

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
 ENVIRONMENT, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Senator Brodeur, Chair**  
**Senator Berman, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, January 14, 2026  
**TIME:** 2:00—3:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

**MEMBERS:** Senator Brodeur, Chair; Senator Berman, Vice Chair; Senators Arrington, DiCeglie, Grall, Massullo, McClain, Pizzo, Rodriguez, Sharief, and Truenow

TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
<b>Senate Confirmation Hearing:</b> A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.			
<b>Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District</b>			
1	Everett, Ted (Chipley)	03/01/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Pate, Jerome K. (Pensacola)	03/01/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
<b>Big Cypress Basin Board of the South Florida Water Management District</b>			
2	Romano, Michael C. II (Naples)	03/01/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
<b>Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District</b>			
3	Bispham, Paul Jack (Myakka City)	03/01/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
4	Hall, John E. (Auburndale)	03/01/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
<b>Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District</b>			
5	Johns, Virginia H. (Gainesville)	03/01/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0

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Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government  
Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 2:00—3:30 p.m.

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TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
6	Presentation on Governor's General Government Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Recommendations: Department of Business and Professional Regulation Department of Financial Services Office of Financial Regulation Office of Insurance Regulation Department of Lottery Department of Management Services Division of Administrative Hearings Florida Commission on Human Relations Public Employees Relations Commission Department of Revenue Florida Gaming Control Commission Public Service Commission	Presented	
7	Presentation on Governor's Environment Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Recommendations: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Department of Citrus Department of Environmental Protection Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Presented	
Other Related Meeting Documents			

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**RON DESANTIS**  
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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

August 22, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 373.073, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Theodore "Ted" Everett  
P.O. Box 739  
Chipley, Florida 32428

as a member of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective August 22, 2025, for a term ending March 1, 2029.

Sincerely,

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Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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# OATH OF OFFICE

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Washington

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

the Governing Board, Northwest Florida Water Management District

(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence  OR online notarization   
this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

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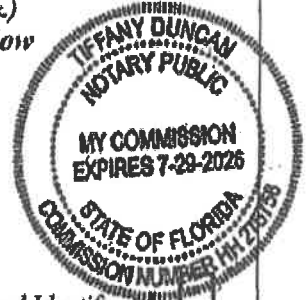
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## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

P.O. Box 739  
Street or Post Office Box

Theodore S. Everett  
Print Name

Chipley, FL 32428  
City, State, Zip Code

[Handwritten Signature]  
Signature

2405

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Theodore S. Everett*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Governing Board,  
Northwest Florida Water Management  
District**

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Second day of August,  
A.D., 2025, until the First day of March, A.D., 2029 and is  
subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular  
session of the Legislature.



*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Twentieth day of October, A.D., 2025.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Byrd".

Secretary of State

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**RON DESANTIS**  
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August 22, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 373.073, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Jerome "Jerry" Pate  
301 Schubert Drive  
Pensacola, Florida 32504

as a member of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective August 22, 2025, for a term ending March 1, 2029.

Sincerely,

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Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

# OATH OF OFFICE

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STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Escambia

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District

(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature


*Jerome K. Pate*

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence  OR online notarization   
this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

*Robin Tillery*

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath - see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)  
  
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ROBIN TILLERY  
Notary Public  
State of Florida  
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## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

301 Schubert Drive  
Street or Post Office Box  
Pensacola, FL 32504  
City, State, Zip Code

Jerome K. Pate  
Print Name  
*Jerome K. Pate*  
Signature

2405

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Jerome K. Pate*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Governing Board,  
Northwest Florida Water Management  
District**

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Second day of August,  
A.D., 2025, until the First day of March, A.D., 2029 and is  
subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular  
session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the First day of October, A.D., 2025.*

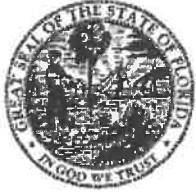


Secretary of State

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Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 373.0693, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Michael Romano  
590 Corbel Drive  
Naples, Florida 34110

as a member of the Big Cypress Basin Board, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective August 22, 2025, for a term ending March 1, 2029.

