

The Arrington Articles

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Hello

This week should be our last week of Legislative Session.... However, we are at an impasse between the House and the Senate on the budget. Us legislators will go home for the weekend, but we will be called back to finish the people's business and pass the State budget before the deadline of July 1st. I am thrilled to share that our bill, CS/HB 479, Leaving the Scene of an Accident was signed into law by the Governor this week!

Stay tuned for our final legislative recap at the conclusion of sessionwhere we'll provide a comprehensive overview of the key legislation passed, funding approved for local projects, and the critical work our team and partners have accomplished throughout the session.

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Legislative Updates



Senator Arrington debated against and voted No on <u>SB 1804</u> and the expansion of capital punishment in Florida. This bill raises serious constitutional concerns and highlights the deeply flawed nature of our state's death penalty system. Justice must be fair, reliable, and fiscally responsible. SB 1804 fails on all counts!

Bill Spotlight



Senator Arrington presented an important amendment to <u>CS/HB</u> <u>255 Aggravated Animal Cruelty</u>. This amendment would require the Department of Law Enforcement to create a publicly searchable database listing individuals who have violated specific animal cruelty laws. This tool will empower rescue organizations and pet adopters to ensure animals are not placed in the hands of abusers.

Staff Highlights

As the legislative session comes to a close, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible session intern and OPS legislative aide. Over the past few weeks, they've been an essential part of our team, researching policy, supporting committees, tracking legislation, and getting a firsthand look at the legislative process in action. Thank you for your hard work this session!







Mariapaz Moreno, OPS Legislative Aide

District Updates



Senator Arrington had the privilege of attending the Orlando Puerto Rican Day Parade, a vibrant celebration of Puerto Rican culture, history, and community. The event was a joyful display of pride and tradition, filled with music, dancing, and powerful moments of unity.

Jewish American Heritage

Senator Arrington is thrilled to co-sponsor <u>SB_356</u>, which would mark **January 27th** as **National Holocaust Remembrance Day** each year. This date marks the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp in 1945 and serves as a solemn reminder of the atrocities committed during the Holocaust. This legislation has cleared both chambers of the legislature and is now waiting to be signed by the Governor.

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It is an honor to serve as your voice in Tallahassee. Thank you for the privilege of representing Central Florida. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office — we are here to help.

Senator Kristen Arrington











