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MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
From: Senator Hooper, Chair
Subject: Amendment Deadlines and Policies for Senate Bill 2500 (General Appropriations Bill) and Senate Bill 2502 (Implementing Bill)
Date: April 3, 2025

The General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, SB 2500, as Introduced, and the Appropriations Implementing Bill, SB 2502, as Introduced, and other bills relating to the state's budget, will be published electronically on the Senate's website, www.flsenate.gov, including the Appropriations webpage, www.flsenate.gov/Session/Appropriations, on Thursday, April 3, 2025.

SB 2500 and SB 2502 will be placed on the Special Order Calendar as soon as possible to be considered by the Senate on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

THE DEADLINE FOR FILING AMENDMENTS TO SB 2500 AND SB 2502 IS 1:00 P.M., MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025. (SUITE 201, THE CAPITOL)

THE DEADLINE FOR FILING AMENDMENTS TO AMENDMENTS AND SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENTS TO SB 2500 AND SB 2502 IS 1:00 P.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 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 SB 2500, the General Appropriations Bill, and SB 2502, the Implementing Bill. All amendments you request the Appropriations committee staff to prepare for SBs 2500 and 2502 must be approved by you or your staff before barcoding. Upon barcoding, the amendments **WILL BE FILED FOR YOU BY THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF**, unless you request otherwise.

For all other bills on the Special Order Calendar, the amendment deadline will be governed by Senate Rule 7.1, as usual. The amendments must be in final barcoded form when filed with the Secretary of the Senate by you or your staff.

2025 PROCEDURES for APPROPRIATIONS AND IMPLEMENTING BILLS
 FLOOR AMENDMENT DEADLINES for APRIL 9, 2025, SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR

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Monday, April 7, 2025 by 1:00 p.m.	Amendments to SB 2500 and SB 2502 must be submitted for preparation and filing to the appropriate Appropriations committee staff (Suite 201, The Capitol). Amendments to SB 2500 must be balanced.
Tuesday, April 8, 2025 by 1:00 p.m.	Amendments to amendments and substitute amendments to SB 2500 and SB 2502 must be submitted for preparation and filing to the appropriate Appropriations committee staff (Suite 201, The Capitol). Amendments to SB 2500 must be balanced.
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