



The Arrington Articles

Special Session Budget Conference Recap

Hello <<First Name>>,

Lawmakers returned to Tallahassee this month for a second Special Session focused on finalizing Florida’s state budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Passing a balanced budget is the only constitutional responsibility required of the Florida Legislature each year, and ongoing differences between House and Senate leadership during regular session prevented lawmakers from reaching a final agreement before adjournment.

As negotiations continue, lawmakers are expected to work toward a final budget agreement that can be

approved by both chambers and sent to the Governor before the start of the new fiscal year on July 1.

While legislative work continues in Tallahassee, our office also remains active throughout the district by participating in community events and hosting various town halls to stay connected with residents and hear directly about the issues impacting our communities.

PARA ESPAÑOL

Weekly Question

Would you attend a future community town hall hosted by our office?

Yes

No

Budget Conference

Lawmakers were in Tallahassee this past week working on the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year budget.

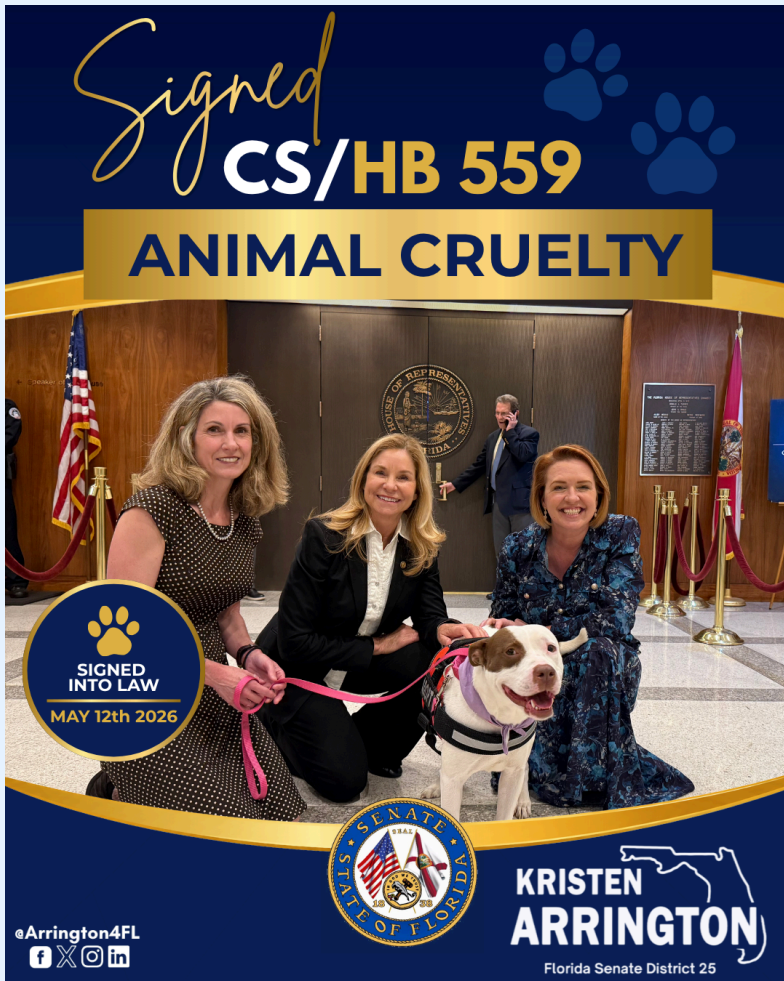
During budget conference, legislators negotiate differences between the chambers while advocating for funding priorities that support their communities across the state. Once negotiations are finalized, both chambers will vote on the General Appropriations Act (GAA) before it is sent to the Governor for approval. The Governor, as the Executive, has the power to line-item veto. This means he is able to remove certain lines from the GAA before he signs it into law.

Below are links to the GAA and budget conference materials, where you can follow funding proposals and track the progress of the state budget process as negotiations continue.

As of now, lawmakers are expected to return the week of Memorial Day for final vote.

Senate Appropriations

Bill Updates



CS/HB 559 has officially been signed into law!

The new law makes it a third-degree felony to commit animal cruelty in the presence of a minor or to involve a child in acts of animal cruelty, requires psychological evaluations and treatment recommendations for juveniles who commit certain animal abuse

offenses, and expands Florida's animal abuser database to strengthen accountability and help prevent repeat offenses.

Poinciana Townhall

YOU'RE INVITED!
POINCIANA TOWNHALL
With
SENATOR ARRINGTON & REPRESENTATIVE ALVAREZ

FRIDAY, MAY 22nd, 2026
6:00PM TO 7:30PM

Senator Kristen Arrington
FLORIDA SENATE DISTRICT 25

Representative Jose Alvarez
FLORIDA HOUSE DISTRICT 44

Join us for an update on important legislative issues, community concerns, and resources available to you.

Poinciana High School – Business Center
2300 S Poinciana Blvd,
Kissimmee, FL 34758
UPDATED LOCATION

SCAN TO RSVP

bit.ly/PoincianaTH

Working for You!

Join Senator Kristen Arrington and Representative Jose Alvarez for a Poinciana townhall!

Advanced registration is required. Submit your questions and register here:

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Orange County Townhall

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY CONNECT

TOWN HALL SERIES

With

SENATOR KRISTEN ARRINGTON
& REPRESENTATIVE RITA HARRIS



WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 | 6:00PM – 7:30PM

Meadow Woods Recreation Center
1751 Rhode Island Woods Cir, Orlando, FL 32824



THURSDAY, MAY 21 | 6:00PM – 7:30PM

Hunter's Creek Community Association
14101 Town Loop Blvd, Orlando, FL 32837

Register Here!



KRISTEN
ARRINGTON
Florida Senate District 25

JENNIFER
RITA
HARRIS

LISTEN. ENGAGE. CONNECT. TOGETHER WE BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES.

Join Senator Kristen Arrington and Representative Rita Harris for the Orange County Community Connect Town Hall Series!

Advanced registration is required. Submit your questions and register here:

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**Meadow Woods
Recreation Center
Wednesday, May 20,
2026 | 6:00 PM – 7:30
PM**

**Hunter's Creek
Community
Association
Thursday, May 21,
2026 | 6:00 PM – 7:30
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District Updates



I recently had the opportunity to attend the Alianza Townhall and engage in important conversations with community members about the issues impacting our neighborhoods and families most.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate, share their perspectives, and ask thoughtful questions. Community conversations like these are essential to ensuring residents remain informed, connected, and heard.

Helpful Links

Visit www.flsenate.gov to “find your Senator” and to sign up for alerts on specific legislation, committees, senators, or keywords

To view our Legislative page which includes our office contact information, sponsored legislation, along with the committees I serve on: <https://bit.ly/Arrington25>

Don't forget to sign up for our email updates: [Here](#)

Follow on all social channels **@Arrington4fl**

Watch committees or legislative session live or afterwards at www.TheFloridaChannel.org



It is an honor to serve as your voice in Tallahassee and represent Central Florida. Thank you for the trust you place in me. If you have any questions or need assistance, our office is always here to help.

Senator Kristen Arrington

