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# LEGISLATIVE REPORT



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# *Message from*

## **Delegation Chairman, Representative Joe Casello**

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Dear Palm Beach County,

It has been my honor to serve as Chairman of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation during this past year's unprecedented Legislative Session.

In a six-week extended Session, the Florida Legislature passed the 2025-2026 state budget totaling just over \$115.1 billion.

You will find detailed highlights of legislation and appropriations that my colleagues and I worked on during the 2025 Legislative Session on behalf of all of Palm Beach County's residents.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,

**Representative Joe Casello, Chairman  
FL House District 90**



# 2025-2026 DELEGATION ROSTER

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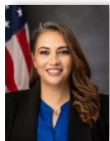
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# MEMBER PRIORITY BILLS



## Senator Lori Berman

- **SB 356 (Holocaust Remembrance Day)** - Establishes Holocaust Remembrance Day. Specifically, the bill requires the governor to annually proclaim January 27<sup>th</sup> as "Holocaust Remembrance Day." The bill permits the day to be suitably observed in public schools, the Capitol, and elsewhere as designated by the governor. It also allows for instruction to be delivered on the designated day on the harmful impacts of the Holocaust and anti-Semitism as well as the positive impacts of the Jewish community on humanity. This bill has been signed into law by the governor.
- **SB 242 (HAVEN Act)** - Strengthens protections for confidential information managed by Florida's HAVEN Coordinating Council by ensuring such information remains exempt from public records laws. It specifically shields personal details of domestic and dating violence victims and allows certain council meetings discussing sensitive information to be closed to the public. The bill emphasizes the necessity of these measures to protect victims and support effective coordination, balancing privacy concerns against public transparency. This bill died in Criminal Justice Committee.
- **SB 158 (Coverage for Diagnostic and Supplemental Breast Examinations)** - Prohibits the state group insurance program from imposing any cost-sharing liability for diagnostic breast examinations and supplemental breast examinations in any contract or plan for state employee health benefits that provides coverage. This bill has been signed into law by the governor.
- **HB 295 (Comprehensive Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan)** - Directs the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to develop a waste reduction plan by July 1, 2026, and convene a technical assistance group within the DEP to help develop the plan. The bill provides minimum criteria for the plan and directs the DEP to provide a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives upon its completion. This bill was vetoed by the governor.



# MEMBER PRIORITY BILLS

## Senator Tina Polsky

- **SB 252 (Responsible Gun Ownership Act)** - Introduces essential measures to enhance gun safety, including universal background checks for firearm sales and transfers, as well as reinforced safe storage requirements to prevent unauthorized access. Additionally, it ensures trigger locks or gun cases are provided with firearm purchases and requires educational materials to encourage responsible ownership. This bill would make it illegal to possess or manufacture unfinished firearms without serial numbers, including "ghost guns" made with a 3D printer, due to ghost guns currently being virtually impossible to trace if used in a crime. This bill died in Criminal Justice Committee.
- **SB 288 (Exceptions to the Limitation on Termination of Pregnancies)** - Ensures that exceptions outlined in Florida's abortion ban can be applied as originally intended. For instance, it revises the definition of the term "fatal fetal abnormality", as well as requires only one physician to make the determination that a life-serious risk to the mother is present and necessary care can begin, rather than requiring two different physicians. This will ensure that pregnant women are not delayed life saving care when it has already been determined as necessary. This bill died in Health Policy Committee.
- **HB 915 (Notary Fraud)** - Aims to address notary public fraud and unauthorized legal practices in immigration matters. The bill prohibits the literal translation of the term "Notary Public" into languages other than English in advertisements for notarial services. This bill restricts notaries who are not licensed attorneys from using titles such as "notario público," "notario," "immigration assistant," "immigration consultant," or "immigration specialist" in any language. In other countries, this title could imply they possess professional legal skills in immigration law. This bill was signed into law by the governor.

## Senator Mack Bernard

- **SB 382 (Rent of Affordable Housing Dwelling Units)** - Prohibits a landlord of a dwelling unit that qualifies as affordable housing and who has received federal, state, or local funding or tax incentives because of the unit's affordable housing status, from increasing the base rent of the unit during the term of the rental agreement. This bill died in Community Affairs Committee.
- **HB 181 (Parole)** - Requires the Department of Corrections to provide the Florida Commission on Offender Review information on an inmate's use of vocational training, substance abuse treatment, educational programs, and any other self-improvement programs; the Florida Commission on Offender Review will use this information to review and determine whether to modify an inmate's presumptive parole release date. This would be applied to all future parole reviews and would not be applied retroactively. This bill was vetoed by the governor.
- **SB 958 (Type 1 Diabetes Early Detection Program)** - Requires the Department of Health in collaboration with school districts, early learning coalitions, school boards, and charter schools, to create and make available on their websites informational materials on Type 1 Diabetes; This would take effect by September 29, 2025. It also requires the Department of Health to notify annually parents and guardians of students from VPK to first grade of the availability of these materials. This bill was signed into law by the governor.



