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Senate Balanced Budget Holds the Line on Spending, Maintains Strong Reserves
Promotes affordability by keeping taxes & per capita spending low, continues early debt payoff

Tallahassee—The Florida Senate Committee on Appropriations, chaired by Senator Ed Hooper (R-Clearwater), today released Senate Proposed Bill (SPB) 2500, the General Appropriations Act (GAA), as well as the implementing bill and conforming bills associated with a balanced budget for the upcoming 2026-2027 fiscal year. The total budget is slightly lower than Florida's state budget for the current fiscal year, facilitating long-term financial stability with a focus on keeping taxes low, paying down debt and saving for the future.

“The best thing we can do to keep Florida affordable is to keep taxes low, limiting the financial burden taxes and regulations place on Florida’s families and businesses. To keep taxes low, state government has to live within its means, pay down debt, and save for the future. These key principles reflect the sound financial stewardship Floridians expect and deserve,” **said Senate President Ben Albritton (R-Wauchula)**. “Floridians are counting on us to maximize the use of their tax dollars by responsibly investing in key functions of government in a meaningful way, chief among these are education, health care, public safety, as well as our environmental, transportation, and clean water infrastructure. Through this budget, we are holding the line on spending, living within our means and striking the right balance between spending and saving.”

“Limiting the size and scope of government helps keep Florida affordable for families and seniors. Many items needed to raise a family and retire with dignity are tax free, and we want to keep it that way,” **said Chair Hooper**. “Our revenue forecasts, while still growing, have stabilized, so by spending less than we have, we are continuing to right-size our budget for the long-term, maintaining a healthy savings account, and preserving the permanent, meaningful, broad-based tax relief that families and businesses plan for and count on.”

SPB 2500 provides record funding for K-12 public schools, teacher raises, and school choice opportunities for Florida parents, coinciding updates in SB 318 that increase education funding transparency and improve efficiency for schools and families. The budget makes major investments in Florida’s transportation and public safety infrastructure.

To support Florida’s vital agriculture supply chain, 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. The budget heavily invests in the health care needs of vulnerable Floridians, including children, elders, those with disabilities, and foster families. These investments coincide guardrails outlined in SB 1758 to ensure state resources are dedicated to the most vulnerable.

Additionally, Florida has the smallest state workforce per capita in the country. To retain the talented and dedicated workers who serve in state government, the budget includes an across-the-board salary increase to address inflation as well as targeted raises for some of the most difficult jobs in state government.

The Senate's proposed budget appropriates \$115.0 billion, slightly less than the total budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year (\$115.1 billion), as noted in Florida's Fiscal Analysis In Brief. The proposed budget also takes into account the authorization of \$250 million in early payoff of state debt.

A budget adjusted for an anticipated CPI of 2.7% would total \$118.2 billion. A budget adjusted by official estimates for population growth of 1.4% would total \$116.7 billion. The Senate's proposed budget of \$115.0 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 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 create steady, good-paying jobs in rural, heritage communities across Florida’s Heartland. We continue our focus on Florida’s iconic Wildlife Corridor, recognizing the need to connect key portions of the Corridor before the opportunity is gone. Taking into account the tremendous success of the Farmer’s Feeding Florida Program, we continue efforts to prevent food waste by connecting Florida’s food banks with nutritious, Florida-grown products.

“On the governmental operations side of our committee, we maintain our focus on efficiency and long-term planning that keeps government accountable to the taxpayers who fund it.”

Senator Ileana Garcia (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 law enforcement and correctional officers who protect our state.

“Investments in the Office of Wellness reinforce the Senate’s commitment to the mental health and well-being of law enforcement officers. Additionally, to increase and incentivize people to pursue careers in law enforcement, we are dedicating funds for law enforcement apprenticeships that help pay salaries while new hires are in training.

“We are making a significant investment to support day-to-day operations and responsibly plan for the projected growth in the prison population next year. We also include funding to continue the expansion of dorms at Lancaster Correctional Institution to meet future capacity needs.

“We include funding for clerks of court related to the Baker Act, Marchman Act, sexually violent predator cases, and injunctions for protection, as well as additional support for jury-related expenditures and fund the Supreme Court’s certification of 25 new judgeships.”

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

“Again this year, Florida taxpayers will make an unprecedented investment in our children’s education, providing \$30 billion for public schools and K-12 scholarships, representing a \$693 million increase over the current year. This level of funding increases per student funding by \$150.98 and increases the Base Student Allocation by \$50. We are also raising our annual investment in teacher raises to more than \$1.4 billion.

“Our goal was to focus much of our per student increase on flexible funds. Cutting red tape and increasing opportunities to level the playing field between public and private schools has been a priority of the Senate for several years. This budget reflects that policy, maximizing opportunities for local school districts to spend funds as they see fit.

“We are providing \$25 million to assist districts that have a decline in student enrollment compared to the prior school year. This supplement helps ensure districts can manage fixed costs like staff and facilities, even when student numbers decrease, preventing severe, immediate budget cuts, such as school closures.

“We are funding more than \$4.5 billion for Florida’s robust school choice scholarship programs. Complemented by efficiencies and enhanced transparency requirements in SB 318, 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.”

