

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

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

G O V E R N O R R O N D E S A N T I S



# FLORIDIANS FIRST

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

FLORIDIANS FIRST

2026-2027



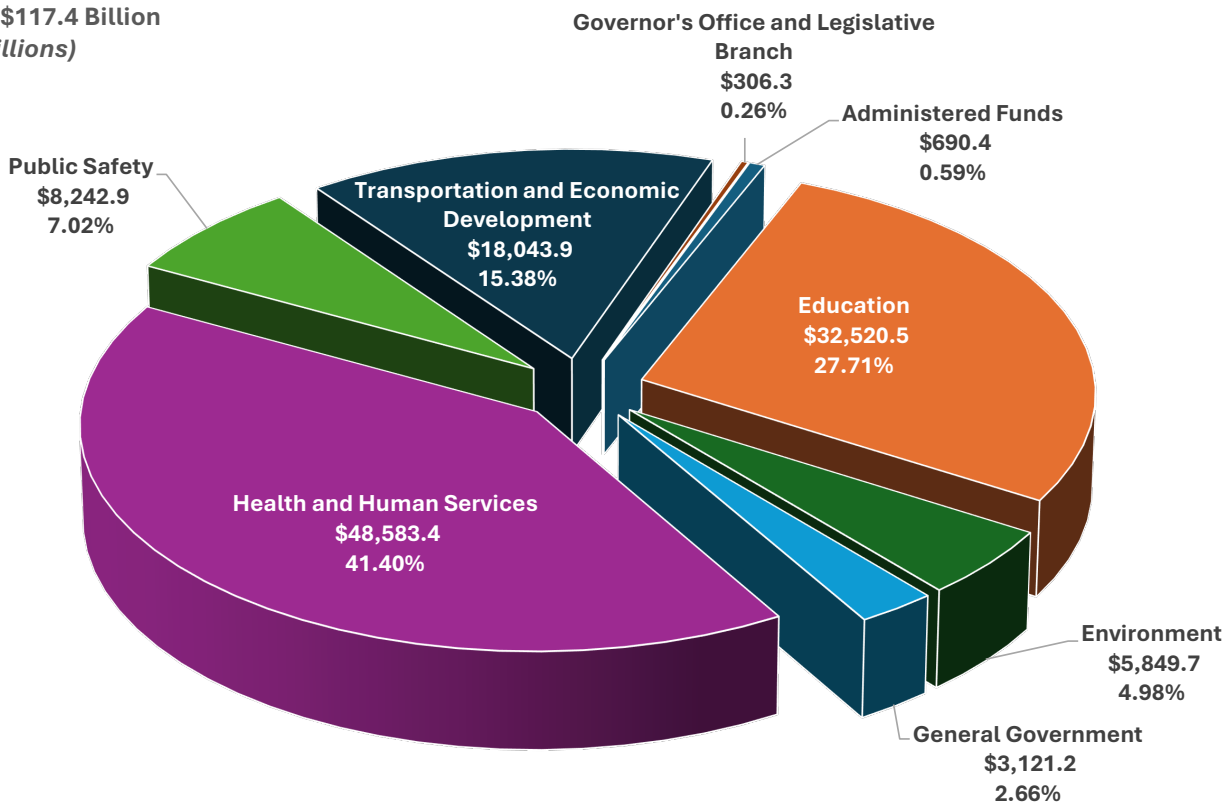
# Governor's Office of Policy and Budget Health and Human Services