# MEMBER PRIORITY BILLS

## Senator Gayle Harrell

- **HB 209 (State Land Management)** - Prohibits building golf courses, sports courts, and similar facilities in state parks. It prioritizes conservation-based recreation (e.g., hiking, camping), limits new cabin sizes, and requires 30-day public notice for park management changes. This bill has been signed into law by the governor.
- **SB 112 (Children with Developmental Disabilities)** - Expands support for children with developmental disabilities, especially autism, by enhancing the Early Steps Program, extending eligibility through age four, and providing state funding. It introduces autism screenings under a healthcare grant program, creates startup grants for autism-focused charter schools, and funds specialized summer programs. The bill also establishes the University of Florida Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment to coordinate services, oversee grants, and develop autism-specific educator training, which will count toward professional certificate renewal requirements. This bill has been signed into law by the governor.
- **SB 526 (Nursing Education Programs)** - This bill aims to enhance oversight of nursing education programs by introducing new licensing pathways, tightening admission and testing requirements, and enforcing stricter penalties for noncompliance. It requires the Department of Health to issue provisional licenses to eligible nursing graduates under clinical supervision and mandates graduate preceptorships for programs with low licensure exam pass rates. The bill also revises program application rules, imposes mandatory exit exams, offers support for at-risk students, and provides free remediation for graduates who fail the licensure exam. This bill died in Fiscal Policy Committee.

## Representative Jervonte Edmonds

- **HB 335 (Teacher Salary Increases)** - Raises Florida's minimum base salary for full-time classroom and prekindergarten teachers to \$65,000 and sets guidelines to address salary compression, cost-of-living adjustments, and longevity pay. It requires school districts and charter schools to maintain prior salary levels, submit annual salary plans, and gradually implement localized salary adjustments. This bill died in Education Pre-K - 12.
- **HB 137 (Homeowners' Association Ombudsman)** - Creates the Office of the Homeowners' Association Ombudsman within the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes, funded by the state, with the ombudsman appointed by the Governor. It sets qualifications and restrictions for the ombudsman and staff to avoid conflicts of interest, establishes the office's main location, outlines the ombudsman's powers and duties, and provides for managing election monitoring under specified rules. This bill died in Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee.
- **HB 119 (Universal Free School Breakfast and Lunch)** - Establishes a universal free breakfast and lunch program for all K-12 public school students in Florida, requiring schools to participate in federal meal programs and provide meals at no cost while maximizing federal funding. It removes previous requirements for districts to charge for breakfast, allows flexible food service models, mandates annual parent notifications, and updates data reporting on school food purchases. This bill died in Education Administration Subcommittee.

# MEMBER PRIORITY BILLS

## Representative Debra Tendrich

- **SB 356 (Holocaust Remembrance Day)** – Establishes Holocaust Remembrance Day. Specifically, the bill requires the governor to annually proclaim January 27<sup>th</sup> as “Holocaust Remembrance Day.” The bill permits the day to be suitably observed in public schools, the Capitol, and elsewhere as designated by the governor. It also allows for instruction to be delivered on the designated day on the harmful impacts of the Holocaust and anti-Semitism as well as the positive impacts of the Jewish community on humanity. This bill has been signed into law by the governor.
- **HB 365 (Affordable Housing Tenant Protection)** – This bill would prohibit mid-lease rent increases in affordable housing units. Unfortunately, it only passed through two of three committees this year, but Representative Tendrich expresses that this legislation remains a high priority for her as she continues to advocate for fair and stable housing.
- **HB 641 (Color Additives)** – This bill would have required products containing synthetic food dyes to display clear warnings about potential behavioral effects in children. It was successfully placed on the agenda for its first committee but was then postponed. At this time, similar legislation is being pushed at the federal level.

