

2024

The Briefing for January 4, 2024

The last Briefing was December 22– 2023
How's your weather – <https://weather.com/>

Was off the grid since before Christmas. Completely Unplugged!
The Doolin family (11 of us) went on a Disney adventure over New Years on the ship- WISH!
The grands were completely bonkers in a good way!
And the rest of us enjoyed watching the littles!
Now we're back and ready or not of the 2024 Session starts next Tuesday!

State General Revenue Collections Continue to Exceed Projections

The Legislature's Office of Economic & Demographic Research posted a report Tuesday that said net general revenue for the month totaled \$3.74 billion, \$242.6 million over a projection issued in August. The higher-than-expected collections were mostly attributed to sales taxes, corporate income taxes and insurance taxes. Documentary stamp taxes, which are collected on real-estate transactions, did not meet projections. Those taxes came in \$4.3 million below the projection of \$104.6 million.

Bills Filed and Links to bills being tracked
As of 1-4-24 there have been 1,317 bills filed

Links to bills being tracked:

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159 Bills filed pertain to Local Governments
163 Bills filed relating to Education

Major Issues Being Tracked

Deregulation of K-12 Public Schools
Rural Economic Development
Rural Hospital Legislation
Increased Homestead Exemption Proposal
County Commissioner Term Limits
Salary Increases for Tax Collectors and School Superintendents
Sovereign Immunity Limits

Legislative Calendar

House Calendar for Jan. 8 and Week 1 of the 2024 Regular Session

Senate has not yet published a calendar for Week 1

Upcoming events

Small County Coalition Legislative Reception

Tuesday - January 16th - 5:15pm-7:15pm

Venue - American Institute of Architects Florida Headquarters - 104 E. Jefferson St., Tallahassee

Small School District Council Consortium Special Legislative Briefing

Wednesday – January 17 - 10:00am-11:45am

Venue - The Hayward House - 228 Adams Street

Full Slate of Upcoming Events

2024

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| January 9- | Legislative Session Begins |
| January 16 - | Small County Coalition Legislative Reception and Briefing Venue - American Institute of Architects - 104 E. Jefferson St., |
| January 17- | Florida Association of Counties Legislative Day |
| January 17 - | Small School District Council Consortium Legislative Briefing Venue – Hayward House –228 Adams Street |
| January 17–18- | FSBA Day in the Legislature, Tallahassee, FL |
| January 24-25- | Rural Counties Day – A celebration of rural Florida. |
| March 8 - | Legislative Session Ends |

Legislative Priorities of the Small County Coalition

[The Small County Coalition - 2024 Legislative Program - November 2023 .docx](#)

Legislative Priorities of the Small School District Council Consortium

[SSDCC 2024 Legislative Priorities - Adopted - Final Revised - November 2023 .docx](#)

Links to Monitor the Legislative Session

[*Link to the Florida Senate*](#)

[*Link to the Florida House of Representatives*](#)

[*The Florida Channel*](#)

On the Docket

Headlines Around The State

The Hill: Haley, DeSantis running out of time to catch Trump

News4Jax: DeSantis in Iowa criticizes House Republicans for not making impact or keeping promises

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says he'd debate Iowa opponents if he was in Donald Trump's position

The Hill: Voter confronts DeSantis on Trump approach: 'Why haven't you gone directly after him?'

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis promises national model civics curriculum if he becomes President

Herald: Broward political provocateur challenges Trump's eligibility for Florida ballot

Sun-Sentinel: South Florida activist asks judge to keep Trump off state's election ballot

Politico: We Sat Down With the Conservative Mastermind Behind Claudine Gay's Ouster

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says Martha's Vineyard flights were a Christian act

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis now says Fox News is in the tank for Donald Trump

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis defends 'interventions' at 'professionally-run' Guantanamo Bay

Today: Moms for Liberty co-founder challenges American Federation of Teachers president to debate

FlaPol: 'Football's changed': Ron DeSantis complains about college bowl opt-outs

My News 13: \$1.8 billion judgment could impact Florida real estate market

Axios: Report: Undocumented immigrants make up small share of Florida's population

Sentinel: Publix battle with Florida doctors groups over drugs for injured workers is heading to appeals court

My News 13: Former Congresswoman Val Demings talks new role at Georgetown

Herald: Daughter of former Broward mayor fleeced thousands of dollars in campaign funds, feds say

Herald: First look at Jeffrey Epstein 'John Doe' files: Clinton, Copperfield, Trump and more

The Capitolist: Four Florida cities rank in top 20 for apartment construction, though localized cost of living remains high

Herald: The best upgrade to reduce a homes hurricane damage? A newer roof, FEMA study finds

News-Herald: Unemployment claims in Florida declined in the week ending December 23

News-Press: What are the Iowa Caucuses? Why it's a big deal if DeSantis wins

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis still wants a 'satellite caucus' for Iowans in Florida

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis points to Florida as minimum wage model, though he opposed 'Fight for \$15' amendment

Democrat: DeSantis' 2024 budget includes tax relief on homeowner's insurance premiums, tax holidays, more

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis administration quietly alters Medicaid policies to comply with federal law

FlaPol: If Christian Ziegler faces a video voyeurism charge, will sex videos go public?

WLRN: Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments on abortion measure in February

News4Jax: Florida Surgeon General calls for end of COVID-19 vaccines based on mRNA

PNJ: Florida surgeon general calls for COVID-19 vaccine halt as controversial claims mount

WUSF: Florida's surgeon general calls for 'halt' in COVID-19 vaccines against federal health guidance

The Capitolist: Sen. Joe Gruters proposes denotation of citizenship status on driver's license

Times: Florida may ban most businesses from going cashless

FlaPol: Out of stock: Cup kerfuffle latest political break from the Christian, Bridget Ziegler brand

FlaPol: Florida Republicans troll Kamala Harris with slavery education bill

Times: Florida mandated later school start times. When will they happen?

The Capitolist: Republican lawmakers seek \$205 million My Safe Florida Home expansion

FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Dan Daley prioritizes court reforms, Parkland-inspired safety

FlaPol: Lawmakers propose steeper punishments for online child predators, push for automatic internet filters

The Capitolist: Florida tax collections top projection

WUSF: Jacksonville Council rails over the removal of Confederate statues

Democrat: Charlie Adelson files appeal of conviction for Dan Markel murder

FlaPol: Retired teachers tout Democratic candidate seeking to counterprogram Moms for Liberty message

FlaPol: 'Floridians need an advocate': Richard Gentry announces run for HD 27

Democrat: Stanley Sims sues city of Tallahassee, claims First Amendment violations

My News 13: Slew of resignations hit Central Florida municipalities over financial disclosure law

News-Press: Lee County GOP will vote to condemn Cape Coral City Council's controversial stipends

WUSF: Some Florida school districts are adopting inclusive LGBTQ guidelines

Sentinel: onePulse sheds employees, website and social media pages amid surprise Dec. 31 shutdown

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