Sincerely,

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Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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# OATH OF OFFICE

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Collier

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

**Big Cypress Basin Board Member**

(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

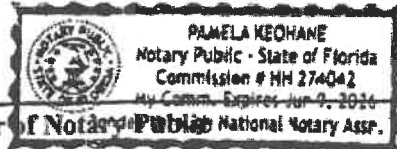
Signature

Michael Romano II

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence  OR online notarization   
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 2025

Pamela Keohane

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or



(To be completed only by judges administering oath - see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Print Name

Title

Court

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## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home

Office

590 Corbel Drive

Street or Post Office Box

Naples, Florida 34110

City, State, Zip Code

Michael C. Romano II

Print Name

Signature

Michael Romano II

2450

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

***Michael C. Romano, II***

is duly appointed a member of the

**Big Cypress Basin Board,  
South Florida Water Management District**

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Second day of August,  
A.D., 2025, until the First day of March, A.D., 2029 and is  
subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular  
session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the First day of October, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State

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August 22, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 373.073, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Paul "Jack" Bispham  
27400 Gopher Hill Road  
Myakka City, Florida 34251

as a member of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective August 22, 2025, for a term ending March 1, 2029.

Sincerely,

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Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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# OATH OF OFFICE

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Hernando

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Governing Board Member of the Southwest Florida Water Management District

(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature *Paul J*

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence  OR online notarization   
this 26 day of August, 2025.

*Virginia Singer*  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

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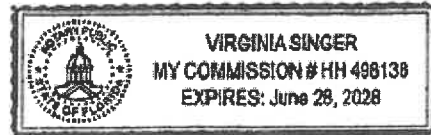
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## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

27400 Gopher Hill Road

Street or Post Office Box

Myakka City FL 34251

City, State, Zip Code

Paul Jack Bispham

Print Name

*Paul J*  
Signature

2460

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Paul Jack Bispham*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Governing Board,  
Southwest Florida Water Management  
District**

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Second day of August,  
A.D., 2025, until the First day of March, A.D., 2029 and is  
subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular  
session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Tenth day of October, A. D., 2025.*



Secretary of State

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August 22, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 373.073, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Johnnie Hall  
1154 Loop Road  
Auburndale, Florida 33823

as a member of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective August 22, 2025, for a term ending March 1, 2029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Hernando

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Governing Board Member of the Southwest Florida Water Management District

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

(NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.)

Signature

John E. Hall

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence  OR online notarization   
this 26 day of August, 2025.

Virginia Singer

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

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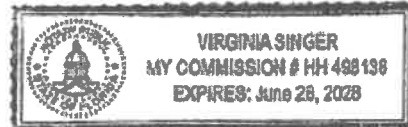
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## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

2800 Winter Lake Road

John E. Hall

Street or Post Office Box

Print Name

Lakeland, FL 33803

John E. Hall

City, State, Zip Code

Signature



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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*John E. Hall*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Governing Board,  
Southwest Florida Water Management  
District**

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Second day of August,  
A.D., 2025, until the First day of March, A.D., 2029 and is  
subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular  
session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Thirtieth day of October, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State

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**RON DeSANTIS**  
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TALLAHASSEE, FL

August 22, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 373.073, Florida Statutes:

Mrs. Virginia Johns  
P.O. Box 1000  
Alachua, Florida 32616

as a member of the Suwannee River Water Management District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective August 22, 2025, for a term ending March 1, 2029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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# OATH OF OFFICE

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STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Suwannee

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board Member

(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature



Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence  OR online notarization   
this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.



Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath - see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Print Name

Title

Court

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ROBIN R. LAMM  
Notary Public  
State of Florida  
Comm# HH687133  
Expires 8/28/2029

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## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

PO Box 1000

Virginia H. Johns

Street or Post Office Box

Print Name

Alachua, FL 32616

City, State, Zip Code

Signature



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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Virginia H. Johns*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Governing Board,  
Suwannee River Water Management District**

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Second day of August,  
A.D., 2025, until the First day of March, A.D., 2029 and is  
subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular  
session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Seventeenth day of September, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State

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# FLORIDIANS FIRST

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture,  
Environment, and General Government