## Representative Kelly Skidmore

- **HB 61 (Use of Campaign Funds)** – This bill would allow candidates running for state and local office to use campaign funds for childcare expenses directly related to campaign events. Running for office requires significant time and financial investments, and for parents, childcare costs can be a major barrier to participation in the democratic process. To date, 38 states and the District of Columbia have approved the use of campaign funds for childcare to help address the issue. By permitting campaign funds to cover these expenses, Rep. Skidmore believes the playing field can be leveled and will encourage a more diverse range of candidates to step forward. She remains committed in helping to bring more voices and lived experiences into government, leading to more responsive and inclusive policymaking. Removing these outdated financial barriers that prevent capable and passionate individuals from seeking public office is a priority to Rep. Skidmore as she would like to build towards a government that truly represents all people. This bill died in Government Operations Subcommittee.
- **HB 719 (Community Health Workers)** – Community Health Workers (CHWs) play a critical role in addressing health disparities, improving care coordination, and reducing hospitalizations and healthcare costs—especially for underserved populations. HB 719 seeks federal approval to enroll CHWs as Medicaid providers, ensuring they receive sustainable funding through Medicaid matching funds and other financing methods. With at least 21 other states already offering Medicaid reimbursement for CHW services, this bill aligns Florida with national efforts to enhance community-based care. Additionally, it supports key state healthcare goals, such as improving maternal and child health and reducing disparities. By formally recognizing and supporting Community Health Workers (CHWs) as essential healthcare providers in Florida, the state can invest in a proven, cost-effective model that improves health outcomes and strengthens communities. This bill died in Health Care Facilities & Systems Subcommittee.

# MEMBER PRIORITY BILLS

## Representative Mike Caruso

- **HB 131 (Dense Breast Tissue Screenings)** – This bill empowers patients diagnosed with dense breast tissue—identified in a “mammography report” as defined by federal regulations—to proceed directly with an ultrasound or other supplemental breast imaging without requiring another conventional mammogram first. This bill died in Health Care Facilities & Systems Subcommittee.
- **HB 227 (Ad Valorem Taxation)** – Expands homestead exemption provisions and revises eligibility criteria for property tax exemptions related to religious use. It allows taxpayers to rescind a homestead exemption within a specific timeframe using a designated form and requires continuous property ownership to qualify. Property appraisers must adjust the tax roll accordingly before certification. The Department of Revenue is granted temporary emergency rulemaking authority to manage the rescission process. Additionally, the bill broadens the definition of property used for religious purposes to include activities like education and recreation. This bill died in Ways & Means Committee.
- **HB 407 (Guardianship of Property)** – Strengthens transparency and oversight in Florida’s guardianship property system by requiring guardians to submit quarterly—rather than annual—accounting reports, with flexibility for courts to adjust deadlines while maintaining four filings per year. It mandates that these reports be sent to the ward’s next of kin and that the initial accounting period conclude within three months of guardianship appointment. The bill also permits simplified reporting using financial statements, requires court-appointed appraisers for ward property, and authorizes referrals to law enforcement for potential misconduct. This bill died in Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee.

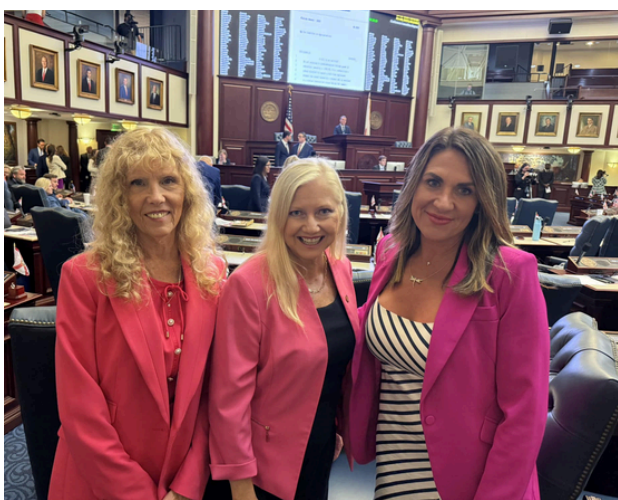
## Representative Peggy Gossett-Seidman

- **SB 322 (Property Rights)** – Expands property owners’ rights to quickly remove unauthorized occupants from both residential and commercial properties by creating expedited procedures and strengthening legal requirements. It also increases criminal penalties for unlawful occupation that causes property damage and extends felony penalties for fraudulent listings to include all real property, not just residential. This bill has been signed into law by the governor.
- **SB 232 (Consumer Debt Collection)** – Revises Florida’s debt collection practices by clarifying that the prohibition on contacting debtors between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. does not apply to email communications. This bill has been signed into law by the governor.
- **HB 669 (Israeli Bonds)** – This bill prohibits a local government’s investment policy from requiring a minimum bond rating for investing in bonds issued by the Israeli government. This bill has been signed into law by the governor.
- **HB 209 (State Land Management)** – Prioritizes conservation-based recreation (e.g., hiking, camping) in a manner that provides the greatest combination of benefits to the public and the land’s natural resources. It prohibits the construction of sporting facilities within state parks and authorizes the installation of campsites and cabins within certain guidelines. Additionally, the bill revises notice requirements for land management plan public meetings to provide time for public input. This bill has been signed into law by the governor.

