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# Legislative Update

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# Florida's Budget Proposals

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A state budget is the only bill the Florida Constitution requires lawmakers to approve!

## Governor

- Proposed \$114.4B budget

## Senate (SB 2500)

- Proposed \$115.9B budget

## House (HB 5001)

- Proposed \$115.5B budget

Agreement must be reached by March 5 to meet the 72-hour “cooling off” period required by the constitution before they can vote to end session by the last day - March 8.

# 2024 Bills



- 1,886 Bills and Proposed Committee Bills (PCBs) filed
  - 957 in the Senate
  - 929 in the House
- 2023 - 1,828
- 2022 - 3,685
- 2021 - 3,096
- 2020 - 3,518
- 2019 - 3,493
- 2018 - 3,193
- 2017 - 3,052
- 2016 - 1,815



# 2024 Legislative Session

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- ❖ February 27, 2024

- ✓ 50th day - Last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings (Senate Rule 2.9(2))

- ❖ March 8, 2024

- ✓ 60th day - Last day of Regular Session (Article III, section 3(d), State Constitution)

- ❖ Many Subcommittees are no longer meeting. So, if bills were referenced in those subcommittees, they may be in trouble.

- ❖ No bills are officially dead

# Industry Bills - MOVING

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## SB 36 / HB 455 Comprehensive Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan (identical)

- Requires DEP to develop comprehensive waste reduction & recycling plan by specified date, convene technical assistance group, & submit report to Legislature.
  - SB (Sen Stewart) passed its first of three committees
  - HB (Rep Casello) passed its three committees; passed the House floor; sent to the Senate Fiscal Policy Committee for consideration (2/16)

# Industry Bills - MOVING



## CS/SB 858 / CS/HB 911 Specialty License Plates/Recycle Florida and Boating Capital of the World (similar)

- Directs the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop Recycle Florida and Boating Capital of the World license plates
  - SB (Sen Jones) passed its first of three committees with an amendment; passed its second committee; now in its third (Fiscal Policy) committee (2/13)
  - HB (Rep Skidmore) passed its first of two committees with an amendment (1/25)
  
- All specialty license plate bills were amended together
  - CS/CS/SB 434 by Sen Harrell (2/15); placed on Second Reading Calendar (2/19)
  - CS/CS/HB 403 by Rep Chaney (2/15); added to Special Order Calendar (2/21)

# Industry Bills - MOVING

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## CS/CS/HB 769 Assessment of Renewable Energy Source Devices (no Senate companion)

- Revises the definition of term “renewable energy source device.”
  - HB (Rep Bankson) passed two of its three committees and was amended each time
- Was included in the draft of HB 7073 Taxation when it was filed 2/15
  - HB (Ways & Means Committee; Rep McClain)

# Industry Bills - MOVING

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## CS/SB 480 / CS/HB 683 Energy Infrastructure Investment

(similar)

- Authorizes the Public Service Commission to establish an experimental mechanism that meets certain requirements to facilitate certain energy infrastructure investment in gas
- Provides requirements for gas infrastructure investments
  - SB (Sen DiCeglie) passed all of its committees; was placed on Special Order Calendar (2/21)
  - HB (Rep Yeager) passed its first committee with an amendment (1/26); second subcommittee reference was removed (1/31); in its third committee (Commerce)



# Industry Bills - MOVING



## CS/SB 1126/ CS/HB 1641 Regulation of Auxiliary Containers

(identical)

- Defines the term “auxiliary container”
- Deletes obsolete provisions requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to review and update a specified report
- Expressly preempts the regulation of auxiliary containers to the state, etc.
  - SB (Sen Martin) passed its first committee with an amendment; was temporarily postponed in its second committee stop (2/06)
  - HB (Rep Yeager) passed its first committees with an amendment; was removed from its second committee reference; another second committee reference was added; was temporarily postponed by the sponsor in its second committee stop (2/14)



# Industry Bills - MOVING

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## PFAS / Contaminants of Emerging Concern / Wastewater Pretreatment

