



The Florida Business Agenda Report:  
2025 Weekly Legislative Update  
End of Session Review

**If what happens in Tallahassee matters to your business, this is your best resource for insight into the 2025 legislative session.**

The 2025 regular legislative session concluded on Friday, May 2, after the scheduled 60 days without the one bill the legislature is constitutionally required to pass each year- a balanced state budget. Following 3 special sessions in February largely on immigration policy, infighting continued into the regular session and resulted in an impasse on the state budget. The House and Senate passed initial spending plans that were \$4.4 billion apart, with the House calling for over \$5 billion in tax savings compared to the Senate's \$2.1 billion tax savings plan. At this time, the House and Senate have not agreed on final allocations and have extended session in a limited scope to June 6.

Below is your rundown of what happened during the 2025 regular session.

**Hard Work Remains Following Conclusion of 2025 Regular Legislative Session in which Local Businesses & Consumers Prevail**

*The Florida Chamber sees the passage of several Chamber priorities, including necessary protections to Florida's Constitution, and defeat of several anti-business bills to maintain Florida's status as the best state in the nation to do business*

**Florida's Regular Legislative Session by the Numbers:**

- 1,951 Bills and PCBs filed; approximately 245 bills passed both chambers

- Florida Chamber of Commerce testified over 150 times on legislation impacting job creators
- Florida Chamber is analyzing approximately 5,000 regular session votes cast by lawmakers and will release its annual Legislative Report Card with our forthcoming How They Voted publication
- \$4.4 billion difference in House and Senate budgets, requiring the legislature to return to finish the budget and other items

TALLAHASSEE, FL (May 2, 2025) — The 2025 Florida Regular Legislative Session saw the passage of several Florida Chamber priorities and the defeat of anti-business legislation to continue Florida’s economic momentum toward a top 10 global economy by 2030. As the 60-day regular session concludes, Florida local businesses and consumers are ultimately the winners with the advancement of legislation to protect Florida’s Constitution, grow a globally competitive workforce, and address affordability challenges.

“Florida remains the national model for economic growth, quality of life and competitiveness,” said Mark Wilson, President & CEO of the Florida Chamber of Commerce. “Free enterprise isn’t free, and the Florida Chamber thanks Governor Ron DeSantis and many in the Legislature for helping move the Florida Chamber’s competitiveness agenda forward and preventing legislation that would significantly increase litigation from making it across the finish line.”

The Florida Chamber continues to unite the business community to defend the progress made and continue the momentum gathered over the last few years toward long-standing policy priorities contained within the Florida 2030 Blueprint to make Florida more competitive. “When the business community unites through the Florida Chamber, like it did again this year, it’s amazing what we are able to accomplish. I’d like to thank Florida Chamber members, local chambers of commerce and trade associations who joined with us to ensure Florida remains economically competitive,” said Keith Koenig, Chairman of CITY Furniture and Volunteer Chair of the Florida Chamber of Commerce. “Advancing the Florida 2030 Blueprint remains our focus and, on behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the Florida Chamber, I’d like to thank all of our partners and allies who have continued to work with us on ensuring the right things happen in Florida to help local businesses keep growing and diversifying Florida’s economy.”

One of the Florida Chamber’s top priorities this legislative session was to continue efforts to **protect Florida’s Constitution** from out of state and special interests seeking to buy their way onto our state’s foundational document. The subject of many paid petition initiatives could be better achieved by the more transparent and accountable legislative process. The Florida Chamber has a long history of supporting reforms to the so-called citizens’ initiative process to prevent near permanent changes by those seeking to circumvent the legislative process, which can more easily adjust to changing circumstances as knowledge improves, demographics change, or policy preferences shift. The need for additional reforms became apparent with a 942-page report from the Office of Election Crimes and Security that demonstrated extremely concerning levels of petition fraud leading up to the 2024 election. In response, HB 1205 enhances transparency and accountability requirements around the paid petition process, including requiring paid petition gatherers to be Florida residents, providing more information to voters about the effect of a proposed initiative, and increasing penalties for violations, including fraud.

Below are highlights of additional Florida Chamber-championed legislative priorities that passed this session, with a full legislative session recap linked below:

- **Continuing to Address Affordable Workforce Housing Challenges:** Continues the work the Florida legislature began two years ago with Live Local to reduce bureaucratic hurdles to encourage the development of more affordable workforce housing options so Floridians can live in the communities in which they work.

- **Creating Certainty in Permitting Processes:** Promotes certainty and improves communication between local governments and applicants by clarifying the roles of local authorities and streamlining the bureaucratic process associated with zoning and development applications by setting clear requirements and deadlines.
- **Increasing Access to Early Learning and Child Care:** Expands eligibility into the state School Readiness Program, or the state's early learning tuition assistance program, and reduces bureaucratic hurdles that increase the cost of child care and limit availability but do not increase safety or educational quality. According to the Untapped Potential in FL report, Florida loses nearly \$5.4 billion in economic value due to working parents having to be away from their jobs while caring for children under the age of six.
- **Boosting Work-Based Learning and Apprenticeship Opportunities:** Promotes access and the creation of apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs by establishing model standards and contracts, improving effectiveness and utilization. The Florida Chamber Foundation [Future of Work Florida](#) initiative seeks to increase awareness and preparedness for high-demand and high-wage careers in Florida. Apprenticeships are a powerful way to grow talent and create real pathways to opportunity while fueling local workforce development.
- **Continuing Florida's Leadership in Space and Aerospace:** Expands international relationships in space and aerospace research through the establishment of the International Aerospace Innovation Fund with a focus on collaborative research and development projects, workforce development initiatives, and commercialization efforts in critical technology areas.
- **Furthering Florida's Agricultural Industry:** Proposes a constitutional amendment on the 2026 ballot to eliminate the ad valorem tax on ag production equipment found on agricultural land, benefitting farmers who are essential to Florida and the nation's food supply.
- **Diversifying Florida's Energy Supply:** Promotes the development of renewable energy sources in Florida, which can lead to less reliance on foreign oil and gas or nonrenewable energy sources, through the creation of a new experimental cost recovery provision.
- **Addressing Regulatory Red Tape in Child Care:** Reduces bureaucratic hurdles that increase the cost of child care and limits availability but do not increase safety or educational quality. According to the Untapped Potential in FL report, Florida loses nearly \$5.4 billion in economic value due to working parents having to be away from their jobs while caring for children under the age of six.