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. As such, our budget places an emphasis on programs and initiatives that provide training to help meet Florida’s critical workforce needs.

“We are funding an increase in operating funds for school district workforce education programs along with \$80.7 million for the Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program for public schools and colleges to fund the creation or expand career and technical education programs.

“In our university system, we maintain the low cost of tuition for instate students and make other targeted investments in specific programs. This includes \$100 million for preeminent research universities, \$6.4 million for UF – IFAS for workload increases and \$26.2 million to support the Community School Grant Program. To support Floridians with unique abilities on the pathway to economic independence, we are investing \$21.2 million for the Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program administered by the University of Central Florida, including a workload increase. This excellent program just celebrated its 10th anniversary.”

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 to receive the best care possible in an environment suited to their needs. Incorporating the vision outlined in President Albritton’s Rural Renaissance legislation and with investments made possible through President Trump’s Rural Health Transformation Program, our budget continues a strong focus on improving access to health care screenings and services across rural Florida.

“We include \$1.75 billion in additional funding to support Medicaid and KidCare services. This significant investment coincides policy changes in SB 1758 that strengthen protections for public assistance to ensure those most vulnerable receive the support they need while shielding Florida taxpayers from fraud, waste, and abuse.

“Foster families are on the front lines of Florida’s child welfare system. We are including a 10% increase in support for foster parents, in addition to the normal COLA. We continue a strong focus on mental health and substance use services with funding that enhances our mental health bed capacity. We also strengthen support for elders living at home and individuals with Alzheimer’s disease, invest in life-saving cancer research and screening opportunities and provide additional resources for food and product safety testing.

“In addition, the budget strengthens the direct care workforce and protects continuity of services for individuals served through the iBudget Waiver, helping ensure Floridians with disabilities receive consistent, high-quality care in their homes and communities.”

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

“Recognizing that our statewide transportation infrastructure is the foundation for Florida’s vibrant, diverse economy, this budget continues significant investments in the Department of Transportation Work Program.

“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 Live Local, as well as funds to preserve rental housing in rural areas contained in President Albritton’s Rural Renaissance legislation (SB 250). We also include \$100 million for our Hometown Heroes program to assist Florida workers in purchasing homes in their communities. Health care workers, school personnel, public safety officials, and others continue to utilize this highly sought after program for down payment assistance they repay over time.

“Thankfully our beautiful state was spared during the previous hurricane season. Unfortunately, as we saw with the recent cold-snap, disaster can strike at any time, and we have to keep our guard up. Our budget continues to fund key emergency response infrastructure across our state.”

A full summary of SPB 2500 is attached. The legislation will be considered by the Senate Committee on Appropriations on Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

For more information, please visit www.FLSenate.gov.

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Budget Summary

SPB 2500
Fiscal Year 2026-2027



Senate Appropriations Committee

**Summary – SPB 2500
Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

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Summary

Total Budget: \$115.0 billion [\$52.3 billion GR; \$62.7 billion TF]

- Reduction compared to Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in both total budget and per capita funding

Increased Reserves & Debt Reduction

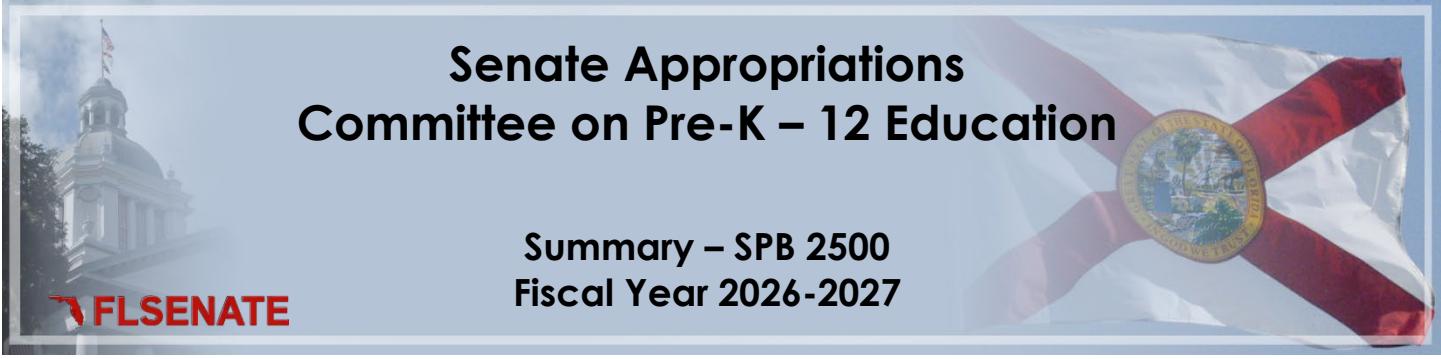
- \$118 million transferred to the Budget Stabilization Fund to reach current 10% maximum
- \$250 million for Debt Reduction Program continued for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Compensation & Benefits

- **3% Pay Increase for all State Employees (minimum \$1,000 increase)**
- **5% Pay Increase for:**
 - State Law Enforcement Officers
 - Correctional Officers
 - State Firefighters
 - Park Rangers (DEP)
- Cost of living adjustment for special risk class retirement (minimum 1.5%)
- State Employees and Retirees Health Insurance Premiums held constant

