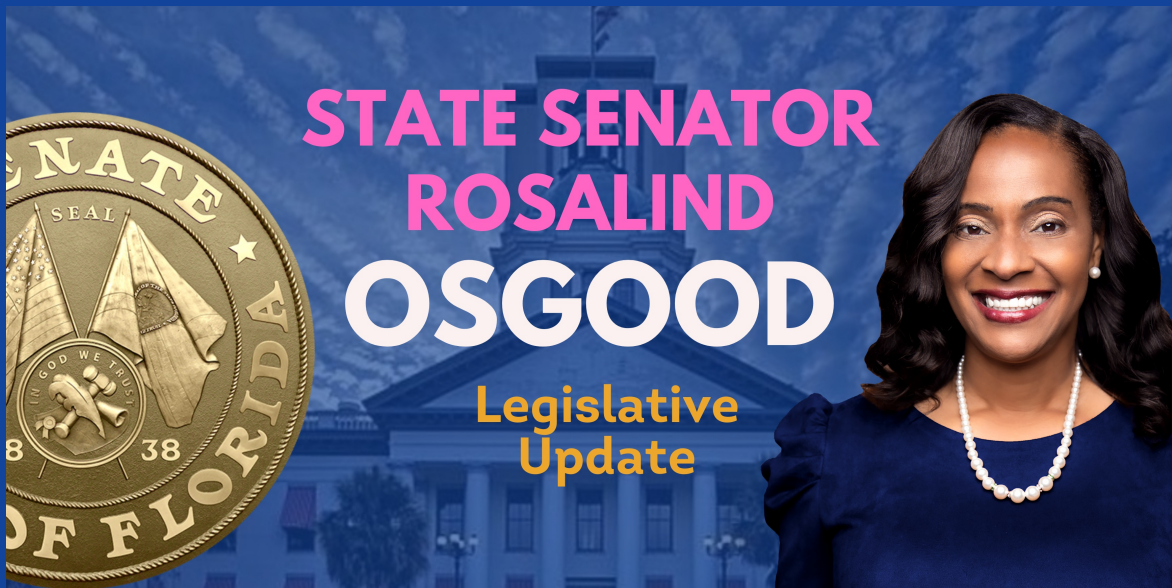


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Week Seven!

Dear Residents,

Greetings from the Florida Capitol! As week seven of the 2024 Legislative Session comes to a close, I'm excited to recap highlights from the week!

It's been a whirlwind of events and engagements as our state's lawmakers, advocates, and community members work together to address pressing issues and celebrate the richness of Florida.

Links Day at the Capitol brought together my beloved sisters of The Links, Incorporated, an organization dedicated to service and empowering communities. Their presence resonated throughout the Capitol, reminding us of the importance of solidarity and collective action in pursuing of equity and justice.

Delta Day and FAMU Day at the Capitol were hallmark events highlighting the impact of community engagement and educational excellence in Florida. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., known for its unwavering commitment to social activism and public service, voiced their concerns on critical issues like education and healthcare, hoping to inspire Floridians towards positive change. At the same time, FAMU Day celebrated the remarkable achievements of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's students, faculty, and alumni, illuminating the invaluable contributions of historically Black colleges and universities to our state.

As the 2024 Session ensues, I'll continue sharing weekly updates straight to your inbox, with valuable information on our progress and highlighting critical developments in the legislative process.