While numerous Florida Chamber-backed, pro-Florida measures passed, several threats to local businesses emerged during session. The Florida Chamber successfully defeated or worked to mitigate efforts to drive additional litigation, create regulatory uncertainty, or increase costs on Florida businesses and families. Specifically, legislation seeking to unwind the progress made with the landmark 2022 and 2023 lawsuit abuse reforms was defeated,

allowing these successful reforms to continue stabilizing insurance markets and lessening tort taxes for Florida families and local businesses.

“The Florida Chamber team advocated all session for the policies necessary across all Six Pillars to continue Florida’s momentum towards becoming a top 10 global economy,” said Frank Walker, Executive Vice President of Government and Political Relations. “Uniting the business community around a common agenda also led to the defeat of misguided efforts to unwind prior progress and take our state’s competitiveness backwards.”

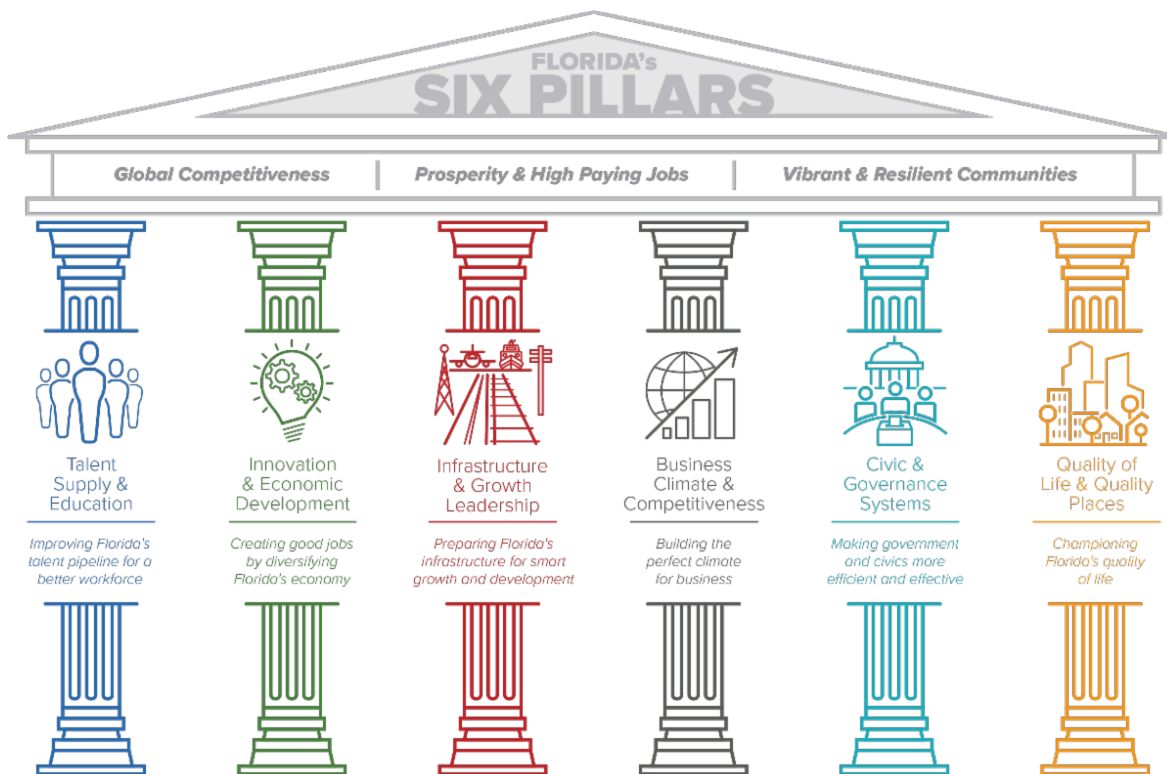
Further work remains on important competitiveness issues during future sessions to secure Florida’s future – from ending the Florida-only business rent tax to addressing the Florida’s highest in the nation medical malpractice rates to making long term investments in securing Florida as the world’s number one site for mega data centers to ensuring the development of a globally competitive workforce.

The Florida Chamber team is analyzing thousands of votes and will release its annual Legislative Report Card with its annual publication *How They Voted*, showcasing grades earned by all 157 legislators in the Florida House and Senate based on their votes during the 2025 Legislative Session. The Florida Chamber Legislative Report Card is an annual opportunity to recognize members of the Florida Legislature who placed making Florida more competitive through private-sector job creation above special interests and their attempts to protect the status quo. The Report Card also lets Florida families, small businesses, taxpayers, and voters know who voted in favor of private-sector job creation and a stronger economy.

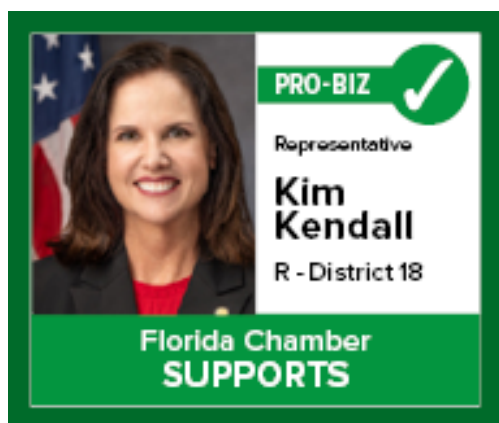
To view the Florida Chamber’s full legislative review of what passed, what was defeated, and what remains unfinished business at the conclusion of the 60-day regular legislative session, see below.

