



The Briefing for Tuesday - February 14, 2023

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Legislative Calendars

House Calendar for this week!

Senate Calendar for this week!

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Meetings that got my attention:

Tuesday - House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee - 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Reed Hall (102 HOB)

Consideration of the following bill(s):

- HJR 31 by Roach, Sirois and others -- Partisan Elections for Members of District School Boards
- HB 477 by Rizo -- Term Limits for District School Board Members

Wednesday - Senate Community Affairs: Wednesday - 11:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.,

James E. "Jim" King, Jr Committee Room, 401 Senate Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Calatayud, Chair; Senator Osgood, Vice Chair; Senators Baxley, Berman, Bradley, Brodeur, Gruters, Martin, and Pizzo)

- SB 120 (CA) by Senator Avila—Homestead Assessments
- SJR 122 (CA) by Senator Avila—Revised Limitation on Increases of Homestead Property Tax Assessments - Note we are requesting that you contact your Property Appraiser for information as to the cost of this proposal on your available revenues.
- SB 124 (CA) by Senator Avila—Homestead Exemptions for Persons Age 65 and Older
- SJR 126 (CA) by Senator Avila—Homestead Tax Exemption for Certain Senior, Low-income, Long-term Residents

Wednesday - Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Morris Hall (17 HOB)

- CS/HB 73 by Civil Justice Subcommittee, Maney and others -- Termination of Agreements by a Servicemember
- HJR 131 by Rudman and others -- Recall of County Officers and Commissioners
- HB 209 by Rudman and others -- Recall of County

DeSantis Appoints David Osteen to Dixie County Commission



David Osteen has been appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to the Dixie County Board of County Commissioners. David Osteen is a Correctional Officer for the Florida Department of Corrections. He is a veteran of the United States Coast Guard and was previously elected to the Dixie County Board of County Commissioners in 2016. Osteen is a Certified Correctional Officer and Law Enforcement Officer

Headlines Around the State

NYTimes: DeSantis's Challenge: When, and How, to Counterattack Trump

Politico: GOP senator: 'Vast majority' want 'a different direction' than Rick Scott on Social Security

Post: Florida seems like a lock for Republicans. But is it a sure thing for Rick Scott?

FlaPol: Chris Sununu lumps Ron DeSantis in with 'big government' conservatives

City & State FL: Will Nikki Fried challenge Annette Taddeo for leadership of Florida Democrats?

Axios: Christopher Rufo's anti-DEI crusade visits University of South Florida

Herald: Other states have fixed consumer protection problems with PACE loans. Why not Florida?

Herald: 'People got screwed.' Despite troubles, green energy lender seeks restart in Florida

Post: Overdosed and deadly: Five things to know about opioids in Palm Beach County

Sun-Sentinel: 'Nowhere to go'? High-rises help South Florida grow up

WUSF: The College Board slams Florida for what it calls 'slander' of AP Black history course

Politico: The College Board slams DeSantis administration comments on African American studies

Times: DeSantis wants Hillsborough to refund sales taxes. How would that work?

FlaPol: Anti-human trafficking bill would hold repeat violators accountable

FlaPol: Corey Simon to tackle school choice push in Senate

Yahoo News: Family announces passing of Steve Uhlfelder, an 'exemplary example' and a force for Florida

WUSF: Parkland: The movements for change that came out of tragedy

Sun-Sentinel: Parkland youth activists find new ways to fight back against gun violence

CBS Miami: David Hogg on the movement against gun violence, five years after Parkland

FlaPol: 'Housing not handcuffs': Reggie Gaffney Jr. says no to Jacksonville panhandling ban

FlaPol: Special delivery: Letter carriers union backs Donna Deegan for Jacksonville Mayor

Herald Tribune: Sarasota climate expert urges preparation for climate change as Florida faces 'triple threat'

Sun-Sentinel: Broward and Miami-Dade homeowners can't buy what some say is the best way to keep water out of your homes in a hurricane

On The Docket for Next Week

Scan the docket for high impact issues

The Florida House and Senate will return to Tallahassee next week for the second of three consecutive weeks of committee meetings. Again – next weeks schedule includes a significant number of priority issues.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023

Legislature:

- HOUSE DEMOCRATS HOLD AVAILABILITY - Monday, 10 a.m. - House Minority Leader Fentrice Driskell, D-Tampa, and Rep. Kelly Skidmore, D-Boca Raton, will hold a media availability. - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84521898233?pwd=RzZOblRTUWtvbzFQWnBtMXJ0Tm13UT09>

Also:

- KIDCARE NUMBERS - Monday, 10:30 a.m. - The Social Services Estimating Conference will analyze caseloads in the KidCare subsidized health-insurance program. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- CORCORAN CONTRACT - Monday, 12:30 p.m. - The New College of Florida Board of Trustees will consider approval of a contract for new Interim President Richard Corcoran, the former state education commissioner. - <https://ncf.zoom.us/j/97343921224?pwd=MXRnRUZNYjh1TmJKand0amxYUIRqQT09>. Code: 272210
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES- Monday, 1:30 p.m. - The Criminal Justice Estimating Conference will meet. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Legislature:

