



**2024
Regular Legislative
Session
Starts Today**



The Briefing for January 9, 2024

*The last Briefing was January 6, 2024
How's your weather – <https://weather.com/>*

Severe Weather Alert

Tallahassee and North Florida are under a severe weather alert. Schools in the Capitol Region have been cancelled.

Opening Day Remarks – Leaders Outline Expectations

Opening Day Ceremonies

Day 1 of the 60 day session will include formal addresses from the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Governor. During these sessions – each leader will outline expectations and their legislative priorities. All of these events as well as committee meetings can be watched on <https://thefloridachannel.org/>

Here's the schedule -

- 9:30AM Senate in Session - 2024 Session Opening Day Ceremonies
- 10:00AM House Convenes in Session - 2024 Session Opening Day Ceremonies
- 11:00AM Governor DeSantis delivers the State of the State address to House and Senate.

Legislative Briefings Planned Next Week

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

Next week there will be Legislative Briefings for the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium members that will be coming to Tallahassee to participate in the Legislative Days of the Florida Association of Counties and the Florida School Boards Association. Individuals do not need to register for these events – just show up!

The agenda for both meetings will include:
Review of Key Priorities
Update on key legislation
Outline of legislative schedules

House Moves Homestead Exemption Expansion

The House Ways & Means Committee met yesterday and approved two constitutional proposals that, if adopted, will provide additional property tax reduction by kexpanding the current Homestead Exemptions.

- Proposal 1 [WMC1.pdf - Bill Text](#) - if adopted would be an increase increase the current allowable homestead by an additional \$25,000 – which will provide an estimated \$1 – 1.1 billion of ad valorem reduction of property owners that file homestead exemption on their property.
- Proposal 2 - [WMC2.pdf - Bill Text](#) - will add an annual CPI adjustment to existing homestead exemption values. The effect would be effectively eliminate growth in local ad valorem revenues available for local government use. The estimated negative impact will be \$23 million to over \$100 million.
- Proposal 3 is an implementing statute. [WMC3.pdf - Bill Text](#) The is a proposed statute that will implement WMC 1 and/or 2 if it goes into effect.

Tools to follow the Legislature

Links to House and Senate Home Pages

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/>

<https://www.flsenate.gov/>

Link to watch Legislative Committees

<https://thefloridachannel.org/>

Legislative Calendar

House Calendar for Jan. 9 - 10

Senate Calendar for Jan. 9-11

Full Slate of Upcoming Events

2024

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

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

Headlines from Around the State

CBS Miami: DeSantis swipes at Trump's Civil War comments, says he won't drop out and endorse

My News 13: DeSantis set to outline legislative agenda in 2024 State of the State address Tuesday

Politico: DeSantis is a long way from Florida. Lawmakers at home have noticed.

FlaPol: Floridians won't see much of Ron DeSantis as Legislative Session begins

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis ad trashes Nikki Haley for insulting Iowans

Politico: The FDA just cleared the way for drug importation. What now?

The Capitolist: Filed legislation aims to slash prescription drug costs by comparing to international prices

Times: Florida book bans reach into other states

CBS Miami: Judge Elizabeth Scherer from Parkland shooter trial speaks publicly for first time since resigning after controversial case

WUSF: As children's mental health issues rise, a new Florida clinic offers free service

PNJ: Vote-by-mail ballots in Florida could soon be limited to absent voters only

Today: New Florida law creates guidelines for law enforcement registries for disabled people

The Floridian: Gaetz Urges Congressional Hearing After DoD Failed to Announce Defense Secretary's Hospitalization

WUSF: 'More than alarming': New report spurs worries over public safety, the environment in the Keys

TCPalm: DEP issues final order to punish Port St. Lucie resort for destroying mangrove forest

Bradenton Herald: State OKs controversial Anna Maria mangrove removal. But construction is still on hold

Axios: Florida tops nation in real estate agents

Democrat: Gas prices went up by 8 cents following holiday lows throughout Florida, AAA says

