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The Arrington Articles

Session Recap

Hello

As of May 2nd, we officially reached Day 60 of the 2025 Legislative Session, but the work isn't over yet. With legislative leadership still finalizing the state's budget framework, lawmakers will need to return to Tallahassee to complete and vote on the budget for the 2025–2026 fiscal year.

The 60-day mark signals that all legislative bills that were not passed by the end of session have died and will no longer be heard, except for a few designated for special consideration this year. Below is a recap on how some of our bills moved along with insight into some of our budget requests. We will be keeping you up to date on all things budget, so stay tuned!

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Bill Updates

We had **two bills** fully pass the House and Senate and **one resolution** adopted. CS/SB 1378 was signed into law this past

week!

- **SB 274 Transportation Facility Designations/Harris Rosen Way and Geraldine Thompson Way**
- **CS/SB 1378 Leaving the Scene of a Crash Involving Only Damage to Vehicle or Property**
- **SR 1890 Bob Graham Day**

We had two bills pass through all their committee stops and the Senate floor, but they did not have any movement in the House.

- **SB 280 Candidate Qualification**
- **SB 1152 Specialty License Plates/Florida Wildflower**

We had three bills that passed through some of their committees, but ultimately did not have any further movement.

- **SB 218 Tax Exemption for Disabled Ex-Servicemembers**
- **SB 336 Educational Dollars for Duty Program**
- **SB 1732 Criminal Justice**

While we had several promising bills fail to reach the finish line this year, our team is working diligently to workshop these bills for future sessions.

Budget Requests

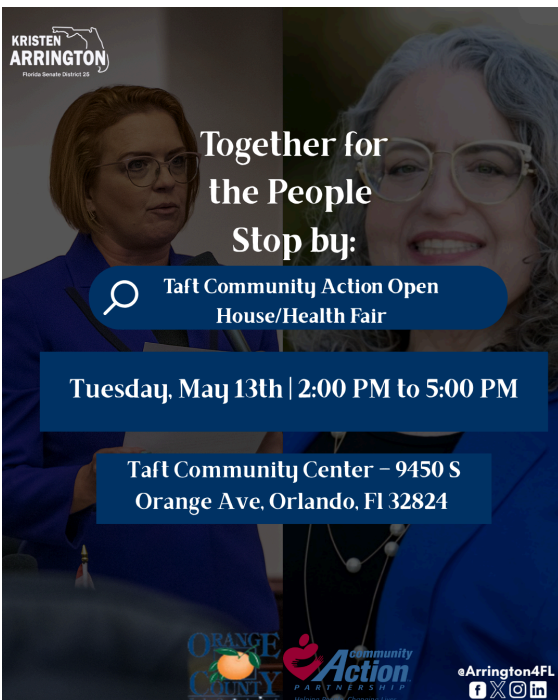
Although the budget is still being finalized, we're excited to highlight a few key projects—especially one that has already received full funding in both the House and Senate budgets!

\$500,000 for **Came to Believe Recovery Addiction Recovery Pilot Program**

The projects below are currently in **both** versions of the budget, but are funded at differing amounts. With the budget process still ongoing, their funding amount is subject to change.

- **Storm Water Improvements** for Kissimmee and St. Cloud
- **Road Improvements** for Columbia Avenue
- **Funding for Community Engagement** in Kissimmee
- **Funding for Hopkins Park Community Center** in St. Cloud
- **Funding for The Transition House** for homeless veterans assistance
- **Research Funding** for the Indian River Lagoon and human trafficking prevention

District Updates



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Together for the People
Stop by:

Taft Community Action Open House/Health Fair

Tuesday, May 13th | 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Taft Community Center - 9450 S Orange Ave, Orlando, FL 32824

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Our team is excited to partner with Representative Rita Harris to table at the **Taft Community Action Open House and Health Fair on Tuesday May 13th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm!** Please make sure to stop by to learn more about the services we provide and to share your thoughts on legislation.

AAPI Month

As we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, we recognize the extraordinary contributions of individuals who shaped Florida's history. This week we are excited to highlight Lue Gim Gong, a Chinese-American horticulturist whose innovations transformed the citrus industry.



He was awarded a Silver Wilder Medal for his work in developing a sweet frost-resistant orange strain. This strain is still sold today as Valencia Oranges!

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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