The Florida Chamber's Florida Business Agenda is guided by our *Florida 2030 Blueprint*, which outlines our Six Pillars framework, with 39 goals, with the ultimate goal of catapulting Florida from 16th largest economy to 10th largest economy in the world by 2030.

**Below is a comprehensive review of legislative activity from the 2025 Legislative Session.**



## Improving Florida's Talent Pipeline for a Better Workforce



## Career Planning Opportunities for Students

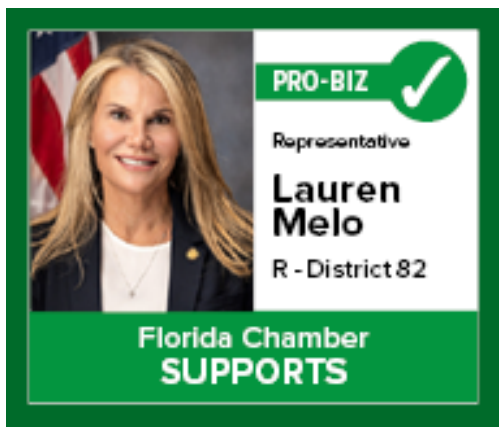
Enhances workforce development within Florida's education system to bridge Florida's talent gap by improving access to work-based learning, strengthening career fairs, and establishing a framework for awarding postsecondary credit for apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship training.

**SB 1094: Sen. Corey Simon**

**HB 571: Rep. Kim Kendall**



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## Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Program Funding

Creates a structured and performance-based funding framework for Florida's apprenticeship ecosystem by tying funding to participation, performance, and high-demand occupations.

**SB 1458: Sen. Nick DiCeglie**

**HB 681: Rep. Lauren Melo**



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## School Readiness Program

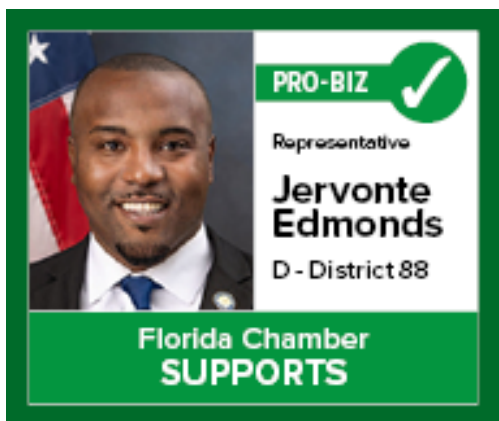
Increases access to childcare by expanding eligibility for the School Readiness Program, which provides early learning scholarships to working families, by shifting eligibility to state median income levels to ensure a more accurate measure of economic need.

**SB 1382: Sen. Alexis Calatayud**

**HB 859: Rep. Chase Tramont**



**PASSED IN HB 1255**



## Residential Status for Tuition Purposes

Expands access to educational opportunities for those that are incarcerated to promote second chances, reduce recidivism and create a pathway toward long-term economic self-sufficiency.

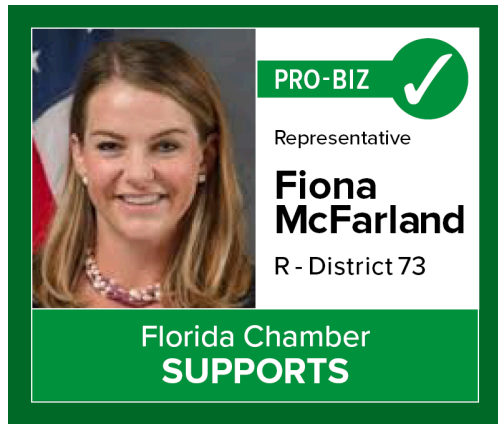


**SB 360: Sen. Rosalind Osgood**

**HB 45: Rep. Jervonte Edmonds**



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**Child Care and Early Learning Providers**

Reduces unnecessary bureaucratic regulatory burdens and costs that limit access to quality, affordable child care options for Florida families.

**SB 738: Sen. Colleen Burton**

**HB 47: Rep. Fiona McFarland**



**PASSED**



**Student Absences**

Establishes earlier reporting requirements for chronic absenteeism, thereby reinforcing the importance of early interventions in addressing student nonattendance that could impact students performing on grade level in key subjects, especially in rural and underserved areas.

**SB 938: Sen. Stan McClain**

**HB 1367: Rep. Erika Booth**



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## Mathematics Education Requirements

Seeks to improve Florida math proficiency by strengthening Florida's teacher preparation and certification programs to ensure future educators master essential elementary mathematics concepts, fostering better student outcomes and a stronger workforce pipeline.

**SB 1112: Sen. Alexis Calatayud**

**HB 1113: Rep. Susan Valdes**



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## Reading Instruction

Seeks to improve Florida's reading proficiency by enhancing teachers' reading interventions and instructions with an emphasis on students in grades 4-12.

**SB 442: Sen. Corey Simon**

**HB 1309: Rep. John Snyder**



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**Creating Quality Jobs by Diversifying Florida's Economy**





## Research and Development Tax Credit

Makes progress towards the 2030 Blueprint goal of being a top 3 state for research and development funding by increasing the R&D tax credit cap to attract and incentivize companies to perform R&D in Florida.

**SB 1244: Sen. Alexis Calatayud**

**HB 1377: Rep. Leonard Spencer**



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## Manufacturing

Enhances Florida's competitiveness in manufacturing by creating the Statewide Office of Manufacturing within the Department of Commerce, led by a Chief Manufacturing Officer, as recommended by the Florida Trade & Logistics 2030 Study, who is responsible for state manufacturing activities and strategy.