# MEMBER PRIORITY BILLS

## Representative Anne Gerwig

- **SB 296 (Middle and High School Start Times)** – This bill allows for district school boards and charter school governing boards to be in compliance with the requirement that, by July 1, 2026, the instructional day for all public and charter middle schools must begin no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and for high schools no earlier than 8:30 a.m., if the boards submits to the Department of Education a report with specified requirements by June 1, 2026. The report must include school start times for all schools in the district, documentation of strategies considered to implement the start times for all time changes, impact of implementation including financial, and any identified unintended consequences as a result of implementation. This bill was signed into law by the governor.
- **HB 259 (Fentanyl Awareness & Education Day)** – Designates August 21 of each year as “Fentanyl Awareness & Education Day”. It encourages specified entities and public schools to sponsor events to promote awareness of fentanyl and potential overdoses, including education on specified topics. This bill was signed into law by the governor.
- **HB 623 (Pub. Rec./County and City Administrators and Managers)** – Provides exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying & location information of current county administrators, deputy county administrators, assistant county administrators, city managers, deputy city managers, & assistant city managers, including names & personal identifying & location information of spouses & children of current county administrators, deputy county administrators, assistant county administrators, city managers, deputy city managers, & assistant city managers. This bill died in Government Operations Subcommittee.





# MEMBER PRIORITY BILLS

## Representative John Snyder

- **HB 209 (State Land Management)** – Prioritizes conservation-based recreation (e.g., hiking, camping) in a manner that provides the greatest combination of benefits to the public and the land's natural resources. It prohibits the construction of sporting facilities within state parks and authorizes the installation of campsites and cabins within certain guidelines. Additionally, the bill revises notice requirements for land management plan public meetings to provide time for public input. This bill has been signed into law by the governor. This bill has been signed into law by the governor.
- **HB 443 (Education)** – Strengthens charter school accountability by requiring performance evaluations, disclosure of family ties among decision-makers, and efforts to reflect local racial and ethnic diversity. The goal is greater transparency and equity in charter schools. This bill has been signed into law by the governor.
- **HB 875 (Educator Preparation)** – Reforms teacher preparation, mandating 60 hours of clinical experience and 12 weeks of student teaching. It creates a new coaching program, establishes a teaching institute at Miami Dade College, and revises certification pathways by removing some exam requirements. This bill has been signed into law by the governor.
- **HB 1309 (Reading Instruction)** – Updates reading instruction requirements across multiple agencies, adds specific training for interventions, and creates a reading coach allocation. Though passed in the House, it was later withdrawn in the Senate. This bill passed in the House but died in the Senate.



# MEMBER PRIORITY BILLS

## Representative Joe Casello

- **HB 295 (Comprehensive Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan)** – Directs the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to develop a waste reduction plan by July 1, 2026, and convene a technical assistance group within the DEP to help develop the plan. The bill provides minimum criteria for the plan and directs the DEP to provide a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives upon its completion. This bill was vetoed by the governor.
- **HB 87 (Firefighter Benefits)** – This bill expands firefighter cancer benefits by amending the definition of "cancer" to include acute myeloid leukemia. It outlines eligibility criteria, requiring firefighters to be tobacco-free and not employed in other high-risk jobs for at least five years. Qualified firefighters are entitled to covered cancer treatment, a one-time \$25,000 payment, and job protection benefits. This bill died in Government Operations Subcommittee.
- **HB 239 (School Mental Health)** – Enhances mental health support in Florida schools by requiring districts to implement comprehensive, evidence-based mental health assistance programs and improve student access to services. It mandates the hiring of qualified mental health professionals, sets minimum staffing ratios—such as one school psychologist per 700 students and one counselor or similar professional per 250 high school students by the 2027-2028 school year—and aims to align with national standards. The bill also emphasizes staff training and directs schools to maximize the time mental health personnel spend providing direct support to students. This bill died in Student Academic Success Subcommittee.



