growth of state bureaucracy. The budget authorizes early payoff of state debt, accounts for significant, broad-based tax relief, and maintains historic state reserves for emergencies. New reporting requirements throughout the budget safeguard taxpayer dollars, improving accountability, transparency, and oversight of government spending.

SPB 2500 makes major investments in Florida’s transportation infrastructure and maintains investments designed to grow Florida’s health care workforce. The budget dedicates significant resources for Florida’s environment, including Everglades Restoration, citrus recovery, clean water resiliency, and the preservation of working farms and ranches along Florida’s Wildlife Corridor to support Florida’s vital agriculture supply chain. The bill provides record funding for K-12 public schools and school choice opportunities for Florida parents as well as career and technical education and training provided by both school districts and colleges.

“On the heels of historic state revenue balances and influxes of time-limited federal stimulus funds related to the pandemic, our revenue forecasts, while still growing, have stabilized. This year we are right-sizing our budget for the long-term, spending less, while setting aside robust rainy day funds, and accounting for meaningful, broad-based tax relief,” **said Senate President Ben Albritton (R-Wauchula)**. “Floridians expect us to spend their tax dollars wisely. Florida has a great framework for accountability and transparency, but we can always do better. Throughout this budget we are implementing new ways to collect meaningful data to measure outcomes and ensure taxpayer resources are being utilized wisely.”

“It’s Florida’s private sector, not the government, that creates the jobs that build thriving communities across our state. We want to maintain a lean and efficient state workforce and not grow a bureaucratic administrative state that stands as a barrier to innovation and prosperity.

Florida already has the smallest state workforce per capita in the country. Our budget reduces the growth in state government by eliminating long-term vacant positions. At the same time, we are working to retain the talented and dedicated workers who serve in state government with an across the board salary increase to address inflation, and targeted raises for some of the most difficult jobs in state government, including state law enforcement and firefighters.” **said Senator Hooper.**

“We are continuing to build out a resilient transportation, housing, health care, public safety, and clean water infrastructure that can accommodate significant population growth over the next decade. That includes targeted investments in our agriculture supply chain,” **continued President Albritton.** “As Floridians, love for the environment is in our DNA. This budget continues longstanding efforts to preserve our environment and natural resources for future generations of Floridians and visitors. We also fund innovative programs to serve the most vulnerable among us including those with disabilities, our veterans, the poor, and our fellow Floridians struggling with substance abuse and mental health challenges, along with strong outcome-driven reporting so we can measure how well these efforts are serving Floridians in need.”

“This budget reflects a return to a more normal budget spending pattern, aligned with our revenues over the long-term. Our revenues are increasing, but instead of spending all of we have, we are paying down debt, setting aside reserves, and creating opportunities for significant tax relief, so Floridians can keep more of their hard-earned money,” **continued Senator Hooper.** “We are also making critical investments in our transportation and clean water infrastructure and keeping parents in the driver’s seat with record funding for both school choice opportunities and our legacy, neighborhood public schools.”

The Senate’s proposed budget appropriates \$117.36 billion, or \$1.3 billion less than the adjusted total budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year (\$118.6 million), as noted in Florida’s Fiscal Analysis In Brief. The Senate’s proposed budget eliminates vacant, but currently funded positions, reducing the growth of the state workforce by 967 positions. The proposed budget also authorizes early pay off of \$600 million in state debt.

A budget adjusted for an anticipated CPI of 3% would total \$122.19 billion. A budget adjusted by official estimates for population growth would total \$120.19 billion. The Senate’s proposed budget of \$117.36 billion holds the line, spending less than last year and reducing per capita spending.

**President Pro Tempore Jason Brodeur (R-Sanford) Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment and General Government:**

“We are continuing our longstanding efforts to preserve Florida’s unique natural resources and making critical improvements to our environment and clean water infrastructure. These investments benefit current and future generations of Floridians, while also safeguarding Florida’s economy as our pristine natural features continue to attract visitors from across the country and around the world.

“We are also dedicating significant funds to preserving and expanding our iconic citrus industry, which is key to Florida’s overall economy as citrus production, harvesting, packing and shipping creates steady, good-paying jobs in rural, heritage communities across Florida’s Heartland. We account for additional legislation that appropriates significant funding through the Gaming Compact for clean water infrastructure and our Wildlife Corridor, and have a tremendous focus on the conservation easements we need to get the Corridor connected quickly before the opportunity is gone.