FLORIDIANS FIRST

2026-2027



# Governor's Office of Policy and Budget General Government Unit

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Department of Lottery

Department of Financial Services

Office of Insurance Regulation

Office of Financial Regulation

Department of Management Services

Commission on Human Relations

Division of Administrative Hearings

Public Employees Relations Commission

Department of Revenue

Florida Gaming Control Commission

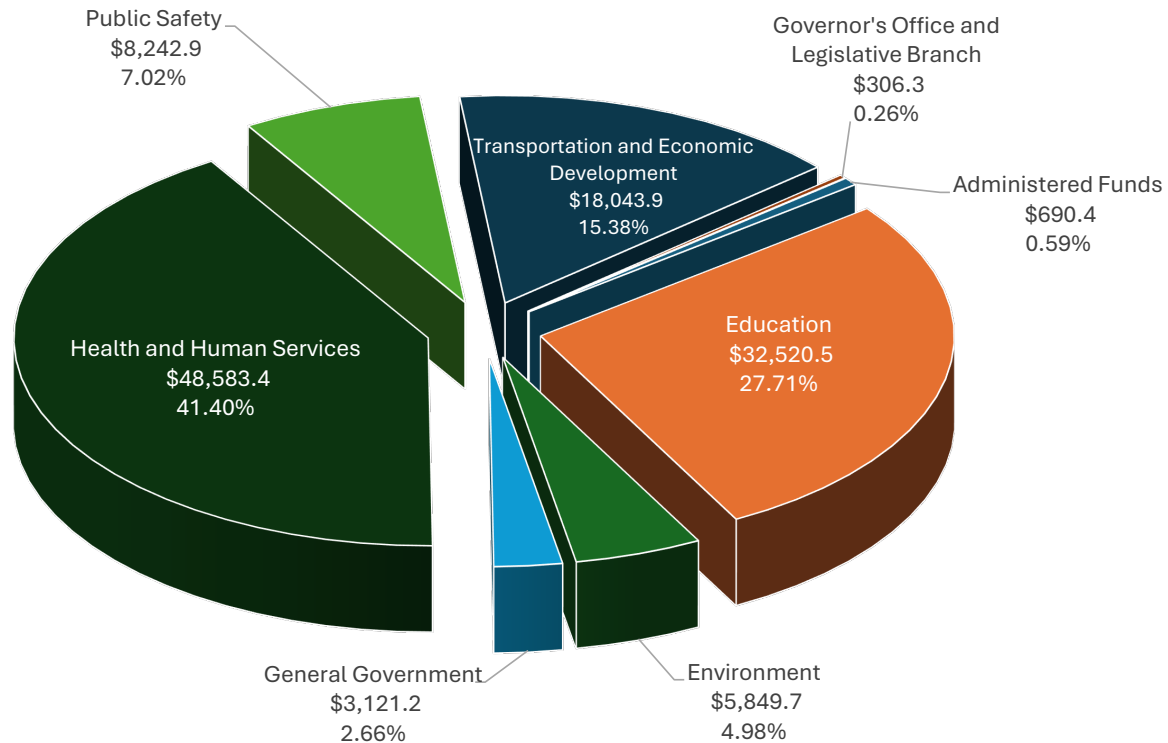


**GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS**  
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET

**FLORIDIANS FIRST**

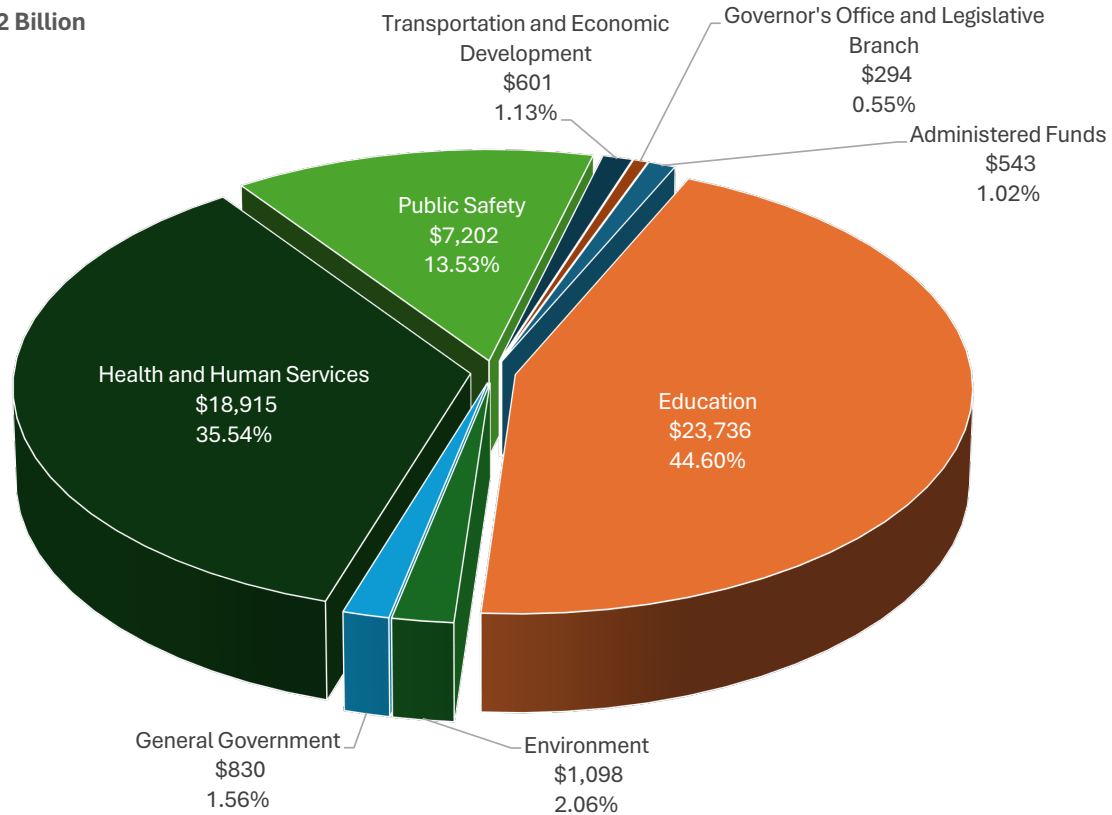
# FY 2026-27 – Total Proposed Budget by Policy Area

Total Budget - \$117.4 Billion  
(\$ in Millions)



# FY 2026-27 – Proposed General Revenue by Policy Area

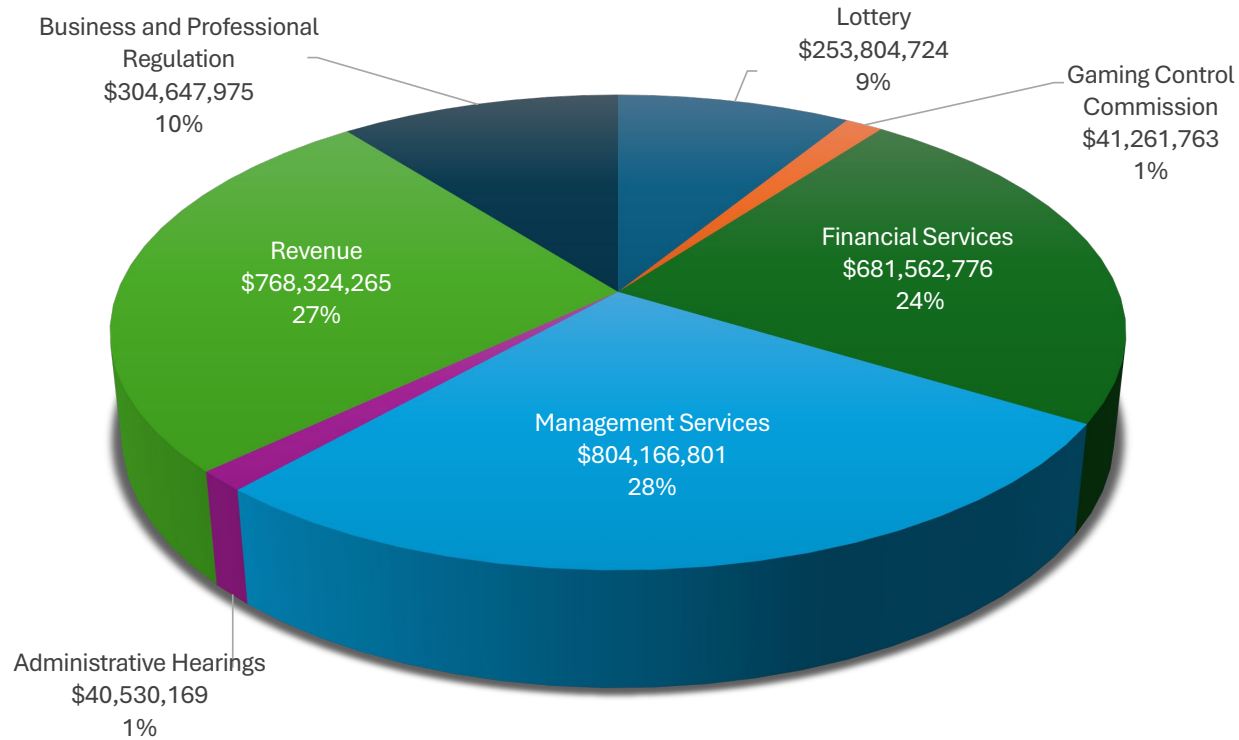
General Revenue - Total \$53.2 Billion  
(\$ in Millions)