**SB 600: Sen. Keith Truenow**

**HB 561: Rep. Nan Cobb**



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## Rural Communities

Seeks to advance the 2030 Blueprint goal of doubling the rural share of state GDP by establishing programs aimed at addressing the challenges rural communities face, such as economic development, transportation and broadband connectivity, healthcare access, education, workforce development, and more. The bill also creates the Office of Rural Prosperity with the purpose of supporting rural communities by helping rural stakeholders

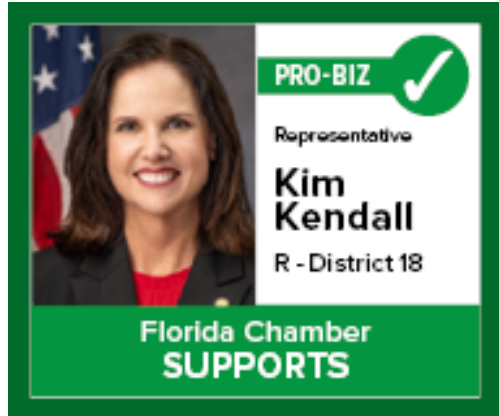
navigate available programs and resources and representing rural interests across state government.

**SB 110: Sen. Corey Simon**

**HB 1427: Rep. Griff Griffiths**



**Language in SB 110/HB 1427 was also added to HB 991 and HB 1267. All are unfinished business.**



## Aerospace Innovation Funding

Establishes the International Aerospace Innovation Fund to accelerate global aerospace innovation and investment by funding collaborative research and development projects, workforce development initiatives, and commercialization efforts in critical technology areas.

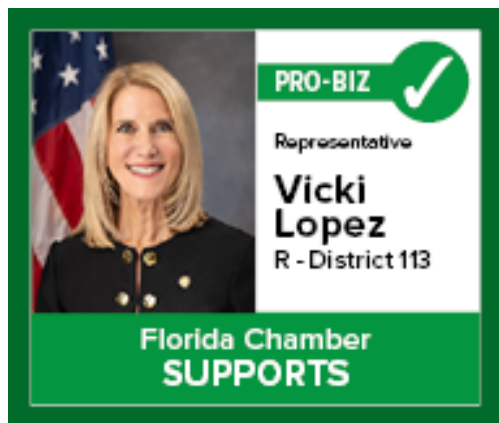
**SB 1516: Sen. Tom Wright**

**HB 793: Rep. Kim Kendall**



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## Improving Florida's Infrastructure for Smart Growth and Development



## Affordable Housing

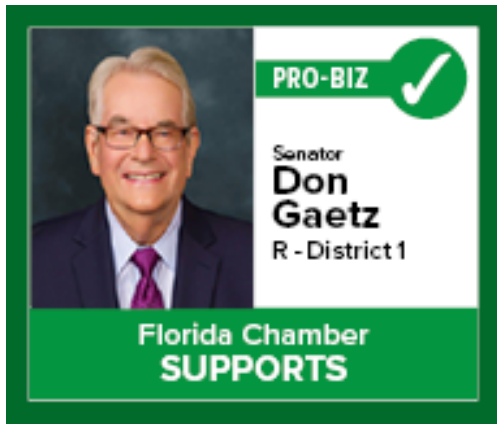
Strengthens the Live Local Act to create more affordable workforce housing options by limiting local government's ability to impose and enforce regulations that would restrict the development of affordable housing and incentivizes developers to build affordable housing for healthcare workers.

**SB 1730: Sen. Alexis Calatayud**

**HB 943: Rep. Vicki Lopez**



PASSED



## Accessory Dwelling Units

Addresses attainable workforce housing challenges by requiring local governments to adopt ordinances that allow accessory dwelling units in single-family residential areas to create more options.

**SB 184: Sen. Don Gaetz**

**HB 247: Rep. Bill Conerly**



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## Development Permits and Orders

Clarifies the roles of local authorities and streamlines the bureaucratic process associated with zoning and development applications by setting clear requirements and deadlines.

**SB 1080: Sen. Stan McClain**

**HB 579: Rep. Toby Overdorf**



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## Brownfields

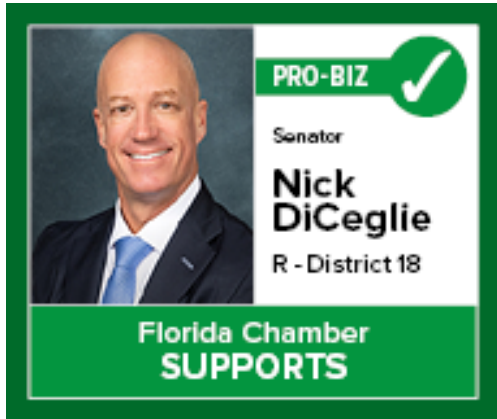
Promotes rehabilitation of brownfield sites and growth opportunities by making it easier for persons owning a portion of a brownfield site to receive tax credits under the brownfield program for the portion of a brownfield site that they own.

**SB 736: Sen. Keith Truenow**

**HB 733: Rep. Adam Anderson**



**PASSED**



## Local Government Impact Fees and Development Permits and Orders

Prevents local governments from abusing the calculation of impact fees by better tying the calculation to the area's growth.

**SB 482: Sen. Nick DiCeglie**

**HB 665: Rep. Kevin Steele**



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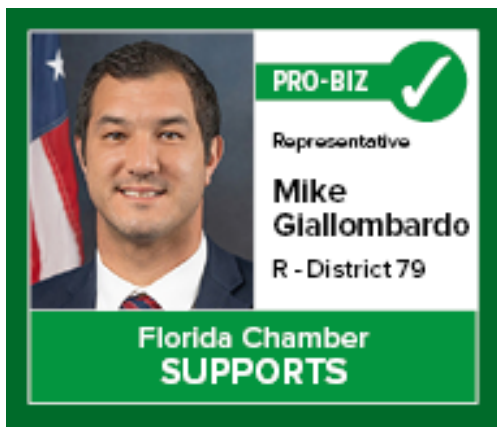
## Communication Services

Ensures resiliency in communication infrastructure in underserved areas and during natural disasters by exempting providers from certain taxes on communications and internet equipment.

