



Day 22 – 38 to go!
Budget Taking Form
Important links in today's briefing



The Briefing for January 30, 2024

The last Briefing was January 28, 2024

[Tallahassee, FL 10-Day Weather Forecast - The Weather Channel | Weather.com](#)

Today's Legislative Calendars

[House Calendar for Tuesday - Jan 30](#)

[Senate Calendar for Today and rest of week](#)

House and Senate Proposed Budgets Taking Form

Both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees will meet tomorrow to adopted a proposed budget proposal. The proposals will then go to the House and Senate floor for finalizing each chambers recommendations. That will set up the Conference Process where the House and Senate conferees will negotiate the final agreement for FY 2024-25.

The Chambers seem to be very close in terms of the total budget but there are differences. The Senate proposal (SB 2500) totaled \$115.9 billion, while the House proposal (PCB APC 24-01) came in just under \$115.55 billion.

Regarding you projects or programs of interest - Both budgets include literally hundreds of local projects – some are in both budgets others are in one side or the other. If your project is only in one budget – don't freak -projects will get worked out in the Conference process. Best advise – word search both budgets for you projects and then check with your House and Senate members regarding what you find.

The links below are word searchable - use the ctrl F function and then type in a recognizable word – like your county name.

[SB 2500 - Senate Proposed General Appropriations Bill](#)

[House Appropriations Committee Proposal - ACP 1](#)

Issues for Counties

[Budget Comparison for Programs Important to Small Counties](#)

The above link provides a comparison of the House and Senate proposal to funding for 3 years.

Here's some of what I found'

Small County Programs Relatively Good Shape

Would like to see an increase in SCOP and SCRAP

Would like to see an increase in Emergency Management Operating Grants

Fiscally Constrained funding intact

A lot of projects

Education Funding

[*Senate Proposed FEFP District by District Funding 24-25*](#)
[*House of Representatives Proposed FEFP District By District Funding 24-25*](#)

[*Record Funding for Special Facilities Program for Small District Construction Program – 2024 Proposed Special Facilities Funding in House and Senate Appropriations Bills .docx*](#)

Both House and Senate proposals include a record amount for Special Facility Projects
All projects recommended over the past two years are funded and there is additional funding for current and past projects to cover cost increases.

Status of Bills Being Tracked

The following bill reports provided a brief narrative of the bill along with the current location of the bill. The bill numbers are active links to bill information.

[**Local Government Bills Tracked Status - Jan 28.docx**](#)
[**Status of Education Related Bills Being Tracked - Jan 28.docx**](#)

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/>

Local Government Financial Information Handbook – 2023 Edition

Here is the [Local Government Financial Information Handbook - 2023 Edition](#).
The *Handbook's* discussion of local government revenue sources is organized as follows:

- **Part One: Revenue Source Authorized by the Constitution**
- **Part Two: Revenue Sources Based on Home Rule Authority**
- **Part Three: Revenue Sources Authorized by the Legislature**

Headlines Around the State

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis has doubts about Donald Trump as 2024 GOP standard-bearer

WUSF: DeSantis urges four amendments, including a balanced US budget and setting term limits for Congress

Politico: Biden takes a swing through unfriendly 'Trump Country'

Herald: Biden's top fundraisers are hosting him in Miami, saying Florida is 'still in play'

Sentinel: Migrant relocation flyers came from DeSantis administration contractor, records show

FlaPol: After long wait, Mario Díaz-Balart endorses Donald Trump

Axios: Florida unions flop amid low point for U.S. labor organizing

Sentinel: Florida leads nation in immigration court backlog as cases surge across US

WLRN: Broward inmate deaths sound alarms for reform and resources in county jails

CBS Miami: NAACP calls on Department of Justice to investigate rash of inmate deaths at Broward jail

WUSF: A Florida A&M University discrimination lawsuit has been tossed out

AP: Florida attorneys who criticized discrimination ruling should be suspended, judge says

WUSF: A Florida park just saw a record number of manatees gather together in its waters

FlaPol: Florida gas prices rise 16 cents alongside crude oil costs

My News 13: UCF's new nursing school facility hopes to combat nursing shortage

News4Jax: Back home in Florida after White House bid ends, DeSantis is still focused on Washington's problems

My News 13: Abortion activists on both sides prepare for Florida Supreme Court hearing

The Capitolist: House subcommittee advances proposal to increase majority requirement for constitutional amendments

WUSF: Artificial intelligence regulation a major theme this legislative session

The Capitolist: House Subcommittee advances AI regulations

Times: These 3 controversial Florida bills aren't likely to move forward

Times: Florida lawmakers offer shifting views on how much to protect children

WUSF: Should Marsy's Law victim privacy extend to Florida law enforcement? One lawmaker says yes

Times: Democrats call out DeSantis for fighting state attorney's reinstatement

WUSF: Suspended Hillsborough state attorney Andrew Warren says he's focused on reinstatement

FlaPol: Andrew Warren continues legal fight, but uncertainty over timing, election remains

FlaPol: In the zone: House Committee advances bill creating 2-mile protection buffer around Everglades