- **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**



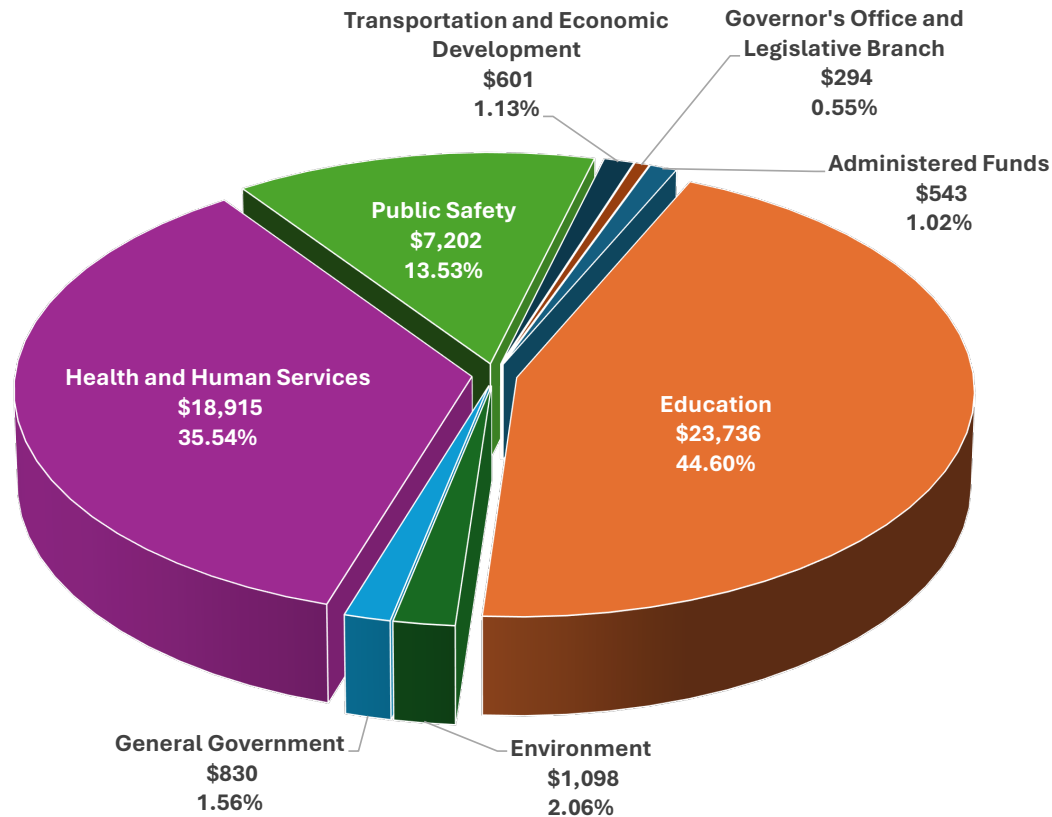
# FY 2026-27 – Total Proposed Budget by Policy Area

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



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

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

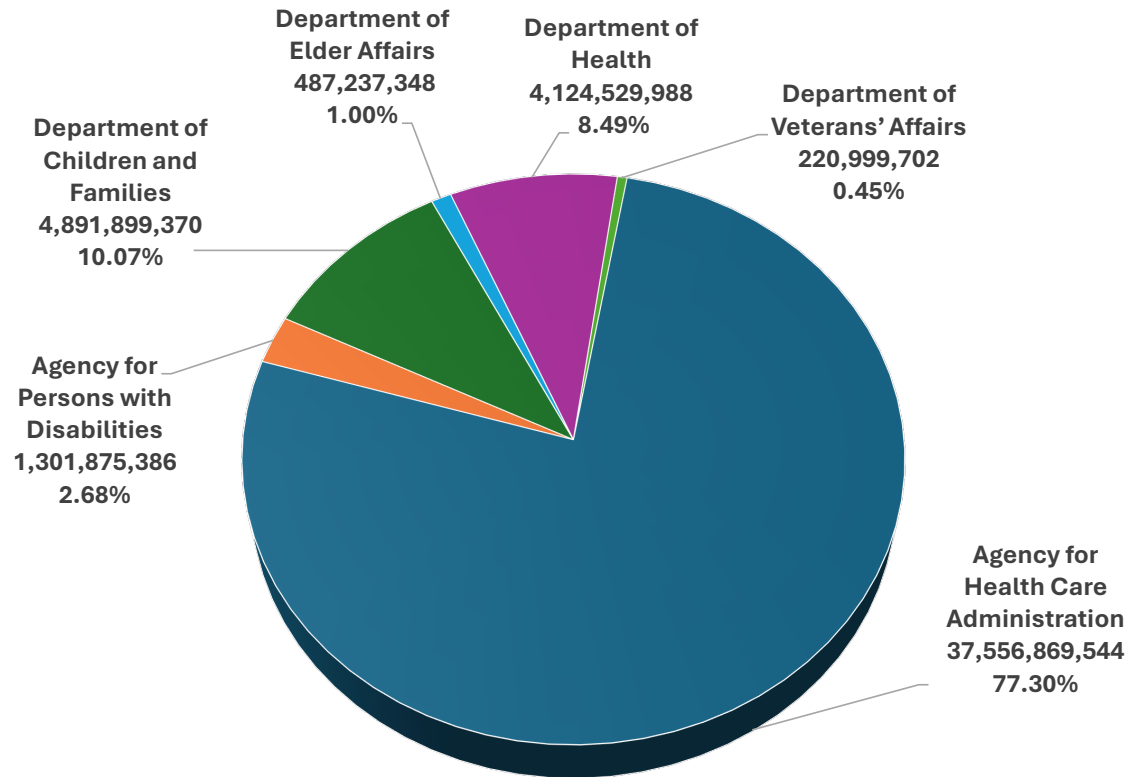


4

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

**FLORIDIANS FIRST**

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



# 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      |





# 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 |



# 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 |



# Thank you!

Kendall Kelley, Policy Coordinator  
Office of Policy and Budget, Health and Human Services  
[Kendall.Kelley@laspbs.state.fl.us](mailto:Kendall.Kelley@laspbs.state.fl.us)

