

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 572, 1st Eng.
INTRODUCER: Governmental Oversight and Accountability and Senator Harrell
SUBJECT: Ethics for Public Officers and Employees
DATE: March 10, 2026

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – 187567 (body)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – 187567 revises the section that creates an exception to the nepotism prohibitions for public officials under the Code of Ethics. Specifically, the amendment removes the provision that would allow a public official serving on a board, council, commission or collegial body from advocating for the appointment, employment, promotion, or advancement of a relative who is an elected public official serving on the same board, council, commission, or collegial body to a leadership position.