



2026 Legislative Preview

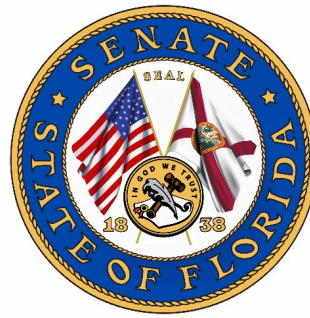
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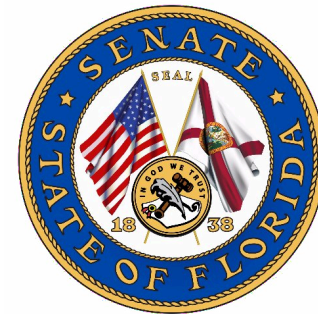


Term is through January 2027



Florida Senate

- 40 members
 - Republicans - 27
 - Still have a supermajority
 - Democrats - 11
 - No Party Affiliation - 1
 - Vacant - 1, District 14 (appointed Lt. Gov.)
- Elected for four (4) years
- Term limited to eight (8) years
- Can extend to ten (10) years due to reapportionment years
- Can file as many bills as they want



Senate Leadership Offices



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



Senate President
pro tempore
Jason Brodeur (R)
District 10
Seminole County
and Parts of
Orange County



Majority Leader
Jim Boyd (R)
District 20
Parts of
Hillsborough and
Manatee counties



Minority Leader
Lori Berman (D)
District 26
Part of Palm Beach
County

- Senator Jim Boyd (R) District 20 was elected next Senate President on October 14.
 - <https://www.wusf.org/politics-issues/2025-10-26/incoming-senate-president-jim-boyd-talks-property-insurance-reform-gun-buying-age>
- Priorities
 - Did not detail
 - Defend the taxpayer
 - Protect the rights of parents and strengthen our schools
 - Handle the challenge of growth's effects on infrastructure, schools and healthcare
 - Affordability



Florida House of Representatives

- 120 members
 - Republicans - 84
 - Still have a supermajority
 - Democrats - 33
 - Vacancies
 - HD 52 (Lake-Sumter State College President)
 - HD 87 (PBC Tax Collector)
 - HD 113 (Miami-Dade Commissioner)
- Elected for two (2) year terms
- Term limited to eight (8) years
- Limited to filing 7 bills
 - Resolutions count as a bill
 - Can co-sponsor as many as they wish



House Leadership Offices



Speaker of the House
Danny Perez (R)
District 116
Part of Miami-Dade County



House Speaker pro tempore
Wyman Duggan (R)
District 12
Part of Duval County



House Majority Leader
Tyler Sirois (R)
District 31
Part of Brevard County



House Minority Leader
Fentrice Driskell (D)
District 67
Part of Hillsborough County

- Representative Sam Garrison (R) District 11 elected next Speaker of the House on October 9
- Priorities
 - Warned his party not to rest on their laurels despite dominating for 30 years
 - “If the halls of power appear more interested in political performance art than in fighting for a strong economy, safe streets, and quality schools, we need to self-correct.”
 - Affordability



FY 27 Budget details

- Has been titled the Floridians First budget
 - Recommended \$117.4B; is a 2% (\$2.3B) increase over current year
 - \$53.22B is General Revenue
 - Total reserves are up to \$16.75B
 - Reduce the size of state government (by 354 positions), nearly 1,000 positions since taking office even as the population has grown by just over 10%
 - 2% cost of living adjustment for state workers
 - \$14.3B for funding major road projects and the “Moving Florida Forward” initiative
 - \$1.56B for teacher pay increases
 - \$1.4B in Everglades and water quality projects
 - \$300M to support ongoing tax relief policy considerations to fully fund fiscally constrained counties (<https://flvoicenews.com/desantis-unveils-117b-floridians-first-budget-highlights-record-reserves-and-teacher-pay/>)
 - \$250M to continue to pay down debt

Bills/PCSs filed so far

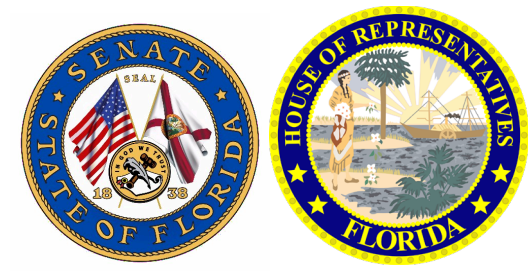


- Senate - 913
- House - 886
- Total - 1,799

- History has shown me that on average only about 10% of filed bills pass

- Acronyms...