“On the governmental operations side of our committee, we focused on efficiency, accountability, and long-term planning that streamlines the administrative functions of state government. Specifically, our budget reflects the creation of an improved information technology governance entity, under the direction of the Cabinet (SB 7026), to ensure uniformity, efficiency, and a laser focus on protecting Floridians’ personal data.”

**Senator Ileana Gracia (R-Miami), Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Civil and Criminal Justice:**

“Our budget reflects a balanced approach to addressing key priorities in corrections, juvenile justice, law enforcement, and the court system, including significant, targeted pay raises to help address recruitment and retention of the law enforcement officers who protect our state. To increase and incentivize people to seek careers in law enforcement, we are also dedicating funds for law enforcement apprenticeships, which help pay salaries while new hires are in training.

“We are continuing a major investment to address significant needs in our prison infrastructure. We are in the second year of providing \$100 million a year for 30 years, a total of \$3 billion, to address both long-term construction projects and the repair of our aging prison infrastructure.

“This budget also funds increases to our prison food programs to account for inflation and funding for health services in new prison dorms opening this year. Additionally, we are including new funding for cancer treatment and STD specialty care services, which we know are needed across our prison system.”

**Senator Danny Burgess (R-Zephyrhills), Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Pre-K–12 Education:**

“Once again this year, Florida taxpayers will make an unprecedented investment in our children’s education, including an increase of nearly \$1 billion for public schools and our K-12 scholarships.

“In our new environment of universal choice, where the money follows the student, our public schools are still the first choice for the majority of families. Our budget increases per student funding for our neighborhood public schools and raises our annual investment in teacher raises to more than \$1.5 billion. We also increase funds for Florida’s robust school choice programs, complimented by efficiencies contemplated in SB 7030, we will ensure our school choice

programs live up to their full potential and promise as Florida remains the national leader in parental choice in education.”

“We are including new funds for school hardening in public schools and making a meaningful investment in security for Jewish day schools. We are also investing in the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind to help meet critical operating and fixed capital outlay needs, and offering a new state grant to reimburse school districts for the cost of providing IEPs for scholarship students.”

**Senator Gayle Harrell (R-Stuart), Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Higher Education**

“We know students are best-served when education is linked to the realities and opportunities of the economy and the job market. Along those lines we are enhancing our commitment to Career and Technical Education opportunities with support for school districts and colleges that create or expand these vital programs. We are also continuing the funding of the Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Program to incentivize school districts and colleges to offer high school drop-outs the opportunity to obtain GEDs and career education credentials simultaneously and free of charge to the student.

“In our university system, we maintain the low cost of tuition for instate students and make other targeted investments in specific programs. For example, for UF – IFAS, there are funds to establish new programs in Agricultural Technology in partnership with Florida College System institutions, technical centers, and school districts. We also include \$20 million for the Florida Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment at UF to develop and implement the programs and services as provided for in SB 112, which the Senate passed unanimously several weeks ago.”

**Senator Jay Trumbull (R-Panama City), Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services:**

“Over the last several years, Florida has made key policy changes designed to create an efficient and effective health care system that provides more options for the people of our state to receive the best care possible in an environment suited to their needs. Our budget continues that meaningful commitment to the health and well-being of Floridians across all stages of life. From increasing access to critical services to advancing public health initiatives that benefit communities statewide, we are ensuring that some of our most vulnerable residents—including individuals with disabilities, children in the welfare system, and our growing senior population—receive the care and support they need to live with dignity and stability.

“Combined with investments outlined in President Albritton’s Rural Renaissance legislation, we have a strong focus on improving access to health care screenings and services across rural Florida. We must recognize that true rural accessibility to high-quality health care isn’t just about having specialty providers who accept rural patients—it’s about having those services available near where people live. Access on paper doesn’t equal access in practice. Many rural residents simply can’t afford the time or cost of traveling long distances for appointments. To truly support these communities, we must continue prioritizing the development of local specialty care options

so that patients can receive the treatment they need without the burden of travel. Proximity to care is not a convenience—it’s a critical component to true access.