**SB 1352: Sen. Jay Trumbull**



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## Cybersecurity Incident Liability

Strengthens critical infrastructure by protecting companies and third-party providers from liability in a cyber-attack when the entity has adopted a qualified cybersecurity program.

**SB 1576: Sen. Nick DiCeglie**

**HB 1183: Rep. Mike Giallombardo**



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## Energy Infrastructure Investment

Promotes the development of renewable energy sources in Florida, which will increase energy independence, and incentivizes the development of additional energy sources to support economic growth and sustainability.

**SB 1574: Sen. Nick DiCeglie**

**HB 1239: Rep. Jennifer Kincart  
Jonsson**



**PASSED**



## Tax of Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing Aircraft

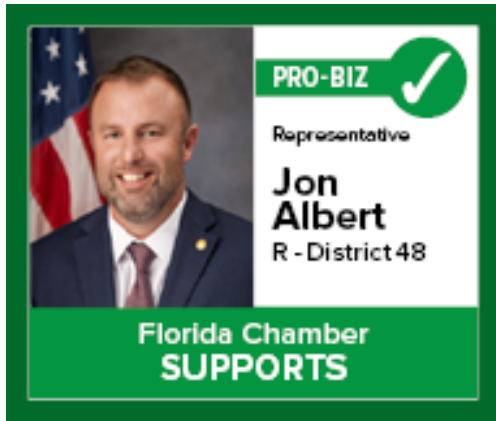
Encourages progress toward the Autonomous Florida goal of becoming the mobility innovation capital of the world and growth in the Advanced Air Mobility industry by exempting electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft transactions from state sales tax when transferred from a manufacturer to an operator.

**SB 266: Sen. Gayle Harrell**

**HB 199: Rep. Juan Porras**



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**Former Phosphate Mining Lands**

Encourages economic development and smart growth by creating a process to put safe former phosphate mine sites into their highest and most productive economic use.

**SB 832: Sen. Danny Burgess**

**HB 585: Rep. Jon Albert**



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**Building the Perfect Climate for Business**



**Court Judgement Interest Rates and Insurance Reports and Practices**

Worsens Florida's improving lawsuit abuse climate by reinstituting an incentive billboard trial lawyers to file frivolous lawsuits against property insurers to receive attorneys' fees, driving up costs and inflating Floridians' insurance premiums.

**SB 554: Sen. Don Gaetz**

**HB 451: Rep. Alex Andrade**



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## Insurer Accountability to Insureds

The bill weakens the bad faith reforms in Florida Chamber-backed HB 837 (2023) and worsens Florida's lawsuit abuse climate by reducing the safe harbor from 90 days to 10 days.

Companion bill has not been filed.

HB 881: Rep. Griff Griffiths Jr.



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## Coverage by Citizens Property Insurance Corporation

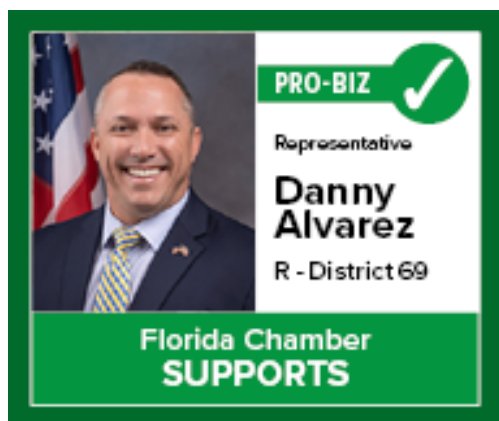
Increases the probability of assessments or "hurricane taxes" on Floridians by increasing the eligibility for Citizens' Insurance policies and further capping rate increases in specified counties, ensuring premiums are not actuarially sound and anti-competitive with the private market.

SB 1020: Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez

HB 1073: Rep. Jim Mooney



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## Ad Valorem Taxation

Supports Florida's agriculture industry—essential to state and national food security—by advancing the Florida 2030 Blueprint goals of fostering the nation's top business tax climate and doubling rural Florida's share of GDP through the elimination of tangible personal property tax for equipment on agricultural land.



**SB 318: Sen. Keith Truenow**

**HB 1215: Rep. Danny Alvarez**



**PASSED**



## Products Liability Actions Under the Florida Pesticide Law

Protects Florida's agriculture industry as a lawful user or vendor of certain agricultural products from product liability lawsuits unless the business did not follow governmental use and application guidelines.

**SB 992: Sen. Jay Collins**

**HB 129: Rep. J.J. Grow**



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## Insurance

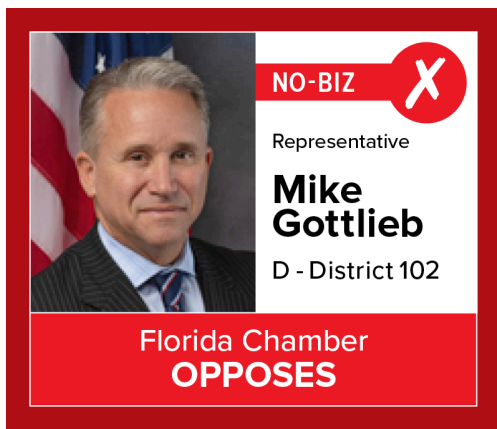
Enhances the stability competitiveness of Florida's property insurance market by furthering the Florida Chamber's lawsuit abuse reform efforts on insurance, closing a loophole exploited by billboard trial attorneys to file meritless lawsuits that drive up costs for homeowners and local businesses.

