Session Week March 7th - 14th , 2022

Dear Constituent and Friend,

After convening for an extra day to vote on the state budget the 2022 legislative session ended on Monday, March 14th. The budget is just over $112 billion including approximately $4 billion in federal funding. The Governor can now sign the budget, veto the budget or veto individual line items.

Taking care of home!
Over $12,000,000 in the budget for final approval, including funding for veterans services for women and men, community health care, minority maternity care pilot program, Alzheimer's disease awareness, at-risk focused youth initiatives, historical buildings and more.

Senate Bill (SB)1010-Uterine Fibroid presentation in committee

Notable allocations currently included in the state budget:

- Minimum wage increase to $15 per hour for certain state or state funded professions (e.g. temporary state employees, nursing home workers, direct care employees of Medicaid providers etc.)
- Salary bump for state law enforcement officers/troopers, state firefighters, teachers, assistant state attorneys and public defenders among others
- More for school safety officers and school safety initiatives, mental health assistance to help school address youth mental health issues and statewide comprehensive reading instruction
- More for Alzheimer's Disease respite care
- Sales tax holidays return

View the 2022-2023 budget here:
https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022/5001/Amendment/447649/PDF

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2011 "Swearing-in" in the Florida Senate

If you have questions or comments on bills or budget items, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

As always, it is an Honor and a Pleasure to serve you in the Florida Senate!

Sincerely,

Audrey Gibson
State Senator
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