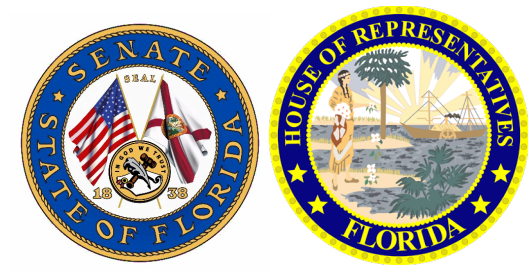
Facility bills

- **SB 1196: Waste Facilities** by Sharief
 - Passed its first committee (Environment and Natural Resources) with an Amendment 5-1
- **HB 1089: Waste Facilities** by Bartleman
 - Added to its first committee (Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee) Agenda 2/4
 - Identical
- 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 hydroperiods in any water conservation area; increasing the spatial extent of wetlands; benefiting any federally listed threatened and endangered species; flood mitigation; or groundwater recharge.



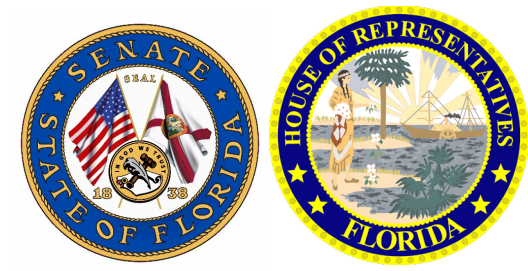
Facility bills

- **HB 4039: Solid Waste Disposal Facility in Broward County** by Daley
 - Passed its first committee (Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee) 15-0
 - Added to its second committee (Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee) Agenda 2/4
 - No companion bill
- Defines "Monarch Hill Landfill"
- Requires and provides requirements for feasibility study & public hearing before any expansion of Monarch Hill Landfill.



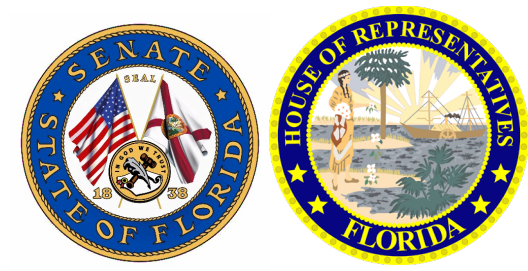
Biosolids bills

- **CS/CS/SB 290: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** by Truenow
 - Passed its first committee (Agriculture) with an Amendment 4-0
 - Passed its second committee (Fiscal Policy) with an Amendment 17-3
 - Was Temporarily postponed in its third committee (Rules)
- **CS/HB 433: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** by Alvarez, D.; Johnson; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Grow; Maggard
 - Passed its first committee (Commerce) with an Amendment 4-0
 - Added to its second committee (Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee) Agenda for 2/4
 - Similar
- **CS/HB 607: Industries and Professional Activities** by Yarkosky
 - Passed its first committee (Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee) with an Amendment 9-6
 - Passed its second committee (State Administration Budget Subcommittee) 10-2
 - Compare (but doesn't include biosolids)
- Ensures that only Class AA biosolids are applied to the soil by July 1, 2028



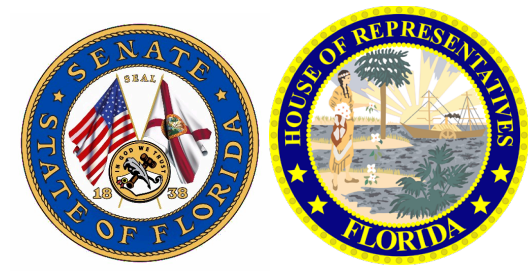
Biosolids bills

- **CS/HB 1245: Biosolids Management** by Shoaf
 - Passed its first committee (Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee) with an Amendment 18-0
- **CS/SB 1294: Biosolids Management** by Bradley
 - Passed its first committee (Environment and Natural Resources) with an Amendment 8-0
 - Similar
- Defines “bona fide sale”
- Prohibits the land application of bulk Class AA biosolids fertilizer and compost products from exceeding the appropriate agronomic rate.
- Requires the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences to publish and make publicly available recommended agronomic rates for the reuse of bulk Class AA biosolids fertilizer and compost products, based on certain criteria.
- Bulk Class AA biosolids compost products may be distributed or marketed as soil amendments and may be land applied if such products are transferred pursuant to a bona fide sale and meet all applicable labeling and registration requirements.



