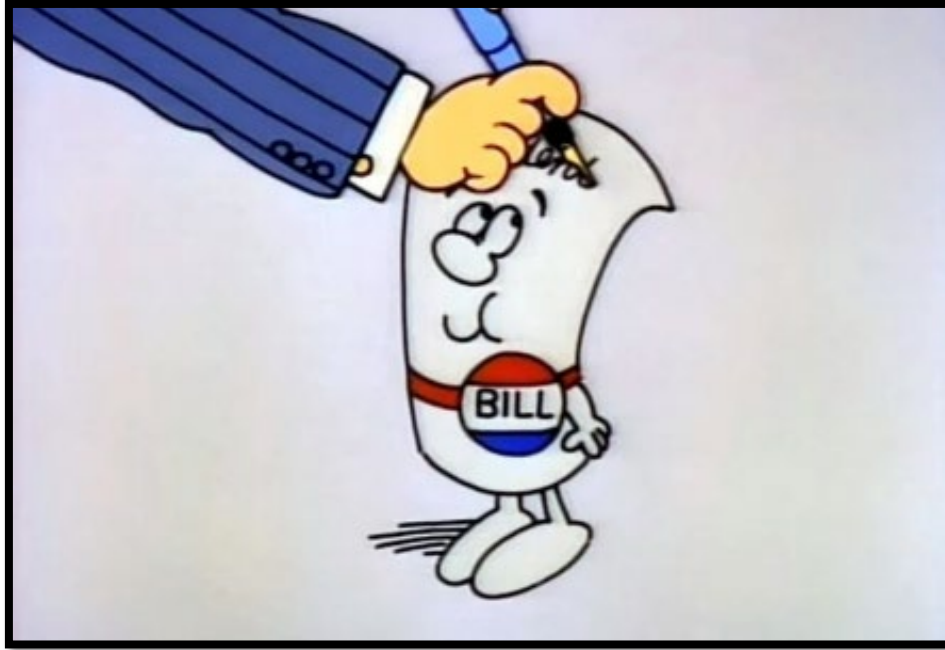




2026 Legislative Wrap Up

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Budget information

- It took a 2-week special session for the legislature to do the one job they are required to do during session (June 29)
 - \$117.6B, more than the current budget (\$115.1B)
 - \$1.7B in Vetoes (<https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/28368141/budget-transmittal-letter-6-29-2026searchable.pdf>)
 - \$810M in direct line-item spending
 - \$750M the Legislature wanted to transfer into the state's rainy-day fund that would fund a proposed constitutional amendment that passed last year that would increase the mandated cap on the budget stabilization fund
 - Includes
 - \$30B for K-12 schools
 - \$14.4B for transportation to construct and maintain Florida's transportation network
 - \$665M for Everglades restoration
 - \$175M for the citrus industry
 - \$150M early payoff of debt
 - \$20M for arts and cultural grants
 - Tax relief (holidays) package, which includes back to school, which will be a month; hurricane windows and doors; and hunting, fishing and camping, firearms and tennis tickets

Bills/PCSs/PCBs filed

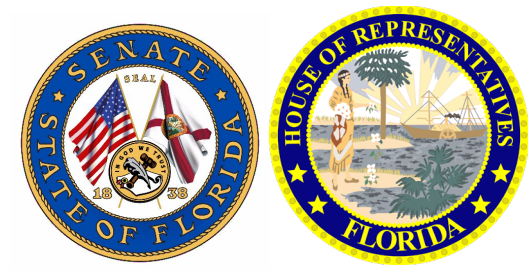


- 1,897 Bills, Proposed Committee Substitutes, and Proposed Committee Bills filed
 - 942 Senate / 955 House / 237 Passed
- Prior years comparison
 - 2025 - 1,959 / 269 passed
 - 2024 - 1,902 / 325 passed
 - 2023 - 1,828 / 356 passed
 - 2022 - 3,685 / 285 passed
 - 2021 - 3,096 / 275 passed
 - 2020 - 3,518 / 210 passed
 - 2019 - 3,493 / 197 passed
 - 2018 - 3,193 / 200 passed
 - 2017 - 3,052 / 249 passed
 - 2016 - 1,815 / 279 passed

