

2026 HOW THEY VOTED

FLORIDA
CHAMBER
of Commerce

SECURING FLORIDA'S
FUTURE BY UNITING
BUSINESS FOR GOOD

WHERE LEGISLATORS STOOD ON THE FLORIDA CHAMBER'S 2026 JOBS AND COMPETITIVENESS AGENDA



OPEN LETTER TO FLORIDA'S BUSINESS LEADERS

Florida Chamber Members and Friends of Free Enterprise:

The 2026 Florida Legislative Session delivered continued progress toward policies that strengthen Florida's position as a national leader in economic competitiveness, free enterprise, and opportunity.

With a united business community, Florida continues building momentum toward achieving the Florida 2030 Blueprint mission of becoming a **top 10 global economy by 2030**. As Florida now stands as the 15th largest economy in the world, protecting and strengthening Florida's pro-business climate has never been more important.

Throughout the legislative session, your Florida Chamber team spent countless hours at the Capitol advocating on behalf of Florida's job creators and defending the priorities outlined in the Florida Business Agenda. Together with Governor Ron DeSantis, legislative leaders, and our statewide coalition of business leaders, the Florida Chamber helped secure meaningful, pro-business results that directly impact Florida employers, families, and communities.

Here are just a few of the major pro-business wins from the 2026 Legislative Session:

- Continuing to protect Florida's historic lawsuit abuse reforms, which are helping stabilize insurance markets and improve Florida's legal climate
- Supporting strategic infrastructure and resiliency investments needed to sustain Florida's rapid population and economic growth
- Advancing policies that strengthen Florida's economic competitiveness and long-term growth
- Advancing legislative priorities focused on workforce readiness, infrastructure, economic resilience, housing, childcare access, and long-term economic growth

As we enter the **second half of the Florida 2030 Blueprint**, the Florida Chamber's 2030 Blueprint **Halftime Report** provides a clear assessment of where Florida is making progress and where focused action is still needed.

Our 2026 How They Voted publication provides Florida's job creators with a comprehensive overview of what passed, what failed, and what remains unfinished business following the 2026 Legislative Session. In addition to recognizing our Distinguished Advocates, this publication highlights how Florida's elected leaders voted on key issues impacting Florida's economy, workforce, legal climate, infrastructure, education system, and overall business competitiveness.

Florida's success story continues to be written every day, and the nation is watching. With continued leadership and sound policymaking, Florida will continue to lead the nation in economic growth, job creation, and opportunity.

While some meaningful progress was made this year, important work remains. The Florida Chamber is already working to build and advance the **2027 Florida Business Agenda** to ensure Florida remains on a path toward greater economic opportunity and global competitiveness.

As always, we extend our gratitude to our Board of Directors, members, local chambers of commerce, statewide trade association partners, Governor Ron DeSantis, the Cabinet, pro-business members of the Florida Legislature, agency leaders, our congressional delegation, our lobbying and advocacy team, and **YOU—Florida's job creators**.

If Florida's business community remains united, Florida's future remains bright.



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FREE ENTERPRISE ISN'T FREE

Florida continues to lead the nation in growth, opportunity, and competitiveness. Over the past few years, our state has seen significant political and economic shifts. Today, Republicans hold a growing majority of registered voters, and remain the fastest-growing group while Non-Party Affiliates (NPAs) outpace Democrats.

Regardless of these shifts, the **Florida 2030 Blueprint** remains our guiding vision. Our mission to grow Florida's economy from the **14th largest global economy to the 10th largest in the world by 2030** is unwavering. Together, we prioritize **long-term solutions** that ensure Florida remains the best place to live, work, learn, and do business.

Florida's pro-business climate continues to deliver results:

- **\$2.36 million** of W-2 income relocates to Florida **every hour**—3.5 times more than second-place Texas.
- By 2030, **1.5 million net new residents** will call Florida home, further strengthening our workforce and economy.
- Businesses fleeing high-cost states like New York and California choose Florida for our **top-tier infrastructure, fiscal stability, and quality of life**.

These successes are no accident. With a **top education system**, no state income tax, and thirteen consecutive years of **\$10+ billion investments** in infrastructure, Florida is building an economy that works for everyone. Our strategic location and access to the Panama Canal position Florida as a global leader in commerce.

However, Florida's continued success is not guaranteed. Forces pushing big-government policies threaten to undermine our progress. To **"keep Florida, Florida,"** we must elect **pro-business leaders** and advance policies that protect free enterprise.

The Florida Chamber believes:

In a Robust Free Enterprise System with limited intrusion by the government in the marketplace.

In a Unified, Responsible Business Community that effectively acts in the long-term interests of our state with our research, advocacy, political, and policy leadership.

In Fair and Predictable Laws and regulations that promote economic development and do not impose unreasonable costs on businesses or their customers.

In a High-Quality Education and workforce development system that will enable all Floridians to compete in the 21st century global economy.

In a Simple, Fair and globally competitive Tax Structure.

In Fiscal Responsibility, public accountability and transparency in government.

In a Reliable, Resilient, and Sustainable Infrastructure to support the health and prosperity of all Floridians.

In a Constructive and Positive Labor Environment in Florida that generates jobs.

In Affordable Communities that uplift Floridians by embracing early literacy, economic opportunity, individual empowerment, and responsibility.

The **Florida Chamber of Commerce** and its members fight for free enterprise every day because we know: **free enterprise isn't free**. Who we elect matters, and the choices made in Tallahassee impact Florida's families, businesses, and future.

We invite you to join us in ensuring Florida stays on the right path. Together, we can build an economy that creates jobs, strengthens communities, and ensures opportunity for every Floridian.

Florida's growth story is far from over, and with your support, the best is yet to come.



The Free Enterprise Fund is nonpartisan and works to support candidates and issue-based campaigns who promote and support a principled free enterprise and job creation agenda. It stands firmly on its purpose of Securing Florida's Future and its mission to be the leading voice of business and the driving force of Florida's future.

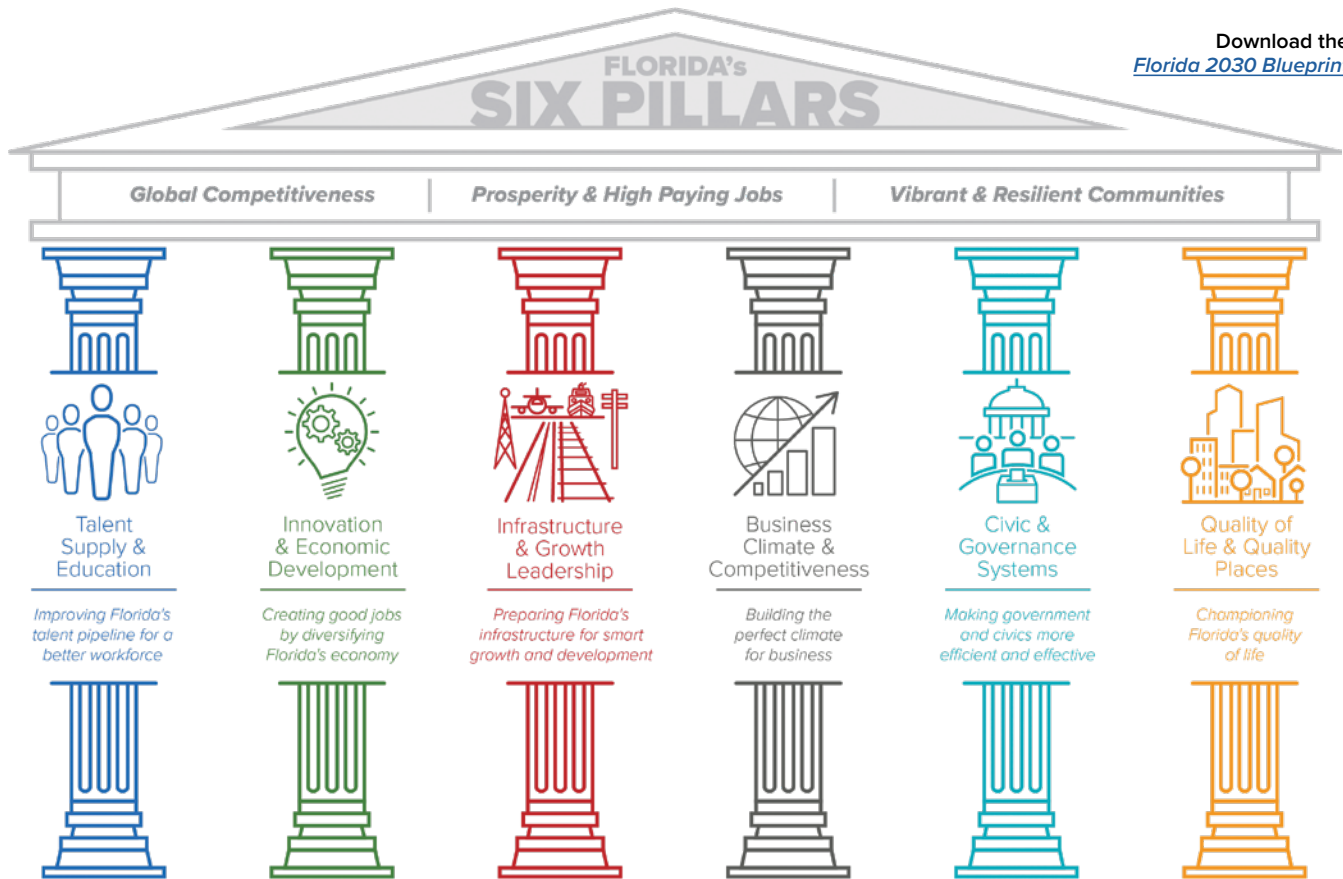
To get involved, contact Frank Walker at fwalker@flchamber.com.





