

We had an extremely successful second committee week, and we our efforts will remain full-steam ahead for District 8 when we return to the Capitol Monday morning!

It's my goal to keep our community updated on the progress we make together throughout these next committee weeks! Here's a look at our most recent efforts up in Tallahassee:

Senate President Designation



The Florida Senate Republican Caucus unanimously selected my friend Senator Wilton Simpson as the President-Designate for the 2020-22 Legislative Term. President-Designate Simpson represents State Senate District 10, which includes Hernando and Citrus Counties, and a portion of Pasco County. President-Designate Simpson will succeed President Bill Galvano.

He serves alongside me on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and also sits on the Rules Committee and Joint Legislative Budget Commission.

During his acceptance speech, President-Designate Simpson vowed to fight for Florida's economy by continuing to instill fiscally conservative principles and promoting a business-friendly environment. President-Designate Simpson is a principled leader, and Florida will remain in good hands under his leadership!

Unanimous Support for Common Sense Bills



I presented two important bills this week in the first Senate committees of reference, and I received unanimous support in each.

<u>SB 162 Public Records</u>: On Monday, I received unanimous support from the Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee for my bill to increase the public's ability to request public records from government agencies. This bill discourages agencies from taking citizens to court for exercising their constitutional right to seek public records.

SB 158 Child restraint Requirements: On Tuesday, the Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee unanimously supported my bill to extend the age that children are required to ride in booster seats through the age of six-years-old. Seat belts are not designed for children, and extending the protection of booster seats is a common sense safety measure that will help protect Florida's most vulnerable passengers

Affordable Housing



The Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development held a workshop to discuss solutions for Florida's affordable housing crisis. On the state level, we have done a

great job of removing several of the regulatory barriers that delay affordable housing growth. However, we have got to continue to explore meaningful policy changes that will address zoning and renting issues to help affordable housing programs flourish.

Legislative Session

As we approach the next legislative session, you can stay up-to-date with my bills and committee meetings by visiting my senate web page.



I'm looking forward to serving another year on the following senate committees:

- Criminal Justice. Chair
- infrastructure & Security, Vice Chair
- Banking & Insurance
- Education
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

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It's an honor to represent you in the Florida Senate. Thank you for your continued support, input and patience as we work together to make lasting impacts in our community. I'm eager to advocate for District 8 during the upcoming Legislative Session!

Sincerely,

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