<http://leg.state.fl.us/data/session/2025/citator/daily/stats.pdf>

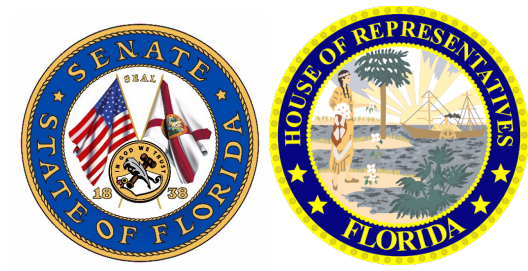
- [Acronyms...](#)





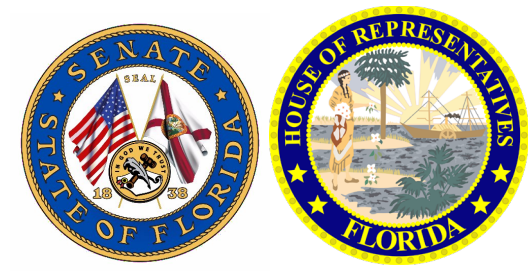
Vetoed by Governor

- **CS/HB 1245: Biosolids Management** by State Affairs Committee; Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Shoaf
 - Companion bill - **CS/CS/CS/SB 1294: Biosolids Management** by Bradley
- What it would have done, at a minimum:
 - Land application of bulk Class AA biosolids fertilizer and biosolids compost products may not exceed the appropriate agronomic rate.
 - Land application of bulk Class AA biosolids fertilizer and biosolids compost products at or below the agronomic rate must be managed so that beneficial reuse, rather than biosolids disposal.
 - The department shall initiate rulemaking no later than November 1, 2026, to amend rule 62-640, Florida Administrative Code, to implement the provisions of this section relating to the bulk distribution and marketing of Class AA biosolids, including provisions addressing recordkeeping at the time Class AA biosolids are distributed or marketed in bulk.
- **Read the veto letter on p 4 of 4**
 - "The bill creates unnecessary regulations related to the use of Class AA biosolids and includes vendor-specific provisions requiring enrollment in fee-based accreditation programs created by an industry trade association, rather than through existing state regulatory mechanisms.
 - Further, the bill subjects landowners to onerous recordkeeping requirements for irrelevant information to the matter at hand, which would undoubtedly be used to file dubious legal actions.
 - My Administration's commitment to improving water quality is clear, and while portions of the bill may support that goal, those can be achieved through the existing oversight of both the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Department of Environmental Protection. For these reasons, I withhold my approval of (HB 1245) and do hereby veto the same."



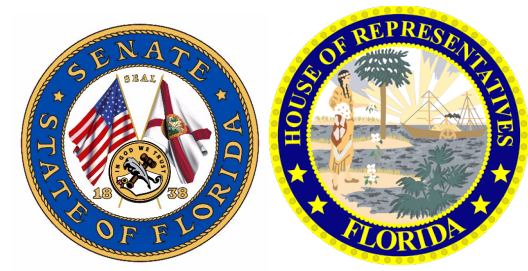
Vetoed by Governor

- **HB 145: Suits Against the Government** by McFarland
 - Companion bill **CS/SB 1366: Claims Against the Government** by Brodeur; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Rouson
- What it would have done, at a minimum:
 - Increased claims limits from \$200,000 per person and \$300,000 per incident to \$350,000 per person and \$500,000 per incident.
- **Read the veto letter** on p 1 of 4
 - “HB 145 imposes new costs on taxpayers by increasing the damage caps awarded in lawsuits against local government entities. Florida law already provides a well-established and thoughtful claims bill process to review and ultimately determine if a judgment above the statutory limits should be awarded.