“We continue a tremendous focus on mental health and substance abuse with funding that enhances and expands the presence of central receiving facilities across the state as well as funds to implement the mental health diversion program in the Tristin Murphy Act (SB 168). We also increase funds for targeted cancer research that supports specialty children’s hospitals (SB 7028) and increase support for foster care families and children in state care (SB 7012). Investments to support our veterans (SB 116) include the statewide expansion of day-time care options for disabled veterans whose caregivers need help during the workday.”

**Senator Nick DiCeglie (R-Indian Rocks Beach), Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development:**

“Through this budget we are continuing our efforts to help communities impacted by recent hurricanes with investments that will assist local governments with infrastructure repair and replacement including road and sewer and water facilities. When it comes to hurricane damage, we are all in this together. Coupled with the key policy changes included in SB 180, the funding we are including in this budget will not only help our communities continue to recover and rebuild, but also improve planning and resiliency moving forward.

“Our statewide transportation infrastructure is the foundation for Florida’s vibrant, diverse economy. This budget continues our historic, generational infrastructure investments in transportation. Affordable housing options for our workers, the backbone of Florida’s economy, are also a critical component of our state infrastructure. We maintain the critical commitment and vision for workforce housing outlined in our Live Local Act of 2023, funds to preserve rental housing in rural areas contained in President Albritton’s Rural Renaissance legislation (SB 110), as well as \$150 million for our Hometown Heroes program to assist Florida workers in purchasing homes in their communities.”

A full summary of SPB 2500 is attached. The legislation will be considered by the Senate Committee on Appropriations on Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

For more information, please visit [www.FLSenate.gov](http://www.FLSenate.gov).

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# **Budget Summary**

SPB 2500  
Fiscal Year 2025-2026

# Senate Appropriations Committee

Summary – SPB 2500  
Fiscal Year 2025-2026

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## Summary

**Total Budget: \$117.36 billion [\$50.4 billion GR; \$66.9 billion TF]**

- \$1.3 billion reduction compared to adjusted total budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
- 967 net reduction to FTE (all reductions are vacant positions)

## Increased Reserves & Debt Reduction

- \$500 million authorized for the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund
- \$600 million authorized to retire outstanding state debt

## Compensation & Benefits

- **4% Pay Increase for all State Employees (minimum \$1,500 increase)**
- Additional Pay Increases for:
  - State Law Enforcement Officers – Total of 10% or 15% increase with 5 years of service
  - State Firefighters – Total of 15% increase
  - Assistant State Attorneys and Public Defenders
  - Department of Transportation
- State Employees Health Insurance Premiums held constant

## Education Capital Outlay

- **Total: \$963.4 million**
- State University System Projects - \$207.9 million
- Florida College System Projects - \$150.3 million
- Charter School Repairs and Maintenance - \$248.6million
- Small School District Special Facilities - \$317.5 million
- Developmental Research School Repairs and Maintenance - \$10 million



# Senate Appropriations Committee on Pre-K – 12 Education

Summary – SPB 2500  
Fiscal Year 2025-2026

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## Summary

Total Appropriations: \$21.2 billion [\$16.3 billion GR; \$4.9 billion TF]

Total Funding - Including Local Revenues: \$34.8 billion [\$21.2 billion state/federal funds; \$13.6 billion local funds]

## Major Issues

### *Early Learning Services*

Total: \$1.7 billion [\$605.3 million GR; \$1.1 billion TF]

- Partnerships for School Readiness - \$33.1 million
- School Readiness Program - \$1.2 billion
- Early Learning Standards & Accountability - \$4.9 million
- Voluntary Prekindergarten Program - \$431.4 million
  - Decrease of 1,396 fewer students - (\$2.6 million)
  - Summer Bridge Program - \$4.1 million

### *Public Schools/K12 FEFP*

Total Funding: \$29.6 billion [\$16 billion state funds; \$13.6 billion local funds]

- FEFP Total Funds increase is \$984.5 million or 3.44 percent
- FEFP increase in Total Funds per Student served by a district is \$135.26, a 1.5 percent increase (from \$8,987.67 to \$9,122.93)
- Base Student Allocation (BSA) increase of \$66.77 or 1.25 percent
- Required Local Effort (RLE) increase of \$432.3 million; RLE millage maintained at prior year level of 3.087 mills