Education Capital Outlay

- **Total: \$1,102.0 million**
- State University System Projects - \$232.2 million
- Florida College System Projects - \$183.5 million
- Charter School Repairs and Maintenance - \$260.2 million
- Small School District Special Facilities - \$369 million
- Developmental Research School Repairs and Maintenance - \$10.7 million



Senate Appropriations Committee on Pre-K – 12 Education

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Summary – SPB 2500
Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Summary

Total Appropriations: \$20.9 billion [\$16 billion GR; \$4.9 billion TF]

Total Funding - Including Local Revenues: \$34.9 billion [\$20.9 billion state/federal funds; \$14 billion local funds]

Major Issues

Early Learning Services

Total: \$1.6 billion [\$603.8 million GR; \$1 billion TF]

- Partnerships for School Readiness - \$23.3 million
- School Readiness Program - \$1.1 billion
- Early Learning Standards & Accountability - \$5.4 million
- Voluntary Prekindergarten Program - \$433.7 million
 - Decrease of 221 fewer students - (\$426,009)
 - Summer Bridge Program - \$2.7 million

Public Schools/K12 FEF

Total Funding: \$29.9 billion [\$15.9 billion state funds; \$14 billion local funds]

- FEF Total Funds increase is \$692.8 million or 2.37 percent
- FEF increase in Total Funds per Student served by a district is \$150.98, a 1.64 percent increase (from \$9,187.36 to \$9,338.34)
- Base Student Allocation (BSA) increase of \$50 or 0.93 percent
- Required Local Effort (RLE) increase of \$286 million; RLE millage maintained at prior year level of 3.092 mills

Public Schools/ Back of the Bill

- Declining Enrollment Supplement - \$65.3 million - provides funds to assist districts with decreasing student enrollments in the current 2025-2026 school year. There was significant decrease in student enrollment for school districts over the forecasted amount and this supplement is meant to cushion the loss of revenue and mitigate unanticipated budgetary impacts.

Public Schools/K12 Non-FEF

Total: \$474.2 million [\$465.9 million GR; \$8.3 million TF]

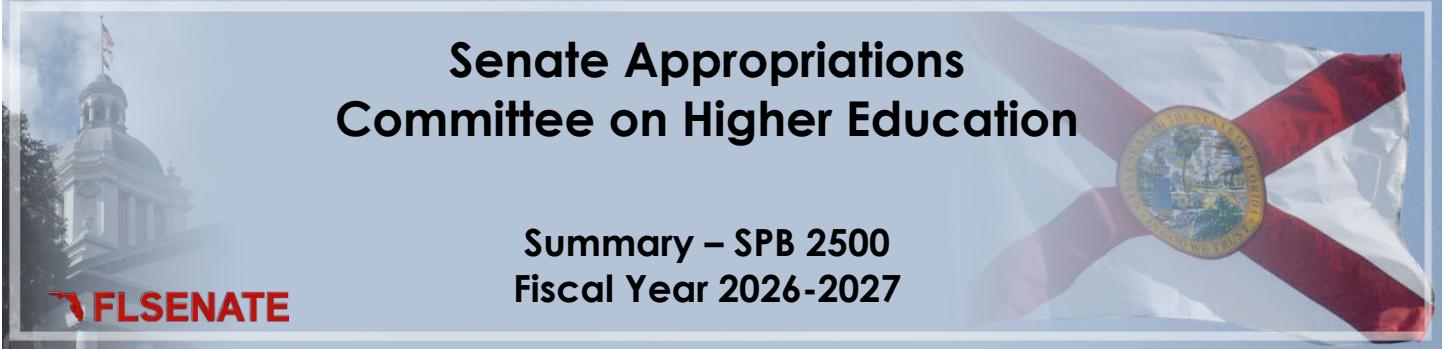
- Coach Aaron Feis, Chris Hixon, & Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program - \$6.5 million
- School Recognition Program - \$135 million

- Mentoring Programs - \$9.8 million
- Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources Centers - \$8.7 million
- Teacher Professional Development - \$11.6 million
- School District Foundation Matching Grants - \$7 million
- Florida Safe Schools Canine Program - \$3.3 million
- District Threat Management Coordinators - \$5 million
- Regional Literacy Teams - \$5 million
- Charity for Change - \$4.7 million
- SEED School of Miami - \$12.9 million
- School and Instructional Enhancement Grants - \$39.6 million
- Exceptional Education - \$10.6 million
- Florida School for the Deaf & Blind - \$83.4 million
- Civic Engagement Initiatives - \$11 million
- Public School Hardening - \$20 million
- Technology-based school safety enhancements - \$2.5 million
- Patriotic Displays in Classrooms - \$200,000

State Board of Education

Total: \$315.4 million [\$166.3 million GR; \$149.1 million TF]

- Assessment and Evaluation - \$129.8 million
- ACT and SAT Exam Administration - \$8 million



Senate Appropriations Committee on Higher Education

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Summary – SPB 2500
Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Summary

Total Appropriations: \$9 billion [\$6.8 billion GR; \$2.2 billion TF]

Total Funding - Including Local Revenues: \$11.9 billion [\$9 billion state/federal funds; \$2.9 billion local funds]

Vocational Rehabilitation

Total: \$267.6 million [\$60.1 million GR; \$207.5 million TF]