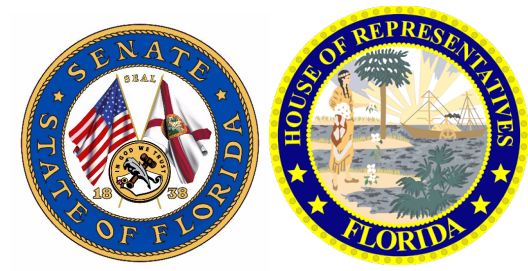
Approved by Governor

- **CS/CS/CS/HB 1417: Department of Environmental Protection** by State Affairs Committee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee; Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; LaMarca; Boyles
 - Companion bill - **CS/CS/CS/SB 1510: Department of Environmental Protection** by Massullo
- What it does, at a minimum:
 - The bill eliminates the Environmental Regulation Commission
 - The bill revises the annual deadline for major sources of air pollution to pay operating license fees to DEP to June 30 of each year.
 - Was amended to remove all provisions related to biosolids, because of the other biosolids legislation ongoing currently, they didn't want to get into the the mix of what's happening with the class 2A and class B biosolids in this particular bill.



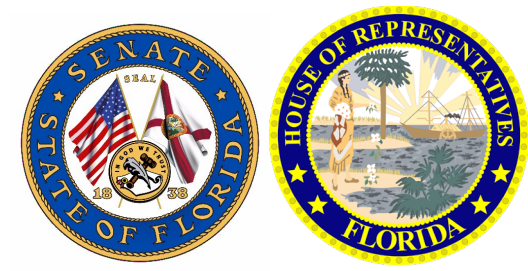
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- **CS/CS/CS/SB 290: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** by Rules; Fiscal Policy; Agriculture; Truenow
 - Companion bill - **CS/CS/HB 433: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** by Alvarez, D.; Johnson; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Grow; Maggard
 - Companion bill - **CS/HB 607: Industries and Professional Activities** by Yarkosky
- What it does, at a minimum:
 - For a new land application site permit or permit renewal issued after July 1, 2020, the permittee shall ensure that only Class AA biosolids are applied to the soil.
 - All permits must comply by July 1, 2028.
 - Local governments that do not transport outside of their county boundary have until July 1, 2031, to comply



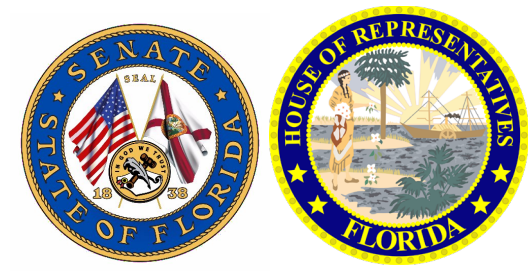
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- **CS/HB 1217: Prohibited Governmental Policies Regulating Greenhouse Gas Emissions** by Commerce Committee; Snyder; Jacques; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Tramont
 - Companion bill - **CS/SB 1628: Net-zero Policies by Governmental Entities** by Avila
- What it does, at a minimum:
 - A governmental entity may not enact or enforce, or require any person or legal entity to enact or enforce, a resolution, ordinance, rule, code, or policy to support a net zero policy, including as a condition of any contract or agreement between the governmental entity and a third party.
 - A governmental entity may not use, pay, or distribute public funds in any manner that supports, implements, or advances a net zero policy by doing a number of things.



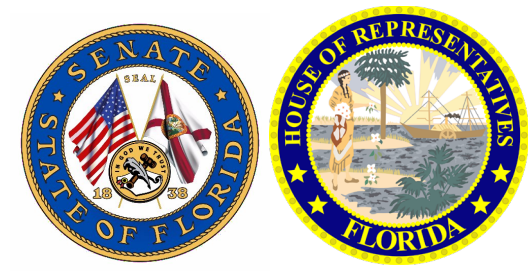
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- **CS/CS/HB 803: Building Permits and Inspections** by by Commerce Committee; Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee; Trabulsy; Overdorf; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Chaney; López, J.; Plasencia; Valdés
 - There were many similar bills consolidated into this one
- What it does, at a minimum:
 - By July 1, 2027, the commission must adopt by rule a uniform commercial building permit application to be used statewide for commercial construction projects and a uniform residential building permit application to be used statewide for residential construction projects. To the extent feasible, the uniform commercial building permit application and the uniform residential building permit application adopted by the commission must be capable of integration with existing building permit software systems used by local governments and must account for local amendments to the Florida Building Code.



