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MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
From: Senator Hooper, Chair
Subject: Amendment Deadlines and Policies for the Wednesday, April 2, 2025, Meeting of the Appropriations Committee
Date: March 27, 2025

On Friday, March 28, 2025, the Appropriations Committee will notice its meeting for Wednesday, April 2, 2025, to consider the General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (SPB 2500), the Appropriations Implementing Bill (SPB 2502), additional bills related to the state's budget, and other bills.

Also on Friday, March 28, 2025, the bills relating to the state's budget will be available electronically on the Senate's website, www.flsenate.gov, including the Appropriations webpage, www.flsenate.gov/Session/Appropriations.

THE DEADLINE FOR FILING AMENDMENTS TO ANY BILL ON THE AGENDA IS 1:00 P.M., MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025. (SUITE 201, THE CAPITOL)

THE DEADLINE FOR FILING AMENDMENTS TO AMENDMENTS AND SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENTS TO ANY BILL ON THE AGENDA IS 1:00 P.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025. (SUITE 201, THE CAPITOL)

All amendments to the General Appropriations Bill must be balanced. For an amendment to be balanced, the Senator must identify, within the same committee, the specific appropriation line item number, the specific source of funding (general revenue or trust fund) within the line item, and the amount to be taken to fund the amendment.

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To ensure your amendments are technically correct, please contact the professional staff in the Appropriations committees for assistance in drafting your amendments to SPB 2500, the General Appropriations Bill, and SPB 2502, the Appropriations Implementing Bill. All amendments you request the Appropriations committee staff to prepare for SPBs 2500 and 2502 must be approved by you or your staff before barcoding. Upon barcoding, the amendments **WILL BE FILED FOR YOU**, unless you request otherwise.

For all other bills on the agenda, requests to draft amendments **should be submitted to Bill Drafting** (Suite 310, The Capitol). These amendments will not be filed for you. They must be in final barcoded form when filed with the Appropriations Committee by you or your staff.

MEETING AMENDMENT DEADLINES and POLICIES for bills
to be heard at the APRIL 2, 2025, Appropriations Committee Meeting

Friday, March 28, 2025	<p>The Appropriations Committee will notice its meeting for Wednesday, April 2, to consider the General Appropriations Bill (SPB 2500), the Implementing Bill (SPB 2502), additional bills relating to the state’s budget, and other bills.</p> <p>Also on March 28, the bills relating to the state’s budget will be available electronically on the Senate’s website, www.flsenate.gov, including the Appropriations webpage, www.flsenate.gov/Session/Appropriations.</p>
Monday, March 31, 2025 by 1:00 p.m.	<p>Amendments to SPB 2500 and SPB 2502 must be submitted for preparation and filing to the appropriate Appropriations committee staff (Suite 201, The Capitol).</p> <p>Amendments to all bills other than the General Appropriations and Implementing bills must be submitted to Bill Drafting for preparation and be in final barcoded form when filed with the Appropriations Committee.</p>
Tuesday, April 1, 2025 by 1:00 p.m.	<p>Amendments to amendments and substitute amendments to SPB 2500 and SPB 2502 must be submitted for preparation and filing to the appropriate Appropriations committee staff (Suite 201, The Capitol).</p> <p>Amendments to amendments and substitute amendments to all bills other than the General Appropriations and Implementing bills must be submitted to Bill Drafting for preparation and be in final barcoded form when filed with the Appropriations Committee.</p>
Wednesday, April 2, 2025	<p>SPB 2500, SPB 2502, additional bills relating to the state’s budget, and other bills will be considered in the noticed Appropriations Committee meeting.</p>

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All amendments you request the professional staff of the Appropriations committees to prepare for SPB 2500, the General Appropriations Bill, and SPB 2502, the Implementing Bill, must be approved by you or your staff prior to barcoding. Upon barcoding, the amendments **WILL BE FILED FOR YOU**, unless you request otherwise.

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