

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES
Senator Trumbull, Chair
Senator Davis, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 14, 2026

TIME: 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

PLACE: *Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Trumbull, Chair; Senator Davis, Vice Chair; Senators Brodeur, Burton, Garcia, Harrell, Rodriguez, Rouson, and Sharief

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Presentation on Governor's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Recommendations: Agency for Health Care Administration Agency for Persons with Disabilities Department of Children and Families Department of Elder Affairs Department of Health Department of Veterans' Affairs		Presented

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FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

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2026-2027 | 

Governor's Office of Policy and Budget Health and Human Services

- **Agency for Health Care Administration**
- **Agency for Persons with Disabilities**
- **Department of Children and Families**
- **Department of Elder Affairs**
- **Department of Health**
- **Department of Veterans' Affairs**

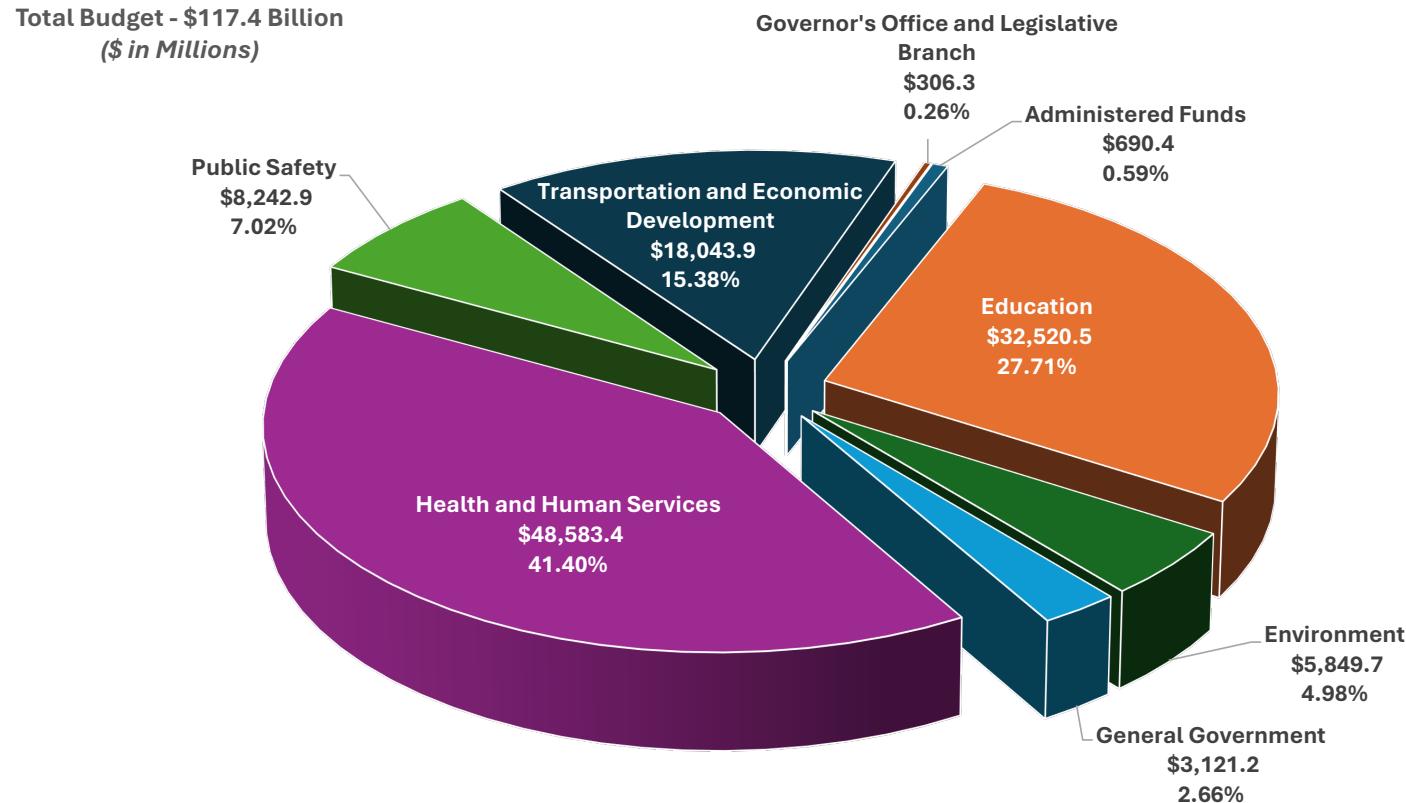


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FY 2026-27 – Total Proposed Budget by Policy Area