# MEMBER PRIORITY BILLS

## Representative Meg Weinberger

- **HB 1127 (Child Welfare)** – Addresses the needs of children with high acuity in Florida’s foster care system. It directs the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to launch a treatment foster care pilot program, conduct a comprehensive study of the state’s residential treatment bed capacity for child victims of commercial sexual exploitation, and project future needs for these specialized beds. Additionally, the bill requires DCF to improve data collection on the children it serves who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation. This bill has been signed into law by the governor.
- **HB 255 (Dexter’s Law)** aims to combat animal abuse by introducing a sentencing multiplier in cases of aggravated animal cruelty and mandating the creation of a central database of convicted animal cruelty offenders by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). This database is intended to inform shelters, pet stores, and the public about individuals convicted of such crimes. The bill is named after Dexter, a shelter dog who was brutally mutilated, decapitated, and unlawfully disposed of by his adopter just days after being taken home. This legislation demonstrates the bipartisan and cooperative efforts to strengthen animal welfare protections in Florida. This bill has been signed into law by the governor.
- **HB 1609 (Waste Incineration)** – This bill proposed establishing a one-mile buffer zone between newly constructed incinerators and residential or school areas. It was introduced in response to the City of Doral incinerator fire, which burned for three weeks and severely impacted the surrounding community. The bill sought to safeguard vulnerable populations while still allowing local governments to address Florida’s growing waste management challenges. Although the bill did not pass during the session, Representative Weinberger remains committed to pursuing this issue in future legislative efforts to ensure that all Floridians are protected from the harmful pollution and odors associated with waste incineration.





# LOCAL BILL



## HB 4011 Sponsored by Representative Kelly Skidmore

Palm Beach County had one local bill submitted which passed during the 2025 Legislative Session. This local bill, requested by Palm Beach County, revises the definition of “building official” in the Building Code Advisory Board (BCAB) of Palm Beach County’s Special Act. Presently, only full-time government employees qualify to serve on the BCAB, excluding part-time contracted staff and private providers which are increasingly relied upon by local governments. This restriction has led to longstanding vacancies on the Board, undermining its effectiveness and ability to meet quorum requirements. Expanding the definition enables the Board of County Commissioners to appoint qualified professionals more efficiently, ensuring the BCAB operates at full capacity. HB 4011 has been signed into law by the governor.



# DELEGATION BILLS PASSED

**Total of 30 Bills Passed in the 2025 Legislative Session. ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates bill was vetoed by the governor.**

- SB 112 by Sen. Gayle Harrell
- HB 147 by Rep. Gossett-Seidman
- SB 158 by Sen. Lori Berman
- ~~HB 181 by Sen. Mack Bernard~~
- ~~HB 295 by Sen. Lori Berman and Rep. Joe Casello~~
- HB 209 by Sen. Gayle Harrell, Rep. John Snyder, and Rep. Gossett-Seidman
- SB 232 by Rep. Peggy Gossett-Seidman
- HB 255 by Rep. Meg Weinberger
- HB 259 by Sen. Tina Polsky and Rep. Anne Gerwig
- SB 262 by Sen. Lori Berman
- SB 296 by Rep. Anne Gerwig
- SB 316 by Sen. Lori Berman
- SB 356 by Sen. Lori Berman and Rep. Debra Tendrich
- HB 443 by Rep. John Snyder
- HB 519 by Sen. Gayle Harrell
- HB 531 by Sen. Tina Polsky
- HB 575 by Rep. Meg Weinberger
- HB 669 by Rep. Peggy Gossett-Seidman
- HB 875 by Rep. John Snyder
- HB 901 by Sen. Mack Bernard
- HB 915 by Sen. Tina Polsky
- SB 958 by Sen. Mack Bernard
- HB 1089 by Sen. Gayle Harrell
- SB 1156 by Sen. Gayle Harrell
- HB 1195 by Sen. Tina Polsky
- SB 1490 by Sen. Gayle Harrell
- HB 4007 by Rep. John Snyder
- HB 4011 by Rep. Kelly Skidmore
- HB 6521 by Sen. Mack Bernard and Rep. Meg Weinberger
- SB 7012 by Rep. Meg Weinberger

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(~~Strikethrough~~ indicates item was eliminated from budget by Governor's veto.)

## EDUCATION

### Florida Atlantic University

Florida Atlantic University Universities - Grants and Aids	186,990,481
Florida Atlantic University Autism Program	1,386,508
Florida Atlantic University Nursing Education	3,462,652
Florida Atlantic University Max Planck Scientific Fellowship Program (Recurring)	889,101
Florida Atlantic University Max Planck Scientific Fellowship Program (Non-Recurring)	1,110,899
Florida Atlantic University Medical School	21,747,036
Florida Atlantic University Medical School Continued Enrollment Expansion	450,000
Florida Atlantic University...Needs Based Financial Aid	399,658
Florida Atlantic University Universities - Lottery Funds Palm Beach	49,940,241
Florida Atlantic University Lab Schools Center for Educational Strategy and Innovation	2,000,000
Florida Atlantic University Health Professions Training & Research Facility	10,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>278,376,576</b>