# Governor's Recommended Budget FY 2026-27

## General Government \$2.9 billion



## Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Highlights	Amount
Resources to Improve License Processing Services	\$390,000
Animal Abuse Hotline	\$500,000
New and Replacement Vehicles to Serve Licensees	\$400,000
Recruitment & Retention of Information Technology Staff	\$90,000



# Florida Gaming Control Commission

Highlights	Amount
New Law Enforcement Squads to Combat Illegal Gaming Activities	\$3.3 million / 14 FTE
Modern Licensing and Enforcement System to Enhance Efficiencies	\$4.5 million



# Department of Lottery

Highlights	Amount
Marketing Resources to Maximize Ticket Sales	\$15.1 million / 1 FTE
Increased Retailer Engagement Pilot Program – Phase 2	\$724,000 / 5 FTE
Information Technology Staffing	\$700,000 / 5 FTE
Targeted Retention Incentive for Employees in Higher Cost of Living Areas	\$257,000



# Department of Management Services

Highlights	Amount
Florida Facilities Pool Building Improvements	\$69 million
Florida Facilities Pool HVAC Control Device Refresh – Year 3	\$3 million
Enterprise Fleet Telematics and Centralized Procurement	\$4 million / 3 FTE
Support for State and Local First Responder Communications	\$3 million



## Department of Management Services

Highlights	Amount
Cybersecurity Tools and Sandbox – All Agencies	\$6 million
24/7 Cybersecurity Operations Center and Real Time Threat Detection	\$6.2 million / 4 FTE
Fiscally Constrained Counties Cybersecurity Grants	\$10 million
Cybersecurity Risk Assessment – All Agencies	\$2.6 million
Data Catalog	\$400,000



# Public Employees Relations Commission

Highlights	Amount
Critical Staffing to Enhance Union Accountability	\$957,000 / 6 FTE
Pay Increases to Support Recruitment and Retention	\$321,000
Elections Administration and Operational Increases	\$502,000



# Office of Insurance Regulation

Highlights	Amount
Additional Staffing to Protect Consumers and Promote Market Stability	\$2.2 million / 19 FTE
<i>Life and Health Product Review and Financial Oversight</i>	12 FTE
<i>Property and Casualty Product Review and Financial Oversight</i>	7 FTE
Legacy Workspace Renovations	\$3.7 million





## Department of Financial Services

Highlights	Amount
My Safe Florida Home Grant Program	\$109 million
State Fire Marshal Initiatives	\$8 million / 1 FTE
Florida Agency for Fiscal Oversight	Authorization to Reclassify Existing Resources
New Financial Crime Investigation Team in Jacksonville	\$412,000 / 4 FTE
Resources to Implement Gold and Silver as Legal Tender Legislation (2024)	\$682,000 / 5 FTE



# Department of Revenue

Highlights	Amount
Operational Cost Increases	\$6 million
Information Technology Modernization Projects	\$26 million
Fiscally Constrained Counties Distribution	\$77 million



# Thank you!

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FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture,  
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Environment