### *Public Schools/K12 Non-FEFP*

Total: \$517.8 million [\$509.6 million GR; \$8.2 million TF]

- Coach Aaron Feis, Chris Hixon, & Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program - \$6.5 million
- School Recognition Program - \$150 million
- Mentoring Programs - \$11.4 million
- Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources Centers - \$8.7 million
- Teacher Professional Development - \$14.9 million
- School District Foundation Matching Grants - \$7 million
- Florida Safe Schools Canine Program - \$3.3 million
- District Threat Management Coordinators - \$5.8 million
- Regional Literacy Teams - \$5 million



- Charity for Change - \$4.7 million
- SEED School of Miami - \$12.6 million
- School and Instructional Enhancement Grants - \$37.6 million
- Exceptional Education - \$12.7 million
- Florida School for the Deaf & Blind - \$79.9 million
- Educational Enrollment Stabilization Program - \$50 million
- Capital Projects - \$67.2 million

***State Board of Education***

Total: \$324.1 million [\$165.1 million GR; \$159 million TF]

- Assessment and Evaluation - \$129.2 million
- ACT and SAT Exam Administration - \$8 million



# Senate Appropriations Committee on Higher Education

Summary – SPB 2500  
Fiscal Year 2025-2026

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## Summary

Total Appropriations: \$8.7 billion [\$6.5 billion GR; \$2.2 billion TF]

Total Funding - Including Local Revenues: \$11.5 billion [\$8.7 billion state/federal funds; \$2.8 billion local funds]

### *Vocational Rehabilitation*

Total: \$279.6 million [\$58.1 million GR; \$221.5 million TF]

- Client Services Increase - \$9.0 million [\$1.9 million GR; \$7.1 million TF]

### *Blind Services*

Total: \$78.5 million [\$24.2 million GR; \$54.3 million TF]

- Client Services Increase - \$6.5 million [\$1.4 million GR; \$5.1 million TF]

### *Private Colleges*

Total: \$187 million GR

- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) – \$32.3 million
- Effective Access to Student Education (EASE) - \$135.9 million

### *Student Financial Aid*

Total: \$1.07 billion [\$326.2 million GR; \$748.5 million TF]

- Bright Futures - \$637.7 million
  - Workload increase - \$20.8 million
- Benacquisto Scholarship Program - \$38.1 million
  - Workload decrease - (\$927,050)
- Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans - \$29.1 million
  - Workload increase - \$7.6 million
- Florida First Responder Scholarship Program - \$10 million
- Open Door Grant Program - \$35 million
- Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Scholarship - \$7 million

### *School District Workforce*

Total: \$862.5 million [\$524.2 million GR; \$295.6 million TF; \$42.7 million tuition/fees]

- Workforce Development - \$501.9 million
  - Workload increase - \$52.6 million
- Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program for apprenticeships - \$20 million

- Increase for “Grow Your Own Teacher” Apprenticeship Program - \$5 million
- PIPELINE Nursing Incentive Funds - \$20 million
- Workforce Capitalization Incentive Grants - \$100 million
- Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Program - \$5 million
- No tuition increase

### ***Florida College System***

Total: \$2.5 billion [\$1.5 billion GR; \$254.8 million TF; \$704.6 million tuition/fees]

- CAPE Incentive Funds for students who earn Industry Certifications - \$20 million
- College System Program Fund - \$1.7 billion
  - Workload increase - \$100 million
- PIPELINE Nursing Incentive Funds- \$40 million
- Student Success Incentive Funds - \$30 million
  - 2+2 Student Success Incentive Funds - \$17 million
  - Work Florida Incentive Funds - \$13 million
- No tuition increase

### ***State University System***

Total: \$6.3 billion [\$3.6 billion GR; \$656 million TF; \$2.0 billion tuition/fees]

