



**THE FLORIDA SENATE**  
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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Senators  
**From:** Senator Tom Lee, Chair  
**Subject:** Amendment Deadlines for Senate Bill 2500 (General Appropriations Bill) and Senate Bill 2502 (Implementing Bill)  
**Date:** February 2, 2016

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The General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, Senate Bill 2500, as Introduced, and the Appropriations Implementing Bill, Senate Bill 2502, as Introduced, and other bills relating to the state's budget, will be available electronically on the Senate's website, [www.flsenate.gov](http://www.flsenate.gov), including the Appropriations webpage, [www.flsenate.gov/Session/Appropriations](http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Appropriations), by Thursday evening, February 4.

Senate Bill 2500 and Senate Bill 2502 will be placed on the Special Order Calendar as soon as possible to be considered by the Senate on Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

**THE DEADLINE FOR FILING AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 2500 AND SENATE BILL 2502 IS 1:30 P.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016. (ROOM 201 CAPITOL)**

**THE DEADLINE FOR FILING AMENDMENTS TO AMENDMENTS AND SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 2500 AND SENATE BILL 2502 IS 1:30 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016. (ROOM 201 CAPITOL)**

The amendment deadline for all other bills, including the conforming bills for the budget, on the Special Order Calendar will be governed by Senate Rule 7.1, as usual.

**All amendments to the General Appropriations Bill must be balanced. For an amendment to be balanced, the Senator must identify, within the same subcommittee, the specific**

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**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.**

Please contact the professional staff in the Appropriations committees for assistance in drafting your amendments to Senate Bill 2500 and Senate Bill 2502, to ensure your amendments are technically correct. All amendments you request staff to prepare for Senate Bill 2500, the General Appropriations Bill, and Senate Bill 2502, the Implementing Bill, **WILL BE FILED FOR YOU**, unless you request otherwise.

Amendments to all other bills on the Special Order Calendar must be in final form and barcoded and should be filed with the Secretary of the Senate by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, pursuant to Rule 7.1.

2016 PROCEDURES for APPROPRIATIONS, IMPLEMENTING, AND CONFORMING BILLS  
FLOOR AMENDMENT DEADLINES for FEBRUARY 10, 2016, SPECIAL ORDER  
CALENDAR

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| Thursday, February 4, 2016                | The General Appropriations Bill (SB 2500), the Implementing Bill (SB 2502), and other bills relating to the state's budget will be available electronically on the Senate's website, <a href="http://www.flsenate.gov">www.flsenate.gov</a> , including the Appropriations webpage, <a href="http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Appropriations">www.flsenate.gov/Session/Appropriations</a> , by Thursday evening, February 4. |
| Monday, February 8, 2016<br>by 1:30 p.m.  | Amendments to SB 2500 and SB 2502 must be submitted for preparation and filing to the appropriate Appropriations Committee staff (room 201 Capitol).<br><br>Amendments to SB 2500 must be balanced.   |
| Tuesday, February 9, 2016<br>by 1:30 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 (room 201 Capitol).<br><br>Amendments to SB 2500 must be balanced.   |
| Wednesday, February 10, 2016              | SB 2500 and SB 2502 will be on the Special Order Calendar for consideration by the Senate.  |

The amendment deadline for all other bills, including the conforming bills for the budget, on the Special Order Calendar will be governed by Rule 7.1, as usual.

**Please remember that all amendments to the General Appropriations Bill must be balanced. For an amendment to be balanced, the Senator must identify, within the same subcommittee, 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 your amendment.**

All amendments you request staff of the Appropriations committees to prepare for Senate Bill 2500, the General Appropriations Bill, or Senate Bill 2502, the Implementing Bill, **WILL BE FILED FOR YOU**, unless you request otherwise.

Amendments to all bills other than Senate Bill 2500 and Senate Bill 2502 on the Special Order Calendar must be in final form and barcoded and should be filed with the Secretary of the Senate by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, pursuant to Rule 7.1.