Leda Kelly, Director  
Office of Policy and Budget  
[Leda.Kelly@laspbs.state.fl.us](mailto:Leda.Kelly@laspbs.state.fl.us)

Chad Kunde, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs  
Executive Office of the Governor  
[Chad.Kunde@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:Chad.Kunde@eog.myflorida.com)

[Floridians First FY 26-27 Budget](#)



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

**FLORIDIANS FIRST**

The Florida Senate

# APPEARANCE RECORD

Jan 14, 2026

Meeting Date

Health Care Appropriations

Committee

Deliver both copies of this form to  
Senate professional staff conducting the meeting

AHCA Budget

Bill Number or Topic

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name

Shevaun Harris

Phone

(888) 419-3456

Address

2727 Mahan Drive

Email

LegAffairs@ahca.my  
florida.com

Street

Tallahassee

City

State

FL

Zip

32308

Speaking:

☐

For

☐

Against


☒

Information

OR

Waive Speaking:

☐

In Support

☐

Against

## PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

☐

I am appearing without  
compensation or sponsorship.

☐

I am a registered lobbyist,  
representing:

☐

I am not a lobbyist, but received  
something of value for my appearance  
(travel, meals, lodging, etc.),  
sponsored by:

While it is a tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this hearing. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard. If you have questions about registering to lobby please see Fla. Stat. §11.045 and Joint Rule 1. [2020-2022JointRules.pdf flsenate.gov](#)

This form is part of the public record for this meeting.

S-001 (08/10/2021)

The Florida Senate

# APPEARANCE RECORD

Governor's Fiscal Year 2026-2027  
Bill Number or Topic *midst recommendation*

1/14/26

Meeting Date

Deliver both copies of this form to  
Senate professional staff conducting the meeting

*Senate Health Appropriations Committee on Health & Human Services*  
Committee

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name **BOB ASZTALOS**

Phone **850-544-7407**

Address **4030 Esplanade Way**  
Street

Email **Emily.reeves@apdcare.org**

**Tallahassee**  
City

**FL**  
State

**32399**  
Zip

Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☒ Information

**OR**

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against

## PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

☐ I am appearing without  
compensation or sponsorship.

☐ I am a registered lobbyist,  
representing:

☐ I am not a lobbyist, but received  
something of value for my appearance  
(travel, meals, lodging, etc.),  
sponsored by:

While it is a tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this hearing. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard. If you have questions about registering to lobby please see Fla. Stat. §11.045 and Joint Rule 1. [2020-2022 Joint Rules.pdf](#) ([flsenate.gov](#))

This form is part of the public record for this meeting.

S-001 (08/10/2021)

The Florida Senate

APPEARANCE RECORD

Governor's Recommended Budget

1/14/26

Meeting Date

Deliver both copies of this form to  
Senate professional staff conducting the meeting

Bill Number or Topic

Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

Committee

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Taylor Hatch

Phone 850 488 9410

Address 2415 N. Monroe St

Street

Email taylor.hatch@myflfamilies.com

Tallahassee

City

FL

State

32303

Zip

Speaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

OR

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

☐ I am appearing without  
compensation or sponsorship.

☒ I am a registered lobbyist,  
representing:

FL Dept. of Children  
and Families

☐ I am not a lobbyist, but received  
something of value for my appearance  
(travel, meals, lodging, etc.),  
sponsored by:

While it is a tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this hearing. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard. If you have questions about registering to lobby please see Fla. Stat. §11.045 and Joint Rule 1. [2020-2022 Joint Rules.pdf flsenate.gov](#)

This form is part of the public record for this meeting.

S-001 (08/10/2021)



The Florida Senate

**APPEARANCE RECORD**

Gov. Recs.

1-14-2026

Meeting Date

Deliver both copies of this form to  
Senate professional staff conducting the meeting

Bill Number or Topic

HHS Appropriations

Committee

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Michelle Branham

Phone (904) 955-0331

Address 4040 Esplanade Way

Street

Email Fensket@elderaffairs.org

Tallahassee

City

FL

State

Zip

Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☒ Information

**OR**

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against

**PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

☐ I am appearing without  
compensation or sponsorship.