### Palm Beach State College

Florida College System operating funds and approved baccalaureate programs	82,849,157
Palm Beach State College Florida College System – Nursing Education	1,483,454
Palm Beach State College Florida College System – Lottery	12,987,656
Palm Beach State College Florida College System - Program Fund	69,861,501
Palm Beach State College Florida College System - Student Success Incentives	767,047
Palm Beach State College - Work Florida Student Success Incentive	637,781
Palm Beach State College - Emergency Response Training Center	2,050,000
<del>Palm Beach State College – Vocational Village – Construction Services Technology</del>	<del>500,000</del>
<b>Total after veto:</b>	<b>170,636,730</b>

### Palm Beach County Schools K-12

PBC. Public Schools K-12 FEFP	1,782,266,494
PBC Workforce Education Programs	20,680,710
Palm Beach School Readiness Services Early Learning	75,369,121
PBC Voluntary Prekindergarten	31,583,884
Discretionary Millage -Alachua, Bay, Broward, Leon, Palm Beach	10,044,628
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,919,944,837</b>

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## Private Colleges and Universities

Palm Beach Atlantic University LeMieux Center for Public Policy	2,000,000
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## Other Education

Alpert Jewish Family Service, Rales JFS, & inSIGHT - Holocaust Classroom	165,000
Busch Wildlife Sanctuary: Environmental Education Program	500,000
<del>Center for Creative Education (CCE): Ending the Cycle of Elementary Illiteracy</del>	<del>1,000,000</del>
<del>Florida Caregiving Youth - At Risk Student Services</del>	<del>250,000</del>
Holocaust Learning Experience Education Platform Expansion	1,114,000
<del>Workforce Development and Career Readiness Through STEM Education</del>	<del>500,000</del>
<del>FHBC of Belle Glade Enrichment Center Generational Project</del>	<del>350,000</del>
<del>Roosevelt Elementary School Program Enhancements</del>	<del>21,000</del>
<del>Boca Helping Hands (BHH) Job Training Program (JTP)</del>	<del>427,700</del>
JARC Community Works Program	123,750
<del>Crockett Foundation Innovation - Broward, Palm Beach</del>	<del>500,000</del>
<b>Total after veto:</b>	<b>1,902,750</b>

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Alpert Jewish Family Service - Community Access Lifeline (CALL) Service	600,000
Alpert Jewish Family Service - Mental Health First Aid	500,000
<del>Alpert Jewish Family Service - Mental Health Services for Persons with Disabilities</del>	<del>375,000</del>
Faulk Center for Counseling - Expansion of Mental Health Services for Low-Income	235,500
<del>Gulfstream Goodwill Industries - Behavioral Health Services</del>	<del>400,000</del>
Hanley Foundation - Program for Peripartum Women and Children	1,500,000
<b>Total after veto:</b>	<b>2,835,500</b>

### Community Based Care

ChildNet - Palm Beach	38,406,090
Exchange Club Parent Aide - Palm Beach & Broward County	400,000
ChildNet - Foster Care Family Visitation Center Expansion	400,000
Place of Hope - Child Welfare Services	500,000
Reducing the Use of Marijuana During Pregnancy and Postpartum (Statewide)	200,000
YMCA of the Palm Beaches Community Center	600,000
<del>Let's Move 365</del>	<del>500,000</del>
JARC Community Works Program	123,750
Jewish Family Services - Keep Families Working Summer Camp Scholarship	250,000
<b>Total after veto:</b>	<b>40,879,840</b>



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## Elder Affairs

Alzheimer's Community Care Association	1,500,000
Alzheimer's Community Care Critical Support Initiative	2,250,000
Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program - Boca Raton Jewish Federation	92,946
Aging in Place with Grace, by Rales Jewish Family Services	494,100
Belle Glade - Senior Home Rehabilitation Grant Program	375,000
Feeding South Florida, Inc. - Delivering Nutrition to Seniors Meals Program	945,000
Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach	1,500,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7,157,046</b>

## Vocational Rehabilitation

Arc of Palm Beach County - formerly known as Palm Beach Habilitation Center	225,000
Els for Autism Foundation - Autism Recreation Complex and Hurricane Shelter	2,500,000
Love Serving Autism Therapeutic Wellness Program	450,000
Unique Abilities Competitive Integrated Employment for Individuals with Disabilities	400,000
JARC Florida Backup Generators	45,250
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,620,250</b>

## Veterans

Furry Friends Humane	4,000
Hookin Veterans	250,000
Veterans Suicide Prevention	667,200
Veterans Access Clinic at Nova Southeastern - Palm Beach	6,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>6,921,200</b>