- Lastinger Center for Learning at University of Florida - \$62.7 million
  - Workload increase for the New Worlds Tutoring Program - \$32.5 million
- PIPELINE Nursing Incentive Funds- \$40 million
- Community School Grant Program - \$29.8 million
  - Workload increase - \$9.7 million
- Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program for Students with Unique Abilities - \$12.5 million
- Florida Center for Nursing at University of South Florida - \$38 million, which includes:
  - Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund - \$30 million
  - Funding to support center operations including new responsibilities for LINE Fund administration - \$8 million
- Florida Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment at University of Florida - \$20 million; funding to support the implementation of SB 112
- University of Florida – IFAS - \$213.7 million
  - Workload increase - \$12.4 million
- No required tuition increase

### ***Board of Governors***

Total: \$262.1 million [\$260.5 million GR; \$1.5 million TF]

- University Funding Distribution Model - \$250 million
  - The board will develop a methodology to distribute the funds based on factors that promote student success while recognizing the unique characteristics and missions of the individual universities.



# Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

Summary – SPB 2500  
Fiscal Year 2025-2026

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## Summary

Total Budget: \$48.7 billion [\$17.7 billion GR; \$31.0 billion TF]; 31,349 positions

## Major Issues

### *Agency for Health Care Administration*

Total: \$36.2 billion [\$12.2 billion GR; \$24.0 billion TF]; 1,636 positions

- Fully Fund Florida’s Medicaid and KidCare Programs - \$35.6 billion
- Medicaid Provider Rate Increases - \$93.6 million
  - Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics - \$19.2 million
  - Medicaid Organ Transplant - \$1.7 mil
  - Individual and Family Therapy - \$1.4 million
  - Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers - \$8.6 million
  - Nursing Home Quality Incentive Program - \$62.8 million
- Support Quality of Care in Nursing Homes - \$2 million
- Audits for Nursing Homes and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) - \$1 million
- Federal Reporting for Adult Behavioral Health and Child Core Set - \$0.9 million
- Florida Health Care Connections (FX) - \$144.2 million

### *Agency for Persons with Disabilities*

Total: \$2.6 billion [\$1.2 billion GR; \$1.4 billion TF]; 2,728 positions

- Workforce Development and Support for Home and Community-Based Services Waiver direct support professionals - \$50 million
- Enhanced Funding and Services for Developmental Disability Centers - \$13.7 million
- Individual and Family Supports Provider Rate Increase - \$1.3 million
- Information Technology - \$5.7 million
- Fixed Capital Outlay for People with Developmental Disabilities - \$17.9 million

### *Department of Children and Families*

Total: \$4.8 billion [\$2.9 billion GR; \$1.9 billion TF]; 12,603 positions

- Support Core Child Welfare Programs - \$39.6 million
  - Adoption and Guardianship Assistance Subsidies - \$27.4 million
  - Extended Foster Care - \$10.6 million
  - Foster Care Board Rate Cost of Living Adjustment - \$1.6 million
- Transfer Children’s Advocacy Centers from Department of Legal Affairs - \$5 million

- Funding for Quality Care and Facility Management in Florida’s State Mental Health Treatment Facilities - \$117 million
- Community-Based Mental Health and Substance Use Prevention Initiatives - \$34.3 million
  - Community Mental Health Residential Treatment Beds - \$10 million
  - Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant - \$11 million
  - Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics - \$7 million
  - Central Receiving Facilities - \$6.2 million
- Opioid Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Efforts - \$179.5 million
- Florida System and Child Welfare Information System Modernization - \$64.6 million
- Other Information Technology Projects - \$7.4 million

***Department of Elder Affairs***

Total: \$508.9 million [\$271.2 million GR; \$237.7 million TF]; 444 positions

- Alzheimer's Disease Initiative - Frail Elders Waiting for Services - \$6 million
- Serve Additional Clients in the Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) and Home Care for the Elderly (HCE) Programs - \$15 million
- Increased Resources for Aging and Disability Resource Centers - \$1.9 million
- Federal Grants Trust Fund Budget Authority Increases - \$59.8 million
- Information Technology Projects - \$4.2 million; 3 positions

***Department of Health***

Total: \$4.3 billion [\$1.1 billion GR; \$3.2 billion TF]; 12,427 positions

- Pediatric Cancer Research - Cancer Connect Collaborative Incubator - \$30 million
- Increased Funding for the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection - \$4.2 million
- Statewide Healthcare Screening Marketing Campaign - \$1 million
- Security Modernization and Resiliency - \$18.1 million
- School Health Services - \$18.4 million
- Swimming Lesson Voucher Program - \$2 million
- Increased Funding for Healthy Start Coalitions - \$3.4 million
- Florida Poison Information Center Network Salary Increases - \$0.4 million
- Early Steps Program Quality Improvement and Enhancement - \$8.9 million
- Information Technology - \$16 million; 2 positions
- Fixed Capital Outlay for State and County Health Department Facilities - \$8 million