- **EXPANDED HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION**- Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The House Ways & Means Committee will take up a proposal (HJR 159), filed by Rep. David Borrero, R-Sweetwater, that would allow an expanded homestead tax exemption for certain low-income seniors. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **BALLOT MEASURES** Tuesday, 11 a.m. - The House Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HJR 129), filed by Rep. Rick Roth, R-West Palm Beach, R-West Palm Beach, that would make it harder to pass constitutional amendments. It would require approval of amendments by 66.67 percent of voters, up from the current 60 percent. - Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- MEDICAID RATES- Tuesday, 11 a.m. - The House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee will receive an overview from the Agency for Health Care Administration about setting Medicaid payment rates. - Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **WATER QUALITY**- Tuesday, 11 a.m. - The House Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee will receive presentations about water-quality programs. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- JONES DISCUSSES LGBTQ LEGISLATION - Tuesday, 11 a.m. - Sen. Shevrin Jones, D-Miami Gardens, is expected to take part in a Human Rights Campaign online briefing about an “unprecedented wave of anti-LGBTQ+ bills being introduced in state legislatures across the country.” - Reporters may contact press@hrc.org for information.
- HISTORIC BUILDINGS- Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee will take up a bill (SB 288), filed by Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach, that would provide tax credits for rehabilitation of certain historic buildings. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS- Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Criminal Justice Committee will consider a proposal (SB 306), filed by Sen. Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton, that would take steps to curb thefts of vehicle catalytic converters. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS**- Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee will consider a constitutional amendment (HJR 31), filed by Rep. Spencer Roach, R-North Fort Myers, and Rep. Tyler Sirois, R-Merritt Island, that seeks to move to partisan school-board elections in Florida. - Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **SCHOOL BOARD TERM LIMITS** - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 477) that will reduce the allowable terms for school board members from 3 terms to 2 terms - Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- LACTATION SPACES- Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The House Civil Justice Subcommittee will consider a bill (HB 87), filed by Rep. Ashley Gantt, D-Miami, that would require county courthouses to have dedicated lactation spaces. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

- DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES- Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee will receive an overview from the Department of Financial Services. - Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee will consider a proposal (SB 204), filed by Sen. Darryl Rouson, D-St. Petersburg, that would create a task force to study why children go missing from out-of-home care. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES- Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Transportation Committee will take up a bill (SB 296), filed by Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach, that would require people to install ignition-interlock devices on their vehicles if they refuse to take breath tests when suspected of drunken driving. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **INVASIVE SPECIES**- Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The House Agriculture, Conservation & Resiliency Subcommittee will receive a presentation about invasive species. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **WORKFORCE EDUCATION**- Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a presentation about workforce education. - 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- SUWANNEE WATER BOARD- Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. - Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.
- ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD- Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. - St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.
- FAU TRUSTEES MEET - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees will meet after holding a series of committee meetings. - Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton.
- JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE TRUSTEES MEET - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Florida State College at Jacksonville Board of Trustees will meet. - Florida State College at Jacksonville, 501 West State St., Jacksonville.
- SLOTS, INDIAN CASINOS- Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to slot machines and Indian gaming. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TOBACCO SETTLEMENT- Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss a forecast about money from a settlement with the tobacco industry. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TOBACCO TAXES- Tuesday, 3:30 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze tobacco tax revenues. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- LOBBYIST REPORTS DUE - Lobbying firms face a Tuesday deadline for filing reports showing compensation from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Legislature:

