



# ABM'S STATE LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

## 2023 SESSION

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# Presentation Topics

Active Legislation

Governor's Budget

State Legislative Process

State Legislative Watchlist

Bill Tracking Entities





# Active Legislation

## 2023 Session

- 717 Bills filed so far

## Important Dates

- **March 7:** First Day of Session; Final Member Bill Filing Deadline
- **April 16:** End of Reconsideration of Bills in Committees
- **April 22:** Unless otherwise directed, House Bills are transmitted to the Senate; Senate bills are certified.
- **May 5:** Last day of Regular Session

# Governor's Budget

## Conservation Proposals | Fiscal Year 2023-2024



- \$50 million - Total Maximum Daily Loads; nutrient pollution reduction projects in Basin Management Action Plan and other restoration plans. In line with the Blue-Green Algae Task Force consensus findings.
- \$65 million - Improve water quality and combat the impacts of Harmful Algal Blooms, including blue-green algae and red tide
- \$50 million - Land Acquisition Trust Fund for springs restoration and land acquisitions
- \$50 million - Alternative Water Supply Grant Program
- \$85 million - DEP to continue the stabilization, water treatment, and closure of Piney Point facility

# Governor's Budget

## Resilience Proposals | Fiscal Year 2023-2024



- \$406 million - Resilient Florida Program
  - \$350 million - Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan
  - \$56 million - Resiliency planning and coral reef protection

# State Legislative Process



- Either Senate or House
- Legislator sponsors a Bill



- First Reading: Publication in Journal



Bill Fails ← Committee Hearing(s)



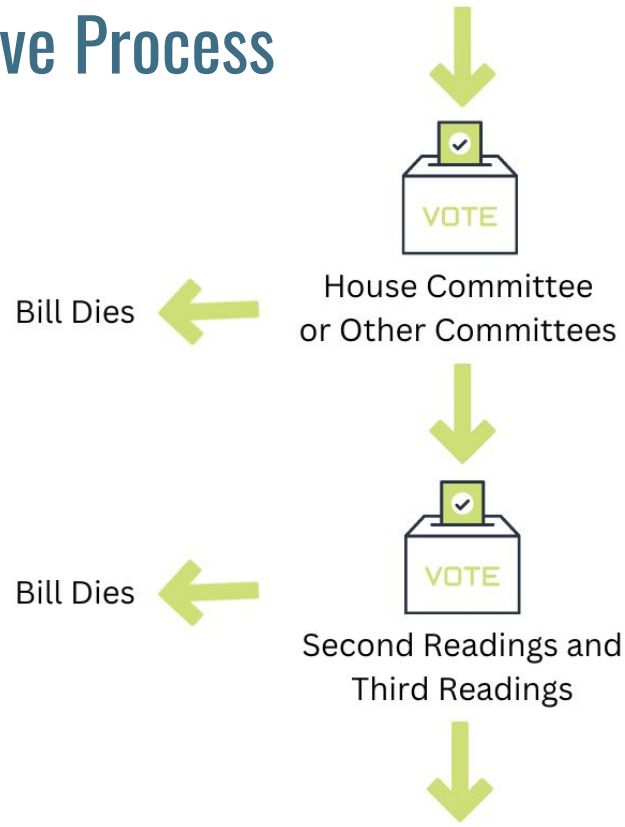
Bill Passes  
May be with amendments or  
committee substitute.