***Department of Veterans Affairs***

Total: \$224.4 million [\$48.2 million GR; \$176.2 million TF]; 1,511 positions

- Enhanced Operational Support for State Veterans’ Nursing Homes - \$4.7 million
- Increased Resources for State Veterans’ Service Officer Sites and the Patriot Navigators Program - \$0.5 million; 5 positions
- Florida is for Veterans’ Vets Program - \$2 million
- Veterans Dental Care Grant Program - \$1 million
- Information Technology \$1.7 million
- Fixed Capital Outlay for State Veterans' Nursing Homes - \$14.5 million



# Senate Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice

Summary – SPB 2500  
Fiscal Year 2025-2026

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## Summary

Total Budget: \$7.6 billion [\$6.6 billion GR; \$1 billion TF]; 45,524 positions

## Major Issues

- Criminal Justice Estimating Conference Prison Population Increase - \$56.1 million
- DOC Health Services Increase - \$23.3 million
- DJJ Increase Residential Commitment Capacity - \$6.1 million
- DJJ Increase Residential Commitment Contracts - \$6.6 million
- Children In Need of Services/Families In Need of Services (CINS/FINS) - \$1.5 million
- FDLE Office of Wellness Expansion - \$2.8 million; 10 positions
- FDLE Law Enforcement Apprenticeship Program - \$10 million
- Certification of Additional Judgeships - \$13.3 million; 67 positions

## *Department of Corrections*

Total: \$3.8 billion [\$3.7 billion GR; \$79 million TF]; 23,444 positions

- Criminal Justice Estimating Conference Prison Population Increase - \$56.1 million
- Administrative Management Unit - \$5.7 million
- Certified Officers Public Safety Initiative (Communications) - \$2 million
- Inflationary Adjustments for Operations - \$3 million
- Technology Restoration Plan - \$10 million
- Food Service Contract - \$12 million
- Contracted Inmate Health Services - \$23.3 million
- Health Services Operations for New Dorms- \$14 million

## *Attorney General/ Legal Affairs*

Total: \$374.8 million [\$110.8 million GR; \$264.0 million TF]; 1,334.5 positions

- IT Modernization Program - \$6.2 million
- IT Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery - \$1.2 million

## *Florida Department of Law Enforcement*

Total: \$507.6 million [\$332.0 million GR; \$175.6 million TF]; 2,032 positions

- Office of Wellness Expansion - \$2.8 million; 10 positions
- Fort Myers Regional Operations Center Facility - \$5 million
- Law Enforcement Apprenticeship Program - \$10 million

- Salary Increases for Law Enforcement Officers in Fiscally Constrained Counties - \$1 million
- Aviation Operations and Maintenance - \$3.6 million
- Missing and Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse Technology Upgrade - \$1.9 million

### ***Department of Juvenile Justice***

Total: \$759.7 million [\$589.7 million GR; \$170.0 million TF]; 3,244.5 positions

- Increase Residential Commitment Bed Capacity - \$6.1 million
- Increase Residential Commitment Contracts - \$6.6 million
- Children In Need of Services/Families In Need of Services (CINS/FINS) - \$1.5 million
- Crossover Youth Behavioral Health Services Pilot Program - \$2.7 million
- Pace Center for Girls - \$3.6 million
- FCO Maintenance and Repair - \$15.7 million

### ***Justice Administration***

Total: \$1.3 billion [\$1.1 billion GR; \$242.5 million TF]; 10,605.5 positions

- Increase Criminal Conflict Case Costs – \$5.1 million
- Due Process Costs for Public Defenders - \$3 million
- GAL - Increase Staff to Represent All Children - \$0.9 million; 12 positions
- Increase Title IV-E Trust Fund Authority - \$2.6 million