FLORIDA'S SIX PILLARS ARE UNIFYING BUSINESS ACROSS FLORIDA

Download the
[Florida 2030 Blueprint](#)



Florida's Six Pillars Framework™ — a visioning platform that identifies the key factors that drive Florida's future economy and helps organizations speak with one voice. Communities, regional planning councils and state agencies from around Florida are currently using the Six Pillars Framework™ to guide their planning, research and advocacy efforts.

[TheFloridaScorecard.org](#) — an interactive online tool publicly available that tracks key metrics within each of the Six Pillars at the state and county level. Paired with the power of the framework, this tool serves the larger mission of growing Florida to a top-10 global economy ensuring a dynamic, long-term strategic plan for Florida.

[TheFloridaGapMap.org](#) — this data visualization and analysis tool helps users dive into the challenges Florida's children and families face, down to the zip code level, that stem from the root causes of poverty, impacting Florida's workplace and economy.

“Florida Chamber of Commerce, you were right. The pillars of success are absolutely spot on.”

Secretary J. Alex Kelly
FloridaCommerce





BUILDING FLORIDA'S TALENT PIPELINE FOR A BETTER WORKFORCE

CREATING AMERICA'S BEST WORKFORCE

To become a top 10 global economy by 2030, Florida must leverage a highly trained workforce to attract companies and encourage economic growth. The Florida Chamber will continue to bridge the existing talent gap by supporting the efforts of our public and private colleges, universities, technical schools, and industry certification programs to produce a skilled and talented workforce. The Florida Chamber will also continue to ensure Florida produces an available workforce through data-driven decision making, career and technical education programs, anytime/anyplace work-based learning experiences, and innovative high-value skill-development programs.



Mark Wilson leads a panel on how Florida's education system is building tomorrow's workforce with Senior Chancellor Kevin O'Farrell, DOE, Adrienne Johnston, CareerSource Florida, and Chancellor Raymond Rodrigues, State University System of Florida.

FUTURE OF WORK FLORIDA

The Future of Work Florida initiative is uniting the business community with workforce and education partners to create the nation's top workforce by ensuring our talent pools are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed for high-demand careers.

To learn more visit www.flchamber.com/futureofworkflorida and contact Corrie Melton at cmelton@flchamber.com.



Explore hundreds of data points across the cradle-to-career continuum—from early learning to high school performance, college completion, workforce training, and wage outcomes. Filter by county, zip code, and even individual schools to see what the future talent pool looks like in your community (and where the opportunities and gaps are).

Visit fitalentdata.org to explore.



SB 720: Resident Status for Tuition Purposes

Allows inmates to retain residency status for tuition purposes at a Florida postsecondary institution which expands educational opportunities for those that are incarcerated to promote second chances, reduce recidivism and create a pathway toward long-term economic self-sufficiency.

Sponsored by: *Senator Rosalind Osgood*



Mark Wilson, President & CEO, and Frank Walker, Executive Vice President, present Honor Roll awards to Rep. Lauren Melo, Rep. Fiona McFarland, former Rep. Ralph Massullo, and Rep. Kaylee Tuck at the Learners to Earners Workforce Solution Summit.





Representative Jennifer Canady, Chair of the House Education & Employment Committee, speaks at the **Chamber's Legislative Fly-In**.

K-12 TALENT DEVELOPMENT

A rigorous, high-quality education system is fundamental to ensuring all Florida students can find their own pathway to prosperity. To appropriately prepare students, the Florida Chamber supports assessment and accountability systems based on competitive standards, student performance and progress monitoring. The Florida Chamber will continue to support universal school choice, including accredited virtual school options, so that parents can choose the best education systems for their children regardless of zip code, school district or unique learning abilities. Finally, providing opportunities to engage in workforce experiences, career and technical education programs, and raising awareness of industry career needs while in school will help streamline the transition for Florida students into the workforce.



PASSED

SB 7038 / HB 1279: Education

Furtheres the 2030 Blueprint Goal to have 100% of Florida students at 3rd grade reading proficiency and 8th grade math proficiency by broadening eligibility for reading intervention programs and requiring the Florida Department of Education to develop comprehensive math pathways that have applied real world applications to career sectors in engineering and technology, healthcare, business and finance, industrial, and agriculture and natural resources.

Sponsored by: **Senator Alexis Calatayud** and **Representative Jennifer Kincart Jonsson**

HIGHER EDUCATION & FLORIDA'S FUTURE TALENT PIPELINE

For the tenth consecutive year, Florida's higher education system was recognized by U.S. News and World Report as the #1 system in the country. Florida was also ranked as the most affordable state for in-state students to attain a degree at a public four-year institution. These achievements are a direct result of continued investments that prioritize access, high-quality credentials, completion, and degree attainment for students. To meet the evolving workforce demands, the Florida Chamber will continue to foster private sector partnerships that align higher education programs and develop skilled and diversified talent to meet targeted workforce needs.



PASSED

SB 1246 / SB 2516 / HB 1325: Linking Industry to Nursing Education Fund

Modifies the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) matching grant funding program to allow higher education institutions greater flexibility to collaborate with their healthcare investors and expands the authorized uses on how LINE funds can be spent to combat nursing workforce shortages.

Sponsored by: **Senator Tracie Davis**, **Senator Gayle Harrell**, and **Representative Erika Booth**



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SB 1676: Advanced Education Options

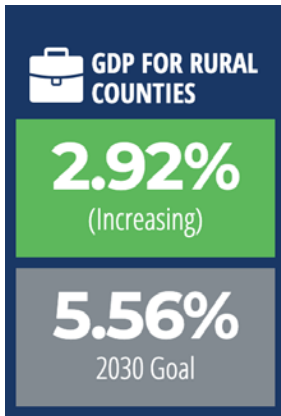
Expands dual enrollment opportunities for students with an emphasis on STEM courses. Additionally, the legislation provides detailed incentive funding to schools that provide advanced education options.

Sponsored by: **Senator Stan McClain**



CREATING GOOD JOBS BY DIVERSIFYING FLORIDA'S ECONOMY

GROWING FLORIDA'S RURAL ECONOMY



Rural communities are vital and must be included in the state's economic development strategy. The Florida Chamber supports increasing economic development opportunities and rural infrastructure investments, including increasing access to broadband, supporting site readiness programs and implementing workforce development programs and incentives.