- SPACE FLORIDA- Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee will receive a presentation about Space Florida. - 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- AUTOPSY REPORTS- Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The House Criminal Justice Subcommittee will consider a bill (HB 273), filed by Rep. Chuck Clemons, R-Newberry, that would create a public-records exemption for autopsy reports of minors whose deaths were related to domestic violence. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **BROADBAND** - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The House Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee will receive an overview of the Florida Office of Broadband. - Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- DMS MAKES PRESENTATIONS - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The House State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee will receive presentations on a series of issues from the Department of Management Services. - 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- **‘SAVE OUR HOMES’ CHANGE**- Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The Senate Community Affairs Committee will take up a constitutional amendment (SJR 122), filed by Sen. Bryan Avila, R-Miami Springs, that could give homeowners more savings under Florida’s “Save Our Homes” property-tax cap. - 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **MEDICAL MARIJUANA**- Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. - The House Healthcare Regulatory Subcommittee will receive briefings on the state medical-marijuana program. - Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **SCHOOL FUNDING DETAILED** - Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. - The House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee will receive an overview of the Florida Education Finance Program, which is the main funding formula for public schools. - Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **RESILIENCE EFFORTS DESCRIBED** - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a presentation about the Department of Environmental Protection’s Resilient Florida Program. - 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS** - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The House Education Quality Subcommittee will consider a bill (HB 225), filed by Rep. Fred Hawkins, R-St. Cloud, that could lead to schools joining associations other than the Florida High School Athletic Association. - Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **COUNTY COMMISSIONER RECALLS**- Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee will take up a constitutional amendment (HJR 131), filed by Rep. Joel Rudman, R-Navarre, that seeks to allow recalls of county commissioners and other county officers. - Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **BUDGET PANEL**- Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. - The Joint Legislative Budget Commission, which is made up of House and Senate members, will meet and consider issues such as providing \$15 million to New College of Florida for such things as hiring faculty and providing scholarships. - 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- **INTEREST RATES ANALYZED** - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Economic Estimating Conference will analyze interest rates used for state appropriations. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **BISCAYNE BAY**- Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Biscayne Bay Commission will meet.
- - Florida International University, Biscayne Bay Campus, Wolfe University Center, 3000 N.E. 151st St., North Miami Beach.
- **MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES**- Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The state Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse will meet. - Call-in number: 1-412-912-1530. Code: 264241170
- **PAROLE CASES** - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. - Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- **FLORIDA ECONOMY**- Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Economic Estimating Conference will analyze the Florida economy. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **UNEMPLOYMENT CASES** - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. - 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214
- **CYBERSECURITY ISSUES** - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council will meet. - Sadowski Building, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee.
- **RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES** - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Self-Insurance Estimating Conference will look at risk-management issues. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **THOMPSON HOLDS BLACK HISTORY EVENT** - Wednesday, 6 p.m. - Sen. Geraldine Thompson, D-Windermere, will host a Black History Month event titled, “Resistance and African American History 2023.” - The Challenger Learning Center, 200 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- **I-75 MASTER PLAN**- Wednesday, 6 p.m. - The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an online meeting about a master plan for Interstate 75 in parts of Collier and Lee counties.
- - Information at <https://www.swflinterstates.com/i75-south-corridor/>

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Legislature:

- MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE- Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee will receive an update about mental-health and substance-abuse funding. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSPORTATION BUDGET- Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Committee will receive a presentation about Gov. Ron DeSantis' budget proposals for several agencies, including the Department of Transportation. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- TECHNOLOGY ADDICTION- Thursday, 9 a.m. - The House Education & Employment Committee will receive a presentation about how addiction to technology affects student behavior and outcomes. - Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- ENVIRONMENTAL BUDGET- Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - The Senate Agriculture, Environment and General Government Appropriations Committee will receive presentations about Gov. Ron DeSantis' budget proposals for several agencies, including the Department of Environmental Protection. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **PRISONS BUDGET** - Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - The Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee will receive presentations about Gov. Ron DeSantis' budget proposals for several agencies, including the Department of Corrections. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **EDUCATION BUDGET**- Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - The Senate Education Appropriations Committee will receive presentations about Gov. Ron DeSantis' budget proposals for the Department of Education and the state university system's Board of Governors. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- LONG-TERM CARE- Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - The House Health & Human Services Committee will hold a panel discussion on long-term care and efforts to help people avoid going into nursing homes. - Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES- Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - The House Infrastructure Strategies Committee will receive a presentation from the Department of Transportation about environmental policies. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **PRIVATE PRISONS** - Thursday, 2 p.m. - The Joint Legislative Auditing Committee will receive a presentation about an audit of the Department of Management Services' oversight of private correctional facilities. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- HOUSING ASSISTANCE - Thursday, 2 p.m. - The House Select Committee on Hurricane Resiliency & Recovery will receive a presentation from the Florida Housing Finance Corp. about hurricane-assistance programs. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- FAMU TRUSTEES - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will meet after a meeting of the Audit and Compliance Committee. - Florida A&M University, Grand Ballroom, Tallahassee.
- FLORIDA POLY TRUSTEES - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees will meet. - Florida Polytechnic University, Applied Research Center, 4700 Research Way, Lakeland. Call-in number: 1-415-655-0001. Code: 24256998125
- DEFENSE ISSUES- Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet.
- - Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-support-task-force-fdstf-meeting-111-via-zoom/>
- PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM- Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - The Early Learning Programs Estimating Conference will analyze the state's voluntary pre-kindergarten program. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- COLLEGE ENROLLMENT - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - The Education Estimating Conference will analyze enrollment in the Florida college system. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- EDUCATION PRIORITIES- Thursday, 3 p.m. - The Consortium of Florida Education Foundations and the Florida Philanthropic Network will hold a webinar about education priorities for the 2023 legislative session. - Register at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7478789459431637596>

- I-75 MASTER PLAN- Thursday, 5 p.m. - The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about a master plan for Interstate 75 in parts of Collier and Lee counties. - North Collier Regional Park, Exhibition Hall, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023

- HURRICANE LOSS PANEL- Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology will meet. - 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7309563625773076827>. Call-in number: 1-562-247-8422. Code: 781187747.
- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE- Friday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an “impact” conference, which involves analyzing potential costs of legislation. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- MEDICAL EXAMINERS- Friday, 10 a.m. - The state Medical Examiners Commission will meet. - Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary.
- FINANCIAL AID- Friday, 2 p.m. - The Education Estimating Conference will analyze student financial aid. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

About the Briefing!

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