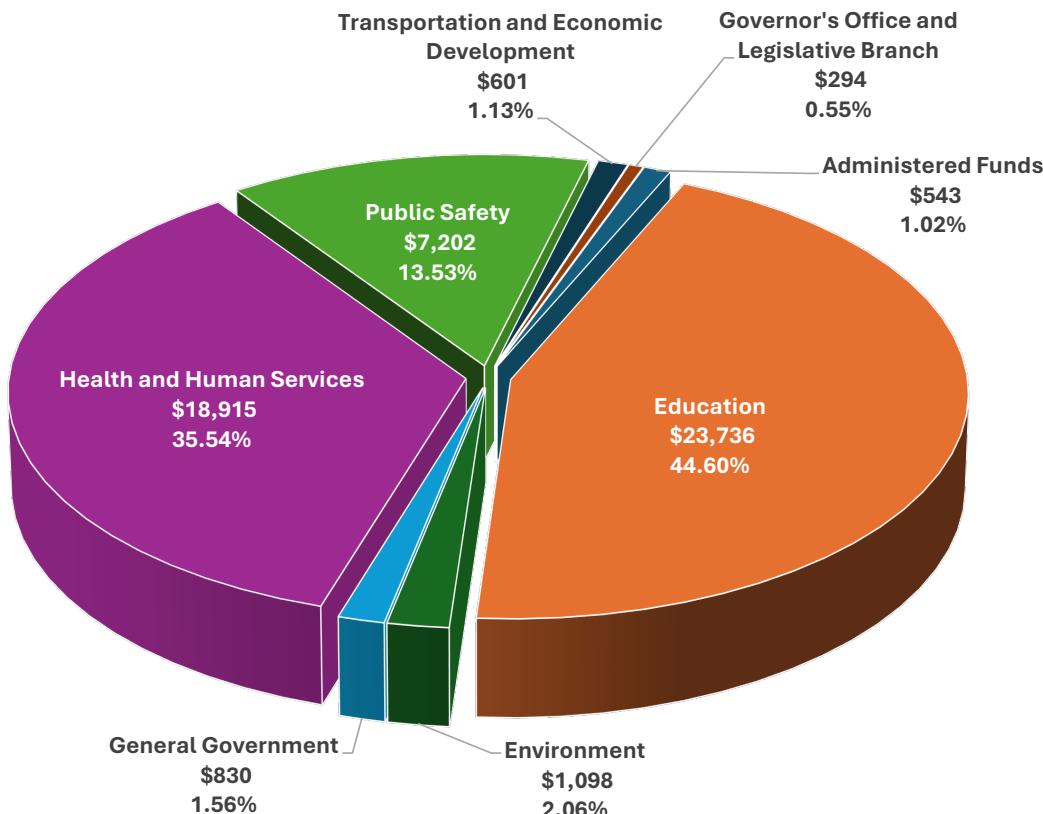
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FY 2026-27 – Proposed General Revenue by Policy Area