**SB 230: Sen. Keith Truenow**

**Companion bill has not been filed.**



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**SB 510: Sen. Darryl Rouson**

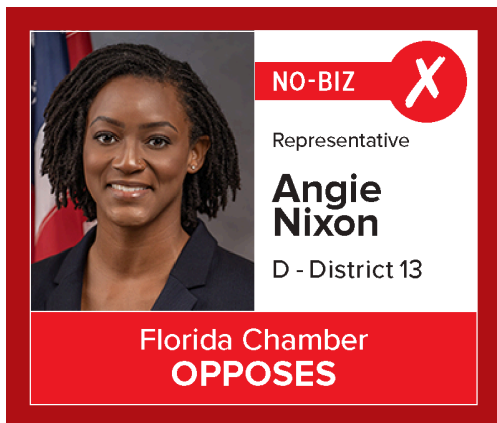
**HB 35: Rep. Mike Gottlieb**



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## Heat Illness Prevention

Creates a new governmental mandate on employers relating to heat safety, interfering in the employer-employee relationship, and ignoring employer safety programs already in place to protect their employees.



**SB 1552: Sen. Carlos Guillermo Smith**

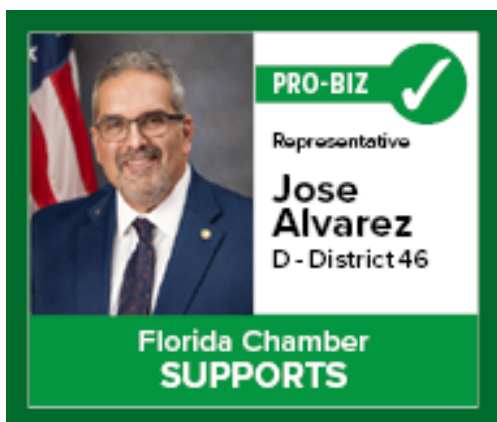
**HB 1497: Rep. Angie Nixon**



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## Division of Labor Standards

Negatively impacts Florida's business-friendly climate by creating the Division of Labor Standards, which establishes new layers of government bureaucracy that interfere in the employer-employee relationship.



## Annual Rate Increases for Coverages by Citizens Property Insurance Corporation

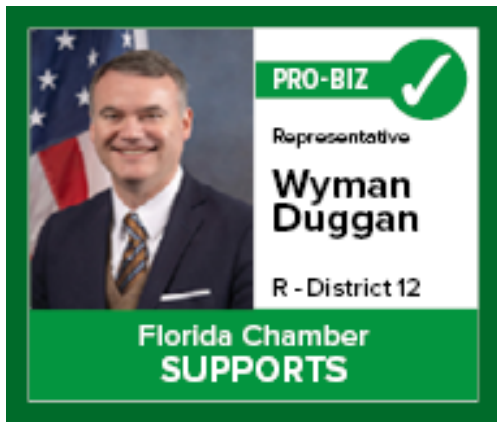
Furtheres the goal of a competitive and stable private insurance market by providing for actuarially sound rates for Citizens Insurance policies, thereby reducing the likelihood of assessments or "hurricane taxes" on Floridians and taking additional steps to return Citizens to its intended role as the insurer of last resort.

**SB 1448: Sen. Nick DiCeglie**

**HB 705: Rep. Jose Alvarez**



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**Business Rent Tax Reduction**

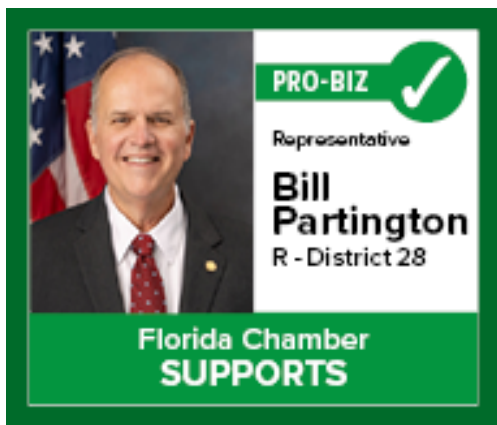
Reduces the Florida-only Business Rent Tax from 2 to 1.25 percent, providing approximately \$377 million in tax savings to local businesses to hire new employees, reinvest in their business, and invest in their communities.

**Companion bill has not been filed.**

**HB 7031: Rep. Wyman Duggan**



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**Business Rent Tax Elimination**

Eliminates the Florida-only Business Rent Tax, an effort the Florida Chamber has led for nearly a decade to continue working towards the Florida 2030 Blueprint goal of Florida having the top business tax climate in the nation.

**Companion bill has not been filed.**

**HB 817: Rep. Bill Partington**



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## Civil Actions

Eliminates key provisions of the Florida Chamber-led insurance and lawsuit abuse reforms which eliminated one-way attorneys' fees and required juries to be informed of the actual costs of medical treatment, returning to a system that incentivized billboard trial lawyers to game the system for their benefit at the expense of local businesses and consumers. The bill also includes provisions that promotes the redevelopment of former phosphate mining sites to a higher and better use.

**SB 1520: Sen. Erin Grall**

**HB 947: Rep. Omar Blanco**



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## Property Insurance Price Controls

Caps the amount of future insurance rate increases, discouraging new and existent insurance companies from doing business in Florida by disregarding free market principles.

**SB 1222: Sen. Barbara Sharief**

**HB 957: Rep. Daryl Campbell**



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## Motor Vehicle Insurance

Repeals Florida's No-Fault Motor Vehicle Law and increases insurance requirements, which will result in higher premiums, an increased uninsured motorist rate, and a rise in litigation under a pure liability system.

**SB 1256: Sen. Erin Grall**

**HB 1181: Rep. Danny Alvarez**



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## Attorneys' Fees

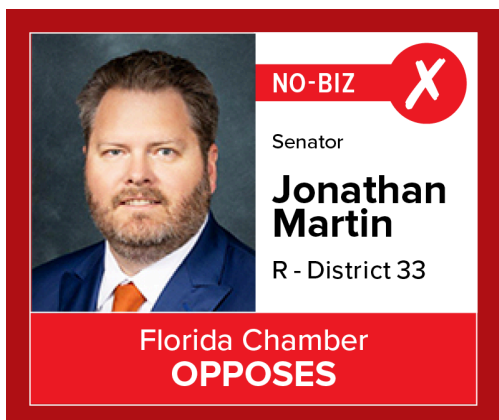
Worsens Florida's lawsuit abuse climate by reinstituting attorney fees that were eliminated in 2022 for insurance cases— reopening a legal mechanism that led to fraud and abuse and drove up insurance costs on all Floridians in the form of higher insurance rates.