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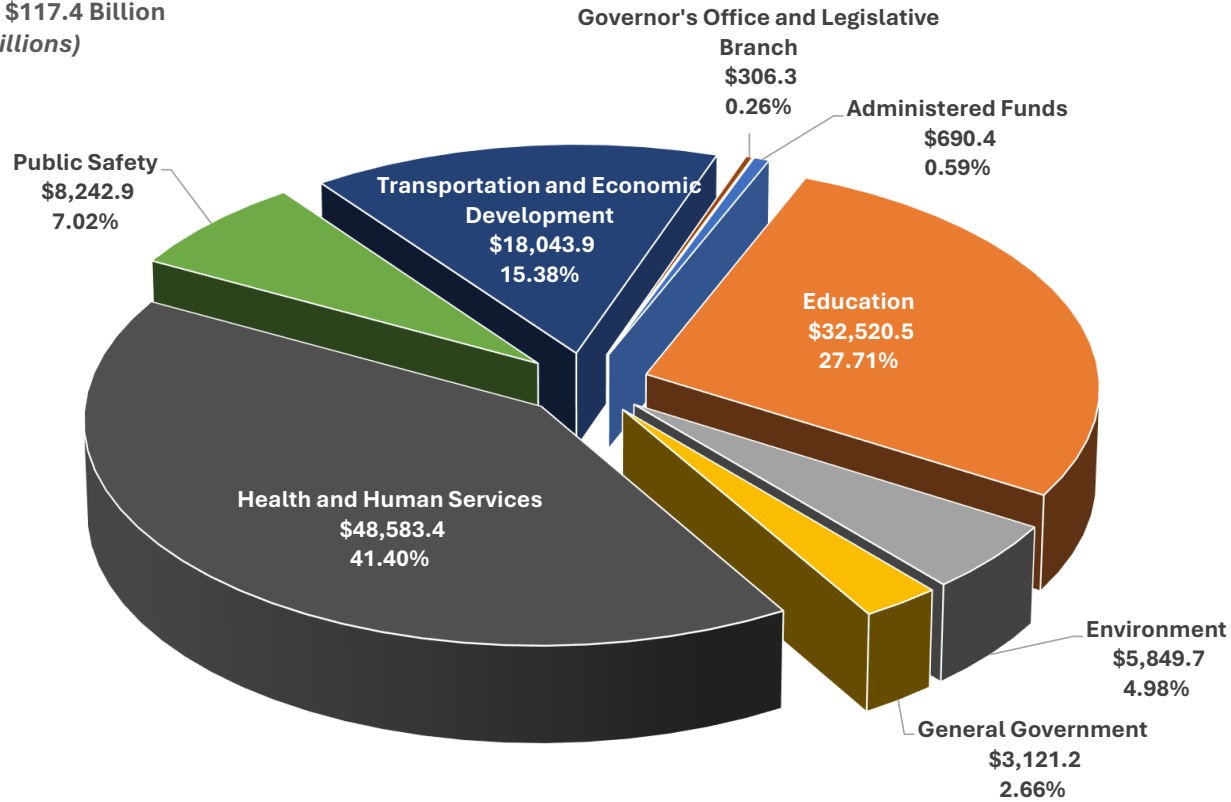
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Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
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# FY 2026-27 – Total Proposed Budget by Policy Area

Total Budget - \$117.4 Billion  
(\$ in Millions)