The Capitolist: Senate banking committee advances Citizens Property Insurance revisions

FlaPol: Fantasy sports bill barring those under 21 years old from playing advances in Senate

Democrat: FSU suspends student group after it interrupted meeting with pro-Palestinian chants

Times: Florida schools turn to metal detectors as kids bring guns

My News 13: Florida lawmakers considering legislation that would create a state 'dangerous dog' registry

Sentinel: Space Florida seeks additional state funding, more spaceport territory

The Capitolist: Space Florida gears up for increased launches

FlaPol: Bills creating license plates to celebrate Florida boating, recycling speed ahead

News4Jax: Wood-frame construction, like what was used in RISE Doro, is common in Florida because of its cost. But there are risks

On The Docket This Week

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

Legislature:

- YOUTH WORK RULES - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee will take up a bill (SB 1596), filed by Sen. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, that would loosen restrictions on the hours that 16- and 17-year-old youths can work. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- PENALTIES IN MIGRANT CRIMES - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Senate Criminal Justice Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1036), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would increase criminal penalties for immigrants who are arrested for felonies after illegally re-entering the U.S. following deportation for earlier crimes. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- INSULIN REFILLS - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Senate Health Policy Committee will take up a bill (SB 516), filed by Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez, R-Doral, that would allow pharmacists to dispense emergency refills of insulin to diabetes patients up to three times a year. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- STATE COULD RECOGNIZE TRIBE - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The House Commerce Committee will consider a proposal (HB 675), filed by Rep. Michelle Salzman, R-Pensacola, that would lead to the state formally recognizing the Santa Rosa Band of the Lower Muscogee Indian tribe. - 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- BEAR THREATS - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The House Infrastructure Strategies Committee will take up a bill (HB 87), filed by Rep. Jason Shoaf, R-Port St. Joe, that would allow people to kill bears on their property without permits when they feel threatened or think it is necessary for protection. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- SCHOOL CHAPLAINS - Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. - The House Education & Employment Committee will take up a bill (HB 931), filed by Rep. Stan McClain, R-Ocala, that would allow school districts and charter schools to have volunteer school chaplains. - Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- DNA SAMPLES - Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. - The House Judiciary Committee will take up a bill (HB 533), filed by Rep. Tom Fabricio, R-Miami Lakes, that would require collection of DNA samples from all state prison inmates who have not previously provided samples. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- MARKERS, MONUMENTS - Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. - The House State Affairs Committee will take up a bill (HB 395), filed by Rep. Dean Black, R-Jacksonville, and Rep. Webster Barnaby, R-Deltona, that seeks to prevent the removal of historical markers and monuments. - 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SENIOR SCAMS - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee will consider a proposal (SB 556), filed by Sen. Darryl Rouson, D-St. Petersburg, that would allow banks and credit unions to delay transactions if they believe seniors are being scammed. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SCHOOL VOUCHERS - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee will consider a bill (SPB 7048) that would make a series of changes in school-voucher programs. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- BUILDING DEMOLITION - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee will take up a proposal (SB 1526), filed by Sen. Bryan Avila, R-Miami Springs, that would limit the ability of local governments to prevent demolition of certain structures and would require authorization of “replacement” structures. - 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

- SPACEPORT TERRITORY - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Transportation Committee will consider a proposal (SB 968), filed by Sen. Alexis Calatayud, R-Miami, that would broaden a spaceport definition to include property in Miami-Dade and Bay counties. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS - Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The House Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 1291), filed by Rep. John Snyder, R-Stuart, that would place restrictions on teacher-preparation programs, including barring them from including a curriculum that “teaches identity politics ... or is based on theories that systemic racism, sexism, oppression, and privilege are inherent in the institutions of the United States and were created to maintain social, political, and economic inequities.” - Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- GUN PURCHASE AGE - Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The House Criminal Justice Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 1223), filed by Rep. Bobby Payne, R-Palatka, and Rep. Tyler Sirois, R-Merritt Island, that would lower the minimum age from 21 to 18 for people to buy rifles and other long guns in Florida. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS COSTS - Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The House Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 683), filed by Rep. Brad Yeager, R-New Port Richey, that would allow utilities to recoup costs from customers for renewable natural-gas projects. - Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- SUICIDE RECORDS EXEMPTION - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Rules Committee will take up a bill (SB 474), filed by Sen. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, that would create a public-records exemption for photos and recordings of people committing suicide. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Tuesday, 15 minutes after Senate committee meetings. - The Senate Special Order Calendar Group is scheduled to set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **Also:**
- PUERTO RICO DAY AT THE CAPITOL - A series of events will be held as part of Puerto Rico Day at the Capitol.
- BIDEN TRAVELS TO FLORIDA - President Joe Biden will travel to South Florida on Tuesday as part of his re-election campaign. A news release from the White House said he will take part in two “campaign receptions” in the Palm Beach and Miami areas. It did not provide additional details, such as the locations or times.
- WATER QUALITY - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force will meet. <https://www.youtube.com/fwcresearch>
- FAU TRUSTEES MEET - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees will meet. - Florida Atlantic University, Administration Building, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. <https://www.fau.edu/bot/>
- KEYS COLLEGE BOARD MEETS - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys will meet. - The College of the Florida Keys, Upper Keys Center, 106040 Overseas Highway, Key Largo.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