### ***State Court System***

Total: \$789.2 million [\$664.9 million GR; \$124.3 million TF]; 4,699 positions

- Certification of Additional Judgeships - \$13.3 million; 67 positions
- Due Process Resources - \$2.5 million; 7 positions
- Court Reporting Resources - \$3.1 million; 15 positions
- Case Processing Support - \$1.2 million; 13 positions
- Appellate Technology Resources - \$2.0 million
- 6<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeal Courthouse - \$2.0 million



## Summary

Total Budget: \$18 billion [\$589.3 billion GR; \$17.4 billion TF]; 12,786 positions

## Major Issues

### *Department of Commerce*

Total: \$1.7 billion [\$351.4 million GR; \$1.4 billion TF]; 1,488 positions

- Hometown Heroes Housing Program - \$150 million GR
- State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program - \$18.8 million GR & \$163.8 million TF
- Affordable Housing (SAIL) Program - \$71.2 million TF
- Economic Development Toolkit - \$22.5 million GR/TF
- Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Grant Funding (CDBG-DR) - \$150 million TF

### *Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles*

Total: \$628.2 million TF; 4,216 positions

- Additional Equipment for the Florida Highway Patrol - \$4.3 million TF
- Security and Fraud Prevention - \$3.5 million TF
- Replace Pursuit Vehicles - \$3.3 million TF
- Increase OPS to Address Driver License Services Backlog – \$3.1 million TF
- Increased Funding for Additional License Plate Purchases - \$2.4 million TF

### *Department of Military Affairs*

Total: \$103 million [\$37.7 million GR; \$65.3 million TF]; 486 positions

- Increase Florida National Guard Tuition Assistance - \$2 million GR
- Equipment Replacement - \$745,000 (\$333,000 GR)

### *Department of State*

Total: \$169.4 million [\$145.5 million GR; \$23.8 million TF]; 457 positions

- Cultural and Museum Program Support Grants - \$39.3 million GR
- Historical Preservation Grants - \$13.5 million GR
- Library Construction Grants - \$5.5 million GR
- Division of Corporations Call Center Services - \$3 million GR



### ***Department of Transportation***

Total: \$14.4 billion [\$17 million GR; \$14.3 billion TF]; 5,914 positions

- Transportation Work Program - \$12.98 billion [\$12.96 billion nonrecurring TF]
- Information Technology
  - Florida Planning, Accounting, and Ledger Management (PALM) Readiness - \$9.6 million TF
- Increase Operation Costs Department-wide - \$13.3 million TF
- Fixed Capital Outlay Projects - \$31.9 million TF
- Equipment Replacement - \$9.2 million TF

### ***Division of Emergency Management (Executive Office of the Governor)***

Total: \$1 billion [\$37.5 million GR; \$974.6 million TF]; 225 positions

- Open Federally Declared Disasters
  - Funding to Communities - \$846.6 million TF
  - State Operations - \$53 million TF
- Statewide Emergency Alert and Notification System - \$3.7 million GR
- Information Technology
  - Statewide WebEOC Initiative - \$3.2 million GR



# Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

Summary – SPB 2500  
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## Summary

Total Budget: \$10.4 billion [\$2.2 billion GR; \$1.3 billion LATF; \$7 billion Other TF];  
20,620 positions

## Major Issues

### *Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services*

Total: \$3.5 billion [\$792.5 million GR; \$252.9 million LATF; \$2.4 billion TF]; 3,823 positions

- Rural and Family Lands Protection Program - \$250 million
- Agriculture and Aquaculture Natural Disaster Loan Program - \$75 million
- Feeding Programs - \$69 million
- Forestry - \$43.4 million
- Statewide Water Restoration Agricultural Projects - \$30.0 million
- Citrus Protection and Research - \$209 million
  - Citrus Health Response Program - \$6 million
  - Citrus Packing Equipment - \$10 million
  - Citrus Research and Field Trials - \$193 million
- Agriculture Education and Promotion Facilities - \$23.2 million
- Conner Complex Construction - \$119 million
- State Farmers Markets - \$7.0 million
- Florida State Fair - \$13.7 million GR