MANUFACTURING: FLORIDA'S GREAT MULTIPLIER

The Florida Chamber supports the recommendations contained within the Florida Chamber Foundation's [*Florida Trade & Logistics 2030 Study*](#), including the creation of a Chief Manufacturing Officer within Florida's leadership to coordinate and respond to the opportunities and challenges facing the manufacturing industry's continued growth. The Florida Chamber also supports improving the talent pipeline, relieving regulatory and financial burdens, and providing support services for small and medium-sized manufacturers to continue to strengthen and grow the manufacturing industry.



SB 250 / HB 723: 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.

Sponsored by: **Senator Corey Simon** and **Representative Shane Abbott**

“Ready sites elevate a community's attractiveness by shortening the time it takes for a business to be up and running. Site readiness and a trained workforce combined will yield more qualified leads and create new jobs and capital.”

Beth Cicchetti, CEcD
Executive Director, *Florida Economic Development Council*



SB 528 / HB 483: 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.

Sponsored by: **Senator Keith Truenow** and **Representative Nan Cobb**



Florida Trade & Logistics 2030 Study sets the course for Florida's continued leadership in trade, logistics, exported-oriented manufacturing activities, and rural economic growth. View the report at flchamber.com/fltl2030.





Mark Wilson, Florida Chamber President & CEO, Crystal Campbell, Florida Chamber Vice President of Marketing and Communications, and Jason Mahon, Chief Manufacturing Officer for FloridaCommerce present the 2025 “Coolest Thing Made in Florida” award to Mike Zerbe, Multi-Site General Manager of Chromalloy.

EMBRACING AI & TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

The Florida Chamber will work with all levels of government to allow innovation to flourish while balancing the need for appropriate safeguards for Florida families, businesses, and consumers. It is important Florida adopts a regulatory environment that is conducive to innovation and supports the development of the necessary workforce and infrastructure to take full advantage of the competitiveness and economic growth opportunities associated with responsible AI deployment.



PASSED

SB 484 / HB 1007: Data Centers

Allows for the development of data centers in Florida while ensuring that appropriate safeguards are in place, protecting ratepayers and Florida’s water resources.

Sponsored by: *Senator Bryan Avila and Representative Griff Griffiths*



FLORIDA CHAMBER
Small Business Council

The Florida Chamber Small Business Council is providing small businesses with access to the resources, tools and relationships they need to ensure they can continue to grow and thrive in Florida. **Learn more about our efforts** by contacting Carolyn Johnson at cjohnson@flchamber.com.

INCREASING RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

The Florida Chamber supports increasing funding to the state’s Research & Development Tax Credit Program so more qualified companies can participate and are further incentivized to innovate here in Florida. According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Florida ranks 12th in R&D funding. Investing across multiple R&D fronts not only helps spur innovation, but is essential to meeting our **Florida 2030 Blueprint** goal of climbing to top three for R&D funding by 2030.



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SB 1076 / HB 847: 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.

Sponsored by: *Senator Alexis Calatayud and Representative Doug Bankson*



IMPROVING FLORIDA'S INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SMART GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

MOBILITY INNOVATION

The Florida Chamber supports emerging technologies and industry needs associated with autonomous, connected, shared and electric vehicles and aircrafts, including, but not limited to, the recruitment of companies, modernizing land and airspace regulations, and addressing permitting and zoning codes to prevent a patchwork regulatory environment.



PASSED

SB 1362 / HB 1093: Vertiports

Encourages progress toward the Autonomous Florida goal of becoming the mobility innovation capital of the world and encourages the growth of Advanced Air Mobility by adding "vertiports and charging systems" as qualified projects for public-private partnerships and allows the Florida Department of Transportation to fund public vertiport costs up to 100% in some cases.

Sponsored by: **Senator Gayle Harrell** and
Representative Leonard Spencer



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SB 804: Electric Vehicle Registration Fees

Supports the maintenance of Florida's roadways by establishing a reasonable fee for electric vehicles to help offset lost revenues from the collection of gas taxes.

Sponsored by: **Senator Keith Truenow**

“Florida is booming right now...a great place to live, work and play. We want to make sure we can provide and deliver the infrastructure as we grow.”

Secretary Jared Perdue
Florida Department of Transportation



Senator Stan McLain receives both a Distinguished Advocate and Honor Roll award from Carolyn Johnson, Vice President of Government Affairs; and Colton Madill, Director of Economic Development, Innovation and Infrastructure Policy.



DEFEATED

SB 1258 / HB 1469: Delivery of Commercial Goods by Autonomous Vehicles

While Florida has been a national leader in the safe deployment of autonomous vehicles through Autonomous Florida, these bills move Florida backwards by blanket prohibiting the use of autonomous vehicles for commercial deliveries without a licensed human operator and prohibit the use of autonomous vehicles from engaging in interstate commerce or transporting passengers or goods for hire without a licensed human operator.

Sponsored by: **Senator Tracie Davis** and
Representative Angela Nixon



Autonomous Florida is working to make Florida the mobility innovation capital of the world. Join our efforts by contacting Colton Madill at cmadill@flchamber.com.





GROWTH LEADERSHIP

The Florida Chamber supports a comprehensive growth management strategy that is science-based, streamlines bureaucratic processes, and embraces proactive economic planning to guide future growth and appropriate conservation. The Florida Chamber further supports opportunities to accelerate and streamline permitting processes for residential and commercial development to meet the needs of our growing population and economy.



PASSED

HB 167: Former Phosphate Mining Lands

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

Sponsored by: Representative Lawrence McClure

SB 208 / HB 399 Land Use and Development Regulations

Streamlines residential development by preventing local governments from denying development projects based on arbitrary criteria and clarifies factors for assessing "compatibility" while ensuring fairness and transparency in fees charged by local governments.

Sponsored by: Senator Stan McClain and Representative David Borrero

SB 548 / HB 1139: Impact Fees

Provides clarity, consistency, and prevents abuse in the way local governments calculate impact fees by defining "extraordinary circumstances," ensuring these fees are truly being used to pay for future infrastructure needs.

Language included in HB 1329.

Sponsored by: Senator Stan McClain and Representative Richard Gentry

SB 1234 / HB 803: Building Permits and Inspections

Streamlines the building permit process by relaxing minor projects from permitting, creating a uniform building application, and preventing delays in construction by encouraging private provider options and preventing duplicate inspections.

Sponsored by: Senator Nick DiCeglie and Representative Dana Trabulsy



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SB 526 / HB 405: Commercial Construction Projects

Enhances predictability in the permitting process by establishing a statewide uniform permit application and reduces costs through a uniform fee reduction when private provider services are used.

Language included in final passage of HB 803.

Sponsored by: Senator Erin Grall and Representative Griff Griffiths



Colton Madill, Florida Chamber Director of Economic Development, Innovation & Infrastructure Policy, Nick Primrose, Chief of Regulatory Compliance for JAXPORT, and Juan Carlos Liscano, Vice President of Miami Hub Operations for American Airlines at the 2025 Future of Florida Forum.



PROTECTING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The Florida Chamber supports resiliency efforts that incentivize private sector contributions and protect the state's critical infrastructure—including, but not limited to, the electric grid, pipeline and transmission systems, water and food supply, and telecommunications—from cyber and physical threats.



PASSED

HB 751: Infrastructure Resiliency

Strengthens resiliency efforts by expanding eligibility for public-private partnerships to include coastal resiliency projects.

Included in final passage of HB 1417.

Sponsored by: *Representative Chip LaMarca*



The Florida Chamber's Infrastructure Coalition is working to ensure Florida has the necessary infrastructure to welcome an additional 1.5 million net new Floridians and 1.3 million more drivers by 2030. Join our efforts by contacting Colton Madill at cmadill@flchamber.com.



FLORIDA CHAMBER
Regulatory Reform and Permitting
Alignment Working Group

The Florida Chamber's Regulatory Reform and Permitting Alignment Working Group is working to ensure that government approvals and decisions impacting responsible expansion and development moves at the speed of business rather than the speed of certain governments.

Join our efforts by contacting Colton Madill at cmadill@flchamber.com.



