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MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
From: Senator Tom Lee, Chair
Subject: Amendment Deadlines and Policies for the March 25, 2015, Meeting of the Appropriations Committee
Date: March 18, 2015

On Friday, March 20, 2015, the Appropriations Committee will notice its meeting for Wednesday, March 25, 2015, to consider the General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (SPB 2500), the Appropriations Implementing Bill (SPB 2502), additional bills related to the state's budget, and other bills. By Friday, March 20, 2015, the bills relating to the state's budget will be available electronically on the Senate's website, www.flsenate.gov, including the Appropriations webpage, www.flsenate.gov/Session/Appropriations.

THE DEADLINE FOR FILING AMENDMENTS TO ANY BILL ON THE AGENDA IS 1:30 P.M., MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015. (ROOM 201 CAPITOL)

THE DEADLINE FOR FILING AMENDMENTS TO AMENDMENTS AND SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENTS TO ANY BILL ON THE AGENDA IS 1:30 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015. (ROOM 201 CAPITOL)

All amendments to the General Appropriations Bill must be balanced. For an amendment to be balanced, the Senator must identify, within the same subcommittee, the specific appropriation line item number, the specific source of funding (general revenue or trust fund) within the line item, and the amount to be taken to fund the amendment.

Please contact the professional staff in the Appropriations committees for assistance in drafting your amendments to SPB 2500 and SPB 2502, to ensure your amendments are technically

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correct. All amendments you request staff to prepare for SPB 2500, the General Appropriations Bill, and SPB 2502, the Appropriations Implementing Bill, **WILL BE FILED FOR YOU**, unless you request otherwise.

Requests to draft amendments to other bills on the agenda should be submitted to Bill Drafting. These amendments must be in final form and barcoded when filed with the Committee Administrative Assistant by you or your staff.

MEETING AMENDMENT DEADLINES and POLICIES for bills
to be heard at the MARCH 25, 2015, Appropriations Committee Meeting

<p>Friday, March 20, 2015</p>	<p>The Appropriations Committee will notice its meeting for Wednesday, March 25, to consider the General Appropriations Bill (SPB 2500), the Implementing Bill (SPB 2502), additional bills relating to the state’s budget, and other bills. By Friday, March 20, the bills relating to the state’s budget will be available electronically on the Senate’s website, www.flsenate.gov, including the Appropriations webpage, www.flsenate.gov/Session/Appropriations.</p>
<p>Monday, March 23, 2015 by 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Amendments to SPB 2500 and SPB 2502 must be submitted for preparation and filing to the appropriate Appropriations Committee staff (room 201 Capitol).</p> <p>Amendments to bills other than the General Appropriations and Implementing bills must be in final form and barcoded when filed with the Appropriations Committee.</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 24, 2015 by 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Amendments to amendments and substitute amendments to SPB 2500 and SPB 2502 must be submitted for preparation and filing to the appropriate Appropriations Committee staff (room 201 Capitol).</p> <p>Amendments to amendments and substitute amendments to bills other than the General Appropriations and Implementing bills must be in final form and barcoded when filed with the Appropriations Committee.</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 25, 2015 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>SPB 2500, SPB 2502, and bills relating to the state’s budget will be considered in the noticed Appropriations Committee meeting.</p>

Please remember that all amendments to the General Appropriations Bill must be balanced. For an amendment to be balanced, the Senator must identify, within the same subcommittee, the specific appropriation line item, the specific source of funding (general revenue or trust fund) within the line item, and the amount to be taken to fund the amendment. All amendments you request staff of the Appropriations committees to prepare for SPB 2500 and SPB 2502 **WILL BE FILED FOR YOU, unless you request otherwise.**

Requests to draft amendments to other bills on the agenda should be submitted to Bill Drafting. These amendments must be in final form and barcoded when filed with the Committee Administrative Assistant by you or your staff.