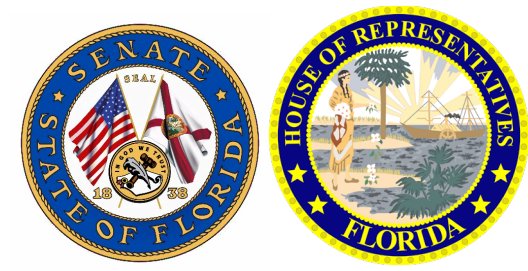
Biosolids bills

- **HB 1285: Biosolids Management** by Boyles
 - Added to its first committee (Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee) Agenda for 2/4
- **CS/SB 1474: Biosolids Management** by Gaetz
 - Passed its first committee (Environment and Natural Resources) with an Amendment 8-0
 - Similar
- The department may not issue or renew a permit for a land application site which authorizes disposal or land application of septage, as defined, if there is a permitted wastewater treatment facility that accepts septage for higher levels of treatment which is less than 50 miles from a proposed Class B biosolids land application site.



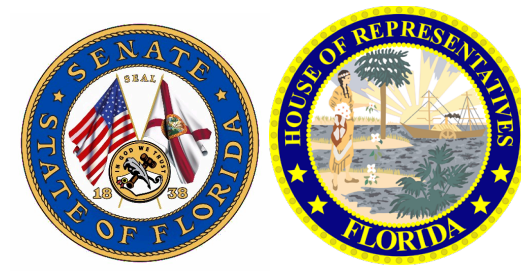
Biosolids bills

- **SB 1510: Department of Environmental Protection** by Massullo
 - Passed its first committee (Environment and Natural Resources) with an Amendment 7-0
- **HB 1417: Department of Environmental Protection** by LaMarca
 - Added to its first committee (Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee) Agenda with a Strike All Amendment for 2/4
 - Identical
- Requires that the needs analysis done every 5 years shall include domestic biosolids and septage generation, treatment, management, use, and disposal in the corresponding service area
- Adjusts inspection fees to:
 - \$1 per ton for fertilizer sold in this state except fertilizer products containing or composed of Class AA biosolids produced by a domestic wastewater or biosolids treatment facility in this state.
 - 30 cents per ton for Class AA biosolids-composed fertilizers based on the equivalent dry tons of material sold.
 - Supplemental fees of 25 cents per ton for Class AA biosolids produced by a domestic wastewater facility, calculated based on equivalent dry tons of the Class AA biosolids-derived product.



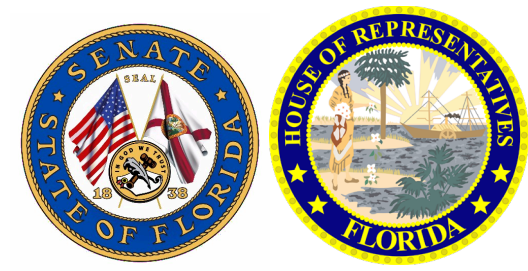
PFAS & PFOA bills

- **HB 855: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances** by Long; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Campbell
 - Has not been heard in a committee yet
- **SB 1058: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances** by Berman
 - Has not been heard in a committee yet
 - Identical
- 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.



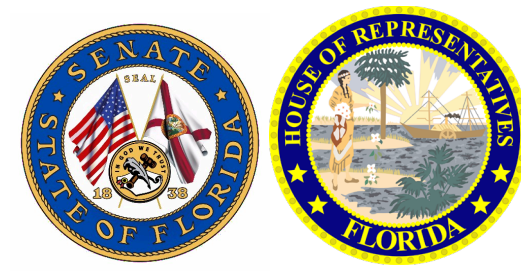
PFAS & PFOA bills

- **CS/HB 1019: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances** by Conerly; Blanco
 - Passed its first committee (Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee) with an Amendment 18-0
 - Added to its second committee (Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee) Agenda for 2/4
- **CS/SB 1230: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances** by Harrell
 - Passed its first committee (Environment and Natural Resources) with an Amendment 8-0
 - Added to its second committee (Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee) Agenda for 2/4
 - Similar
- Prohibits, beginning on a specified date, certain use and the sale, purchase, or distribution of aqueous film-forming foam
- Prohibits, beginning on a specified date, the possession and use of aqueous film-forming foam
- Requires all public entities disposing of domestic wastewater biosolids that have a designed average daily flow of 25,000 or more gallons per day to annually conduct at least one biosolids sampling for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, including perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctane sulfonate, and submit the results to the department.