**SB 426: Sen. Jonathan Martin**

**HB 1551: Rep. Hillary Cassel**



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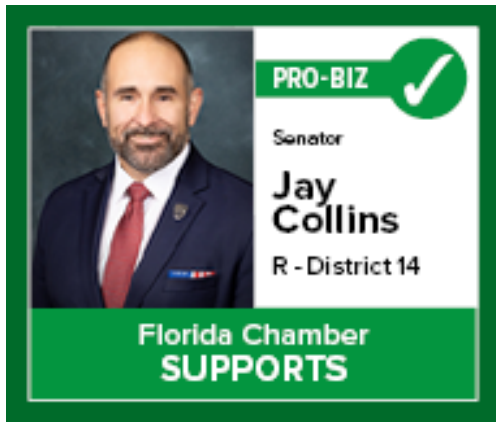
## Attorney Fees and Costs for Motor Vehicle Personal Injury Protection Benefits

Worsens the state's lawsuit abuse climate by reinstituting attorney fee awards in Florida's Personal Injury Protection system, which will increase frivolous litigation and auto insurance rates for consumers.

**SB 1840: Sen. Jonathan Martin**



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## Litigation Financing

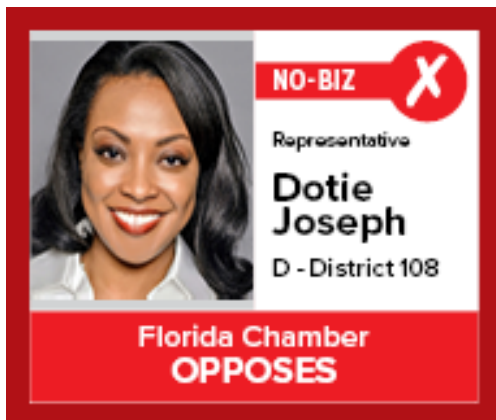
In order to further improve Florida's bottom-five legal climate, requires transparency around and accountability for third-party financiers who invest in Florida lawsuits for economic gain.

**SB 1534: Sen. Jay Collins**

Companion bill has not been filed.



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## Employee Wages and Salary

Unnecessarily interferes in the employer-employee relationship by mandating certain hiring practices regarding wages and salary on employers.

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**HB 1619: Rep. Dotie Joseph**



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## Employment Rights

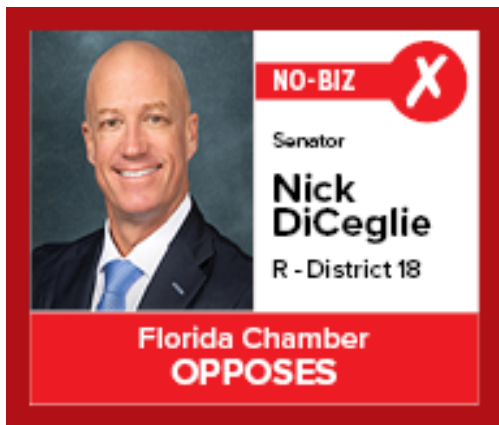
Clarifies current employment law and reduces the need for litigation by providing clear guidelines to both employees and employers on alleged violations of Florida's whistleblower law.

**SB 1776: Sen. Stan McClain**

**HB 1601: Rep. Chad Johnson**



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## Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund

Increases the risk of hurricane taxes on all Florida policyholders by shifting storm risk away from the private market to the public via the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

**SB 1712: Sen. Nick DiCeglie**

**Companion has not been filed.**



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**Making Government and Civics more Efficient and Effective**





## Auxiliary Containers, Wrappings, and Disposable Plastic Bags

Removes a Florida Chamber-backed preemption on local ordinances relating to auxiliary containers and plastic bags meant to provide certainty to local businesses.

**SB 836: Sen. Carlos Guillermo Smith**

**HB 6023: Rep. Robin Bartleman**



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## State Preemption of the Regulation of Hoisting Equipment

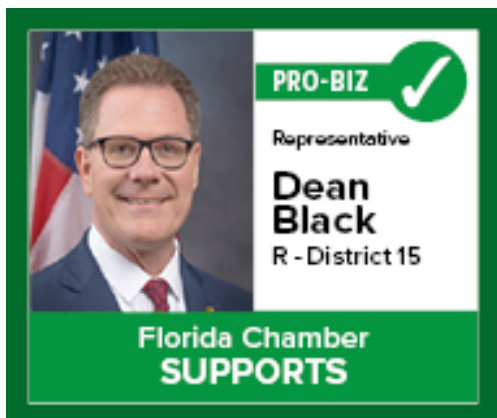
Removes the state preemption of commonly used construction equipment, such as cranes and other hoisting devices., This equipment is already regulated by OSHA, precluding state and local governments from imposing additional regulations when OSHA issued standards already apply.

**SB 346: Sen. Darryl Rouson**

**HB 6009: Rep. Lindsay Cross**



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## Public Employee Collective Bargaining

Ensures transparency and accountability in the collective bargaining process while also ensuring proper stewardship of taxpayer dollars by limiting the ability of public sector workers to use government-paid time for union or political activities.

**SB 1328: Sen. Randy Fine**



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## Elector Votes Required to Approve an Amendment to or a Revision of the State Constitution

Further exposes Florida voters to out-of-state and special interests attempting to thwart the legislative process through amending Florida's foundational document by lowering the threshold to pass a constitutional amendment or revision from 60% to 50%.