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SB 692 / HB 635 Cybersecurity Standards and Liabilities

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

Sponsored by: *Senator Tom Leek and Representative Mike Giallombardo*



Representative Chip LaMarca speaking at the Florida Chamber Legislative Fly-In.

FLORIDA CHAMBER SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL

The Sustainability Council is unifying Florida job creators to make Florida the most sustainable state in America.

To learn more, visit flchambersustainability.com and contact Crystal Campbell at ccampbell@flchamber.com to get involved.



**DIVERSE & ATTAINABLE WORKFORCE HOUSING**

The Florida Chamber supports an "all-of-the-above" strategy for increasing the accessibility and supply of housing, including addressing local zoning restrictions and regulations, and believes the Sadowski Trust Fund should continue to be permanently funded in statute to produce and preserve affordable housing in communities across Florida.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****SB 48 / HB 313: Housing**

As part of an all-of-the-above strategy to address affordable workforce housing challenges, requires local governments to adopt ordinances that allow accessory dwelling units in single-family residential areas to create more housing options.

Sponsored by: Senator Don Gaetz and Representative Danny Nix, Jr.

**PASSED****SB 1548 / HB 1389: Affordable Housing**

Strengthens the Live Local Act, creating more affordable workforce housing options by allowing multifamily and mixed-use residential housing on locally owned and certain religious institution property and prevents local governments from circumventing the Live Local Act through new regulations and bureaucratic technicalities.

Sponsored by: Senator Alexis Calatayud and Representative Mike Redondo

SB 1672 / HB 311: Tax Credits for Contributions to Assist Homebuyers

Incentivizes employers to assist employees in purchasing a home by creating an optional tax credit program for downpayment assistance.

Sponsored by: Senator Stan McClain and Representative Tae Edmonds

SB 1432 / HB 1065: Public Employee Housing Benefits

Increases access to affordable workforce housing by creating an alternative method to assist public employees with buying homes through the optional "Heroes Reward Program."

Sponsored by: Senator Alexis Calatayud and Representative J.J. Grow

SB 948 / HB 1143: Local Government Land Development Regulations and Orders

Addresses attainable workforce housing challenges by providing greater flexibility in the minimum lot size requirements for housing to allow for more units.

Sponsored by: Senator Stan McClain and Representative Danny Nix, Jr.



Secretary Jared Perdue speaks at the 2025 Florida Transportation, Growth & Infrastructure Solution Summit.



BUILDING THE PERFECT BUSINESS CLIMATE FOR FLORIDA

FIXING FLORIDA'S BROKEN LEGAL CLIMATE

Florida made significant strides with the passage of Florida Chamber-backed landmark legal reforms in 2023; however, there is more work to be done to achieve the **Florida 2030 Blueprint** goal of becoming a top-ranked legal climate. To achieve this, the Florida Chamber will work with our partners to rein in unnecessary litigation, reduce costs, and prevent additional causes of action in Florida law. Opportunities to improve Florida's lawsuit abuse climate include, but are not limited to, requiring transparency when third parties are financing litigation, protecting private property owners to ensure liability is assigned to those actually at fault, reining in Florida's highest-in-the-nation medical malpractice costs, and cracking down on the tactics used by billboard trial attorneys to drive frivolous litigation and excessive verdicts. In addition, the Florida Chamber will vigorously defend the progress made with the 2022 and 2023 reforms.



DEFEATED

SB 956 / HB 1423: Multifamily Residential Properties

Eliminates a key-provision of the Florida Chamber-led lawsuit abuse reforms from 2023 by removing a presumption against liability for multifamily property owners for certain intentional acts on the property.

Sponsored by: Senator Jennifer Bradley and Representative Michelle Salzman

SB 894 / HB 261: Restrictions on Employer-owned Life Insurance Policies

Creates a new private cause of action and adds state regulations around employer-owned life insurance policies that are already regulated at the federal level.

Sponsored by: Senator Jonathan Martin and Representative Peggy Gossett-Seidman

SB 1558 / HB 1553: Admissibility of Evidence in Civil Cases

Eliminates a key provision of the Florida Chamber-led 2023 lawsuit abuse reform by shifting the burden on the defense to rebut damages instead of the plaintiff proving the actual cost of medical damages owed.

Sponsored by: Senator Ralph Massullo and Representative Robert Brackett

SB 358 / HB 987: 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.

Sponsored by: Senator Carlos Smith and Representative Angie Nixon

SB 926: Attorney Fees and Costs for Motor Vehicle Personal Injury Protections Benefits

Worsens Florida's Lawsuit abuse climate by reinstating attorney fee awards in Florida's Personal Injury protection system, which will increase frivolous litigation and auto insurance rates for consumers.

Sponsored by: Senator Jonathan Martin

SB 1746 / HB 1499: Pricing Based on Collection of Consumer Information

Creates a new private right of action that enhances billboard trial attorneys' efforts to increase litigation, worsening our lawsuit abuse climate in Florida and is duplicative to the data privacy laws already passed.

Sponsored by: Senator Tracie Davis and Representative Dotie Joseph



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SB 518 / HB 443: Products Liability Actions Under the Florida Pesticide Law

Protects Florida's agriculture industry and the reliability of the food supply chain by preventing product liability lawsuits unless the business did not follow governmental use and application guidelines in using certain agricultural products.

Sponsored by: Senator Keith Truenow and Representative J.J. Grow

SB 1396 / HB 1157: Litigation Financing

In order to further improve Florida's legal climate, supports efforts to create transparency around and accountability for third party financiers who invest in Florida's lawsuits for economic gain.

Sponsored by: Senator Colleen Burton and Representative Fabián Basabe

SB 1506: Civil Litigation

Attempts to address jury anchoring and reduce the cost of litigation by requiring the court to consider additional information in the award of noneconomic damages.

Sponsored by: Senator Clay Yarborough





Florida Chamber President & CEO, Mark Wilson, speaks alongside former House Speaker Paul Renner, legislative leaders, and trade association partners, during a press conference on lawsuit abuse reform.



The Florida Chamber General Counsels Council continues to lead the way in reducing lawsuit abuse costs on job creators and Florida families by engaging in efforts to improve Florida's costly legal climate in the legislative and political arenas, courts of law, and in the court of public opinion. **To get involved, contact Frank Walker at fwalker@flchamber.com.**

WORKPLACE & EMPLOYMENT LAW CERTAINTY

To grow Florida's economy, the Florida Chamber believes in a robust free enterprise system with limited intrusion from government in the marketplace. The Florida Chamber will support efforts to improve Florida's workplace and employment laws, oppose unnecessary new mandates related to employment practices at the federal, state, and local levels, and will zealously guard the employer-employee relationship from unnecessary governmental interference.



PASSED

SB 1096 / HB 1407: Remedies for Violations of the Florida Civil Rights Act

Creates clarity on the statute of limitations for alleged violations of the Florida Civil Rights Act, benefitting both the employer and employee and ensuring claims are resolved in a timely manner.

Sponsored by: Senator Danny Burgess and Representative Wyman Duggan

“ Florida does so many things right when it comes to fostering a positive business climate. It is consistently among the national leaders in metrics like job creation, wealth migration, and new business formations. However, Florida's lawsuit abuse crisis remains an anchor weighing us down from fulfilling our competitive potential. ”

Kelly Kwiatek

Chief Legal Officer, *Halifax Health* & Member of the *Florida Chamber General Counsels Council*





INSURING FLORIDA'S FUTURE

The Florida Chamber supports efforts to continue stabilizing the private insurance market and believes that rates should be appropriately based on risk, competition, and be actuarially sound. The Florida Chamber will continue to support reducing frivolous litigation and other cost drivers in Florida's insurance markets and will oppose policies that increase insurance costs. Opportunities to continue improving Florida's insurance market include supporting policies to reduce the risk of assessments, or "hurricane taxes" for Florida policyholders, ensuring any proposed replacement of Florida's No Fault Motor Vehicle Insurance Law (PIP) decreases costs and is efficient, and allowing for workers' comp reforms that tackle cost drivers, such as addressing attorney fees.



