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The Arrington Articles

Committee Week Six

Hello

We've wrapped up the final committee week before the 2026 Session begins. Over the past few weeks, important legislation has moved forward, key issues have been debated, and priorities for our community have taken shape. As we wrap up committee work, our focus now shifts to final preparations for Session and continuing to advocate for District 25 and families across Florida.

Para Español

Weekly Question

Do you feel informed about what's happening in the Florida Legislature?

Yes

No

Bill Updates

I have 13 bills filed in preparation for the 2026 legislative session, with a few more still on the way! Below is a look at the legislation I'm sponsoring this year.

[SB 62 Candidate Qualification](#)

This legislation would close a loophole in current election law.

[SB 110 Homestead Exemptions](#)

If passed, this legislation would revise the criteria for when a person is considered to have legal or equitable title to property for purposes of claiming a homestead tax exemption.

[SB 242 Pregnancy Support and Wellness Services](#)

Florida currently has over 30 million dollars in contracts with pregnancy centers that are unregulated and do not have to follow HIPPA guidelines. This legislation would end those contracts.

[SB _____342_____ Statewide, Standardized Assessments](#)

This legislation would permit students to take standardized

[SB 492 Contracting](#)

This legislation seeks to increase the penalties for unlicensed contractors that defraud residents.

[SB 494 Student Elopement](#)

This legislation would require schools to develop SAFE teams, and a safety plan in case a child with autism spectrum disorder or other disability elopes from the school.

[SB 676 Criminal Offenses](#)

This legislation would create and increase penalties for adults who either force a minor to partake or witness acts of animal cruelty.

[SB 730 Sexual Violence Policies](#)

This legislation would require schools to adopt and publish sexual violence policies and supportive measures, while

assessments in their native language, allowing teachers to better assess a student's needs.

[SB 388 Specialty License Plates/Florida Wildflower](#)

To increase funds to support planting native wildflowers, this bill would increase the annual use fee for the Florida Wildflower specialty license plate and provide a discount for owners purchasing the plate.

[SB 448 Career and Academic Planning for Middle and High School Students](#)

This legislation would require school districts to provide annual career and academic planning information to middle and high school students and their parents.

also notifying specified individuals about them.

[SB 746 Financial Oversight and Management](#)

This memorial would require Congress to set an end date for the JUNTA board in Puerto Rico.

[SB 792 Community Rehabilitation Programs](#)

This legislation would standardize the process for community rehab programs for the blind to secure state funds. This ensures these critical serves are being allocated properly.

[SB 850 Fortification of Enriched Grain Products with Folic Acid](#)

This legislation would enrich certain grain products with folic acid to help combat spina bifida.

Committee Wrap Up

During week 6, I had five key committees.

[Joint Public Counsel Oversight](#)

The committee heard an update from public counsel, Walt Trierweiler.

Government Oversight and Accountability

The committee voted and passed **SB 194** by Senator Martin, which would designate October 14 as Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance.

Transportation

This week the committee voted and passed **SB 356** by Senator Wright, which would allow utility terrain vehicle (UTV) to operate on certain roads.

Environment & Natural Resources

The committee heard presentations on coral reef restoration and updates on biosolid facilities.

Commerce and Tourism

This week the committee voted and passed **SB 216** by Senator McClain, which attempts to address unemployment fraud, but could have negative repercussions for valid claimants.

You can tune in to watch these committees live or replay them on the [Florida Channel](#).

Good Bills



I wanted to highlight some good legislation being filed by Leader Lori Berman: **SB 780: Government Waste and Misconduct.**

This legislation would essentially require the state to audit, or DOGE, itself to identify government mismanagement. This was

brought on by recent actions of the Governor, such as the construction of Alligator Alcatraz, lands the state bought at a higher price than it's value, and other concerning state spending.

District Updates



Our District 25 team had a great time attending the Hunter's Creek Twilight Parade. It was a festive evening with a strong turnout and wonderful community spirit. Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate the season with us. Check out our social media to see all the local parades we attended!

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