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Criminal & Civil Justice

Sago Palm Facility - Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)	142,900
South Bay Correctional Facility - PILT	275,560
South Bay Correctional Facility - Certificates of Participation purchase	1,536,575
Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel of the First Region	17,644,421
Justice Administrative Commission for PIP Fraud (Palm Beach and other counties)	2,217,421
P. B. Co. Rape Crisis Center	282,039
RESTORE Ex-Offender Reentry Program	500,000
Urban League Minority Communities Crime Prevention - Palm Beach	3,179,247
<b>Total:</b>	<b>21,816,877</b>



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## Fire, Police and Public Safety

Delray Beach Police Department Real Time Crime Center - Phase 2	525,000
Riviera Beach Law Enforcement Training Facility	500,000
Town of Highland Beach First Responder Marine Support	250,000
<del>Digital Twin for Public Safety in Currie Park</del>	<del>700,000</del>
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Forensic Genetic Testing	375,000
Wandering Rescue and Prevention Project	250,000
DHSMV - pay additive for Palm Beach County	5,000
Department of Lottery - additive for Palm Beach Lottery personnel	1,300
Urban League - Palm Beach	3,179,247
<b>Total after veto:</b>	<b>5,085,547</b>

## Local Government Fire Services Grant

<del>Boynton Beach - High Flood Swift Water Rescue Response Program)</del>	<del>500,000</del>
<del>Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Water Vessels for Hazard Mitigation</del>	<del>200,000</del>
West Palm Beach Fire Department Technical Equipment	254,766
<b>Total after veto:</b>	<b>254,766</b>

## Transportation/Economic Development

Arterial Highway Construction Transportation	21,478,614
Aviation Development Grants Transportation	8,000,000
Bridge Construction Transportation	29,343,827
Construction Inspection Consultants Transportation	27,710,830
County Transportation Programs Transportation	1,717,670
Highway Maintenance Contracts Transportation	12,772,359
Highway Safety Construction Grants Transportation	5,400,368
Intrastate Highway Construction Transportation	262,801,625
Preliminary Engineering Consultants Transportation	24,550,099
Public Transit Development Grants Transportation	12,263,803
Rail Development Grants Transportation	2,915,287
Resurfacing Transportation	45,310,133
Right-of-Way Land Acquisition Transportation	26,514,644
Toll Operation Contracts Transportation	54,546,207
Traffic Engineering Consultants Transportation	6,424,074
Transportation Planning Consultants Transportation	1,450,000
Transportation Planning Grants Transportation	4,577,365
Turnpike System Equipment & Development Transportation	7,300,000
South Bay Rail Regional Commerce Park Development Epicenter	875,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>555,951,905</b>

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### Local Transportation Projects

City of Boca Raton Spanish River Boulevard Grade Separation of El Rio Trail	1,000,000
Downtown West Palm Beach Signalization Upgrades - Phase 2	3,000,000
Fern Street Crossing Project	3,000,000
<del>Lake Park Traffic Safety Upgrade</del>	<del>400,000</del>
Mangonia Park Mill and Repaving Program	100,000
<del>Palm Beach County Australian Avenue Drainage Improvements</del>	<del>742,614</del>
<del>Palm Tran Patriot Passes Pilot Program</del>	<del>150,000</del>
<del>Seacrest Estates Roadway Safety Rehabilitation Project</del>	<del>550,000</del>
South Bay SW 11th Avenue Improvements	1,860,705
<b>Total after veto:</b>	<b>8,960,705</b>

### Economic Development

Cox Science Center and Aquarium Expansion	1,000,000
Peanut Island Historic Restoration	500,000
<del>South Bay Resiliency Hub and Community Center</del>	<del>1,000,000</del>
Youth Center Gold-Seal Programming Facility Repairs Maintenance and Construction	450,000
<b>Total after veto:</b>	<b>1,950,000</b>





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## ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