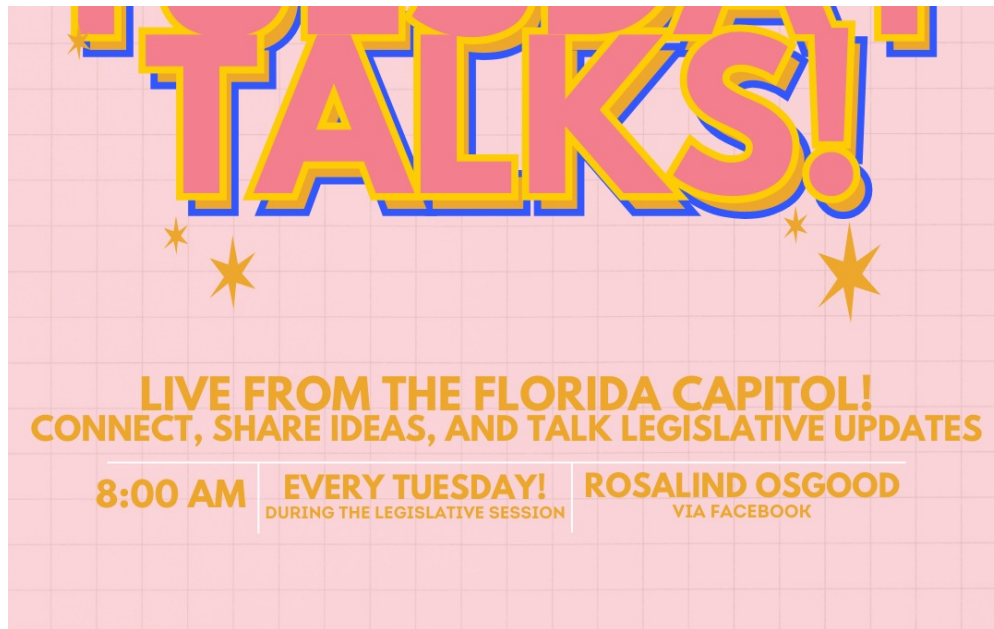
I am grateful for the opportunity to represent you, and I am confident that, together with my colleagues, we can make a positive impact on the lives of Floridians. Stay tuned for further updates and thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of shaping a better future for our great state!

Tuesday Talks

I am delighted to host the much-anticipated Tuesday Talks, where we can connect, share ideas, and discuss legislation. Mark your calendars, grab your favorite morning drink, and join me virtually via Facebook every **Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.!** You can find my weekly Tuesday Talks on my Facebook at [Rosalind Osgood](#). Your presence and engagement are invaluable as we embark on this journey of empowerment. I look forward to having you join me for Tuesday Talks, where your voice matters!

This past Tuesday, I held an amazing Tuesday Talk where we discussed all things from Week Six of the 2024 Legislative Session. If you didn't get a chance to tune in, check out the video below!



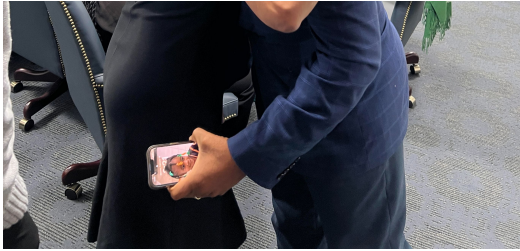


Links Day at the Capitol!

This week marked Links Day at the Florida Capitol! As a proud member of the distinguished organization, I was overjoyed to reunite with my beloved link sisters and catch up with them. Witnessing their dedication to advocacy on issues deeply affecting their communities was heartwarming. It is a testament to our organization's collective commitment to creating positive change and amplifying voices that often go unheard.

I also want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Senators Rouson, Torres, Powell, and Jones, along with Representatives Campbell, Gantt, and Edmonds, for their invaluable presence and for taking the time to address and enlighten my beloved Link sisters on the pressing matters unfolding within the Florida Capitol. It's empowering to know we are united in our mission for a brighter, more equitable future for all.







FAMU Day at the Capitol!

This Wednesday, FAMU Day took center stage at the Florida Capitol! I was proud to witness FAMU's display of excellence and advocacy for its institution while celebrating its remarkable accomplishments. As a former student, seeing FAMU flourish fills me with joy and reinforces my belief in the extraordinary legacy. It was an honor to recognize FAMU alongside Senators Thompson, Rouson, Powell, Jones, Simon, and Davis on the Senate floor, showcasing the collective support and admiration for FAMU's impact and contributions. Here's to many more years of achievements and milestones for FAMU!



Delta Day at the Capitol!

This week marked the 30th Anniversary of Delta Days at the Florida Capitol! During this momentous week, we highlighted the dedication of this esteemed organization and its remarkable impact on addressing issues throughout the State of Florida. I congratulate the Deltas on their accomplishments over the last three decades. Your history of service is an inspiration, helping shape legislation and positive transformations in communities everywhere. It was an honor to present a proclamation commemorating this momentous occasion, recognizing the profound legacy of Delta Days at the Florida Capitol!