Approved by Governor

- **CS/CS/HB 1019: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances** by State Affairs Committee; Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Conerly; Blanco; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Abbott; Albert; Alvarez, D.; Alvarez, J.; Anderson; Andrade; Antone; Aristide; Baker; Bankson; Bartleman; Basabe; Benarroch; Berfield; Black; Booth; Borrero; Botana; Boyles; Brackett; Brannan; Buchanan; Busatta; Campbell; Canady; Cassel; Chamberlin; Chambliss; Chaney; Cobb; Cross; Daley; Daniels; Driskell; Duggan; Dunkley; Edmonds; Eskamani; Esposito; Fabricio; Franklin; Gantt; Garrison; Gentry; Gerwig; Giallombardo; Gonzalez Pittman; Gossett-Seidman; Gottlieb; Greco; Griffiths; Grow; Harris; Hart-Lowman; Hinson; Hodgers; Holcomb; Hunschofsky; Jacques; Johnson; Kendall; Kincart Jonsson; Koster; LaMarca; Long; López, J.; Maggard; Maney; McClure; McFarland; Melo; Michael; Miller; Mooney; Nix; Nixon; Oliver; Overdorf; Owen; Partington; Perez; Plakon; Plasencia; Porras; Rayner; Redondo; Rizo; Robinson, F.; Robinson, W.; Rosenwald; Salzman; Sapp; Shoaf; Sirois; Skidmore; Smith; Snyder; Spencer; Stark; Steele; Tant; Tendrich; Tomkow; Trabulsy; Tramont; Tuck; Valdés; Weinberger; Woodson; Yarkosky; Yeager; Young
 - Companion bill - **CS/CS/SB 1230: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances** by Harrell; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Truenow; Berman
- What it does, at a minimum:
 - All public entities disposing of domestic wastewater biosolids and treated effluent that have a designed average daily flow of 25,000 or more gallons per day must quarterly conduct at least one biosolids and treated effluent sampling, as applicable, for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, including perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctane sulfonate, and submit the results to the department.



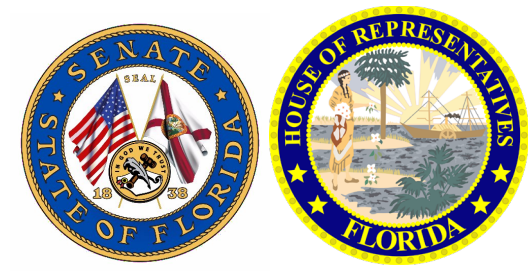
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- **CS/CS/HB 1285: Biosolids Management** by State Affairs Committee; Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Boyles
 - Companion bill - **CS/CS/SB 1474: Biosolids Management** by Gaetz
- What it does, at a minimum:
 - The department may not issue or renew a permit for a land application site which authorizes disposal or land application of septage, as defined in s. 381.0065(2), as Class B biosolids if there is a permitted wastewater treatment facility that accepts septage for higher levels of treatment which is less than 30 miles from a proposed Class B biosolids land application site.



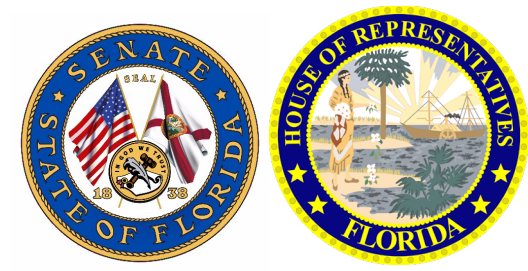
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- **HB 4039: Solid Waste Disposal Facility in Broward County** by Daley
 - Was a local bill with no companion
- What it does, at a minimum:
 - Defines “Monarch Hill Landfill”
 - Requires and provides requirements for feasibility study & public hearing before any expansion of Monarch Hill Landfill.