Legislature:

- SENATE BUDGET - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Senate Appropriations Committee will take up a budget proposal (SPB 2500) and related bills for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The proposal is a

step toward the Senate negotiating a final spending plan with the House. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- HOUSING ISSUES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Senate Fiscal Policy Committee will take up a bill (SB 328), filed by Sen. Alexis Calatayud, R-Miami, that would make a series of changes to a major affordable-housing plan that lawmakers approved in 2023. That plan, known as the Live Local Act, was a priority of Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Wednesday, 15 minutes after Senate committee meetings end. - The Senate Special Order Calendar Group is scheduled to set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. - 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- House Appropriations Committee (9 a.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Ways & Means Committee (9 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee (2 p.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Education Quality Subcommittee (2 p.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building.)
- House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Transportation & Modals Subcommittee (2 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

Also:

- PORT ISSUES - Port directors from across the state and the Florida Ports Council will host Seaports Day at the Capitol.
- KEISER UNIVERSITY AT CAPITOL - Keiser University faculty, staff and alumni are expected to take part in Keiser University Day at the Florida Capitol.
- 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
- PORT ISSUES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council is scheduled to meet. - Hotel Indigo, 826 West Gaines St., Tallahassee.
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES - - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. - Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 261180880
- CAREERSOURCE BOARD MEETS - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The CareerSource Florida Board of Directors will meet. - Information at www.careersourceflorida.com/boardroom
- MEDICAID ISSUES - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The state Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee will meet. - Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Dr., Building 3, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-792-4898. Code: 324032061

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Legislature:

- SENATE EYES VACATION RENTALS - Thursday noon. - The Senate will hold a floor session and is scheduled to take up a bill (SB 280), filed by Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach, that would revamp regulations about vacation-rental properties. - Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- HOUSE TAKES UP TEEN WORKER ISSUE - Thursday, 3 p.m. - The House will hold a floor session and is scheduled to take up a bill (HB 49) that would loosen restrictions on the

numbers of hours that 16- and 17-year-old youths can work. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Linda Chaney, R-St. Pete Beach, includes removing restrictions on 16- and 17-year-olds working more than eight hours in a day when school is scheduled the next day. It also would remove restrictions on them working more than 30 hours in a week when school is in session. - House floor, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee (8 a.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Civil Justice Subcommittee (8 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee (8 a.m., 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee (8 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Appropriations Committee (9 a.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Fiscal Policy Committee (9 a.m., 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee (11:30 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee (11:30 a.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee (11:30 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee (11:30 a.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Rules Committee (15 minutes after House floor session, 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

Also:

- FSU TRUSTEES MEET - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida State University Board of Trustees will meet. - Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- GAMBLING ISSUES ON TABLE - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. - Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release weekly opinions.
- FSU DAY CELEBRATED - Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - Florida State University President Richard McCullough is expected to take part in a pep rally that is part of FSU Day at the Capitol. - Capitol courtyard.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

Legislature:

- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. - Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Friday, noon. - The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. - House chamber, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- House Select Committee on Health Innovation (9 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)

Also:

- HOUSING ISSUES - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. - Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE HELD - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an “impact” conference, which involves estimating the potential costs of legislation. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- PANHANDLE COUNCIL MEETS - Friday, 1:30 p.m. - The Emerald Coast Regional Council Board of Directors will meet. - Hotel Effie, 1 Grand Sandestin Blvd., Miramar Beach.

Headlines Around the State

Politico: DeSantis returns to his comfort zone

Times: Was Ron DeSantis overrated?

FlaPol: Bill banning out-of-pocket charges for breast imaging could help thousands in Florida

FlaPol: House budget bill lets state gambling enforcers keep contraband, proceeds

The Hill: Scott hammers Democratic opponent as liar over abortion attack

News 4 Jax: New study shows child care costs are more than in-state college tuition in Florida

WUSF: Abortion access amendment is apparently on the 2024 Florida ballot

Post: A 'time capsule': Officials take emotional tour of Parkland school

WLRN: In move towards transparency, Broward's top prosecutor unveils criminal justice data dashboard

FlaPol: Blocked? Gov. DeSantis voices legal concerns with bill banning social media for minors.

Sentinel: DeSantis cautious about social media ban for kids, cites legal woes

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints Robert Bender to Escambia Supervisor of Elections

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis touts semiconductor industry, \$35M in workforce grants

WUSF: DeSantis wants an appeals court to reconsider panel's ruling on Warren suspension

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis lashes out at Joe Biden over LNG export pause

FlaPol: Judge criticizes Gov. DeSantis, appointee for ‘running their mouths’ in effort to shut down pro-Palestinian college groups

Politico: Pro-Palestinian groups targeted by DeSantis urge Florida court to block punishments

FlaPol: Gavin Newsom says Ron DeSantis avoided getting ‘trounced in his own state’ by dropping out

About the Briefing!

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