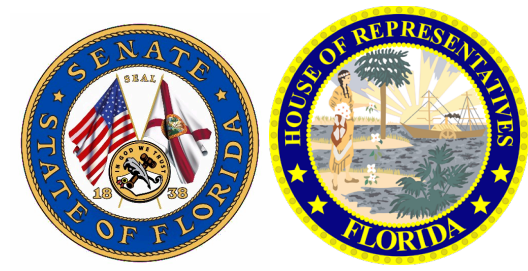
PFAS & PFOA bills

- **HB 1167: Advanced Wastewater Treatment** by Cross
 - Has not been heard in a committee yet
- **SB 1468: Advanced Wastewater Treatment** by Berman
 - Passed its first committee (Environment and Natural Resources) 8-0
 - Identical
- 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



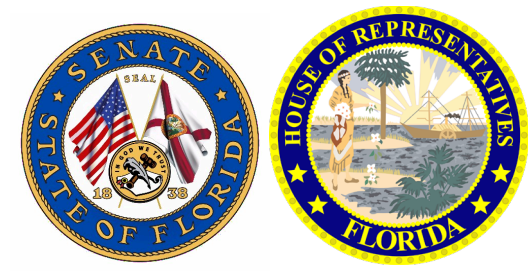
Auxiliary Container bills

- **CS/SB 240: Auxiliary Containers** by Garcia; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Smith; Jones; Bradley
 - Passed its first committee with an Amendment 8-0
- **HB 575: Auxiliary Containers** by Weinberger; Basabe; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Cassel; Eskamani; Tendrich
 - Has not been heard in a committee yet
 - These two are Identical
- 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 withinstate parks
- **HB 629: Regulation of Auxiliary Containers** by Esposito
 - Has not been heard in a committee yet
- **SB 766: Waste Management** by Martin
 - Has not been heard in a committee yet
 - These two are Similar
- 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



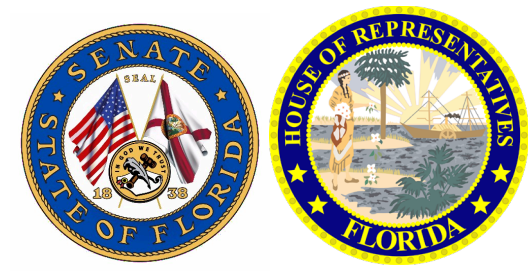
Drinking Straw bills

- **SB 958: Local Regulation of Drinking Straws and Stirrers** by Bradley
 - Passed its first committee (Environment and Natural Resources) 8-0
- **HB 865: Local Regulation of Drinking Straws and Stirrers** by Blanco; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Grow
 - Has not been heard in a committee yet
 - Identical
- Any regulation of drinking straws and stirrers must be based on government policy driven by science.
- Promote uniformity of drinking straw and stirrer regulations throughout this state, rather than forcing businesses to comply with a patchwork of local regulations.



Food and Plastic Waste bills

- **SB 1464: Food and Plastic Waste Reduction** by Rodriguez
 - Has not been heard in a committee yet
- **HB 1523: Food Waste Reduction** by Rayner
 - Has not been heard in a committee yet
 - Similar
- 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.



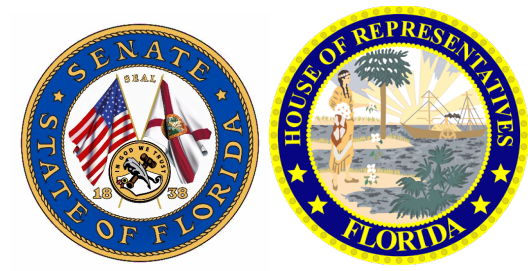
Prescription Drug bills

- **SB 262: Storage and Disposal of Prescription Drugs and Sharps** by Burgess
 - Has not been heard in a committee yet
- **CS/HB 607: Industries and Professional Activities** by Yarkosky
 - Passed its first committee (Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee) with an Amendment that mirrored the Senate's prescription drug language 9-6
 - Passed its second committee (State Administration Budget Subcommittee) 10-2
 - Compare
- 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.



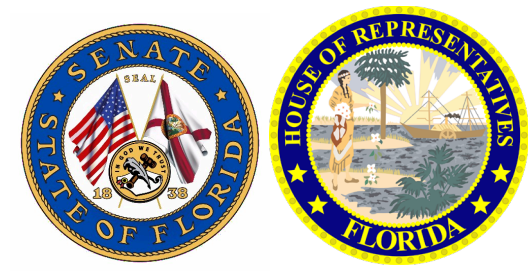
Medical Marijuana bills

- **SB 136: Protections for Public Employees who use Medical Marijuana as Qualified Patients** by Polsky; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Smith
 - Has not been heard in a committee yet
 - No companion bill
- 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.