Blind Services

Total: \$82.5 million [\$25.7 million GR; \$56.8 million TF]

- Vending Stands Equipment/Supplies Increase - \$2.3 million TF

Private Colleges

Total: \$191.5 million GR

- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) – \$31.8 million
- Effective Access to Student Education (EASE) - \$136.9 million

Student Financial Aid

Total: \$1.14 billion [\$332.4 million GR; \$809.5 million TF]

- Bright Futures - \$705.2 million
 - Workload increase - \$67.5 million
- Benacquisto Scholarship Program - \$35.1 million
 - Workload decrease - (\$2.9 million)
- Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans - \$35.5 million
 - Workload increase - \$6.4 million
- Florida First Responder Scholarship Program - \$10 million
- Rural Incentive for Professional Education Program - \$7 million
- Open Door Grant Program - \$35 million
- Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Scholarship - \$2 million

School District Workforce

Total: \$837.5 million [\$499.9 million GR; \$287.5 million TF; \$50.1 million tuition/fees]

- Workforce Development - \$489.3 million
 - Workload increase - \$25.5 million
- Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program for apprenticeships - \$20 million

- PIPELINE Nursing Incentive Funds - \$20 million
- Workforce Capitalization Incentive Grants - \$80.7 million
- Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Program - \$3 million
- No tuition increase

Florida College System

Total: \$2.6 billion [\$1.6 billion GR; \$239.7 million TF; \$784.1 million tuition/fees]

- CAPE Incentive Funds for students who earn Industry Certifications - \$20 million
- College System Program Fund - \$1.75 billion
 - Workload increase - \$90 million
- PIPELINE Nursing Incentive Funds- \$40 million
- Postsecondary Guardian Program - \$4.2 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: \$6.8 billion [\$4.1 billion GR; \$617.6 million TF; \$2.1 billion tuition/fees]

- Lastinger Center for Learning at University of Florida - \$50.2 million
 - Restore nonrecurring funds for the New Worlds Tutoring Program - \$16 million
- PIPELINE Nursing Incentive Funds- \$40 million
- Metric Based Performance Funding - \$350 million
- Postsecondary Guardian Program - \$1.8 million
- Preeminent State Research Universities - \$100 million
- Community School Grant Program - \$26.2 million
 - Workload increase - \$6.1 million
- Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program for Students with Unique Abilities - \$21.2 million
 - Workload increase - \$8.7 million
- Florida Center for Nursing at University of South Florida - \$37 million, which includes:
 - Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund - \$30 million
 - Funding to support center operations including new responsibilities for LINE Fund administration - \$7 million
- Florida Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment at University of Florida - \$12 million
 - Workload increase - \$2 million
- Moffitt Cancer Center - \$23.6 million
 - Workload increase - \$3 million
- University of Florida – IFAS - \$211.5 million
 - Workload increase - \$6.3 million
- No required tuition increase

Board of Governors

Total: \$12.6 million [\$11.1 million GR; \$1.5 million TF]



Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

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Summary – SPB 2500
Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Summary

Total Budget: \$49.1 billion [\$19.2 billion GR; \$29.9 billion TF]; 30,596 positions

Major Issues

Agency for Health Care Administration

Total: \$38.0 billion [\$13.5 billion GR; \$24.5 billion TF]; 1,563.50 positions

- Fully Fund Florida's Medicaid and KidCare Programs
- Florida Healthy Kids Combined-Risk Model Premium Stabilization - \$27.8 million
- Rural Health Transformation Program - \$209.9 million; 14 positions
- Medicaid Provider Rate Increases - \$128.4 million
 - Critical Access Hospitals - \$18.0 million
 - Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics - \$22.7 million
 - Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Program (SIPP) Redesign - \$15.0 million
 - Orthotic and Prosthetic Durable Medical Equipment - \$3.0 million
 - Medicaid Organ Transplant - \$1.7 million
 - Nursing Home Quality Incentive Program - \$68.0 million
- PACE Expansion - \$4.4 million
- Enhanced Provider Network Audits - \$10.8 million
- Prescription Drug Direct Purchasing - \$4.0 million
- Medicaid Nursing Facility Clinical Integration Pilot - \$3.0 million
- Florida Health Care Connections (FX) - \$30.0 million

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Total: \$1.3 billion [\$1.2 billion GR; \$0.1 billion TF]; 2,709 positions

- Workforce Development and Support for iBudget Service Providers - \$45.3 million
- iBudget Provider Rate Increase - \$10 million
- Fund Shift TF Salaries to GR for Developmental Disability Centers - \$27.5 million
- Operating Cost Increases for Resident Services at Forensic Facilities - \$0.7 million
- Information Technology - \$6.8 million
- Fixed Capital Outlay for People with Developmental Disabilities - \$5.6 million