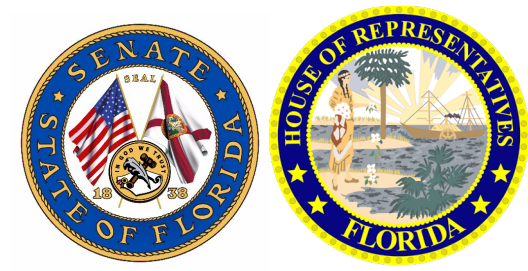
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- **CS/HB 967: Electronic Payments Made to Units of Local Governments** by State Affairs Committee; Buchanan
 - Companion bill - **CS/SB 1612: Electronic Payments Made to Units of Local Governments** by DiCeglie
- What it does, at a minimum:
 - It is the intent of the Legislature to require units of local government to accept payments online



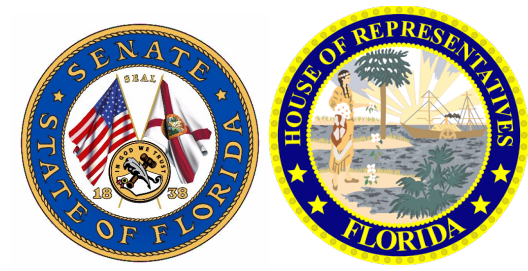
Did Not Pass

- **CS/SB 1196: Waste Facilities** by Environment and Natural Resources; Sharief (Similar)
 - Died in its second committee of reference
- **CS/HB 1089: Waste Facilities** by Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Bartleman
 - Died in its third committee of reference
- What it would have done, at a minimum:
 - Prohibits a local government or the FDEP from issuing a construction permit for a new solid waste disposal facility that uses an ash-producing incinerator or for a waste-to-energy facility if the proposed location of such facility is sited within a 2-mile radius, as measured from the stack, of any impoundment area authorized by Congress with an effective interior storage of at least 100 acres for purposes of capturing, storing, and distributing surface water; improving hydroperiods and hydropatterns in any water conservation area; increasing the spatial extent of wetlands; benefiting any federally listed threatened and endangered species; flood mitigation; or groundwater recharge.



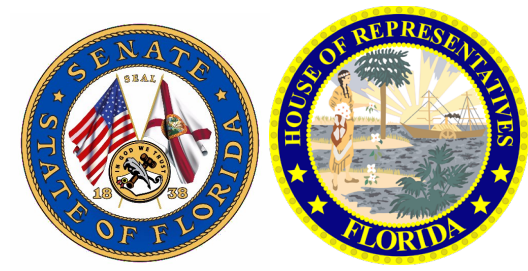
Did Not Pass

- **HB 1167: Advanced Wastewater Treatment** by Cross (Identical)
 - Died in its first committee of reference
- **SB 1468: Advanced Wastewater Treatment** by Berman
 - Died in its second committee of reference
- What it would have done, at a minimum:
 - Adds perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid to the list of items that sewage disposal facilities with a permitted capacity of greater than 1 million gallons per day need to report to the FDEP by July 1, 2027, and annually thereafter
 - These reports are to help prioritize the upgrade of sewage disposal facilities and investments in wastewater infrastructure



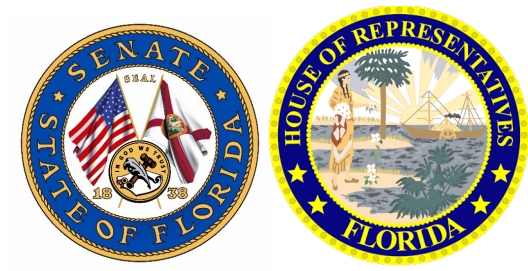
Did Not Pass

- **CS/SB 240: Auxiliary Containers** by Garcia; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Smith; Jones; Bradley
 - Died in its second committee of reference
- **HB 575: Auxiliary Containers** by Weinberger; Basabe; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Cassel; Eskamani; Tendrich
 - Died in its first committee of reference
- What it would have done, at a minimum:
 - Defines “auxiliary container”
 - Preempts the regulation of auxiliary containers to the state
 - Allows local rules, regs, ordinances before Jan. 1, 2026
 - Allows for glass rules at beaches and state parks
 - State Parks can regulate auxiliary containers within state parks
- **HB 629: Regulation of Auxiliary Containers** by Esposito
 - Died in its first committee of reference
- **SB 766: Waste Management** by Martin
 - Died in its first committee of reference
- What it would have done, at a minimum:
 - Defines “auxiliary container”
 - Preempts the regulation of auxiliary containers to the state
 - Removes local rules, regs, ordinances
 - Allows for glass rules at beaches and state parks
 - State Parks can regulate auxiliary containers within state parks