☐ I am a registered lobbyist,  
representing:

☐ I am not a lobbyist, but received  
something of value for my appearance  
(travel, meals, lodging, etc.),  
sponsored by:

While it is a tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this hearing. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard. If you have questions about registering to lobby please see Fla. Stat. §11.045 and Joint Rule 1. [2020-2022 Joint Rules.pdf \(flsenate.gov\)](#)

This form is part of the public record for this meeting.

S-001 (08/10/2021)

The Florida Senate  
**APPEARANCE RECORD**

Deliver both copies of this form to  
Senate professional staff conducting the meeting

Governor Budget

Bill Number or Topic

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Meeting Date

Committee

Name

Phone

Address

Street

Email

City

State

Zip

Speaking:

☐

For

☐

Against

☒

Information

**OR**

Waive Speaking:

☐

In Support

☐

Against

**PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

☒

I am appearing without  
compensation or sponsorship.

☐

I am a registered lobbyist,  
representing:

☐

I am not a lobbyist, but received  
something of value for my appearance  
(travel, meals, lodging, etc.),  
sponsored by:

While it is a tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this hearing. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard. If you have questions about registering to lobby please see Fla. Stat. §11.045 and Joint Rule 1. [2020-2022 Joint Rules.pdf flsenate.gov](#)

This form is part of the public record for this meeting.

S-001 (08/10/2021)

The Florida Senate

**APPEARANCE RECORD**

1/14/26

Meeting Date

Deliver both copies of this form to  
Senate professional staff conducting the meeting

Gov Recs

Bill Number or Topic

Appropriations Committee on  
Health and Human Services

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Dr. Joe Ladapo

Phone

Address 4052 Bald Cypress way  
Street

Email

Tallahassee  
City

FL  
State

32312  
Zip

Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☐ Information **OR** Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against

**PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

☐ I am appearing without  
compensation or sponsorship.

☐ I am a registered lobbyist,  
representing:

☐ I am not a lobbyist, but received  
something of value for my appearance  
(travel, meals, lodging, etc.),  
sponsored by:

While it is a tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this hearing. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard. If you have questions about registering to lobby please see Fla. Stat. §11.045 and Joint Rule 1. [2020-2022 Joint Rules.pdf](#) [flsenate.gov](#)

This form is part of the public record for this meeting.

S-001 (08/10/2021)

The Florida Senate  
**APPEARANCE RECORD**

Deliver both copies of this form to  
Senate professional staff conducting the meeting

AGENCY BUDGET

Bill Number or Topic

1/14/2026  
Meeting Date  
HHS Subcommittee  
Committee

Name GENERAL JAMES "HAMMER" HARTSELL Phone (850) 491-5146

Address 2601 BLAIRSTONE Rd. Street  
TALLAHASSEE City FL State 32998 Zip  
Email JAMES.H. JAMES.HARTSELL@FLA.GOV

Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☒ Information

**OR**

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against

**PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**



I am appearing without  
compensation or sponsorship.



I am a registered lobbyist,  
representing:



I am not a lobbyist, but received  
something of value for my appearance  
(travel, meals, lodging, etc.),  
sponsored by:

While it is a tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this hearing. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard. If you have questions about registering to lobby please see Fla. Stat. §11.045 and Joint Rule 1. [2020-2022 Joint Rules.pdf](#) ([flsenate.gov](#))

This form is part of the public record for this meeting.

S-001 (08/10/2021)

The Florida Senate

**APPEARANCE RECORD**

Deliver both copies of this form to  
Senate professional staff conducting the meeting

Bill Number or Topic

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Meeting Date

Committee

Name

Phone

Address

Street

City

State

Zip

Email

Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

**OR**

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against

**PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

☐ I am appearing without  
compensation or sponsorship.

☐ I am a registered lobbyist,  
representing:

☒ I am not a lobbyist, but received  
something of value for my appearance  
(travel, meals, lodging, etc.),  
sponsored by:

AIDS Hcse Hcscare Found.

While it is a tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this hearing. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard. If you have questions about registering to lobby please see Fla. Stat. §11.045 and Joint Rule 1. [2020-2022 Joint Rules.pdf flsenate.gov](#)

This form is part of the public record for this meeting.

S-001 (08/10/2021)

The Florida Senate

APPEARANCE RECORD

Meeting Date

1/14/26

Deliver both copies of this form to

Senate professional staff conducting the meeting

Bill Number or Topic

Committee

HHS APPROPRIATIONS

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name

PAUL ARONS MD

Phone

850-545-8997

Address

1706 BEECHWOOD CR. N.

Email

paronsmd@gmail.com

Street

Tallahassee FL

32301

City

State

Zip

Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☒ Information

OR

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

☒ I am appearing without compensation or sponsorship.