WLRN: Florida Republicans oust state party chairman facing rape allegations in critical election year

The Capitolist: RPOF ousts Christian Ziegler, votes in Evan Power as new Chairman

FlaPol: 2024 Legislative Session Preview: As Ron DeSantis campaigns, lawmakers eye major education, health care changes

Democrat: Florida Gov. DeSantis activates State Guard as 'severe weather' threatens state

Herald: Florida's top attorney sought more control over drug trafficking cases, draft bill shows

The Floridian: Over 1.5 Thousand Bills Filed Prior to Start of Florida Legislative Session

WUSF: Bills filed in Tallahassee would preempt enforcement of 'living wage' laws

The Floridian: New Antisemitism Bill Divides Democrats in the Florida House

WUSF: A Florida bill seeks to prevent minors under 16 from having social media accounts

Democrat: Florida GOP doubling down with new anti-LGBTQ bills for 2024. What you need to know

Sentinel: Florida may pass laws to protect kids from online porn, social media

DBNJ: Human trafficking probe of shelter prompted by Sen. Tom Wright ended when he backed off

FlaPol: Don Gaetz raises \$910K in opening quarter

WUSF: 2024 Florida Legislative session preview: Florida's child labor laws

PNJ: Florida bill named after Pensacola's Ladarius Clardy to harshen drive-by shooting penalties

Sentinel: Legislators seek \$25 million for new Holocaust museum in Orlando

Sentinel: Mystery texts target Democrat Keen in special House election

On the Docket

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

— **Legislature:**

- **SPECIAL ORDER SET**
 - Time: Tuesday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor.
 - Location: 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **SENATE STARTS SESSION**
 - Time: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
 - Description: The Senate will convene to help start the 2024 legislative session.
 - Location: Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- **HOUSE STARTS SESSION**
 - Time: Tuesday, 10 a.m.
 - Description: The House will convene to help start the 2024 legislative session.
 - Location: House chamber, the Capitol.
- **DESANTIS GIVES STATE OF STATE**
 - Time: Tuesday, 11 a.m.
 - Description: Gov. Ron DeSantis will give his annual State of the State address to formally launch the 2024 legislative session.
 - Location: House chamber, the Capitol.
- **PASSIDOMO HOLDS MEDIA AVAILABILITY**
 - Time: Tuesday, 2 p.m.
 - Description: Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples, will hold a media availability.
 - Location: Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- **BALANCED BUDGET, TERM LIMITS**
 - Time: Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.

- Description: The House will hold a floor session and take up a proposal (HCR 703), filed by Rep. Tyler Sirois, R-Merritt Island, that would serve as Florida's application to Congress to call a convention to propose a constitutional amendment to require a balanced federal budget. The House also will take up a proposal (HCR 693), filed by Rep. David Borrero, R-Sweetwater, that would similarly support a convention to propose a constitutional amendment on congressional term limits.
- Location: House chamber, the Capitol.
- IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT
 - Time: Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.
 - Description: The Senate Judiciary Committee will consider a series of issues, including a proposal (SM 598), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would call on the federal government to secure the U.S. southern border.
 - Location: 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- DOMESTIC SECURITY
 - Time: Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.
 - Description: The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee will receive a presentation from the Florida Sheriffs Association about domestic security.
 - Location: 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS COSTS
 - Time: Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.
 - Description: The Senate Regulated Industries Committee will take up a bill (SB 480), filed by Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach, that would allow utilities to recoup costs from customers for renewable natural-gas projects.
 - Location: 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- WORKERS' COMP TREATMENT
 - Time: Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.
 - Description: The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee will consider a proposal (SB 362), filed by Sen. Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, that would allow higher reimbursements for physicians and surgical procedures in the treatment of workers' compensation patients.
 - Location: 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- DEVELOPMENT ISSUES
 - Time: Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.
 - Description: The Senate Community Affairs Committee will take up a bill (SB 328), filed by Chairwoman Alexis Calatayud, R-Miami, that would address a series of development and housing issues, including providing \$100 million for the Hometown Hero housing program.
 - Location: 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- TCC NAME CHANGE PROPOSED
 - Time: Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.
 - Description: The Senate Education Postsecondary Committee will consider a proposal (SB 522), filed by Sen. Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, that would change the name of Tallahassee Community College to Tallahassee State College.
 - Location: 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- RETIREMENT SYSTEM PAYMENTS
 - Time: Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.