Department of Children and Families

Total: \$4.8 billion [\$3.0 billion GR; \$1.8 billion TF]; 12,496 positions

- Support Core Child Welfare Programs - \$118.4 million
 - Mitigate Title IV- E Earnings Shortfall - \$62.6 million
 - Foster Care Room and Board Rate Increase - \$12.6 million
 - Foster and Family Support Grant Program - \$5.0 million
 - Adoption Assistance Subsidies - \$24.9 million
 - Extended Foster Care - \$8.9 million
 - Step Into Success Program Statewide Expansion - \$3.4 million, 9 positions
 - Foster Parent and Guardian ad Litem Recruitment Campaign - \$1 million
- Domestic Violence Services - \$9.9 million
- SNAP Food Assistance Program - \$38.0 million
- Eligibility Determination for Public Benefit Programs - \$24.8 million
- State Mental Health Treatment Facilities Forensic Bed Expansion and Patient Safety Improvements - \$51.2 million
- Community-Based Mental Health and Substance Use Prevention - \$22.6 million
 - Central Receiving Facilities - \$10.4 million
 - 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline - \$9.6 million
 - Child Grief Support Services - \$2.6 million
- Opioid Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Efforts from Opioid Settlement Funds - \$169.5 million
- Florida System and Child Welfare Information System Modernization - \$54.8 million
- Fixed Capital Outlay for State Mental Health Treatment Facilities - \$6.3 million

Department of Elder Affairs

Total: \$498.4 million [\$267 million GR; \$231.4 million TF]; 425 positions

- Alzheimer's Disease Initiative - Frail Elders Waiting for Services - \$3 million
- Serve Additional Clients in the Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) and Home Care for the Elderly (HCE) Programs - \$7.5 million
- Increased Resources for the Office of Public Guardians - \$4.4 million
- Comprehensive Assessment and Review for Long-Term Services Staff Wage Increases - \$0.4 million
- Information Technology Projects - \$4.1 million

Department of Health

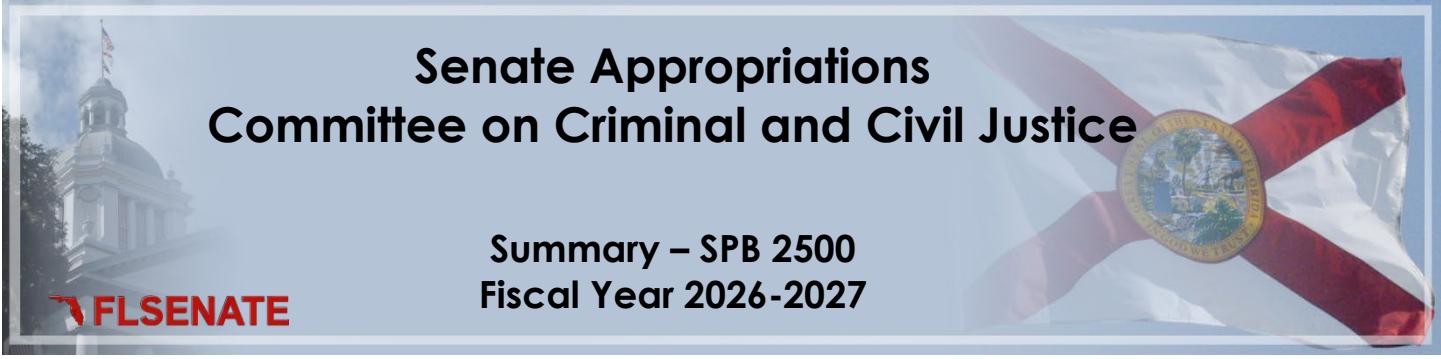
Total: \$4.1 billion [\$1.0 billion GR; \$3.1 billion TF]; 11,882 positions

- Florida Cancer Innovation Fund - \$10 million
- Bascom Palmer Eye Institute VisionGen Initiative - \$6 million
- Increased Funding for the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection - \$4.2 million
- AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) - \$118.3 million
- Routine Screening Expansion for HIV, Hepatitis, and Syphilis - \$2.9 million
- Food and Product Safety Testing Initiative - \$2 million
- Doula Support for Healthy Births Pilot Program - \$0.7 million
- Neurofibromatosis Disease Grant Program - \$5 million
- Information Technology - \$15.6 million
- Fixed Capital Outlay for State and County Health Department Facilities - \$24.3 million

Department of Veterans Affairs

Total: \$236.6 million [\$58.1 million GR; \$178.5 million TF]; 1,520 positions

- Veterans Dental Care Grant Program - \$0.5 million
- Florida is for Veterans' Occupational License Reciprocity - \$1.4 million
- Increase Base Budget for Long-Term Care Management - \$2 million
- IT Staffing increase - \$1 million; 9 positions
- Information Technology \$1.5 million
- Fixed Capital Outlay for State Veterans' Nursing Homes - \$4.3 million



Senate Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice

Summary – SPB 2500 Fiscal Year 2026-2027

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Summary

Total Budget: \$7.9 billion [\$6.8 billion GR; \$1.1 billion TF]; 45,682 positions

Major Issues

- Criminal Justice Estimating Conference Prison Population Increase - \$48.7 million, 291 positions
- DOC FCO - Additional Dorms - \$52.0 million
- DOC Health Services Contract - \$60.2 million
- DJJ Residential Medical Services Increased Costs - \$5.4 million
- DJJ FCO Maintenance and Repair - \$15.0 million
- FDLE Office of Wellness Expansion - \$5.0 million; 16 positions
- FDLE Law Enforcement Apprenticeship Program - \$7.5 million
- Certification of Additional Judgeships - \$11.9 million; 59 positions