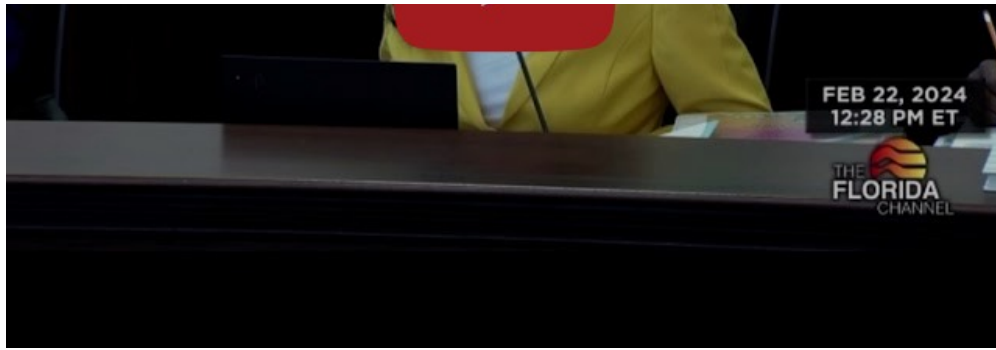
Committee Highlights

This week, [**SB 62 - Resident Status for Tuition Purposes**](#) passed unanimously through its final committee, Fiscal Policy!

[**SB 62**](#) allows individuals who have been incarcerated in a state or federal correctional facility in Florida not to lose his or her residency status. Geared towards education, this bill is a step forward for previously incarcerated students to either continue or start their education post release. Affording formerly incarcerated individuals' access to in-state tuition rates demonstrates a commitment to promoting a more forgiving educational environment that values rehabilitation and second chances.

To view [**SB 62 - Resident Status for Tuition Purposes**](#) passing through its final committee, please see the video below!



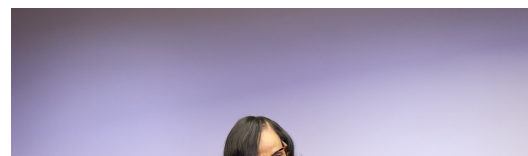


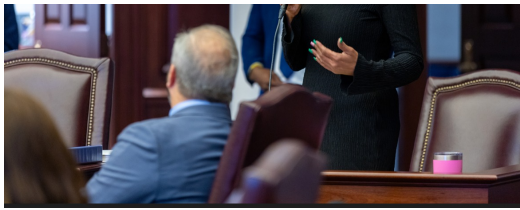
Office Visits

I find great joy in welcoming individuals to my office at the Florida Capitol to share their legislative interests – it's truly a highlight of my day! Engaging with constituents and hearing their perspectives on critical issues is valuable. As the Legislative Session progresses, you can reach out anytime by phone, email, or by visiting my Tallahassee office (Office #226) in the Florida Capitol. Your input is crucial, and I look forward to building a stronger connection with my community! If you would like to set up a meeting in Tallahassee, please send a request to Fishman.Julie@flsenate.gov.



Caught in Action!





Community Highlights

A free preventive cardiac CT screening test sponsored by Broward County Brought to you by your Board of County Commissioners!



FREE

Heart Test for Broward County Residents

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The Broward Heart Project aims to tackle the staggering stats:

Half of men and a third of women will face heart disease at some point, making it the top killer globally.

Many people don't know they have artery blockages until it's too late. Awareness is key! Thanks to funding from the Broward County Commission, thousands of residents can get a free cardiac CT screening to spot blockages and help prevent heart attacks and other health troubles down the road.

You must meet certain criteria to be eligible for this pilot program.
WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- You must be a Broward County resident.
- You must be 45 to 70 years of age.
- You must have active health insurance (public or private).
- You must meet certain risk criteria and other requirements that have been established by a panel of doctors. If you complete the questionnaire below and qualify, you can complete the application and provide your information. We will contact you within 3 to 5 business days to schedule your test.

For more information and to register for the program, visit <https://takehearttest.com/> or scan the QR Code



Committee Assignments

In the Florida Legislature, committees are established to vote on and propose solutions for the benefit of Florida's residents. These committees are tailored to specific issues and are named based on their intended purpose.