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SB 634 / HB 275: Rates for Citizens Property Insurance Corporation Coverage

Advances the goal of having a competitive and stable private insurance market by ensuring actuarially sound rates for Citizens insurance policies, reducing the likelihood of assessments or "hurricane taxes" on Floridians, and reinforcing efforts to return Citizens to insurer of last resort.

Sponsored by: Senator Nick DiCeglie and Representative Jose Alvarez



DEFEATED

SB 1476 / HB 775: Homeowner's Insurance Premium Reductions

Discourages a competitive and stable insurance market and companies writing policies in Florida by instituting government-mandated price controls lowering premiums charged by insurance companies.

Sponsored by: Senator Mack Bernard and Representative Tae Edmonds

SB 30: Rate Fillings for Property Insures

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

Sponsored by: Senator Barbara Sharief

SB 224: Rating Factors for Automobile Liability Insurers

Limits the ability of insurers to develop actuarially sound auto insurance rates by prohibiting certain risk factors from being included in rates.

Sponsored by: Senator Carlos Guillermo Smith

SB 1024: 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.

Sponsored by: Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez and Representative Jim Mooney

SB 1448 / HB 1349: 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 market via the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

Sponsored by: Senator Nick DiCeglie and Representative Hillary Cassel



DEFEATED

SB 1268 / HB 1269: Awards of Attorney Fees in Insurance Claims

Worsens Florida's lawsuit abuse climate by reinstituting attorney fees that were eliminated in 2022 & 2023 for insurance cases-reopening a legal mechanism that led to fraud and abuse and drove up insurance rates for all Floridians. While these bills are not identical, the intent of both was to undo the 2022-2023 reforms.

Sponsored by: Senator Tracie Davis and Representative Michael Gottlieb

SB 522 / HB 769: 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.

Sponsored by: Senator Erin Grall and Representative Meg Weinberger

PURSuing AMERICA'S #1 BUSINESS TAX CLIMATE

As Florida fights to become the #1 tax climate by 2030, the Florida Chamber of Commerce supports competitiveness and equity in Florida's tax system and reducing taxes that put Florida at a disadvantage compared to other states and nations.



DEFEATED

SB 238: Corporate Income Tax

By establishing a mandatory unitary combined reporting approach for corporate income tax, this bill hurts certain businesses in Florida by requiring a consolidated return and excluding certain deductions that are currently allowable for corporate income tax purposes.

Sponsored by: Carlos Guillermo Smith



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SB 122 / HB 103: Local Business Taxes

Reduces taxes on local businesses and allows for the reinvestment of that capital into employees, communities or the business itself by eliminating the local business tax.

Sponsored by: Senator Nick DiCeglie and Representative Adam Botana

HB 903: Assessed Value of Nonhomestead Property

Creates parity for non-homestead properties and lessens the property tax burden on renters and local businesses by reducing the cap on the annual increase in the assessed value of property to match the cap on homestead properties.

Non-homestead assessment cap included in HB 1F.

Sponsored by: Representative J.J. Grow

SB 552 / HB 1277: Prohibition on Levying Ad Valorem Taxes on Tangible Personal Property

Prohibits local governments from levying ad valorem taxes on tangible personal property, providing annual savings on the taxation of office equipment, machinery, vehicles, livestock, and personal items for local businesses, money that they can invest back in their business, their employees, or in their local communities.

Sponsored by: Senator Mack Bernard and Representative Chip LaMarca



The Florida Chamber Litigation & Regulatory Reform Center will continue to lead the way in advocating for reforms at the federal, state, and local level that reduce the burdensome and costly nature of legislation or regulatory actions impacting Florida employers.

To learn more and engage in our efforts, contact Frank Walker at fwalker@flchamber.com.



MAKING CIVIC & GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE

IMPROVING GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCIES

While Florida businesses are already driving Florida's economy towards being the 10th largest in the world, government can be either a hindrance or a helpful partner in that progress. The Florida Chamber believes that government at all levels should regulate thoughtfully, spend wisely, and respond to the needs of citizens and job creators efficiently and effectively. Through the Florida Chamber's Litigation & Regulatory Reform Center, the Florida Chamber works to identify cost savings, government process efficiencies, and improve regulations or laws that unfairly or unwisely burden businesses at the federal, state, and local government levels. In some cases, this means the Florida Chamber advocates for uniform business regulations statewide through preemption legislation, which typically elevates specific authority from Florida's 411 cities or 67 counties to the state when local policies create inconsistencies with a growing and sustainable economy. The Florida Chamber will advocate for streamlining procurement and permitting processes, improving the accessibility, accountability, and transparency of government through the effective use of technology, and safeguarding Florida's information technology (IT) systems against cyberattacks. Additionally, the Florida Chamber will promote strategic investments in innovation to optimize the efficiency and effectiveness of all IT systems serving Floridians.

“Florida's Constitution is under attack by out-of-state and special interest groups trying to buy their way onto Florida's ballot. We must put Floridians back in control of Florida's Constitution, and reduce the influence of well-funded special interests that advance their own agendas at the expense of Floridians.”

Mark Wilson
Florida Chamber President & CEO



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SB 588 / HB 105: Local Government Enforcements Actions

Ensures local governments are applying rules and regulations uniformly and provides legal remedies for businesses to challenge enforcement actions that are unreasonable or arbitrary.

Sponsored by: Senator Stan McClain and Representative Robert Brackett

SB 766 / HB 629: Regulation of Auxiliary Containers

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

Sponsored by: Senator Jonathan Martin and Representative Tiffany Esposito



Representative Jenna Persons-Mulicka receives a Florida Chamber Honor Roll Award alongside Frank Walker, Executive Vice President and Carolyn Johnson, Vice President of Government Affairs.





PROTECTING FLORIDA'S CONSTITUTION

The Florida Chamber believes that Florida's Constitution should organize the structure of government and protect the rights of its citizens, institutions, and businesses. We believe that our state's Constitution, institutions and businesses should not be used as a tool for political turnout or a means for out-of-state special interests to buy their way around representative democracy. While the Florida Constitution sets out a balanced and carefully organized government and protects many fundamental rights, it is also home to many policies that should have been left to the more transparent, flexible, and accountable legislative process. Unlike constitutional amendments, laws are more easily amendable when circumstances change, policy preferences shift, or technology evolves. Florida's Constitution has been amended 146 times since 1968, whereas the U.S. Constitution has been amended only 27 times in its history.



Florida Chamber President & CEO Mark Wilson and Governor Ron DeSantis on stage at the Florida Chamber's Legislative Fly-In.



SB 1406: Threshold for Voter Approval of Constitutional Amendments

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

Sponsored by: Senator Carlos Guillermo Smith

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

The Florida Chamber will continue to advocate for meaningful reforms to how unions collectively bargain to reduce the economic burden these negotiations place on taxpayers and the fiscal health of our state, ensuring employees are free to choose how they want their dues spent.



SB 7038 / HB 1279: Education

Allows Florida's district school boards expanded authority to bypass collective bargaining requirements with unions to provide salary incentives, and teacher assignments for schools that are persistently low-performing schools as defined in statute.

Sponsored by: Senator Alexis Calatayud and Representative Jennifer Kincart Jonsson

SB 1296 / HB 995: 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 or political activities.

Sponsored by: Senator Jonathan Martin and Representative Jenna Persons-Mulicka





CHAMPIONING FLORIDA'S QUALITY OF LIFE



The Florida Chamber Healthcare Partnership is unifying Florida's employers to help advance policy that lowers costs, increases access to care, promotes better healthcare outcomes and fights government policies that undermine Florida's competitiveness. From the rising costs of insurance premiums to provider access, the business community must unite to help create an environment where employers, employees and providers can thrive.

For more information, contact Caleb Hawkes at chawkes@flchamber.com.

MENTAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP

The Florida Chamber believes that mental health is an important component of overall health and wellness, and business leaders know a healthy, productive workforce is their greatest asset. The Florida Chamber Leadership Cabinet on Safety, Health, and Sustainability released a first-in-the-nation, business-led report with 25 recommendations to make Florida the national leader in mental health and well-being. The Florida Chamber believes that Floridians should have access to the same best-in-class care for mental health needs that is available for other conditions like heart disease and cancer. This can be achieved with a proactive, outcome-driven, person-centered approach that prioritizes early detection, precision, and evidence-based practices.