Department of Corrections

Total: \$4.0 billion [\$3.9 billion GR; \$79.1 million TF]; 23,729 positions

- Health Services Contract - \$60.2 million
- Criminal Justice Estimating Conference Prison Population Increase - \$48.7 million; 291 positions
- Food Service Contract - \$18.3 million
- Health Services Drug Costs - \$13.0 million
- Technology Restoration Plan - \$10.2 million
- Inflationary Adjustments for Operations - \$5.8 million
- Certified Officers Public Safety Initiative (Communications) - \$3.3 million
- FCO - Additional Dorms - \$52.0 million

Florida Commission on Offender Review

Total: \$18.2 million [\$18.2 million GR; \$0 million TF]; 164 positions

- IT Services - \$1.8 million

Department of Juvenile Justice

Total: \$771.6 million [\$602.5 million GR; \$169.1 million TF]; 3,229.5 positions

- Residential Medical Services Increased Costs - \$5.4 million
- Detention Uniforms – Staff and Youth - \$1.3 million
- FCO Maintenance and Repair - \$15 million

Attorney General/ Legal Affairs

Total: \$348.2 million [\$106.5 million GR; \$241.6 million TF]; 1,275.5 positions

- Increased Operating Costs- \$1.0 million
- Recurring IT Costs - \$3.8 million

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Total: \$524.0 million [\$330.1 million GR; \$193.9 million TF]; 2,038 positions

- Office of Wellness Expansion - \$5.0 million; 16 positions
- Fort Myers Regional Operations Center Facility - \$4.4 million
- Law Enforcement Apprenticeship Program - \$7.5 million
- State Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication (SAFE) in Florida Program - \$15.0 million
- Alcohol Testing Program Transition to New Breath Test Instrumentation - \$3.3 million
- Missing and Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse Technology Upgrade - \$2.4 million

Justice Administration

Total: \$1.4 billion [\$1.2 billion GR; \$255 million TF]; 10,451 positions

- Jury Management Funding - \$4.8 million
- Reimbursement for Statutorily Required Duties - \$5.5 million
- Increased Due Process Funds for State Attorneys – \$2.5 million
- Increased Due Process Funds for Public Defenders - \$575,000

State Court System

Total: \$826.4 million [\$699.0 million GR; \$127.4 million TF]; 4,795 positions

- Certification of Additional Judgeships - \$11.9 million; 59 positions
- Trial Court Case Management Technology – \$2.7 million; 4 positions
- Case Processing Support - \$2.3 million; 24 positions
- FCO - Maintenance and Repair - \$1.5 million



Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

Summary - SPB 2500
Fiscal Year 2026-2027

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Summary

Total Budget: \$16.8 billion [\$845 million GR; \$15.9 billion TF]

Department of Commerce

Major Issues

- Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus - \$20 million GR
- Reemployment Assistance Operations and Maintenance - \$521,901 GR
- Fixed Capital Outlay Projects - Maintenance and Repair - \$1.2 million GR
- Fixed Capital Outlay Projects - Grants and Aid Space, Defense, Rural Infrastructure – \$45 million GR
- Florida Job Growth Grant Fund - \$50 million GR
- Economic Development Toolkit - \$22.5 million (\$4 million GR and \$18.5 TF)
- Florida Housing Finance Corporation - Housing Programs
 - Florida Hometown Heroes House Program - \$75 million GR & \$25 million GR back of bill appropriation
 - SAIL and other state level affordable housing programs - \$220.77 million (\$150 million GR & \$70.77 million TF)
 - SHIP - \$184.5 million non-recurring (\$18.8 million GR and \$165.7 TF)
- Utility Relocation Reimbursement Grant Program - \$150,000 GR & \$50 million TF current year back of bill appropriation
- Rural Workforce Programs - \$5 million GR
- Rural Renaissance Related Issues - \$46.2 million & 17 FTE (\$45.5 million GR & \$750,000 TF)

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Major Issues

- Automated External Defibrillators - \$4.2 million TF
- Replacement of Pursuit Vehicles - \$7.5 million TF
- Information Technology Needs
 - Enterprise Data Infrastructure - \$3.1 million TF
 - Security and Fraud Prevention - \$2.5 million TF
 - Application Cloud Environment - \$2.3 million TF
 - Field Office Equipment Refresh – \$2.1 million TF
- Additional License Plates Purchase - \$2.1 million TF

Department of Military Affairs

Major Issues

- National Guard College Tuition Assistance Program - \$2.0 million GR & \$1.5 million GR current year back of bill appropriation
- Increase Operating Expenses at Armories - \$1.4 million GR
- Armory Maintenance and Repair Statewide - \$4.5 million GR (matched by federal government)
- Camp Blanding Upgrade to Level II Mobilization Force - \$10 million GR
- Florida State Guard – 32.0 FTE and \$33.9 million
 - 32 FTE, \$4.6 million GR
 - Operating Expenses - \$22.6 million GR
 - Training and Recruitment - \$5.8 million GR