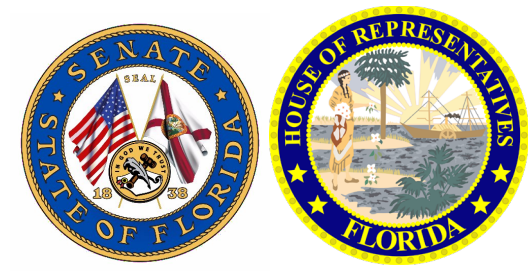
Did Not Pass

- **SB 958: Local Regulation of Drinking Straws and Stirrers** by [Bradley](#) (Identical)
 - Died in its second committee of reference
- **HB 865: Local Regulation of Drinking Straws and Stirrers** by Blanco; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Grow
 - Died in its first committee of reference
- What it would have done, at a minimum:
 - Prohibits local governmental entities from enacting any rule, regulation, or ordinance for drinking straws or stirrers which does not meet specified requirements
 - Promote uniformity of drinking straw and stirrer regulations throughout this state, rather than forcing businesses to comply with a patchwork of local regulations.



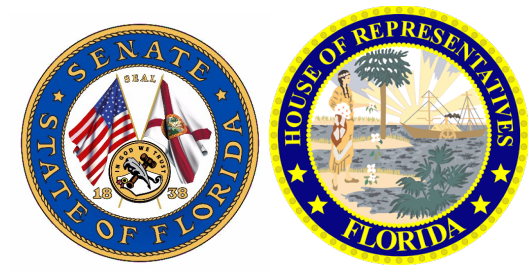
Did Not Pass

- **HB 37: Removal, Storage, and Cleanup of Electric Vehicles** by Nix (Similar)
 - Died in its third committee of reference
- **SB 260: Removal, Storage, and Cleanup of Electric Vehicles** by Burgess
 - Died on the Senate Floor
- What it would have done, at a minimum:
 - Defines the terms “daily administration fee” and “proper storage”
 - Requires counties to establish a maximum daily administration fee for the proper storage of certain electric vehicles.



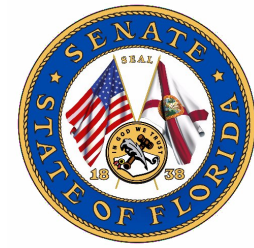
Did Not Pass

- **CS/SB 912: Battery Collection and Recovery** by Environment and Natural Resources; McClain (Similar)
 - Died in its second committee of reference
- **HB 1067: Battery Collection and Disposal** by Gentry
 - Died in its first committee of reference
- What it would have done, at a minimum:
 - Creating the "Safe Battery Collection and Recovery Act"
 - Defines the terms "battery stewardship organization" and "covered battery"
 - Requires a producer or retailer to fulfill certain requirements, beginning on a specified date, before selling, offering for sale, or distributing for sale in this state any covered battery or battery-containing product.
 - Requires a BSO operating in this state to submit a battery stewardship plan to the Department of Environmental Protection annually for review and approval.



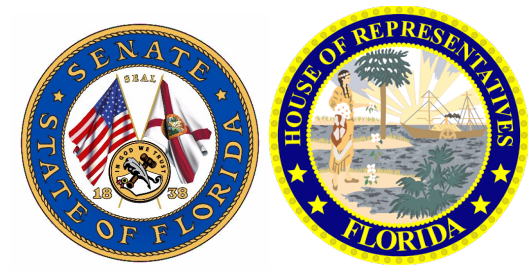
Did Not Pass

- **SB 262: Storage and Disposal of Prescription Drugs and Sharps** by Burgess (Compare)
 - Died in its first committee of reference
- **CS/HB 607: Industries and Professional Activities** by Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee; Yarkosky
 - Died in its third committee of reference
- What it would have done, at a minimum:
 - Exempts establishment that stores, warehouses, or holds noncontrolled prescription drugs solely for the purpose of arranging for their destruction from compliance with specified provisions in the statute.



