

# **Arrington's Articles**

March 10th - 14th

Hello

Another successful week in Tallahassee has passed and our team remains focused and driven. This week, we've not only maintained momentum but have also made significant progress on some of our key initiatives, laying the foundation for continued success in the weeks ahead.

Equally important has been our ongoing work with advocacy groups. We've had several productive discussions that have helped guide our decisions on key issues. Whether it's working with environmental groups to address sustainability efforts, meeting with educators to discuss school funding, or partnering with healthcare advocates to push for better services, these collaborations are central to the success of our legislative agenda.

Sincerely,

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Senator Kristen Arrington and the SD 25 team

## **Legislative Updates**

Here is a deeper look into a few bills Senator Arrington heard and voted on in committees this week.

<u>SB 676</u>: **Minimum Wage Requirements** by Senator Martin This bill would allow people working in apprenticeships, internships or work-study programs to opt out of the minimum wage

requirement.

Senator Arrington voted **no** on this bill. It will now move onto Governmental Oversight and Accountability.

**SB 184**: **Affordable Housing** by Senator Gaetz

This bill would require local government to adopt an ordinance to allow accessory dwelling units.

Senator Arrington voted <u>yes</u> on this bill. It will now move onto Rules.

## **Bill Spotlight**

Our bills continue to move through their committee stops! Below is more information about the committee's votes and where our bills are headed to next. Every step brings us one step closer to achieving the changes we are working for.

#### **SB 280:** Candidate Qualification

Passed Judiciary unanimously. Now in Rules.

#### **SB 336:** Educational Dollars for Duty Program

Passed Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security unanimously. Now in Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development.

## **Visitor Highlights**



The SD25 team had a great time connecting with a representative of the Orange County Library System. We learned more about the services they provide and how we can best support these valuable resources. It was insightful to hear about their legislative priorities, and we look forward to continuing our support for Orange County Libraries.

Senator Arrington is a staunch advocate for our frontline workers and was thrilled to receive a visit from the Florida Professional Firefighters. Our office is always going to support the incredible men and women that commit themselves to serving our community. We enjoyed discussing ways our office can support beneficial legislation and better advocate for our firefighters!



## **District Updates**



The SD25 team enjoyed the Community Connect luncheon. This monthly event allows community organizations and local government communicators in Osceola County to connect with one another.

## **Women's History Month**



Photograph of Sila María Calderón.

Today celebrate we the remarkable legacy of Sila María Calderón, the first woman to serve as the Governor of Puerto groundbreaking Rico. Her election in 2000 marked a historic milestone in Puerto Rican politics, as she not only shattered gender barriers but also became a powerful voice for social justice and equality. Her legacy continues to inspire future generations of leaders both in Puerto Rico and abroad.

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