**SB 864: Sen. Carlos Guillermo Smith**

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## Regulation of Auxiliary Containers

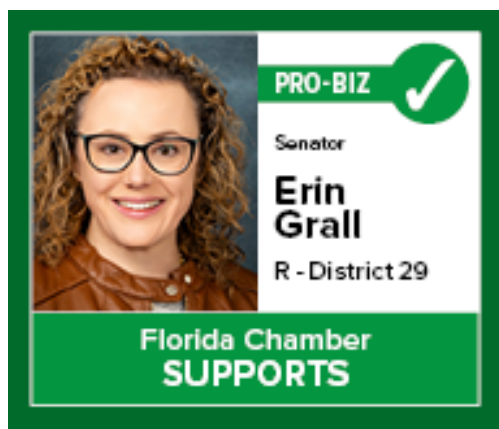
Improves Florida's regulatory climate by strengthening a Chamber-backed preemption preventing a patchwork of local ordinances on packaging materials used by food service or retail establishments.

**SB 1822: Sen. Jonathan Martin**

**HB 565: Rep. Omar Blanco**



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## Initiative Petitions for Constitutional Amendments

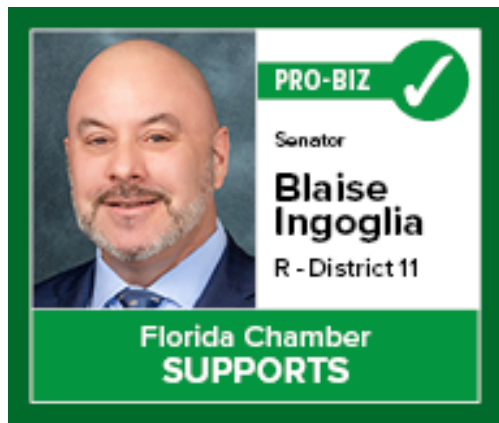
Furthers the Florida Chamber's goal of protecting the Florida Constitution by providing for accountability in the paid petition gathering process for ballot initiatives to ensure Florida voters are in charge of the Florida Constitution.

**SB 7016: Sen. Erin Grall & Don Gaetz**

**HB 1205: Rep Jenna Persons-Mulicka**



**SIGNED INTO LAW**



## Elections

Protects Florida's Constitution by instituting necessary guardrails around third-party petition gatherers in the citizens' initiative process to ensure that in attempting to circumvent the legislative process that proposed changes are truly the will of Florida voters.

**SB 1414: Sen. Blaise Ingoglia**

**Similar language included in HB 1205, which passed.**

**Companion bill has not been filed.**



## Labor Regulations

Weakens previously passed legislative efforts by the Florida Chamber to improve Florida's business climate by expanding the role of government in collecting public union dues and creating a new government mandate on employers related to heat safety, ignoring business-led, site-specific safety programs.

**Companion bill has not been filed.**

**HB 1177: Rep. Mike Gottlieb**



**DEFEATED**



## Public Employees Relations Commission

Ensures transparency and accountability in the collective bargaining process while also promoting the fiscal health of our state by limiting the ability of public sector workers to use government-paid time for union and political activities.

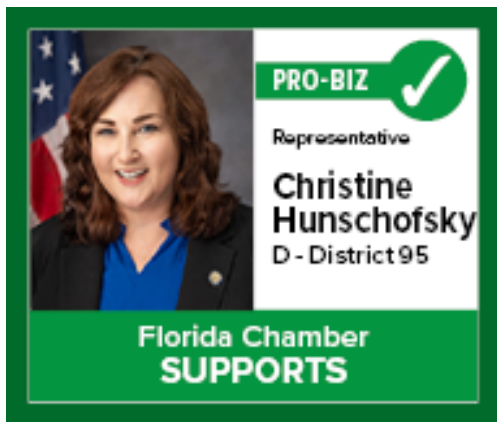
**SB 1766: Sen. Blaise Ingoglia**

**HB 1387: Rep. Jenna Persons-Mulicka**



**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## Championing Florida's Quality of Life



## Social Work Licensure Interstate Compact

Allows licensed social workers to practice across member states under the Social Work Licensure Compact, improving access to behavioral health services, as recommended in the Florida Chamber Leadership Cabinet's Mental Health report.

**SB 220: Sen. Gayle Harrell**

**HB 27: Rep. Christine Hunschofsky**



**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**



## Damages Recoverable in Wrongful Death Actions

Drives up medical malpractice insurance rates by broadening the scope of who is allowed to recover damages in medical negligence claims.

Florida's highest in the nation medical malpractice insurance costs place an undue burden on physicians wanting to practice in Florida and ultimately limits the availability of quality and affordable care.

**SB 616: Sen. Jonathan Martin**

**Companion Measure Withdrawn.**



**DEFEATED**



## Recovery of Damages in Claims for Medical Negligence Resulting in Death

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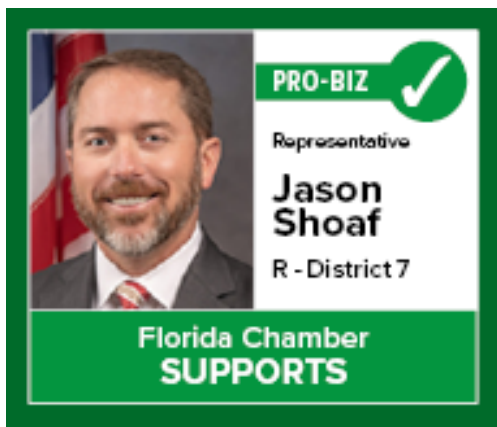
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**SB 734: Sen. Clay Yarborough**

**HB 6017: Rep. Dana Trubus**



**PASSED**



## Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Autonomous Practice

Expands access to behavioral health services by authorizing psychiatric mental health APRNs to provide mental health services through telehealth at the level they are already licensed and trained to serve.

**SB 758: Sen. Corey Simon**

**HB 883: Rep. Jason Shoaf**



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