- Description: The Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee will take up a bill (SPB 7024) that would set contribution amounts for government agencies to fund the Florida Retirement System.
- Location: 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

— Also:

- FGCU TRUSTEES
 - Time: Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees will.
 - Location: Florida Gulf Coast University, Cohen Student Union, 10501 FGCU Blvd. South, Fort Myers.
- SUWANNEE WATER BOARD
 - Time: Tuesday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will.
 - Location: Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.
- SLOT MACHINES
 - Time: Tuesday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss issues related to slot machines at casinos.
 - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- PARI-MUTUELS
 - Time: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
 - Description: The Revenue Estimating Conference will take up issues involving pari-mutuel wagering.
 - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- UNEMPLOYMENT FUND PROJECTED
 - Time: Tuesday, 10 a.m.
 - Description: The Revenue Estimating Conference will update a forecast for the state Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund.
 - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- PRE-K PROGRAM
 - Time: Tuesday, 2 p.m.
 - Description: The Early Learning Programs Estimating Conference will address issues related to the voluntary pre-kindergarten program.
 - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

— Legislature:

- ANIMAL SHELTER RECORDS
 - Time: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.
 - Description: The Senate Agriculture Committee will take up a bill (SB 660), filed by Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach, that would provide a public-records exemption for information about people who adopt or foster pets from animal shelters or animal-control agencies.
 - Location: 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SEXUAL ASSAULT KITS
 - Time: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

- Description: The Senate Criminal Justice Committee will consider a proposal (SB 764), filed by Sen. Linda Stewart, D-Orlando, that would set a minimum requirement for retaining sexual-assault kits of victims who do not report assaults to law enforcement.
 - Location: 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- HOT CAR DEATHS TARGETED
 - Time: Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.
 - Description: The Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee will take up a bill (SB 554), filed by Sen. Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, designed to raise public awareness and prevent deaths of children left in hot cars.
 - Location: 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- MUSIC PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS
 - Time: Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.
 - Description: The Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee will consider a proposal (SB 590), filed by Sen. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, that is aimed at supplementing middle-school science, technology, engineering and math education with “music-based” learning materials.
 - Location: 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- BEAR THREATS
 - Time: Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.
 - Description: The Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee will take up a bill (SB 632), filed by Sen. Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, that would allow people to kill bears on their property without permits when they feel threatened or think it is necessary for protection.
 - Location: 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- LEFT-LANE DRIVERS
 - Time: Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.
 - Description: The Senate Transportation Committee will consider a proposal (SB 258), filed by Sen. Keith Perry, R-Gainesville, that would make it illegal to drive in the left lane of highways with at least two lanes in the same direction and maximum speed limits of 65 mph or higher. The prohibition would not apply when drivers are trying to pass other motorists.
 - Location: 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- ETHICS LEGISLATION
 - Time: Wednesday, 1 p.m.
 - Description: The Senate Rules Committee will take up a bill (SB 7014) that would make a series of changes in ethics laws.
 - Location: 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION
 - Time: Wednesday, 3 p.m.
 - Description: The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session.
 - Location: Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET
 - Time: Wednesday, 15 minutes after Senate floor session.
 - Description: The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor.
 - Location: 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULEDINGS

- House Criminal Justice Subcommittee (8 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee (8 a.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee (8 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee (8 a.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee (11 a.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee (11 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee (11 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Agriculture, Conservation & Resiliency Subcommittee (1:30 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee (1:30 p.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee (1:30 p.m., 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee (1:30 p.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee (4 p.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Education Quality Subcommittee (4 p.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee (4 p.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Transportation & Modals Subcommittee (4 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