**March 7:** First Day of Session; Final Member Bill Filing Deadline



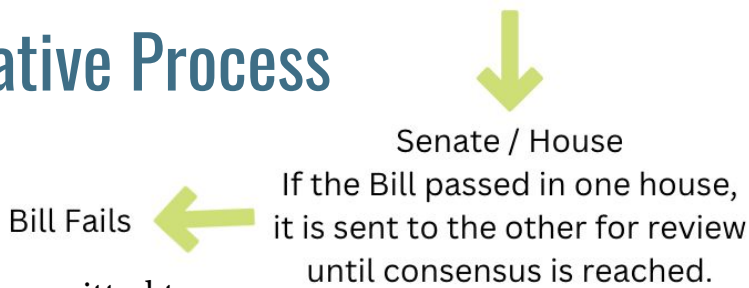
# State Legislative Process



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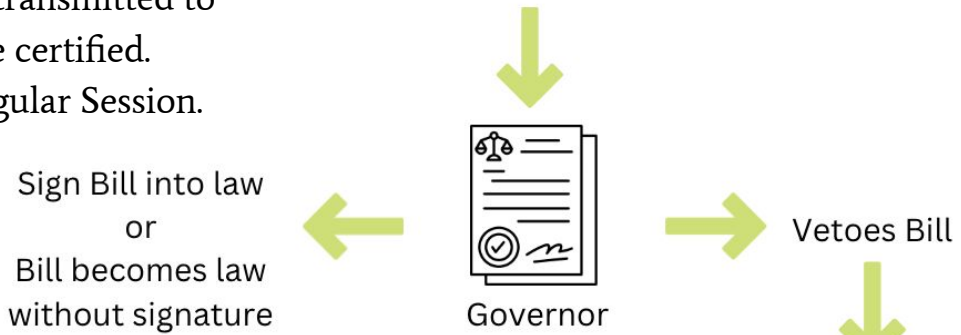


# State Legislative Process



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2/3 Legislature (Senate and House)  
votes to Override Veto





# State Legislative Watchlist


18 Bills

SB = Senate Bill

HB = House Bill

CS = Committee Substitute

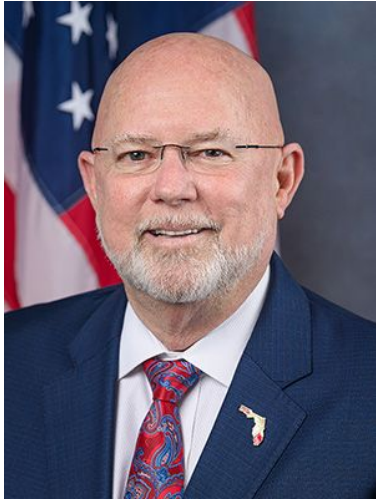
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Economy The word "Economy" is followed by a green icon of a stack of coins with a dollar sign on top.

Waste Alternatives The words "Waste Alternatives" are followed by a green recycling symbol icon.

Land Use and Development The words "Land Use and Development" are followed by a green icon of a tuft of grass.

# HB 371 Management and Storage of Surface Waters



Representative Killebrew  
District 48

- Amends Florida Water Resources Act
- Exempts from regulation,
  - Environmental habitat creation
  - Restoration
  - Enhancement activities, or
  - Water quality improvements on agricultural or government lands
- Removes case-by-case analysis and written notice requirements
- Net increase in wetland habitat



# HB 111 Public Financing of Potentially At-Risk Structure and Infrastructure



Representative Hunchofsky  
District 95

- Prepare coastal regions for future sea level rise
- Adds erosion as an addressable issue
- Discrete or compound natural hazard events

# SB 284 / HB 325 Flood Disclosure for Residential and Commercial Property Sales



Representative Valdés  
District 64



Senator Bradley  
District 6

- Requires disclosure of certain flood information to prospective purchasers

# SB 592 / HB 207 Notice of Contaminated Water Systems



Representative Edmonds  
District 88



Senator Powell  
District 24

- Requires notice via text message of
  - Date of the findings of contamination
  - Levels of contamination
  - Date of restoration of potable water

# SB 172 / HB 177 Safe Waterways Act



Senator Berman  
District 26



Representative  
Gossett-Seidman  
District 91

- Applies to contaminated water bodies
- Close public waters under conditions hazardous to health
- Requires health advisory signs

**SB 162 Water and Wastewater  
Facility Operators**



Senator Collins  
District 14



**SB 458 Wastewater Grant  
Program**



Senator Rodriguez  
District 40

# HB 423 Implementation of the Recommendations of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force



Representative Cross  
District 60

- Requires inspection of sewage treatment and disposal systems
- Pollutant load reductions must meet requirements in Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs)
- Considers increasingly higher pollutant loads
- Requires reevaluation of mitigation and elimination strategies



# HB 527 Office of the Blue Economy



Representative Skidmore  
District 92

- Added to the Department of Economic Opportunity
- Promotes sectors of ocean and coastal resources
  - Economic Development
  - Sustainability
  - Academic Research
  - Environmental Issues



**SB 358 / HB 475**  
**Residential Graywater System  
Tax Credits**



Senator Burgess  
District 23



Representative Buchanan  
District 74



**SB 322** **Natural Gas Fuel Taxes**



Senator Gruters  
District 22

\*Graywater = wastewater from household or domestic appliances and products.