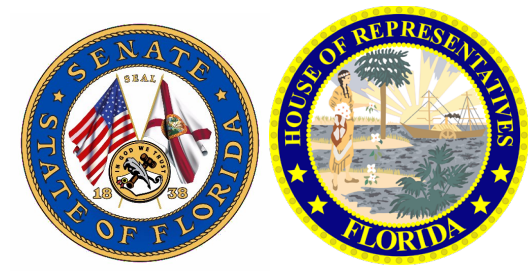
Did Not Pass

- **SB 136: Protections for Public Employees who use Medical Marijuana as Qualified Patients** by Polsky; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Smith
 - Died in its first committee of reference
- No companion bill
- What it would have done, at a minimum:
 - Prohibiting a public employer from taking adverse personnel action against an employee or a job applicant for his or her use of medical marijuana if the employee or job applicant is a qualified patient; providing exceptions; requiring a public employer to provide, within a specified timeframe, written notice of an employee's or a job applicant's right to explain or contest a positive marijuana test result, etc.



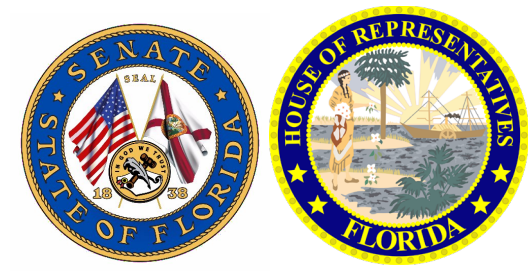
Did Not Pass

- **HB 855: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances** by Long; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Campbell (Identical)
 - Died in its first committee of reference
- **SB 1058: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances** by Berman
 - Died in its first committee of reference
- What it would have done, at a minimum:
 - Until the United States Environmental Protection Agency establishes final standards for additional PFAS, the department shall adopt interim screening values to guide site assessment and remedial actions
 - The department may update the statewide cleanup target levels as necessary to remain aligned with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's risk assessments or health advisories. Any update to the statewide cleanup target levels adopted by the department must be ratified by the Legislature.
 - Beginning January 1, 2027, a fire service provider may not discharge or otherwise use Class B firefighting foam that contains intentionally added PFAS chemicals unless such discharge or use occurs in the course of providing fire prevention services or in response to an emergency firefighting operation.



Did Not Pass

- **SB 1464: Food and Plastic Waste Reduction** by Rodriguez (Similar)
 - Died in its first committee of reference
- **HB 1523: Food Waste Reduction** by Rayner
 - Died in its first committee of reference
- What it would have done, at a minimum:
 - Requires the Department of Education to develop a 3-year pilot program in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service's Farm to School program to be offered in up to 10 percent of schools in any school district in this state by the beginning of the 2027-2028 school year.
 - A partnership with a local nonprofit organization or food bank to redistribute edible cafeteria food and divert organic food waste to a composting program.
 - Installation of a sorting system for cafeteria waste.
 - Installation of a dishwashing system, with priority given to schools that previously operated a dishwashing system, subject to legislative appropriation.
 - Elimination of single-use plastics by replacing them with stainless steel reusable serving ware.



Did Not Pass

- **CS/SB 526: Commercial Regulations** by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Grall (Similar)
 - Died in its third committee of reference
- **CS/CS/HB 405: Commercial Construction** by Commerce Committee; Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee; Griffiths; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Barnaby; Mooney; Salzman
 - Passed the House Floor
 - Died on Senate Rules
- But HB 803 passed
- What it would have done, at a minimum:
 - Defines “commercial construction project”
 - States that any public construction contracts that includes a no damages for delay clause that expressly prohibits a general contractor and subcontractor from seeking and receiving payment for any costs and or damages incurred as a result of delay caused by the governmental agency will be void and unenforceable moving forward.

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
- Federal bills
 - GovTrack.us
 - Legiscan.com

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- 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

Want to do more...

- VOTE!
 - According to the National Conference of State Legislatures
 - <https://www.ncsl.org/elections-and-campaigns/2026-legislative-races-by-state-and-chamber>
 - Florida Senate
 - 20 of the 40 seats are up for election in November
 - Florida House
 - 120 of the 120 seats are up for election in November



QUESTIONS

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