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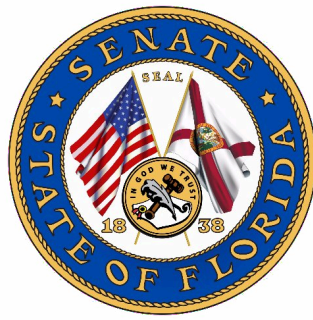
2023 Legislative Preview

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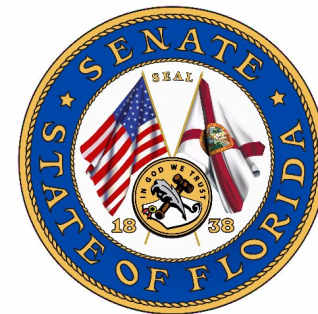
Florida Governor





Florida Senate

- 40 members
 - Republicans - 28
 - Democrats - 12
- Elected for four (4) years
- Term limited to eight (8) years
- Can extend to ten (10) years due to reapportionment years



Senate Leadership Offices



Senate President
Kathleen Passidomo (R)
District 28
Collier, Hendry counties
and part of Lee County



Senate President pro
tempore
Dennis Baxley (R)
District 13
Lake County and part of
Orange County



Majority Leader
Ben Albritton (R)
District 27
Charlotte, DeSoto,
Hardee counties and
parts of Lee, Polk
counties



Minority Leader
Lauren Book (D)
District 35
Part of Broward county



Florida House of Representatives

- 120 members
 - Republicans - 84
 - Democrats - 35
 - 1 seat pending special election (District 24, part of Marion County)
- Elected for two (2) year terms
- Term limited to eight (8) years



House Leadership Offices



Speaker of the House
Paul Renner (R)
District 19
Flagler County and part
of St. Johns County



House Speaker pro tempore
Chuck Clemons (R)
District 22
Gilchrist, Levy and part
of Alachua counties



House Majority Leader
Mike Grant (R)
District 75
Parts of Charlotte,
Sarasota



House Minority Leader
First Last (D)
District
Part of Broward county



Budget information

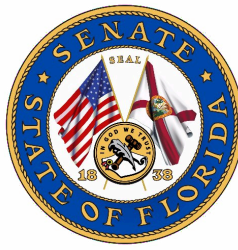
- Been titled the Framework for Freedom budget
 - Almost \$115B; almost a \$4B increase over current year
 - More than \$15B in total reserves
 - \$1B for a new state reserve fund, the State Investment Fund
 - Almost \$7B in unallocated general revenue
 - \$2B in tax cuts; 4 permanent tax cuts and more than 10 temporary tax cuts
 - \$1.1B for Everglades restoration and water quality issues
 - \$1B for salary increases for teachers and other instructional personnel
 - \$695M for the State Pay Package
 - \$402M to fully fund the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Funds
 - \$150M to boost Florida's cybersecurity

Bills filed so far



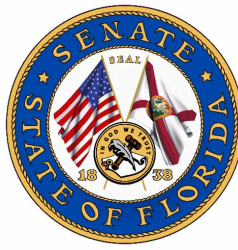
- Senate - 515
- House - 511
- It seems that only about 10% of filed bills pass





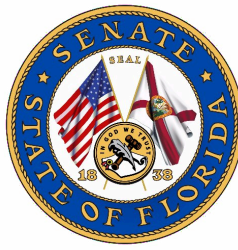
Proposed industry bills

- **SB 798 / HB 975: Solid Waste Management** (identical)
- **Bill Summary**
 - Prohibiting municipalities and counties from prohibiting or unreasonably restraining private entities from providing recycling or solid waste management services to certain properties
 - Authorizing municipalities and counties to require such private entities to obtain permits, licenses, or nonexclusive franchise equivalents that meet certain requirements
 - Providing requirements for contracts or franchises in place as of a specified date, etc.



Proposed industry bills

- **SB 506: Comprehensive Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan** (no companion bill yet)
- **Bill Summary**
 - Requires the FDEP to develop a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling plan for the state
 - Convene a technical assistance group for a specific purpose
 - The group's composition was not outlined in the initial bill.



Proposed industry bills

- **SB 498: Preemption of Recyclable and Polystyrene Materials** (no companion bill yet)
- **Bill Summary**
 - Removes the preemption of local laws regarding the regulation of auxiliary containers, wrappings, or disposable plastic bags



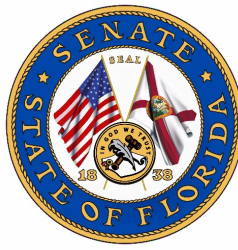
Proposed industry bills

- **SB 336 / HB 363: Regulation of Single Use Plastics** (identical)
- **Bill Summary**
 - Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to submit updated retail bag reports with conclusions and recommendations to the Legislature by specified dates
 - Defining the term “coastal community”
 - Authorizing coastal communities to establish pilot programs to regulate single-use plastic products, etc.