John Trevathan, Vice President of Corporate Services for Guidewell and Chair of the Florida Chamber Leadership Cabinet, kicks off the 2025 Leadership Conference on Safety, Health & Sustainability.



SB 74 / HB 13 / HB 693: Social Work Licensure Interstate Compact

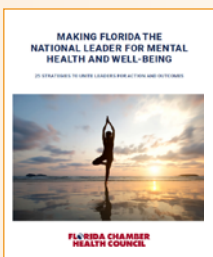
As recommended in the Florida Chamber Health Council's Mental Health Report, this legislation would allow licensed social workers to practice across member states under the Social Work Licensure Compact, improving access to behavioral health services.

Sponsored by: Senator Gayle Harrell, Representative Christine Hunschofsky, and Representative Mike Redondo

SB 138 / HB 301: 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.

Sponsored by: Senator Keith Truenow and Representative Jason Shoaf



To view the 25 business-led recommendations to make Florida the national leader in mental health, [click here](#).

To participate in our efforts and discover best practices, join the Florida Chamber Health Council by contacting Crystal Campbell at ccampbell@flchamber.com.





MEDICAL MALPRACTICE REFORM

Florida's litigiousness has led to Florida's highest-in-the-nation medical malpractice insurance premiums, which serve as a deterrent to doctors and healthcare professionals practicing in Florida and increase healthcare costs for employers and Florida families. The Florida Chamber supports medical malpractice reform strategies that will help rein in these premiums to encourage more medical professionals to practice medicine in Florida.



FLORIDA PROSPERITY INITIATIVE

The Florida Chamber Foundation's Florida Prosperity Initiative aims to replace government dependency and childhood poverty with prosperity and self sufficiency. For more information, visit www.flchamber.com/prosperityFL and contact Heather Cogar at hcogar@flchamber.com to get involved.



DEFEATED

SB 1700 and HB 6003: Recovery of Damages for Medical Negligence Resulting in Death

Vetoed previously by Governor Ron DeSantis following the 2025 Legislative Session, this legislation would drive up medical malpractice insurance rates by broadening the scope of who is allowed to recover non-economic damages in medical negligence claims. Florida has the highest-in-the-nation medical malpractice insurance costs which place an undue burden on physicians wanting to practice in Florida and ultimately limits the availability of quality and affordable care.

Sponsored by: *Senator Erin Grall and Representative Dana Trabulsy*

SB 408 / HB 339: Advertisement of a Harmful Vaccine

Creates a new cause of action, increasing Florida's already litigious environment and opens drug companies to endless lawsuits for side-effects they already disclose to consumers in their advertisements.

Sponsored by: *Senator Erin Grall and Representative Monique Miller*

“As we move towards the next few years, I look forward to working with the chamber as an organization, with many businesses and business leaders in this state, investing in the chamber — and the rest of Tallahassee — to make sure that we're trying to make a meaningful impact.”

Speaker-Designate Sam Garrison





2026 DISTINGUISHED ADVOCATE AWARDS

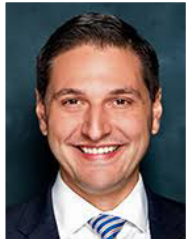


The Florida Chamber's Distinguished Advocate Award recognizes legislators who have championed key Florida Business Agenda legislation. The award is designed to acknowledge legislators who ensured consideration of the business community's legislative priorities and who fought tirelessly for the passage of specific pro-jobs legislation.





Senate



Senator Danny Burgess championed legislation to create clarity on the statute of limitations for alleged violations of the Florida Civil Rights Act, benefiting both the employer and employee and ensuring claims are resolved in a timely manner.



Senator Jonathan Martin fought to ensure transparency and accountability in the collective bargaining process while also protecting taxpayers by limiting the use of government-paid time for union or political activities.



Senator Stan McClain led the effort to improve Florida's land use regulations to support smart and predictable development, reduce barriers to construction, and increase the supply of affordable workforce housing.

House of Representatives



Representative Wyman Duggan championed legislation to create clarity on the statute of limitations for alleged violations of the Florida Civil Rights Act, benefiting both the employer and employee and ensuring claims are resolved in a timely manner.



Representative Richard Gentry advocated for clarity and consistency in the calculation of impact fees, lowering costs on new development to increase the supply of affordable workforce housing.



Representative J.J. Grow spearheaded legislation to reduce the property tax burden on local businesses and renters while mitigating the impact of a potential tax shift onto job creators.



Representative Jenna Persons-Mulicka fought to ensure transparency and accountability in the collective bargaining process while also protecting taxpayers by limiting the use of government-paid time for union or political activities.



2026 LEGISLATIVE SCORE CARD

The 2026 grades earned were calculated based on how each member of the Florida Legislature personally voted on the issues contained in the Florida Chamber's 2026 Where We Stand.

Senate

NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED		NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED	
	2025	2026		2025	2026
Ben Albritton Wauchula	100	100	Shev Jones Miami Gardens	66	66
Kristen Arrington Kissimmee	67	73	Tom Leek St. Augustine	100	100
Bryan Avila Hialeah Gardens	93	100	Jonathan Martin Fort Myers	88	86
Lori Berman Boynton Beach	59	69	Ralph Massullo LeCanto	-	100
Mack Bernard West Palm Beach	67	77	Debbie Mayfield Melbourne	92	100
Jim Boyd Bradenton	91	100	Stan McClain Ocala	100	100
Jennifer Bradley Fleming Island	86	87	Rosalind Osgood Tamarac	59	61
Jason Brodeur Sanford	80	100	Kathleen Passidomo Naples	93	100
LaVon Bracy Davis Ocoee	52*	72	Jason Pizzo Hollywood	72	86
Danny Burgess Zephyrhills	85	100	Tina Polsky Boca Raton	61	69
Colleen Burton Lakeland	90	100	Ana Maria Rodriguez Doral	87	89
Alexis Calatayud Miami	93	83	Darryl Rouson St. Petersburg	69	71
Tracie Davis Jacksonville	60	70	Barbara Sharief Davie	73	90
Nick DiCeglie St. Petersburg	90	100	Corey Simon Tallahassee	91	93
Don Gaetz Pensacola	87	89	Carlos Smith Orlando	73	83
Ileana Garcia Miami	78	76	Keith Truenow Tavares	100	100
Erin Grall Fort Pierce	89	86	Jay Trumbull Panama City	86	100
Joe Gruters Sarasota	80	100	Tom Wright Port Orange	87	94
Gayle Harrell Stuart	100	100	Clay Yarborough Jacksonville	91	100
Ed Hooper Palm Harbor	85	89			

*Member of the Florida House in 2025.

House of Representatives

NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED		NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED	
	2025	2026		2025	2026
Shane Abbott DeFuniak Springs	91	94	Yvette Benarroch Naples	87	100
Jon Albert Winter Haven	66	73	Kim Berfield Clearwater	77	94
Danny Alvarez Riverview	66	84	Dean Black Jacksonville	93	81
Jose Alvarez Dover	72	62	Omar Blanco Miami	71	73
Adam Anderson Tarpon Springs	69	86	Erika Booth Orlando	77	88
Alex Andrade Pensacola	90	92	David Borrero Doral	69	76
Bruce Antone Orlando	49	58	Adam Botana Bonita Springs	78	100
Wallace Aristide North Miami Beach	55	50	Nathan Boyles Navarre	100	93
Jessica Baker Jacksonville	68	81	Robbie Brackett Vero Beach	86	91
Doug Bankson Apopka	94	90	Chuck Brannan Lake City	77	87
Webster Barnaby Deland	74	100	James Buchanan North Port	94	100
Robin Bartleman Weston	57	54	Demi Busatta Coral Gables	88	92
Fabian Basabe Miami Beach	90	84	Daryl Campbell Fort Lauderdale	58	52





NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED		NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED	
	2025	2026		2025	2026
Jennifer Canady Lakeland	89	92	Lauren Melo Naples	95	100
Hillary Cassel Hollywood	64	82	Kiyan Michael Jacksonville Beach	90	76
Ryan Chamberlin Ocala	94	100	Monique Miller Palm Bay	73	94
Kevin Chambliss Homestead	48	74	Jim Mooney Key Largo	96	82
Linda Chaney St. Petersburg	93	83	Jenna Persons-Mulicka Fort Myers	90	92
Nan Cobb Eustis	90	94	Danny Nix Port Charlotte	76	95
Bill Conerly Lakewood Ranch	91	93	Angie Nixon Jacksonville	55	45
Lindsay Cross St. Petersburg	57	57	Vanessa Oliver Punta Gorda	73	75
Dan Daley Coral Springs	55	68	Toby Overdorf Stuart	100	96
Kim Daniels Jacksonville	65	65	Michael Owen Apollo Beach	57	93
Fentrice Driskell Tampa	58	50	Bill Partington Daytona Beach	90	94
Wyman Duggan Jacksonville	94	100	Daniel Perez Miami	86	91
Lisa Dunkley Lauderhill	53	57	Karen Gonzalez Pittman Tampa	76	81
Tae Edmonds West Palm Beach	73	71	Rachel Plakon Longwood	90	89
Anna Eskamani Orlando	57	48	Susan Plasencia Winter Park	65	68
Tiffany Esposito Fort Myers	90	93	Juan Porras Miami	85	94
Tom Fabricio Hialeah	100	100	Michele Rayner St. Petersburg	46	54
Gallop Franklin Tallahassee	76	68	Mike Redondo Miami	91	93
Ashley Gantt Miami	57	33	Alex Rizo Hialeah	100	100
Sam Garrison Fleming Island	88	91	Felicia Robinson Miami Gardens	64	46
Richard Gentry DeBary	91	100	Will Robinson Bradenton	95	100
Anne Gerwig Wellington	95	87	Mitch Rosenwald Oakland Park	51	48
Mike Giallombardo Cape Coral	89	100	Michelle Salzman Cantonment	78	79
Mike Gottlieb Davie	36	50	Judson Sapp Palatka	95	93
Sam Greco Palm Coast	95	93	Peggy Gossett-Seidman Boca Raton	88	100
Griff Griffiths Panama City	91	94	Jason Shoaf Port St. Joe	95	93
J.J. Grow Inverness	94	94	Tyler Sirois Merritt Island	88	93
Rita Harris Orlando	65	56	Kelly Skidmore Delray Beach	58	57
Yvonne Hinson Gainesville	54	62	David Smith Winter Springs	71	90
Brian Hodgers Viera	100	100	John Snyder Stuart	88	100
Jeff Holcomb Spring Hill	94	97	Leonard Spencer Winter Garden	70	62
Christine Hunschofsky Parkland	65	58	Paula Stark St. Cloud	65	72
Berny Jacques Clearwater	73	92	Kevin Steele Hudson	79	82
Chad Johnson Newberry	95	100	Allison Tant Tallahassee	70	64
Dotie Joseph North Miami	42	17	Debra Tendrich Lake Worth	53	55
Jennifer Kincart Jonsson Lakeland	76	92	Josie Tomkow Auburndale	89	92
Kim Kendall Jacksonville	62	75	Dana Trabulsy Fort Pierce	95	82
Traci Koster Tampa	62	71	Chase Tramont Port Orange	95	93
Chip LaMarca Lighthouse Point	94	100	Kaylee Tuck Sebring	91	93
Johanna Lopez Orlando	54	61	Susan Valdes Tampa	70	78
Rob Long Boynton Beach	-	64	Meg Weinberger Royal Palm Beach	74	76
Dianne Hart-Lowman Tampa	54	57	Marie Woodson Pembroke Pines	57	57
Randy Maggard Zephyrhills	91	100	Taylor Yarkosky Clermont	89	93
Patt Maney Fort Walton Beach	80	86	Brad Yeager New Port Richey	74	92
Lawrence McClure Plant City	87	91	RaShon Young Orlando	-	57
Fiona McFarland Sarasota	89	94			



LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY ADVOCACY TEAM

The Florida Chamber Advocacy Team closely tracks thousands of votes each session and advocates continuously throughout the year, making sure the voices of job creators are heard and the right outcomes happen.



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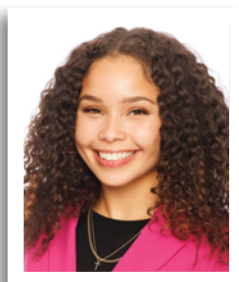
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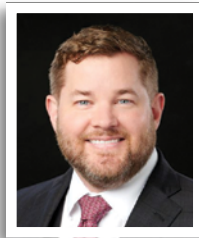




In addition to our year-round internal Advocacy Team, the Florida Chamber partners with some of the most trusted, successful and well-connected lobbying professionals in Florida on competitiveness issues ranging from taxation, regulations, workers' comp and legal reform to education reform, innovation, water science, transportation, healthcare and more. These experts work together with the Florida Chamber staff and volunteers to ensure Florida continues moving forward.



Christine Ashburn



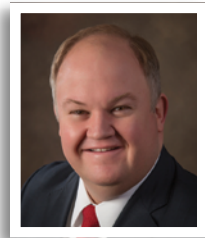
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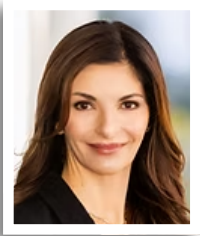
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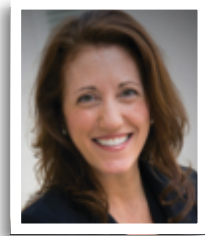
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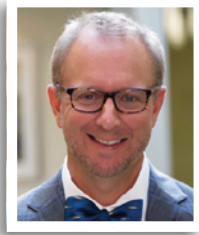
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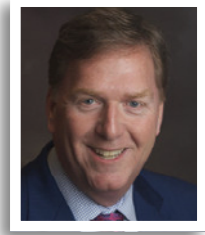
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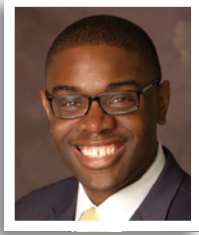
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FLORIDA CHAMBER'S POLITICAL ACTION OPERATIONS

BETTER CANDIDATE RECRUITMENT

Florida Chamber Political Institute

Florida's most thorough and respected pro-jobs legislative candidate recruitment and review process

The Florida Chamber Political Institute (FCPI), the research-based arm of the Chamber's political operations department, understands that with term limits, consistently recruiting, selecting and electing pro-jobs candidates is vital. Our engagement efforts begin by recruiting and electing pro-jobs candidates chosen by rigorous candidate interview sessions. FCPI travels statewide and interviews hundreds of new candidates. Incumbent candidates are evaluated on a meticulous set of factors, including the legislative grade they earned based on their voting record. This helps the Florida Chamber advocate for candidates who have Florida's future as a priority.



Florida Institute for Political Leadership

Florida's preeminent non-partisan campaign training school for local candidates

With over 6,200 electable positions in Florida in the next three election cycles, having a local candidate training program is essential. The Florida Institute for Political Leadership (FIPL), an initiative of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, was created to assist leaders who want to improve their local communities by serving in appointed positions or in elected offices. We are here to help make that process easier. The Institute is a non-partisan program designed to recruit, train, and guide individuals by providing leadership and training opportunities to get better candidates across Florida. The Institute partners with local chambers of commerce and community organizations across Florida to host campaign schools and training programs.

CANDIDATE & ISSUE SUPPORT

The Florida Chamber of Commerce, with its over 100-year history, has been an early, vocal, and financial supporter of countless successful ballot initiatives, state legislators, and cabinet officials. Weighing in for candidates on both sides of the aisle, the Chamber has proven to be the unifying force in Florida politics.

The Florida Chamber has created several nonpartisan committees to make direct contributions to select candidates and issue-based campaigns who promote and support a principled free enterprise and job creation agenda. The political committees routinely take on public sector labor unions, extreme environmentalists, and billboard trial lawyers who are working to undermine job creation and economic growth in Florida's business community. Moreover, these committees work to ensure Florida's Constitution is protected and not attacked by out-of-state special interests trying to buy their way onto the ballot. Under Florida election laws, there are no contribution limits for these committees.