I am pleased to share that I have been appointed to several significant committees within the Florida Legislature, including the roles of Vice Chair on the Community Affairs Committee and membership in the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government, Education Pre-K -12, Fiscal Policy, Health Policy, Regulated Industries, Rules, and the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute and make a positive impact in these important areas, and I eagerly look forward to the meaningful work ahead. **Please see below for more information on my assigned committees for the 2024 Legislative Session.**

Committee Assignments for the 2024 Legislative Session

Updated on January 12, 2023



CA

Community Affairs (Vice Chair): This committee is responsible for a broad range of issues relating to local governments.

AEG

Appropriations on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government: This committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations on the state budget for agriculture, environment, and general government programs

ED

Education Pre-K - 12: This committee is responsible for overseeing the state's education policies and programs for children from pre-k to 12th grade.

FP

Fiscal Policy: This committee is responsible for reviewing and analyzing Florida's fiscal policies and making recommendations to the Senate.

HP

Health Policy: This committee is responsible for reviewing and proposing legislation related to health care policy in Florida.

RI

Regulated Industries: This committee is responsible for maintaining a review of the work of state agencies concerned with their subject areas and the performance of the functions of government within each area.

RC

Rules: This committee is responsible for reviewing all proposed bills to ensure that they follow the guidelines of the State.

JAPC

Joint Administrative Procedures: This committee is responsible for ensuring that the rules adopted by the executive branch do not create new

Legislative Updates

After putting in months of groundwork, I've been actively working with my colleagues in the Senate and House to represent your interests. From advocating for enhanced healthcare services to pushing for comprehensive education reforms, our focus is on driving meaningful change and addressing the core concerns that matter most to our community. **Please see below for updated information on all of the bills I have filed for the 2024 legislative Session.**

Legislation Update: Current List of Filed Bills



Updated on February 22nd, 2024

SB62

Resident Status for Tuition: This bill changes the requirements for a person to be considered a resident for tuition purposes to include time spent in certain correctional institutions. **This bill has passed in Fiscal Policy and is now on its way to the Senate Floor!**

SB64

Landlords & Tenants: This bill limits rent increases in certain circumstances and clarifies that a landlord can still terminate the rental agreement even if a partial payment is made.

SB252

Psychiatric Therapy: This bill defines electroconvulsive treatment (ECT) and psychosurgical procedure requiring only physicians perform them and prohibits procedures on minors.

SB350

Cold Case Murders: This bill allows local agencies to work on cold cases if they have the resources or turn them over to the Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement if they can't work the case. **This bill has passed in Criminal Justice and is now in on Appropriations on Criminal and Civil Justice.**

SB354

Task Force on Missing & Murdered African-American Women: This bill establishes the Task Force within the Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement to address and reduce violence against African-American women and girls.

SB372

State Certified Doulas: This bill defines a "state-certified doula" and requires the Dept. of Health to create certification requirements, best practices, a public registry, and a list of entities with approved education/training for doulas.

SB374

Human Trafficking: This bill revises the term "coercion" and authorizes the prosecution of specified offenses under the RICO Act. It requires several state agencies to establish awareness training programs and partnerships.

SB386

Affordable Housing Parking Requirements: The bill requires counties and municipalities to reduce parking requirements for certain developments if specific conditions are met. **The concept of this bill is now in SB 328.**

SB1426

Sale of Rabbits: This bill is designed to help curtail the growing wild rabbit population by requiring better accountability for rabbits sold by pet stores and prohibits the sale of rabbits during the months of March and April.

SB1446

Access to Contraception: This bill's primary purpose is to establish and protect the right to access contraception in the state of Florida.

SB1460

Child Support and Time-sharing Resulting from Unwanted Pregnancies: This bill sets the guidelines for pregnancies resulting from rape, incest or human trafficking if the victim is unable to receive an abortion.

SB1462

Reduction in Black Female and Women's Maternal Mortality Grant Program: This bill establishes the Reduction in Black Female and Women's Maternal Mortality Grant Program and aims reduce Black female and women's maternal mortality.

SB1610

Financial Accountability in Publicly Funded Education: This bill establishes universal standards for the use of public funds in the education system.

SB1688

Career-themed Courses: This bill requires school districts to inform middle school students and parents of career and technical education opportunities. **This bill has passed on the Senate Floor!**



Warm Regards,

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