SB 336 / HB 363

# Regulation of Single-Use Plastic Products



Senator Rodriguez  
District 40



Representative Mooney  
District 120

- Allows Coastal Communities to implement single-use plastic product regulation pilot programs
- Requires report on regulation of a range of disposable plastic bags

## SB 498

# Preemption of Recyclable and Polystyrene Materials



Senator Stewart  
District 17

- Removes the preemption of local laws regulating auxiliary containers, wrappings, disposable plastic bags, and the use or sale of polystyrene products to FDACS.

## SB 506

# Comprehensive Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan



Senator Stewart  
District 17

- Requiring FL DEP to develop a 3 year Comprehensive Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan
- Statewide education and outreach. Provide recommendations to reinstate the Recycling and Education Grant Program, and other means of providing local government assistance.

# HB 557 / SB 602 Land Acquisition Trust Fund



Representative Bell  
District 49



Senator Burton  
District 12

- Provides \$20 million annually to DEP to protect headwaters, including that of Alafia and Hillsborough, under the Heartland Headwaters Protection and Sustainability Act

# HB 439 Land Use and Development Regulations



Representative McClain  
District 27

- Removes or amends statutory barriers to urban sprawl
- Local governments must accept Special Magistrate recommendations under FLUEDRA

## HB 41

# Land Development Initiative and Referendum Processes



Representative Garcia  
District 115

- Prohibits initiatives and referendum processes for
  - Development orders
  - Amendments to land development regulations



# CS / SB 170 Local Ordinances



Senator Trumbull  
District 2

- Requires “Business Impact Estimates” before passing an ordinance
  - Estimate direct economic impact
  - Identify new fees
  - Estimate regulatory costs
  - Estimate number of impacted businesses
- Requires suspension of ordinances challenged in court if
  - Preempted
  - Arbitrary
  - Unreasonable
- General exceptions apply



# Bill Tracking Entities

## Identified by LRC in 2022

- Florida League of Cities (FLOC)
- Suncoast League of Cities
- Florida Stormwater Association (FSA)
- Florida Regional Councils Association
- Sierra Club
- Surfrider Foundation
- 1000 Friends of Florida
- Ocean Conservancy
- Florida Wildlife Federation
- Florida Native Plant Society
- Tampa Bay Assoc Enviro Professionals
- Florida Audubon
- Trust for Public Land
- The Nature Conservancy
- Florida Conservation Voters
- Water Management Districts

## Bills



<b>HB 371</b>	Management and Storage of Surface Waters
<b>HB 111</b>	Public Financing of Potentially At-Risk Structure and Infrastructure
<b>SB 284 / HB 325</b>	Flood Disclosure for Residential and Commercial Property Sales
<b>SB 592 / HB 207</b>	Notice of Contaminated Water Systems
<b>SB 172 / HB 177</b>	Safe Waterways Act
<b>SB 162</b>	Water and Wastewater Facility Operators
<b>SB 458</b>	Wastewater Grant Program
<b>HB 423</b>	Implementation of the Recommendations of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force
<b>HB 527</b>	Office of the Blue Economy



<b>SB 336 / HB 363</b>	Regulation of Single-Use Plastic Products
<b>SB 498</b>	Preemption of Recyclable and Polystyrene Materials
<b>SB 506</b>	Comprehensive Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan



<b>SB 358 / HB 475</b>	Residential Graywater System Tax Credits
<b>SB 322</b>	Natural Gas Fuel Taxes



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<b>HB 439</b>	Land Use and Development Regulations
<b>HB 41</b>	Land Development Initiative and Referendum Processes
<b>CS / SB 170</b>	Local Ordinances