Florida Chamber Free Enterprise Fund

Florida's leading political committee helping to secure Florida's future

The Florida Chamber Free Enterprise Fund is non-partisan and works to support candidates and issue-based campaigns who promote and support a principled free enterprise and job creation agenda. It stands firmly on its purpose of securing Florida's future and its mission to be the leading voice of

business and the driving force of Florida's future. A membership in the Florida Chamber Free Enterprise Fund is reserved for political donors at the \$10,000 level or above.

Protect Our Constitution

Florida's foremost issue committee helping to make Florida more competitive

The Florida Chamber has long opposed placing issues in the Florida Constitution that can be solved through the legislative process. While we recognize that sometimes constitutional amendments are necessary to preserve the integrity of Florida's political or governance system, they should only be considered under "great and extraordinary occasions." Protect Our Constitution defends Florida from out-of-state billionaires that try and buy their way onto the ballot and legislate through the constitution.

Endorsements and the Election Center

Florida's most trusted election information for employers

Our mission is to secure Florida's future. We advocate for candidates who have Florida's future as a priority, and fight to lead Florida in the right direction. In an effort to share information with employers regarding Chamber-backed candidates, each election cycle the Chamber releases a guidebook to the candidates and races, highlighting the candidates the Chamber is supporting.





FLORIDA CHAMBER AND ITS MEMBERS GET RESULTS

The Florida Chamber of Commerce and our members helped deliver general election wins for **101 of 103** Chamber-backed candidates for the '24 cycle, continuing a track record of success in recruiting, supporting and electing pro-jobs, pro-Florida candidates. The results were overwhelming victories across the board for business with a 98% success rate for Chamber-backed candidates who have committed to securing Florida's future by focusing on free enterprise principles and job creation for their communities while working to keep Florida competitive on the global stage.

Through our Florida Chamber Political Institute, we constantly strive to recruit better candidates for the legislature and 2024 was a very successful year for growing our collective effort as Chamber members interviewed over 100 candidates throughout Florida.

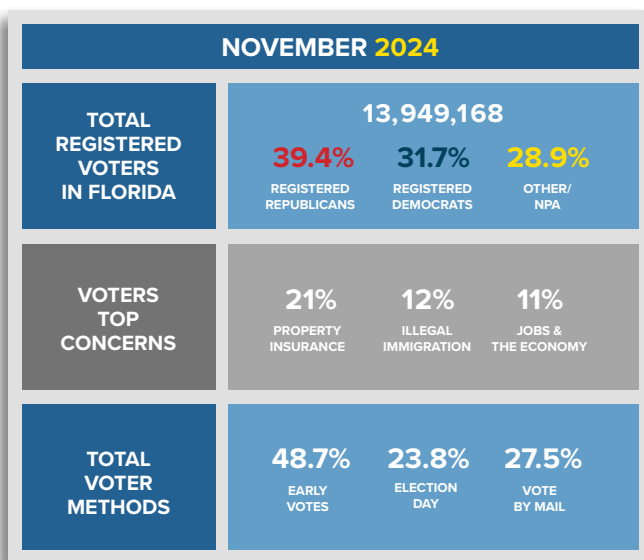
Here are a few highlights from the 2024 General Election:

- This General Election, the Florida Chamber endorsed 103 candidates, backing many of their
- candidacies with financial resources and substantial voter educative efforts.
- This past election cycle, over \$10 million dollars were invested in voter education to win Florida's General Election races. Campaigns are getting more expensive which is why the Florida Chamber launched yet another multi-million-dollar fund, known as the Free Enterprise Fund – a member-driven fund to elect pro-jobs candidates for Florida's future.
- With over 3 million newly registered voters since the 2020 General election, Florida's electorate continues to grow and evolve. The Florida Chamber's voter file, ChamberHub, is constantly tracking and analyzing these trends for our members.
- With term limits comes the likelihood that local government officials may consider running for open seats in the Florida Legislature. With more than 6,200 electable positions throughout Florida in the coming years, the Florida Chamber's local candidate recruitment and candidate school initiative is alive and well. Learn more at www.FIPL.org.

FLORIDA'S CHANGING POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

The Florida Chamber is constantly conducting state-wide polling to track the latest voter opinions and trends.

Polling results, voter registration data, and real-time political analysis is housed in ChamberHub, the Florida Chamber's proprietary, interactive, and customizable voter file, accessible only to Florida Chamber political members.



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BUILDING A STRONGER FLORIDA TOGETHER

Florida is on the rise, but there's still work to be done. As we continue our mission to make Florida a top-10 global economy by 2030, the key to our continued success lies in a united business community. Our efforts to secure Florida's future depend on collaboration between business leaders who value free enterprise and are committed to ensuring a brighter future for all Floridians.

We cannot afford to mirror states like California, Illinois, or New York—places with high taxes and big government, where businesses and families are leaving. Florida's competitive edge relies on maintaining a low-tax, pro-business environment that attracts jobs and fosters economic growth.



Mark Wilson
President and CEO

Every day, the Florida Chamber fights for Florida businesses, advocating for a state that thrives on job creation and economic opportunity. Our Chamber works hand-in-hand with policy experts, political strategists, businesses of all sizes, and our top-tier research foundation to guide Florida toward continued success.

If you believe in the power of free enterprise and are passionate about Florida's future, now is the time to take action. Join us as we unite the business community and build a stronger, more prosperous Florida.

Here's how you can get involved:

- 1. JOIN** the Florida Chamber to support free enterprise and help protect Florida's business-friendly environment.
- 2. ENGAGE** in the Chamber's initiatives, grassroots campaigns, events, social media channels and newsletters to stay connected and informed about how our united business community is driving progress.
- 3. SUPPORT** efforts to recruit and elect pro-jobs, pro-business candidates through the Florida Institute for Political Leadership (FIPL), Florida Chamber Political Institute (FCPI), hosting fundraisers, and making contributions to Chamber political committees tasked with advancing the right candidates and causes to ensure Florida's ongoing competitiveness.
- 4. CONNECT** with your elected officials and encourage them to prioritize job creation, economic growth, and the success of local businesses by standing against special interests.

Together, we can ensure Florida remains the national model for generations to come. Let's unite and continue to move Florida forward.

Interested in joining the Florida Chamber's mission?



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FLORIDA CHAMBER AND CHAMBER FOUNDATION STATEWIDE EVENTS

2026 Florida Learners to Earners Workforce Solution Summit

Aligning education systems with the needs of our modern workforce and preparing today's learners for tomorrow's career opportunities.

Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, Tampa, FL | June 23, 2026

40th Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School

The Environmental Permitting Summer School has been held for the past 39 consecutive years and is attended by attorneys, consultants, engineers, state and local government officials, developers, landowners and others with a strong interest in environmental issues in Florida.

JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort, Marco Island, FL | July 21-24, 2026

2026 Future of Florida Forum (F3) & Florida Chamber Annual Meeting

Florida's annual business leaders event measuring the progress towards achieving the 39 goals of the *Florida 2030 Blueprint*, aimed at making Florida a top-10 global economy by 2030.

JW Marriott Orlando Bonnet Creek, Orlando, FL | October 27-28, 2026

2026 Florida Chamber Annual Insurance Summit

Insuring Florida's future by creating a competitive and stable private insurance market.

Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Orlando, FL | December 10-11, 2026

2027 Legislative Fly-In

An exclusive opportunity to connect with Florida's elected leaders, lawmakers, and Florida's top business leaders.

Augustus B. Turnbull III Conference Center, Tallahassee, FL | February 9-10, 2027

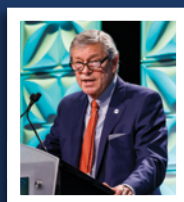
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Annual Business Leaders' Events



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The Florida Chamber has always understood that in order to get the policy right you have to get the politics right, and they continue to be a leader in that regard.”

– **WILL WEATHERFORD, FORMER SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE AND MANAGING PARTNER, WEATHERFORD CAPITAL**

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