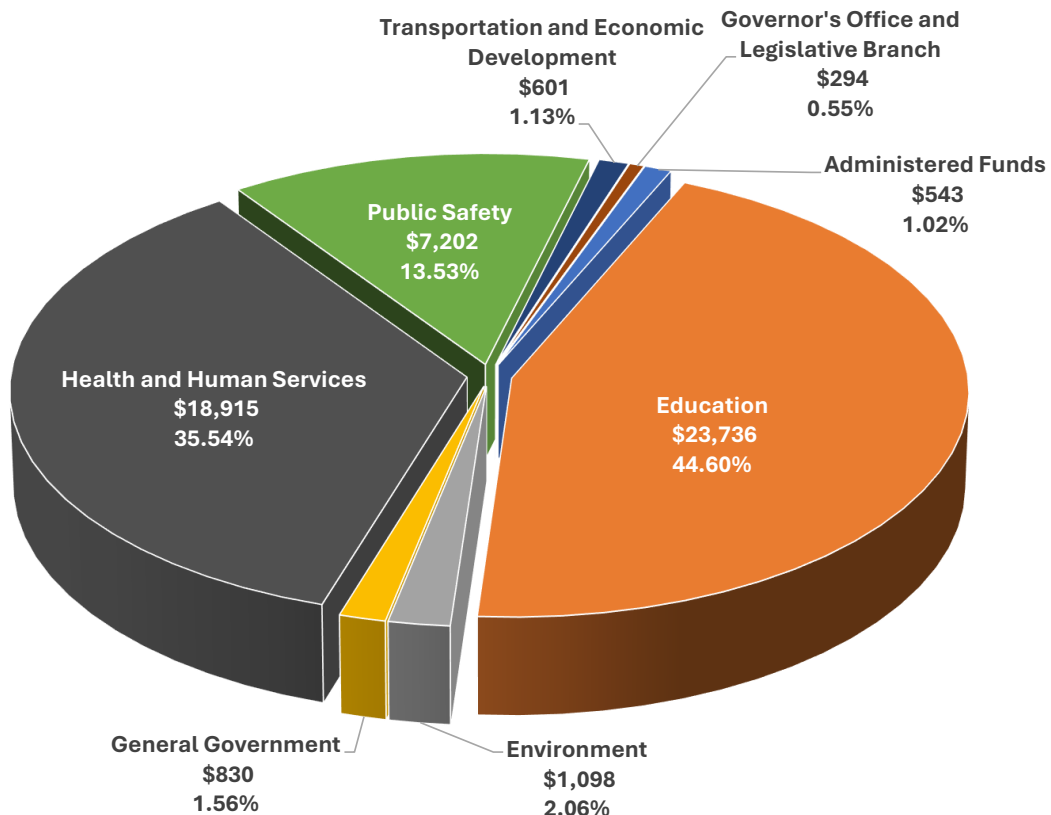


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# FY 2026-27 – Proposed General Revenue by Policy Area

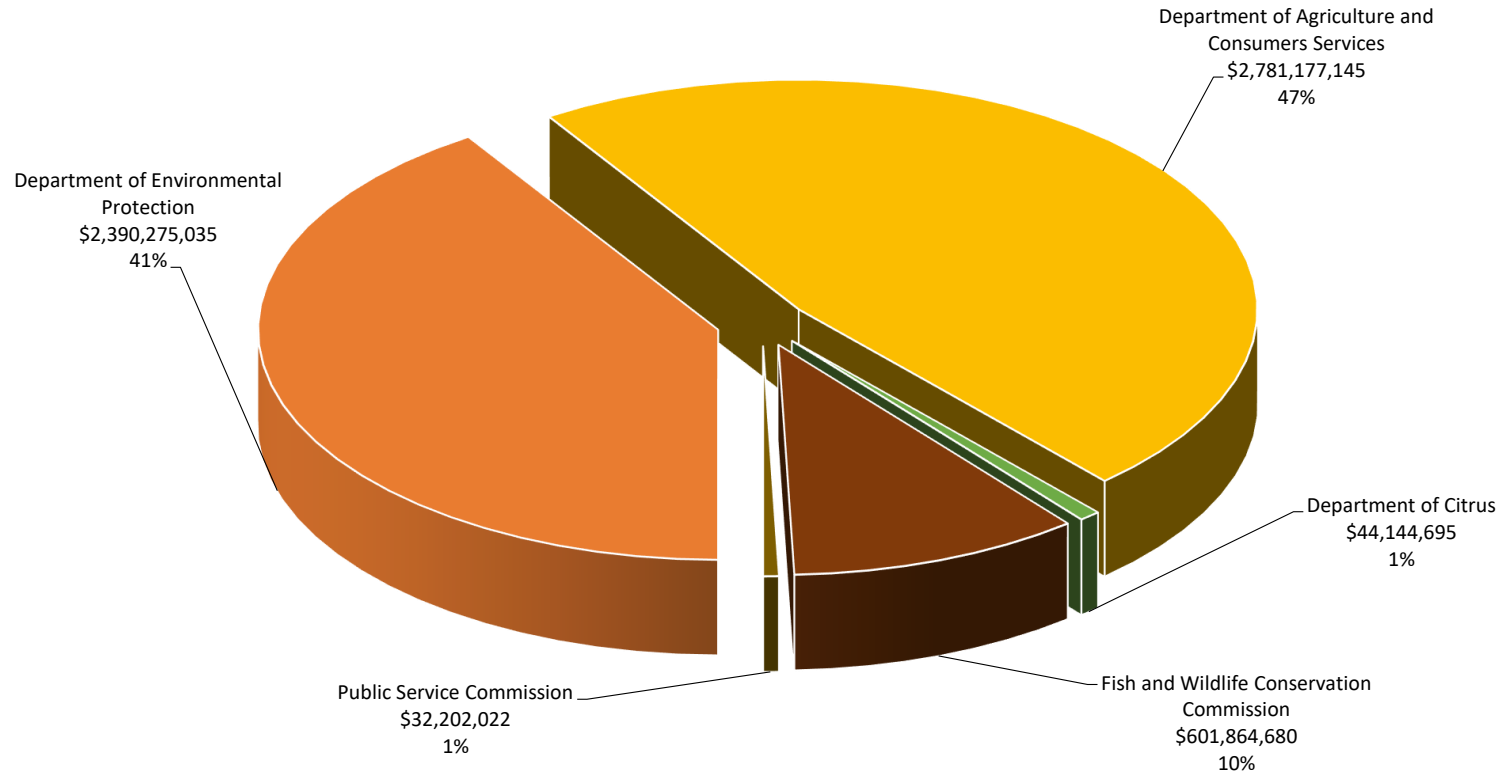
General Revenue - Total \$53.2 Billion  
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# FY 2026-27 – Total Proposed Environment Budget