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

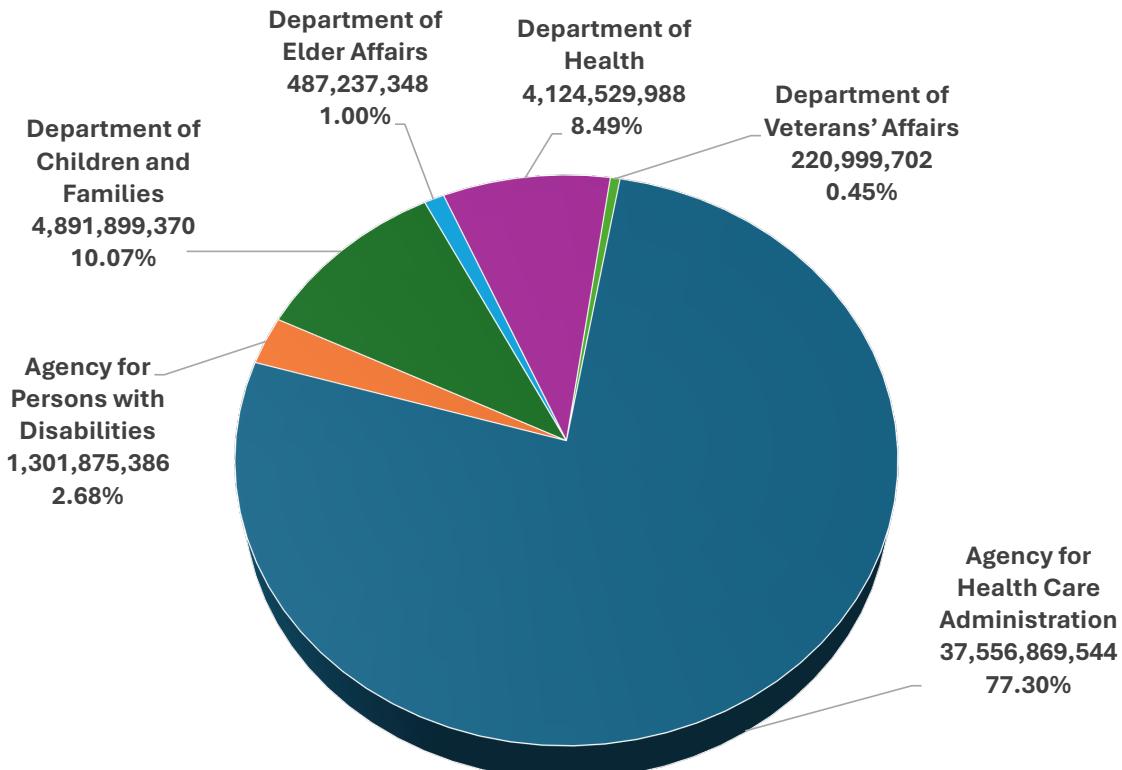


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FY 2026-27 Governor's Recommended Budget Health and Human Services



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Agency for Health Care Administration

Highlights	Amount
Behavioral Health Redesign	\$71.6 million
Private Duty Nursing	\$7.1 million
Background Screening Clearinghouse	\$2.5 million
Florida Health Care Connections (FX)	\$124.4 million

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Highlights	Amount
Support for Individuals with Unique Abilities Served Through the iBudget Waiver	\$20 million
Developmental Disability Center Fund Shift for Long Term Care	\$27.6 million
Investing in Infrastructure	\$5 million
Electronic Health Record System	\$389,000
Resident Services at Forensic Facilities – Operating Cost Increases	\$650,000

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Department of Children and Families

Highlights	Amount
Enhance Integrity and Support for Economic Self-Sufficiency	\$81.9 million
Opioid Support for Addiction Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery	\$187.5 million
Community-Based Care Funding Formula	\$35.5 million
Increase Bed Capacity to Promote Recovery and Resiliency	\$72.7 million

Department of Elder Affairs

Highlights	Amount
Alzheimer's Disease Initiative	\$3 million
Community Care for the Elderly	\$4 million
Home Care for the Elderly	\$3.5 million

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Department of Health

Highlights	Amount
Florida Cancer Research Initiatives	\$278 million
Florida's <i>Make America Healthy Again</i> Effort – Food and Product Safety Testing	\$5 million
Florida Field Infusion and Resuscitation Supply for Trauma (Florida FIRST)	\$14.6 million
Public Laboratory Feasibility Study	\$5.7 million

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Highlights	Amount
Equipment and Capital Improvements	\$8.6 million
Cybersecurity, Hardware, and Software Infrastructure Updates	\$3.1 million
Enhancing Medication Management	\$2.3 million



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Thank you!

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Health and Human Services

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Length: 01:40:25

11:33:20 AM Sen. Trumbull (Chair)
11:34:07 AM TAB 1- Presentation on Governor's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Recommendations
11:34:49 AM Kendall Kelley, Health and Human Services Policy Coordinator, Governor's Office of Policy and Budget
11:37:36 AM Shevaun Harris, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration
11:44:53 AM K. Kelley
11:45:00 AM Bob Asztalos, Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities
11:49:35 AM K. Kelley
11:49:45 AM Taylor Hatch, Secretary, Department of Children and Families
11:58:19 AM K. Kelley
11:58:27 AM Michelle Branham, Secretary, Department of Elder Affairs
12:05:20 PM K. Kelley
12:05:34 PM Joe Ladapo, Surgeon General, Department of Health
12:10:44 PM K. Kelley
12:10:52 PM James Hartsell, General, Department of Veterans Affairs
12:13:16 PM K. Kelley
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1:03:51 PM Paul Arons
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