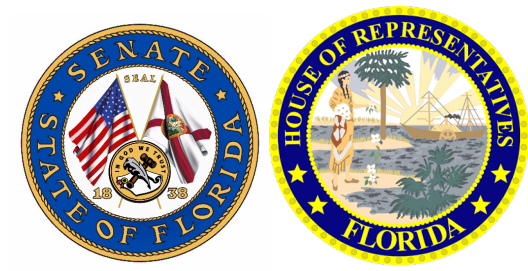
Proposed industry bills

- **SB 1030 / HB 691: Recycling of Covered Electronic Devices** (identical)
- **Bill Summary**
 - Establishes statewide Covered Electronic Device Recovery Program within DEP
 - Requires counties to submit specified plan for disposal of covered electronic devices by specified date
 - Requires owners or operators of certain facilities to begin disposing of such facilities' covered electronic devices in permitted reclamation facility beginning on specified date
 - Prohibits any person from disposing of covered electronic devices except at permitted reclamation facility beginning on specified dates
 - "Covered electronic device" means a computer, portable computer, computer monitor, or television, whether it has a cathode ray tube or flat panel based on any technology, with a screen size greater than 4 inches measured diagonally.



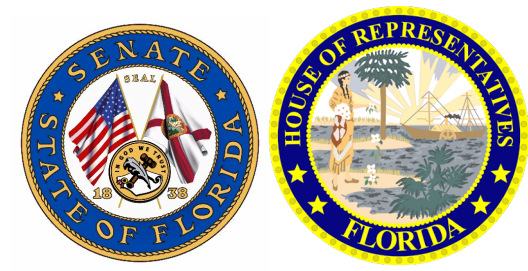
Proposed industry bills

- SB 32: Florida Statutes
- Bill Summary
 - ...improving the clarity of the statutes and facilitating their correct interpretation, etc.
 - Very slightly edits the definition of “Municipal solid waste-to-energy facility”



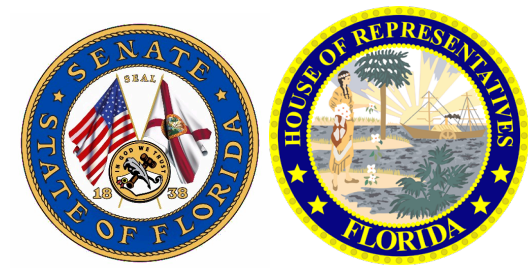
Energy Bills

- **SB 970 / HB 957 State Renewable Energy Goals** (identical)
- **SB 178 / HB 195 Upgrades to Education Facilities as Emergency Shelters** (identical)
- **SB 284: Energy** (no companion bill yet)
- **SB 680 / HB 293: Energy Transition Task Force** (similar)
- **HB 821: Renewable Energy Cost Recovery** (no companion bill yet)



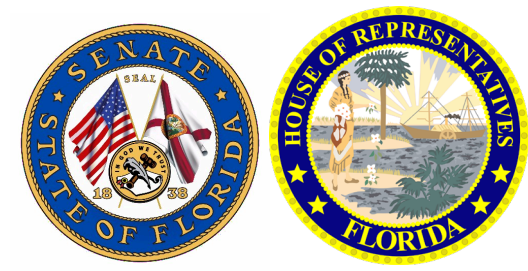
Proposed government bills

- **CS/SB 108: Trees and Vegetation Within the Rights-of-way of Certain Roads and Rail Corridors**
- **Bill Summary**
 - Providing that the prohibition against the removal, cutting, marring, defacing, or destruction of trees or other vegetation in certain rights-of-way does not apply if the Department of Transportation suspends such prohibition pursuant to a declared state of emergency
 - Requiring the department to publish informational guidelines regarding the removal of debris from certain emergencies, etc.
- **HB 55: Trees and Other Vegetation within Rights-of-way**
- **Bill Summary**
 - Authorizes DOT to suspend prohibition against removal or cutting of trees or other vegetation in response to state of emergency declared by Governor
 - Requires DOT to adopt guidelines relating to removal or cutting of trees or other vegetation for purpose of clearing debris generated during declared state of emergency.