# Everglades and Water Quality Improvements

The Floridians First budget brings the eight-year total investment to **\$9.4 billion**, exceeding Governor DeSantis' goal of a **\$6 billion** investment in Everglades Restoration and protection of water resources.

## Budget Includes More Than \$1.4 Billion for the Protection of Florida's Water Resources

Highlights	Amount
Everglades Restoration	\$810 million
Targeted Water Quality Improvements	\$408 million
<i>Indian River Lagoon Protection Program and Biscayne Bay</i>	\$100 million
Alternative Water Supply Grant Program	\$60 million
Springs Restoration	\$50 million
Innovative Solutions to Algae	\$10 million
Water Quality Enhancement & Accountability	\$11 million
Harmful Algal Blooms and Red Tide Management	\$40 million





# Environment – Protecting Natural Resources



Highlights	Amount
Resilient Florida	\$202 million
Beach Projects	\$75 million



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# Environment – Conserving Natural Resources



Highlights	Amount
Florida Forever	\$150 million
State Park Maintenance	\$70 million



# Environment – Investing in Clean Land and Air

Highlights	Amount
Petroleum Tanks Cleanup	\$195 million
Dry Cleaning Solvent Contaminated Site Cleanup	\$12 million
Hazardous Waste Contaminated Site Cleanup	\$14 million



# Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission



Highlights	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	\$10 million
Boating Improvements	\$9 million
Wildlife Corridor Management	\$13 million
Manatee Management and Rehabilitation	\$12 million
Python Management	\$2 million
Oyster Habitat Recovery	\$30 million



# Additional Environmental Investments

Highlights	Amount
Forestry Management, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$4 million for Reforestation</li><li>• \$20 million for replacement of Wildfire Suppression Equipment</li><li>• \$64 million for Wildfire Protection and Management</li><li>• \$30 million for Land Management</li></ul>	\$118 million
Citrus Industry, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$8 million for Citrus Research</li><li>• \$4.4 million for the Citrus Health Response Program</li><li>• \$5 million for Consumer Awareness</li><li>• \$2 million for Research and Production of Disease Resistant Trees</li></ul>	\$19.4 million



# Thank you!

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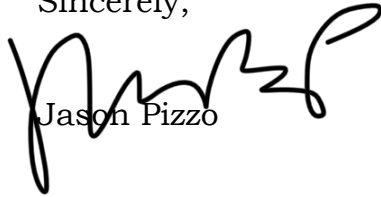
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The Honorable Senator Brodeur  
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Chair Brodeur,

I respectfully request to be excused from today's AEG Appropriations meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Jason Pizzo

# CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: KB 412

Case No.:

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Caption: Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

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2:00:32 PM Sen. Brodeur (Chair)  
2:01:32 PM TABS 1-5 - Confirmation Hearing for Appointments  
2:02:54 PM TAB 7 - Presentation on Governor's Environmental Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Recommendations  
2:03:25 PM Kim Cramer, Environmental Policy Coordinator, Governor's Office of Policy and Budgets Environment Unit  
2:07:22 PM Alexis Lambert, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
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