- CS/SB 1692 Preventing Contaminants of Emerging Concern from Discharging Into Wastewater Facilities and Waters of the State / HB 1665 Preventing Contaminants from Discharging into Wastewater Facilities and Waters of the State (started out as identical but now are similar)
- SB 1546 / HB 1533 Statewide Drinking Water Standards (identical)
- CS/SB 1386 / CS/CS/HB 1557 Department of Environmental Protection (started out as identical but now are similar)



# Industry Bills - MOVING

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## CS/CS/CS/SB 340 / CS/CS/CS/HB 275 Offenses Involving Critical Infrastructure (identical)

- Provides criminal penalties for improperly tampering with critical infrastructure resulting in specified monetary damage or cost to restore
- Provides for civil liability upon conviction for such violations
- Provides criminal penalties for trespass upon critical infrastructure
- Provides criminal penalties for unauthorized access to or tampering with specified electronic devices or networks of critical infrastructure
  - SB (Sen Yarborough) passed all three committees with amendments; placed on Second Reading Calendar (2/16)
  - HB (Rep Canady) passed all three committees with amendments; added to Special Order Calendar (2/21)

# Bills - MOVING

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## CS/SB 742 / CS/HB 705 Public Works Projects (compare)

- Revises the definition of the term “public works project” to include activities paid for with local funds
- Revises applicability of a provision that prohibits the state or a political subdivision that contracts for a public works project from taking certain actions
  - SB (Sen Grall) passed its first committee with an amendment; passed its second committee; on its third committee (Rules) agenda (2/21)
  - HB (Rep Alvarez) passed its first of two committees with an amendment; passed its second committee; added to Second Reading Calendar (1/30)

# Bills - MOVING

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## CS/CS/SB 656 / CS/CS/CS/HB 149 Continuing Contracts (identical)

- Revises the maximum estimated construction cost of construction projects for which a governmental entity may enter into a continuing contract
- Revising the definition of the term “continuing contract” to increase the maximum dollar value of such contract, to require the department, beginning on a specified date and annually thereafter, to adjust the maximum dollar value allowed under such contracts using a specified index, and to publish the new dollar value on its website
  - SB (Sen DiCeglie) passed its two committee with amendments; on its third committee (Fiscal Policy) agenda (2/22)
  - HB (Rep Alvarez) passed all three committees with amendments; added to Second Reading Calendar (2/16)

# Bills - MOVING

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## CS/SB 472 / CS/CS/HB 569 Suits Against the Government (similar)

- Abolishes the common-law doctrine of home venue privilege with respect to action against the state
- Increases the statutory limits on liability for tort claims against the state and its agencies and subdivisions (\$200,000->\$400,000 claim; \$300,000->\$600,000 incident)
- Prohibits a party from lobbying against any agreed upon settlement brought to the Legislature as a claim bill
- Requires the Department of Financial Services to adjust the limitations on tort liability every 5 years after a specified date, etc.
  - SB (Sen Brodeur) passed its first committee with an amendment; on second committee (Appropriations) agenda (2/22)
  - HB (Rep McFarland) passed its first two of three committees with an amendments; proposed committee substitute added to third (Judiciary) committee agenda and it was not heard. (2/14). Judiciary does have more than 40 bills to consider and there is only one more meeting.

# Industry Bills - NOT MOVING

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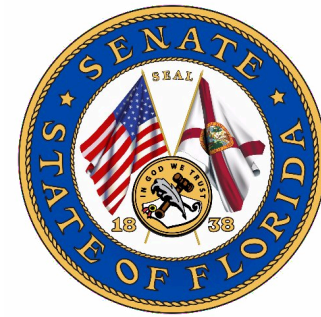
## SB 498 Preemption of Recyclable and Polystyrene Materials

(no House companion)

- Removes the preemption of local laws regarding the regulation of auxiliary containers, wrappings, or disposable plastic bags
- Removes the preemption of local laws regarding the use or sale of polystyrene products to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, etc.
  - SB (Sen Stewart)

# Industry Bills - NOT MOVING

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## SB 698 Regulation of Single-use Plastic Products (no House companion)