### Water Projects

Belle Glade - Hardening of Lake Shore Multi-Use Resource Center	2,000,000
Boca Raton Golden Harbor Drinking Water and Transmission Distribution	750,000
<del>Boynton Beach Enhancing Water Infrastructure Resilience</del>	<del>150,000</del>
Boynton Beach Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvement Project	500,000
Boynton Beach Water Distribution System Improvement Project	375,000
Delray Beach - Gulfstream Blvd / SE 36th Ave Streetscape Improvements	1,000,000
Greenacres Swain Boulevard Sewer Extension – Phase 3	550,000
Indian Trail Improvement District M1 Drainage Basin Impoundment Expansion	450,000
Jupiter Daniels Way Water Quality Improvements	127,926
Lake Worth Beach 10th Ave S & Dixie Hwy Stormwater Improvements	750,000
Lake Worth Beach 9th Avenue South Outfall Restoration	371,250
Lake Worth Beach Dual Zone Monitoring Well	750,000
Lantana Lift Station No. 3, 4, 8, and 9 Rehabilitation	500,000
Lantana Water Main Improvements Phase 2	1,300,000
<del>Loxahatchee Groves Stormwater System Rehabilitation Phase III</del>	<del>750,000</del>
<del>Ocean Ridge Water Main Replacement Program</del>	<del>600,000</del>
Palm Beach County Lake Worth Lagoon System Assessment	525,750
Palm Beach County Loxahatchee Slough Habitat Restoration Phase II	358,500
<del>Palm Springs 2nd Avenue North Stormwater Improvements</del>	<del>750,000</del>
<del>Riviera Beach Utility Special District New Water Treatment Plant Construction</del>	<del>750,000</del>
<del>Royal Palm Beach Drainage System Choke Point Replacements</del>	<del>414,000</del>
<del>Royal Palm Beach Stormwater Pipe Audit and Replacement</del>	<del>450,000</del>
<del>South Indian River Water Control District Loxahatchee River Headwaters Easement</del>	<del>37,500</del>
Wellington Pump Station Improvements	650,000
Palm Beach County C-51 Reservoir	65,000,000
Palm Beach County Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative	525,750
Palm Beach County Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative	358,500
<b>Total after veto:</b>	<b>76,842,676</b>



# APPROPRIATIONS LIST

### Beach Projects

Delray Beach Shore Protection Project	9,731,972
Jupiter-Carlin Shore Protection Project (Segment I)	3,162,500
Mid-Town Shore Protection Project	1,293,570
Ocean Ridge Shore Protection Project	3,267,237
<b>Total:</b>	<b>17,455,279</b>

### Inlet Management Projects

Boca Raton Inlet Management Plan Implementation	78,300
Jupiter Inlet Management Plan Implementation	1,999,043
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,077,343</b>

### Environmental Project

Loggerhead Marineline Center Improving Water Quality and Coastline Cleanliness	250,000
Loggerhead Marineline Center Lifesaving Water Treatment System	250,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>500,000</b>

### LOCAL PARKS

<del>Westlake Park Improvements Phase 1</del>	<del>600,000</del>
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### Housing/Homelessness

Resilient Housing for Veterans and Essential Employees	250,000
The IDDeal Place – Intellectually & Developmentally Disabled Permanent Housing	500,000
<del>Palm Beach County Housing Units for Homeless</del>	<del>1,000,000</del>
CityHouse - Home and Hope Project	75,000
<b>Total after veto:</b>	<b>825,000</b>





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## GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES

Zoological Society of Palm Beach Habitat and Security Enhancements	950,000
<del>South Florida AgriCenter and Emergency Shelter at the South Florida Fairgrounds</del>	<del>1,738,699</del>
<b>Total after veto:</b>	<b>950,000</b>

## CULTURE & FINE ARTS

### Cultural & Museum Grants

Boca Raton Philharmonic Symphonia, Inc.	90,000
Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc.	150,000
Cox Science Center and Aquarium	150,000
Florida Atlantic University	60,500
Glades Initiative - Arts in Autism (SF 3493)	200,000
Lighthouse ArtCenter, Inc.	150,000
Lynn Conservatory of Music	150,000
Palm Beach Opera, Inc.	150,000
Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Inc.	150,000
Resource Depot, Inc.	25,000
School of the Arts Foundation, Inc.	149,532
The Morikami, Inc.	150,000
The Palm Beach Symphony Society, Inc.	150,000
Young Singers of the Palm Beaches, Inc.	114,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,839,032</b>

### Cultural Facilities

<del>Morikami Museum &amp; Japanese Gardens "Bridge to Heaven" Design</del>	<del>500,000</del>
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### Historic Preservation Grants/Restoration

Historical Society of Palm Beach County - Traveling Pop-Up Exhibits	50,000
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### Historic Properties Restoration

<del>Historic Woman's Club Improvements</del>	<del>175,000</del>
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### Statewide Library Grants

State Library State Aid	19,454,678
Library Cooperatives	2,500,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>21,954,678</b>

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## PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

2025-2026

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair and Public Hearing**

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

10:00 am- 12:00 pm

Canyon Branch County Library  
8915 Senator Joe Abruzzo Ave  
Boynton Beach, Florida 33472

#### **Public Hearing**

Thursday, October 23, 2025

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Wellington Community Center  
12150 Forest Hill Boulevard  
Wellington, FL 33414

#### **Local Bill and Public Hearing**

Thursday, November 13, 2025

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Els Center of Excellence  
18370 Limestone Creek Rd.  
Jupiter, FL 33458

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