— Also:

- **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS DAY**
 - Children’s Home Society of Florida and the University of Central Florida’s Center for Community Schools will host the 5th Annual Community Partnership Schools Day at the Capitol.
- **HEALTHY KIDS BOARD**
 - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Healthy Kids Corp. Board of Directors will.
 - Location: Hotel Duval, 415 North Monroe St., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-792-4925. Code: 971465827
- **SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**
 - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Education Estimating Conference will analyze enrollment in the pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade system.
 - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **PAROLE CASES**
 - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Commission on Offender Review will.

- Location: Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- LIFE AND HEALTH PANEL
 - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The board of the Florida Life & Health Insurance Guaranty Association is scheduled to.
 - Location: Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel, 4200 Jim Walter Blvd., Tampa.
- UTILITY ISSUES
 - Time: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Public Service Commission will.
 - Location; Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- JUDGE WEIGHS BOOK CASE
 - Time: Wednesday, 10 a.m. Central time.
 - Description: U.S. District Judge T. Kent Wetherell will hold a hearing on the Escambia County School Board's request to dismiss a lawsuit challenging removal and restrictions on school library books. Seven parents of schoolchildren, five authors, the publishing company Penguin Random House and the free-speech group PEN America filed the lawsuit, arguing that removing or restricting access to the books violated First Amendment and constitutional equal-protection rights.
 - Location: U.S. Courthouse, 1 Palafox St., Pensacola.
- STATE WORKER INSURANCE
 - Time: Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.
 - Description: The Self-Insurance Estimating Conference will address issues related to the health-insurance program for state employees.
 - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- REFUGEE PANEL
 - Time: Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.
 - Description: The Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force will.
 - Location: Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/jacksonville-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- DESANTIS, HALEY DEBATE
 - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley are scheduled to take part in a CNN debate as they seek the Republican presidential nomination.
 - Location: Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.
- FINANCE REPORTS
 - State candidates, political committees and parties face a Wednesday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Dec. 31.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

— Legislature:

- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION
 - Time: Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
 - Description: The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session.
 - Location: Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION
 - Time: Thursday, 9 a.m.

- Description: The House is scheduled to hold a floor session.
- Location: House chamber, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET
 - Time: Thursday, 15 minutes after Senate morning committeeings.
 - Description: The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor.
 - Location: 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULEDINGS

- Senate Appropriations Committee (10 a.m., 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Fiscal Policy Committee (10 a.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee (11 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee (11 a.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee (11 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee (11 a.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee (1 p.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Committee (1 p.m., 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Finance and Tax Committee (1 p.m., 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee (2 p.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Civil Justice Subcommittee (2 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee (2 p.m., 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee (2 p.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Agriculture, Environment and General Government Appropriations Committee (3 p.m., 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee (3 p.m., 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Education Appropriations Committee (3 p.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Rules Committee (5:30 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

— Also:

- RURAL COUNTIES – Note – this a routine review
 - Time: Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
 - Description: The Revenue Estimating Conference will address issues related to fiscally constrained counties, which include many rural counties.
 - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDING
 - Time: Thursday, 8:45 a.m.
 - Description: The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss the Public Education Capital Outlay, or PECO, program.
 - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- GAMBLING ISSUES
 - Time: Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Gaming Control Commission will.
 - Location: Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS
 - Time: Thursday, 11 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions.
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD
 - Time: Thursday, 1 p.m.
 - Description: The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will.
 - Location: Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management District Dr., Havana.
- LOTTERY
 - Time: Thursday, 1:30 p.m.
 - Description: The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze lottery issues.
 - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FLORIDA GATEWAY BOARD
 - Time: Thursday, 5 p.m.
 - Description: The Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees will.
 - Location: Florida Gateway College, Administration Building, Lake City.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

— Legislature:

- HEALTH ISSUES
 - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The House Select Committee on Health Innovation is scheduled to.
 - Location: Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- DESANTIS CAMPAIGNS IN IOWA
 - Time: Friday, 7:15 a.m. Central time.
 - Description: Gov. Ron DeSantis is scheduled to make an appearance in Iowa as part of his presidential campaign.
 - Location: The District Venue, 1350 S.W. Vintage Parkway, Ankeny, Iowa.
- RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD
 - Time: Friday, 8:30 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Board of Respiratory Care will.
 - Location: Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 564341766
- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE
 - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an “impact” conference, which involves analyzing potential costs of legislation.
 - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM
 - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Museum of Black History Task Force is scheduled to.
 - Location: R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee.
- CITRUS FORECAST

- Time: Friday, noon.
- Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture is scheduled to update its projections for the 2023-2024 citrus growing season.
- Location: Call-in number: 1-888-844-9904. Code: 8552986
- TRUST FUNDS
 - Time: Friday, 4 p.m.
 - Description: The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss issues related to the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund and the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund.
 - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

Headlines Around The State

The Hill: Trump says DeSantis should 'get on a plane and go back to Florida today'

News-Press: Trump-aligned super PAC hits Fla. Gov. DeSantis with some scathing Tallahassee billboards

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says Jan. 6 wouldn't have happened if he were President

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis denounces 'weaponized' ethics complaint filed last year by Donald Trump allies

FlaPol: Thomas Massie, Ron DeSantis joke about former Surgeon General getting fired

FlaPol: Oklahoma or Arkansas? Ron DeSantis eyes move for DOJ Civil Rights Division

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says legalizing weed would boost black market

Sentinel: DeSantis-led Florida has rejected \$11 billion in federal funding in recent years

Sentinel: Orange lawmakers advance long-shot bill repealing DeSantis' Disney board takeover

The Hill: DeSantis: Conservative media is afraid to criticize Trump

The Hill: Haley doesn't rule out considering DeSantis for running mate

Floridian: DeSantis Calls out 'Phony' Haley

AP: The Perry school shooting creates new questions for Republicans in Iowa's presidential caucuses

Times: Tampa Bay mayors excited about housing, development, Rays deal in 2024

Sentinel: GOP lawmaker Amesty files suit against Orlando Sentinel

WLRN: Delray Beach's \$115 million safety plan aims to improve pedestrian, bicycle lanes

Axios: What to expect from 2024 politics in Miami and Florida

Floridian: AG Moody Comes to FSU's Aid in Legal Battle Against Atlantic Coast Conference

Democrat: 'Prepared to unpack a lot': Andrew Gillum re-emerges from court win as podcast co-host

NBC: Florida abortion rights groups collect enough signatures to advance 2024 ballot measure

AP: Abortion initiative hits milestone for getting in front of Florida voters

FlaPol: Abortion rights coalition crosses petition threshold for 2024 ballot question

Times: Florida abortion amendment gets enough signatures for 2024 ballot

Axios: Florida abortion rights initiative reaches ballot threshold

NBC: FDA to allow Florida to import prescription drugs in bulk from Canada

FlaPol: Geraldine Thompson not deterred by Primary challenge from Randolph Bracy

FlaPol: Central Florida hotel association backs Erika Booth in HD 35 race

Times: St. Pete Beach lawsuit claims city illegally skipped special election

FlaPol: South Florida lawmaker refiles bill to ease replacement of old coastal buildings

FlaPol: Ana Maria Rodriguez, Lindsay Cross seek carbon sequestration task force

Times: New UF report says it's unclear if fertilizer bans stop pollution. Not everyone agrees.

WaPo: Why people don't have to pay anything for electricity in this Florida community

Herald: Tri-Rail trains finally ready to roll into Miami, seven years later than planned

WLRN: Magnet programs were meant to desegregate schools. 50 years later, Miami-Dade's are going strong

TCPalm: Former Sebastian City Council member Pam Parris ordered to serve reduced jail term

Ocala Star-Banner: No mayor. No town council. Reddick residents deal with Form 6 fallout

About the Briefing!

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