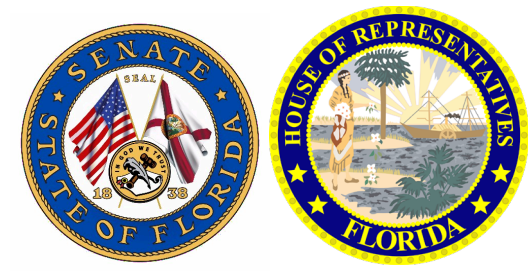
Battery bills

- **SB 912: Battery Collection and Recovery** by McClain
 - Passed its first committee (Environment and Natural Resources) with an Amendment 6-0
- **HB 1067: Battery Collection and Disposal** by Gentry
 - Has not been heard in a committee yet
 - Similar
- 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.



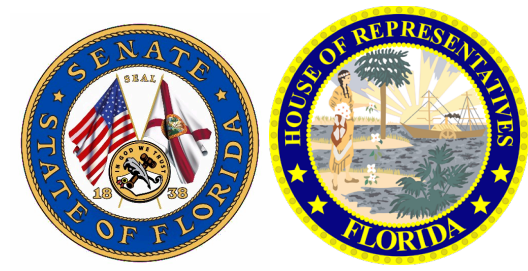
Battery bills

- **HB 37: Removal, Storage, and Cleanup of Electric Vehicles** by Nix
 - Passed its first committee (Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee) 12-3
 - Passed its second committee (Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee) 15-1
- **SB 260: Removal, Storage, and Cleanup of Electric Vehicles** by Burgess
 - Passed its first committee (Transportation) 9-0
 - Identical
- 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.



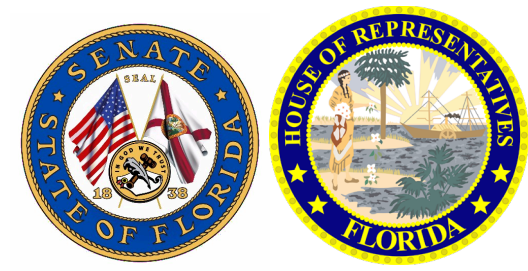
Greenhouse Emissions bills

- **HB 1217: Prohibited Governmental Policies Regulating Greenhouse Gas Emissions** by Snyder
 - Added to its first committee (Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee) Agenda on 2/4
- **CS/SB 1628: Net-zero Policies by Governmental Entities** by Avila
 - Passed its first committee (Environment and Natural Resources) with an Amendment 5-3
 - Similar
- Defines “net zero policy”
- Prohibits governmental entities from adopting Net Zero policies, including through comprehensive plans, land development regulations, transportation plans, and any other government policy or procedure.
- The bill further prohibits the imposition of taxes, fees, penalties, charges, offsets or assessments to advance a net zero policy.



Contracts bills

- **CS/SB 526: Commercial Construction Projects** by Grall
 - Passed its first committee (Community Affairs) 8-0
 - Passed its second committee (Governmental Oversight and Accountability) with an Amendment 9-0
- **CS/CS/HB 405: Commercial Construction Projects** by Griffitts; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Salzman
 - Passed its first committee (Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee) with an Amendment 13-2
 - Passed its second committee (State Administration Budget Subcommittee) 11-0
 - Passed its third committee (Commerce Committee) with an Amendment 22-0
 - Referred to the House Calendar
 - Similar
- 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.



Claims bills

- **HB 145: Suits Against the Government** by McFarland
 - Passed its first committee (Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee) 16-1
 - Passed its second committee (Budget Committee) 22-2
 - Passed its third committee (Judiciary Committee) 12-2
 - Passed off the House Floor 104-7
 - In Messages to Senate Rules
 - Compare
 - From passing through before Oct 1, 2026- keeps the same \$200K per person and \$330K per incident limits
 - From Oct 1, 2026-before Oct 1, 2031 - \$500K per person and \$1M per incident
 - On or after Oct 1, 2031 - \$600K per person and \$1.2M per incident
 - Can settle for higher without a claims bill
 - Revises certain statutes of limitations to file a claim
- **SB 1366: Claims Against the Government** by Brodeur; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Rouson
 - Passed its first committee (Judiciary) 11-0
 - Compare
 - Beginning July 1, 2031- increases the per person limit to \$300,000 and the per incident limit to \$450,000
 - Every 5 years thereafter, the Department of Financial Services must adjust to reflect the changes in the Consumer Price Index
 - Revises certain statutes of limitation on certain types of claims including claims for negligence, contribution, medical malpractice, wrongful death, and sexual battery on victims under 16 years of age

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

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



QUESTIONS 2026 Legislative Preview

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