



The Arrington Articles

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Hello

It's hard to believe we're already six weeks into the legislative session. This week, the Senate released and voted to advance its proposed budget, setting the stage for conference negotiations with the House.

Our office also had the pleasure of welcoming more than a dozen constituent groups. I participated in three committee meetings, and I'm proud to share that two of our bills passed their committees unanimously—one of which is now ready to be heard on the Senate floor!

Below, in our bill spotlight you will find a recap of the legislation we've been working on and the progress it's made so far in the legislative process.

Sincerely,

Senator Kristen Arrington and the SD25 team

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Legislative Updates



Senator Arrington spoke with the Florida Channel this week to highlight some of her appropriations projects and bills along with some insight into the difference between our two legislative chambers.

Bill Spotlight

Our team wanted to highlight all the movement our bills are going through.

SB 218 - Tax Exemption for Disabled Ex-servicemembers
Now in Finance and Tax.

SB 280 Candidate Qualification
Passed the Senate unanimously.

SB 274 - Transportation Facility Designations/Harris Rosen Way and Geraldine Thompson Way

SB 1152 Specialty License Plates/Florida Wildflower
Now in Appropriations Committee on Transportation,

Passed the Senate unanimously.

SB 336 Educational Dollars for Duty Program

Now in Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development.

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SB 1378 Leaving the Scene of a Crash Involving Only Damage to Vehicle or Property

On calendar for floor vote.

SB 1732 Criminal Justice

Now in Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice.

Visitor Highlights



Representatives from UCF Student Government visited us to discuss key issues affecting students and the future of education in Florida. It's great to see our current students actively engaging in important conversations and advocating for positive change!

UCF alumni, joined by Knightro, met with Senator Arrington this week. They enjoyed discussing ways to foster innovation, and create

new opportunities for future generations of UCF students. Senator Arrington expressed her enthusiasm for the alumni's dedication to giving back to the community and their commitment to shaping the future of higher education.



District Updates



This week, the SD25 team had the opportunity to visit the Ronald McDonald House Charities and learn about their vital work supporting families with critically ill children. It was an inspiring experience to see how the nonprofit provides comfort and care during some of the most challenging times.

Animal Cruelty Month



April is prevention of cruelty to animals month and we wanted to highlight the legislation Senator Arrington has filed and co-sponsored to address this issue.

- **SB 1732 Criminal Justice** by Senator Arrington

- This bill will create penalties for adults who entice or force a minor to commit, or in the presence of a minor, an act of animal cruelty. Acts of animal cruelty include fighting or baiting animals and sexual activities involving animals.
- **SB 150 Abandoning Restrained Dogs During Natural Disasters** by Senator Gaetz; co-sponsor Senator Arrington
 - This bill will create penalties for anyone who leaves an animal restrained during a natural disaster.
- **SB 494 Aggravated Animal Cruelty** By Senator Leek; co-sponsor Senator Arrington
 - This bill will create a registry of individuals who committed certain acts of animal cruelty.
- **SB 502 Animal Cruelty Offenses** By Senator Leek; co-sponsor Senate Arrington
 - This bill would change some of the legal definitions of what a domestic animal is.

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