Department of State

Major Issues

- Elections Issues
 - Voting System Automated Independent Audit Program - \$4.5 million GR
 - Voter Assistance Hotline - \$800,000
 - Reimbursement to Counties for Special Elections - \$2.5 million GR
 - Advertising Proposed Constitutional Amendments - \$1.5 million GR
- Abandoned and Historic Cemeteries - \$446,010 GR
- Florida African American Heritage Preservation Network - \$800,000 GR, 1 FTE
- Mission San Luis Conservation Facility - \$5.5 million GR
- Division of Corporation Call Center Services - \$2.7 million GR
- Cultural Grants and Local Initiatives - \$35.4 million GR
- Cultural Facilities - \$5.1 million GR
- Libraries - \$6 million GR

Department of Transportation

Major Issues

- Transportation Work Program - \$12.56 billion TF (2nd year of the FY 2027-31 Adopted Work Program)
- Replacement of Equipment – \$10.8 million TF
- PALM Readiness - \$9.2 million TF
- Data Infrastructure Modernization - \$5.3 million TF
- Increased Support for Transportation Disadvantaged - \$10 million TF
- Fixed Capital Outlay Projects –
 - Code Corrections -\$15 million TF
 - Support Facilities - \$23 million TF
 - Environmental Projects - \$485,000 TF

Division of Emergency Management (Executive Office of the Governor)

Major Issues

- Open Federally Declared Disasters
 - Funding to Communities - Revert and reappropriate and Implementing Bill language to allow budget amendments
 - State Operations - Revert and reappropriate and Implementing Bill language to allow budget amendments
- WebEOC Initiative - \$500,000 GR
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Swift Current Program - \$71.75 million TF current year back of bill appropriation
- Alert and Notification System - \$2.1 million GR



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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: \$2.7 billion [\$529.2 million GR; \$406.3 million LATF; \$1.8 billion TF]; 3,845.25 positions

- Farmers Feeding Florida - \$60.0 million GR
- Replacement/Acquisition of Motor Vehicles - \$6.6 million TF
- Oyster Restoration - \$4.0 million GR
- Rural and Family Lands Protection Easements - \$300 million GR
- Emergency Wildfire Management - \$65.0 million GR
- Fire Suppression Equipment - \$20.0 million GR
- Forestry Road and Bridges - \$11.4 million LATF
- Maintenance, Repair, and Construction - \$7.5 million
- Reforestation Program - \$4.0 million LATF
- Citrus Greening Research/Citrus Health Response Program - \$208.9 million [\$200.0 million GR; \$8.9 million TF]
- Fuel Transfer Switch Modernization - \$10.0 million GR
- Land Management - \$10.0 million TF
- IT Issues - \$6.6 million GR
- Florida PALM Readiness - \$3.2 million GR
- Mollusk Survey Program - \$1.6 million TF
- Increase Operating Costs - \$4.5 million TF
- Marine Debris Program - \$1.0 million TF
- Future Farmers of America - \$1.0 million GR
- Office of Energy Programs - \$22.1 million TF

Department of Citrus

Total: \$39.6 million [\$17.7 million GR; \$21.9 million TF]; 28 positions

- Increase Advertising Campaigns - \$5.0 million GR
- Citrus Recovery Program - \$2.0 million GR

Department of Environmental Protection

Total: \$2.32 billion [\$722.1 million GR; \$1.5 billion TF]; 3,124 positions

- Everglades Restoration - \$738.6 million [\$264.1 million GR; \$479.5 million LATF]
 - Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) EAA - \$365 million
 - CEPP North - \$70.4 million
 - CEPP South - \$15 million
 - Western Everglades Restoration Project - \$58.6 million
 - Northern Everglades Restoration - \$74.6 million
 - Lower Kissimmee Basin Stormwater Treatment Area - \$100 million
 - Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project - \$50 million
 - Dispersed Water Storage - \$5 million
- Land Management - \$16.9 million LATF
 - WMD Land Management - \$6.9 million
 - DEP Land Management - \$10 million
- Water Quality Improvements - \$501.4 million
 - Wastewater Grant Program - \$125 million TF
 - Areas of Critical State Concern - \$25 million GR
 - Alternative Water Supply - \$50 million GR
 - Innovative Technologies - \$10 million GR
 - C-51 Reservoir - \$75 million [\$44.5 million GR; \$30.5 million TF]
 - Water First North Florida - \$20 million GR
 - SJRWMD Taylor Creek Reservoir Water Supply Project - \$25 million GR
 - NFWFMD Doctors Lake Nutrient Removal - \$5 million GR
 - Water Projects - \$151.9 million GR
 - Non-Point Source Planning Grants - \$14.5 million [\$5 million GR; \$9.5 million TF]
- Land Acquisition - \$50 million GR
- Working Waterfronts Program - \$2 million TF
- Water Quality Data Analytics - \$4 million TF
- Red Tide Management - \$5 million GR
- Petroleum Tanks Cleanup Program - \$40 million
- Hazardous Waste and Dry Clean Site Cleanup - \$26.0 million TF
- Wastewater and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Program – \$569.2 million [\$53.2 million GR; \$516 million TF]
- Small County Solid Waste Management Grants - \$3 million TF
- Small County Wastewater Treatment Grants - \$8 million TF
- Reef Protection Tire Abatement - \$7 million TF
- Land and Water Conservation Grants - \$15 million TF
- Recreational Trails Program - \$3 million TF
- Deepwater Horizon Grants - \$22.4 million TF
- State Parks Maintenance and Repairs - \$25 million TF
- Beach Projects - \$64.1 million LATF
- Resilient Florida Planning Grants and Projects - \$120 million TF
- Vehicle and Vessels - \$4 million
- Federal Drinking Water Emerging Contaminant Funding - \$28.4 million TF
- Federal Wastewater Emerging Contaminant Funding - \$7.6 million TF

Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Total: \$575.5 million [\$164.7 million GR; \$410.9 million TF]; 2,159 positions

- Law Enforcement – \$8 million GR

- Vehicles and Vessels - \$4 million GR
- Equipment and Expenses - \$4 million GR
- Increased Rate – 2 million
- Derelict Vessel Removal - \$5 million [\$2.6 million GR; \$2.4 million TF]
- Nuisance Wildlife Control - \$2 million GR
- Boating Infrastructure Improvements - \$8 million TF
- Enhanced Marine Fish Management - \$3.4 million [\$0.7 million GR; \$2.8 million TF]
- Blackwater Hatchery Renovation - \$3 million LATF
- Land Management, Invasive Plant Control and Habitat Restoration – \$19.5 million [\$15.3 million GR; \$4.2 million TF]
- Wildlife Restoration Grant Projects - \$5 million TF
- Shooting Sports Facilities - \$8.0 million FGTF
- Oyster Restoration and Monitoring - \$15 million GR
- Expanded Statewide Artificial Reef Program – \$5.6 million (\$5.3 million GR; \$0.3 million TF)

Department of Business & Professional Regulation

Total: \$304 million [\$6.8 million GR; \$297.3 million TF]; 1,647 positions

- Customer Experience Modernization System - \$1.3 million TF
- Florida PALM Readiness - \$0.5 million TF
- Replacement/Acquisition of Motor Vehicles – \$0.4 million TF

Florida Gaming Control Commission

Total: \$40.5 million TF; 209 positions

- Licensing and Enforcement System - \$4.5 million TF
- Gaming Enforcement Staffing - 13 FTE; \$3.3 million TF

Department of Financial Services

Total: \$610.8 million [\$41.2 million GR; \$569.5 million TF]; 2,648.50 positions

- PALM (FLAIR Replacement) – 8 FTE; \$43.1 million TF
- Information Technology Upgrades, Systems and Contract Increases - \$6.0 million TF
- Law Enforcement, Fire Marshal and Disaster Response Training, Vehicles and, Technology Upgrades and Equipment – 7 FTE; \$5.8 million TF
- Additional Staffing to Protect Consumers and Promote Market Stability – 19 FTE; \$2.4 million TF
- Implementation of HB 999 – Legal Tender – 5 FTE; \$.7 million TF
- Veteran / First Responder Electroencephalogram Pilot Program - \$10 million GR
- Workload Issues within Securities Industry Registration and Examination – 10 FTEs; \$1.4 million TF
- Local Government Fire and Firefighter Services - \$52.5 million [\$32.9 million GR; \$19.6 million TF]
- Fund Shift General Revenue to Trust Fund - \$32.7 million from GR to TF

Department of the Lottery

Total: \$241.7 million TF; 448 positions

- Increase in Technology, Contracted Services, Special Categories and Expenses – 5 FTE; \$1.5 million TF

- Increase to Instant Ticket Purchase Appropriation - \$1.4 million TF
- Increase to Gaming System Contract - \$2.3 million TF
- Additional Sales Representatives and Spanish Copywriter/Proofreader – 6.0 FTE; \$.8 million TF

Department of Management Services

Total Budget: \$799 million [\$147.7 million GR; \$651.3 million TF]; 1,013.5 positions

- Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) Issues - \$0.5 million TF
- FFP Fixed Capital Outlay - \$70.9 million [\$62.7 million GR; \$8.2 million TF]
- FFP Specific Maintenance and Repairs Issues - \$3 million GR
- Non-FRS Pension Benefits - \$0.6 million GR
- Florida PALM Readiness - \$3.4 million [\$2.6 million GR; \$0.8 million TF]
- People First Resources for College System Integration - \$1.5 million GR
- Emergency 911 Public Safety Answering Points Upgrade - \$2.8 million GR
- SUNCOM Services Increase - \$17.4 million TF
- E-Rate State Match Program – \$1.3 million GR
- Cybersecurity Issues - \$3.9 million [\$2 million GR; \$1.9 million TF]
- Public Employee Relations Commission Staffing and Resources - 2 FTE; \$0.8 million TF

Division of Administrative Hearings

Total Budget: \$40.5 million TF; 234 positions

Public Service Commission

Total: \$32.2 million TF; 264 positions

- Reduction in Positions – 4 FTEs, \$.2 million TF

Department of Revenue

Total: \$878.2 million [\$373.7 million GR; \$504.5 million TF]; 4,826.25 positions

- Fiscally Constrained Counties - \$75.2 million GR
- Suntax Transition to SAP S/4 - \$37.3 million [\$32.3 million GR; \$5.0 million TF]
- Operating Costs Increase - \$2.9 million [\$1.0 million GR; \$1.9 million TF]
- Child Support Program Increases – 10 FTE; 0.4 million in Rate