### *Department of Citrus*

Total: \$37.7 million [\$15.9 million GR; \$21.8 million TF]; 28 positions

- Citrus Marketing - \$7.5 million
- Citrus Recovery Program - \$2 million

### *Department of Environmental Protection*

Total: \$3.5 billion [\$601.9 million GR; \$2.9 billion TF]; 3,167 positions

- Everglades Restoration - \$750.4 million
- Water Quality Improvements - \$700.8 million
  - Wastewater Grant Program - \$200 million
  - Indian River Lagoon WQI - \$50 million
  - Biscayne Bay Water Quality Improvements - \$20 million
  - Water Projects - \$200 million
  - C-51 Reservoir - \$70 million

- Total Maximum Daily Loads - \$25 million
- Non-Point Source Planning Grants - \$5 million
- Alternative Water Supply - \$50 million
- Water Quality Improvements - Blue Green Algae Task Force - \$10.8 million
- Innovative Technology Grants for Harmful Algal Blooms - \$10 million
- Harmful Algal Bloom Grants - \$10 million
- Springs Restoration - \$50 million
- Flood and Sea-Level Rise and Revolving Loan Programs - \$218 million
- Florida Forever Programs - \$123.2 million
  - Division of State Lands - \$100 million
  - Florida Recreational Development Assistance Grants - \$12.2 million
  - Florida Communities Trust - \$10 million
  - Working Waterfronts Program - \$1 million
- Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern - \$20 million
- Apalachicola Bay Area of Critical State Concern - \$5 million
- Coral Reef Restoration – \$17.5 million
- Lake Apopka Restoration - \$5 million
- Petroleum Tanks Cleanup Program - \$195 million
- Hazardous Waste and Dry Clean Site Cleanup - \$14 million
- Beach Management Funding Assistance - \$53 million
- Drinking Water and Wastewater Revolving Loan Programs - \$597.7 million
- Small County Wastewater Treatment Grants - \$8 million
- State and Local Parks - \$47.5 million

***Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission***

Total: \$535.3 million [\$122.8 million GR; \$412.5 million TF]; 2,209 positions

- Motor Vehicle \ Vessel Replacement - \$7.2 million
- Oyster Restoration and Recovery – \$15.4 million
- Nuisance Wildlife Control - \$8 million
- Land Management - \$22 million
- Derelict Vessel Removal - \$4.5 million
- Florida Boating Improvement Program - \$3.0 million
- Artificial Reef Program - \$2.6 million

***Agency For State Systems and Enterprise Technology***

Total: \$3.5 million GR; 22 positions

***Department of Business & Professional Regulation***

Total: \$198.6 million [\$7.1 million GR; \$191.5 million TF]; 1,648 positions

***Florida Gaming Control Commission***

Total: \$37.1 million TF; 198 positions

- Licensing and Enforcement System - \$4.7 million

### ***Department of Financial Services***

Total: \$668.2 million [\$155.5 million GR; \$512.6 million TF]; 2,661.50 positions

- My Safe Florida Home Program - \$100.0 million
- PALM (FLAIR Replacement) - \$53.9 million
- PALM Readiness - \$8.1 million and 15.0 positions
- Information Technology Upgrades, Systems and Contract Increases - \$12.5 million
- Law Enforcement, Fire Marshal and Disaster Response Training, Vehicles and Technology Upgrades and Equipment - \$3.7 million
- Local Government Fire and Firefighter Services - \$23.4 million

### ***Department of the Lottery***

Total: \$239.4 million TF; 440 positions

- Increase Advertising Agency Fees - \$5.0 million

### ***Department of Management Services***

Total Budget: \$818.5 million [\$123.9 million GR; \$694.7 million TF]; 999.5 positions

- Florida Facilities Pool (FFP) Fixed Capital Outlay - \$94.3 million
- Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) Issues - \$3.5 million
- Florida PALM Readiness - \$13.5 million
- E-Rate Telecommunications - \$1.3 million
- Emergency 911 Public Safety Answering Points Upgrade - \$1.8 million

### ***Division of Administrative Hearings***

Total Budget: \$40.4 million TF; 239 positions

### ***Public Service Commission***

Total: \$31.8 million TF; 269 positions

### ***Department of Revenue***

Total: \$855.5 million [\$336.4 million GR; \$519.1 million TF]; 4,914.25 positions

- Fiscally Constrained Counties - \$76.5 million
- IT Issues - \$46.3 million