☐ I am a registered lobbyist, representing:

☐ I am not a lobbyist, but received something of value for my appearance (travel, meals, lodging, etc.), sponsored by:

While it is a tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this hearing. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard. If you have questions about registering to lobby please see Fla. Stat. §11.045 and Joint Rule 1. [2020-2022 Joint Rules.pdf](#) [flsenate.gov](#)

This form is part of the public record for this meeting.

S-001 (08/10/2021)

The Florida Senate

**APPEARANCE RECORD**

Deliver both copies of this form to  
Senate professional staff conducting the meeting

Bill Number or Topic

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Meeting Date

Committee

Name

Phone

Address

Email

Street

City

State

Zip

Speaking:

☐

For

☐

Against

☒

Information

**OR**

Waive Speaking:

☐

In Support

☐

Against

**PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

☒

I am appearing without  
compensation or sponsorship.

☐

I am a registered lobbyist,  
representing:

☐

I am not a lobbyist, but received  
something of value for my appearance  
(travel, meals, lodging, etc.),  
sponsored by:

While it is a tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this hearing. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard. If you have questions about registering to lobby please see Fla. Stat. §11.045 and Joint Rule 1. [2020-2022 Joint Rules.pdf](#) [flsenate.gov](#)

This form is part of the public record for this meeting.

S-001 (08/10/2021)

# CourtSmart Tag Report

**Room:** KB 412

**Case No.:**

**Type:**

**Caption:** Senate Appropriations Committee on Health & Human Services

**Judge:**

**Started:** 1/14/2026 11:33:16 AM

**Ends:** 1/14/2026 1:13:40 PM

**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  |
| 12:13:53 PM | Sen. Sharief   |
| 12:20:08 PM | J. Ladapo  |
| 12:23:59 PM | Sen. Sharief   |
| 12:24:22 PM | J. Ladapo  |
| 12:24:25 PM | Sen. Sharief   |
| 12:25:02 PM | J. Ladapo  |
| 12:25:03 PM | Sen. Sharief   |
| 12:25:49 PM | J. Ladapo  |
| 12:27:20 PM | Sen. Sharief   |
| 12:28:53 PM | Sen. Rouson  |
| 12:29:40 PM | Sen. Ladapo  |
| 12:29:52 PM | Sen. Rouson  |
| 12:30:08 PM | J. Ladapo  |
| 12:30:15 PM | Sen. Rouson  |
| 12:30:20 PM | J. Ladapo  |
| 12:31:03 PM | Sen. Rouson  |
| 12:32:10 PM | T. Hatch   |
| 12:33:25 PM | Sen. Rouson  |
| 12:33:49 PM | T. Hatch   |
| 12:34:06 PM | Sen. Rouson  |
| 12:34:15 PM | Sen. Davis   |
| 12:35:40 PM | J. Ladapo  |
| 12:38:48 PM | Sen. Davis   |
| 12:39:41 PM | J. Ladapo  |
| 12:42:06 PM | Sen. Davis   |
| 12:42:32 PM | J. Ladapo  |
| 12:42:48 PM | Sen. Davis   |
| 12:43:23 PM | J. Ladapo  |
| 12:43:53 PM | Sen. Davis   |
| 12:44:33 PM | S. Harris  |
| 12:46:00 PM | Sen. Davis   |
| 12:46:38 PM | T. Hatch   |
| 12:47:04 PM | Sen. Davis   |
| 12:47:26 PM | T. Hatch   |
| 12:48:36 PM | Sen. Davis   |
| 12:49:11 PM | T. Hatch   |
| 12:50:20 PM | Sen. Davis   |



|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>12:50:43 PM</b> | Sen. Burton                             |
| <b>12:52:31 PM</b> | J. Ladapo                               |
| <b>12:53:54 PM</b> | Sen. Burton                             |
| <b>12:55:05 PM</b> | J. Ladapo                               |
| <b>12:56:51 PM</b> | Sen. Harrell                            |
| <b>12:58:12 PM</b> | S. Harris                               |
| <b>12:59:14 PM</b> | Sen. Harrell                            |
| <b>12:59:40 PM</b> | S. Harris                               |
| <b>1:00:36 PM</b>  | David Poole, AIDS Healthcare Foundation |
| <b>1:03:51 PM</b>  | Paul Arons                              |
| <b>1:06:44 PM</b>  | Michael Rainer                          |
| <b>1:13:37 PM</b>  | Sen. Trumbull                           |