- Requires the Department of Environmental Protection to submit updated retail bag reports with conclusions and recommendations to the Legislature by specified dates
- Defines the term “coastal community”
- Authorizes coastal communities to establish pilot programs to regulate single-use plastic products, etc.
  - SB (Sen Rodriguez)



# Industry Bills - NOT MOVING



## SB 144 / HB 193 State Renewable Energy Goals (similar)

- Revises the definitions of the terms “biomass” and “renewable energy”
- Prohibits the drilling or exploration for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products in certain locations
- Provides legislative intent that all electricity used in this state be generated by renewable energy by a specified date
- Creates the Renewable Energy Workforce Development Advisory Committee in the Office of Energy, etc.
  - SB (Sen Berman)
  - HB (Rep Eskamani)



# Industry Bills - NOT MOVING

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## HB 905 Beverage Container Deposits (no Senate companion)

- Requires consumers & dealers to pay deposit fees for specified beverage containers
  - 10 cents for containers of 6 fluid ounces to less than 25 fluid ounces
  - 15 cents for containers of 25 fluid ounces to less than 1 gallon
- Provides for redemption of beverage containers & refund of deposit fees
- Authorizes DEP to conduct certain audits
- Requires notice & provides civil penalties
- Prohibits local governments from imposing fees for same or similar purpose.
  - HB (Reps Woodson and Basabe)

# Industry Bills - NOT MOVING

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## SB 880 Safe Collection of Medical Sharps (no House companion)

- Defines the term “medical sharps”
- Requires the Department of Health, in partnership with the Department of Environmental Protection, to conduct a study of the safe collection and proper disposal of at-home medical sharps
- Authorizes the departments to work or contract with municipalities and private entities that apply to participate in the study, etc.
- APPROPRIATION: \$200,000
  - SB (Sen Stewart)

# Industry Bills - NOT MOVING

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## SB 1606 / HB 1631 Municipal Solid Waste-to-Energy Program (identical)

- Revises the state agency responsible for administering the Municipal Solid Waste-to-Energy Program
- Revises the requirements necessary for municipal solid waste-to-energy facilities to be eligible to receive financial assistance and incentive grant funding
  - SB (Sen Torres)
  - HB (Rep Campbell)

# Industry Bills - NOT MOVING

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## SB 1630 Climate Resilience / HB 1531 Climate Resilience and Drinking Water Standards (compare)

- SB creates a Blue Communities Program and the Carbon Sequestration Advisor Council
  - SB (Sen Torres)
- HB creates a Blue Communities Program; requires FDEP or local DOH to monitor for levels of forever chemicals in certain water systems
  - HB (Rep Campbell)

# Industry Bills - NOT MOVING

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## SB 1630 / HB 1531 Construction Materials Mining Activities

(identical)

- Specifies a ground vibration limit for construction materials mining activities within 1 mile of certain areas
- Authorizes the State Fire Marshal to modify the standards, limits and regulations for the use of explosives in connection with such construction materials mining activities
  - SB (Sen Avila)
  - HB (Rep Fabricio)

# How to research or follow bills

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- Florida Senate
  - [FLSenate.gov](https://www.flsenate.gov); “Go to Bill” at top of page / “Tracker” tab
- Florida House
  - [MyFloridaHouse.gov](https://www.myfloridahouse.gov); “Bill” at top of page / “Tracking” tab
- Watch State Committee Meetings live on The Florida Channel
  - [TheFloridaChannel.org](https://www.thefloridachannel.org)
- Federal Bills
  - [GovTrack.us](https://www.govtrack.us); search by bill number or name, topic, legislator

# How to research or follow bills

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- Florida League of Cities
  - [FloridaLeagueOfCities.com](https://www.floridaleagueofcities.com); “Advocacy”
- Florida Association of Counties
  - [fl-counties.com](https://www.fl-counties.com); “Advocacy”
- Watch Committee Meetings live on The Florida Channel
  - [TheFloridaChannel.org](https://www.thefloridachannel.org)



# How to research or follow bills

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

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