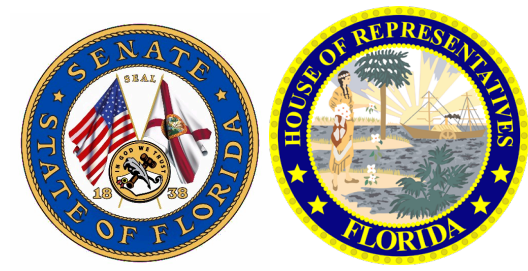
Proposed government bills

- **CS/HB 401: Sovereign Immunity** (compare)
- **Bill Summary**
 - Revises statutory limits on liability for tort claims against state & its agencies & subdivisions
 - Revises requirements for government entity to settle claim or judgment
 - Revises timeframe within which appropriate agency must make final disposition of claim after it is filed to prevent claim from being deemed denied
 - Revises exceptions relating to instituting actions on claims against state or one of its agencies or subdivisions & to statute of limitations for such claims.
- **SB 604: Sovereign Immunity** (compare)
- **Bill Summary**
 - Increasing the statutory limits on liability for tort claims against the state and its agencies and subdivisions
 - Prohibiting an insurance policy from conditioning payment of benefits on the enactment of a claim bill
 - Specifying that the limitations in effect on the date a final judgment is entered apply to that claim
 - Requiring the Department of Financial Services to adjust the limitations on tort liability every year after a specified date, etc.



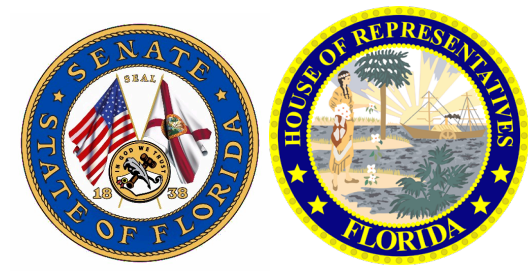
Proposed government bills

- **SB 350: Alternative Mobility Funding Systems** (similar)
- **HB 235: Alternative Mobility Funding Systems** (similar)
 - Revises requirements related to agreements to pay for or construct certain improvements
 - Authorizing certain local governments to adopt an alternative mobility planning and fee system or, in certain circumstances, an alternative system;
 - Authorizes local governments to adopt alternative mobility planning & fee system
 - Prohibits alternative system from imposing responsibility for funding existing transportation deficiency upon new development
 - Revises requirements for calculation of impact fees
 - Removes ability of local government, school district, or special district to increase impact fees in certain instances
- **SB 882: Local Government Infrastructure Surtax / HB 885: Authorized Use of Discretionary Sales Surtaxes** (identical)
 - Providing that proceeds of the surtax may be used to maintain infrastructure
 - Providing that surtax proceeds and any interest may be used for the operational expenses of infrastructure
 - Revising the definition of the term “infrastructure”, etc.



Food Waste Bills

- **SB 674 / HB 399: Food Recovery**
 - Directs DACS to implement pilot program to provide incentives to Florida agricultural companies to sell fresh food products to food recovery entities
 - Authorizes food recovery entities to negotiate purchase price & reimburse agricultural companies for certain costs
- **HB 739 Disposal of Food Waste Materials**
 - Directs DEP to conduct study on disposal of food waste materials & submit report to Legislature



Property Exemption Bills

- **SJR 122 / HJR 469: Revised Limitations on Increases of Homestead Property Tax Assessments** (identical)
 - CS/SB 120: Homestead Assessments (linked to SJR)
 - HB 471: Homestead Assessments (linked to HJR)
- **SJR 126 / HJR 159: Homestead Tax Exemption for Certain Senior, Low-income, Long-term Residents**
 - CS/SB 124: Homestead Exemptions for Persons Age 65 and Older (linked to SJR)
 - CS/HB 161: Homestead Exemptions for Persons Age 65 and Older (linked to HJR)
- **SB 184 / HB 101: Homestead Exemptions for First Responders** (identical)
- **SB 672 / HB 717: Homestead Tax Exemptions** (identical)
- **SB 820: Homestead Tax Exemption for Totally and Permanently Disabled Persons** (no companion bill yet)



Proposed industry bills

- **HB 675: Specialty License Plates**
- **Bill Summary**
 - Directs DHSMV to develop Recycle Florida license plate (& Florida Association of Realtors plate)
 - Annual use of fees to be distributed to Recycle Florida Today

How to research or follow bills

- Florida House
 - MyFloridaHouse.gov; “Bill” at top of page / “Tracking” tab
- Florida Senate
 - FLSenate.gov; “Go to Bill” at top of page / “Tracker” tab
- Watch Committee Meetings live on The Florida Channel
 - thefloridachannel.org

How to research or follow bills

- Florida League of Cities
 - FloridaLeagueOfCities.com; “Advocacy”
- Florida Association of Counties
 - fl-counties.com; “Advocacy”
- Watch Committee Meetings live on The Florida Channel
 - thefloridachannel.org

How to research or follow bills

- National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA)
 - WasteRecycling.org; “Advocacy”
- Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA)
 - SWANA.org; “Advocacy” (Member)
- Watch Committee Meetings live on The Florida Channel
 - thefloridachannel.org

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