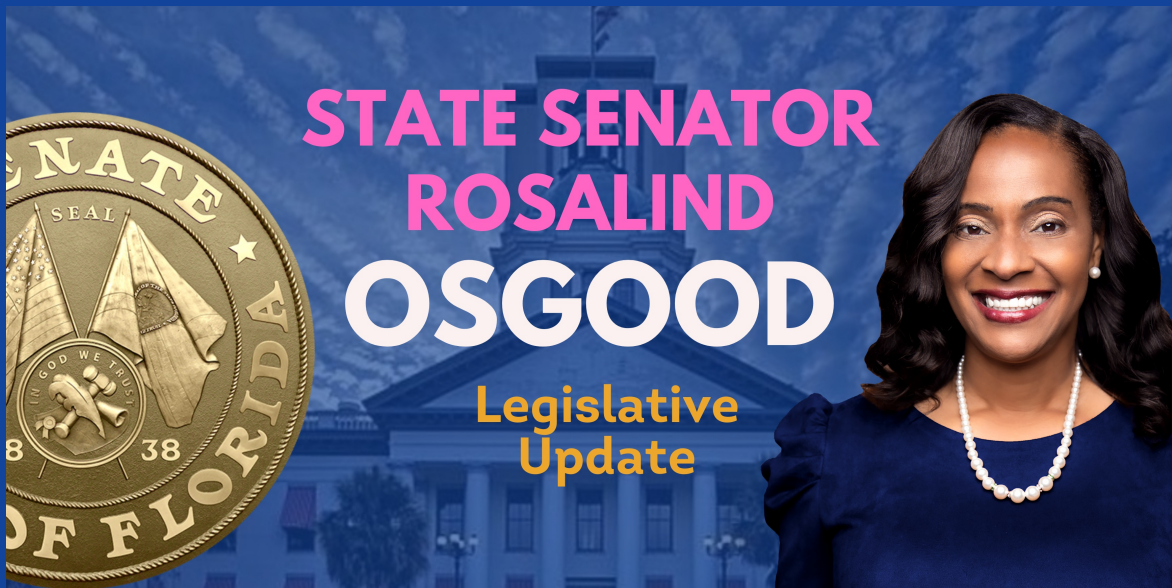


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## Week Five!

Dear Residents,

Greetings from Tallahassee! As we officially wrap up week five of the 2024 Legislative Session, I'm excited to share some highlights from the Florida Capitol!

I'm happy to announce that two of our bills successfully passed in their committees! [SB 62 - Resident Status for Tuition Purposes](#) and [SB 1688 - Career Themed Courses](#), passed respectively in Education Postsecondary and Rules with unanimous support. 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. SB 1688 requires school districts to inform middle school students and parents of career and technical education opportunities. This achievement is a huge step forward in addressing the needs and priorities of Florida's residents.

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!

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## 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 Five of the 2024 Legislative Session. If you didn't get a chance to tune in, check out the video below!



## Committee Highlights

This week, [SB 62 - Resident Status for Tuition Purposes](#) and [SB 1688 - Career-Themed Courses](#) and passed unanimously through their respective committees, Education Postsecondary and Rules!

[SB 62 - Resident Status for Tuition Purposes](#) 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.

[SB 1688 - Career-Themed Courses](#) mandates that school districts must notify middle school students and their parents about available career and technical education opportunities. Additionally, it obligates school districts to develop strategies for promoting and informing students about career and technical education programs. By mandating districts to inform students about career options and promoting technical education programs, the bill ensures a more informed student body. It focuses on making information accessible and allowing every student to explore diverse career possibilities.

To view [SB 1688 - Career-Themed Courses](#) passing through its final committee, please see the video below!

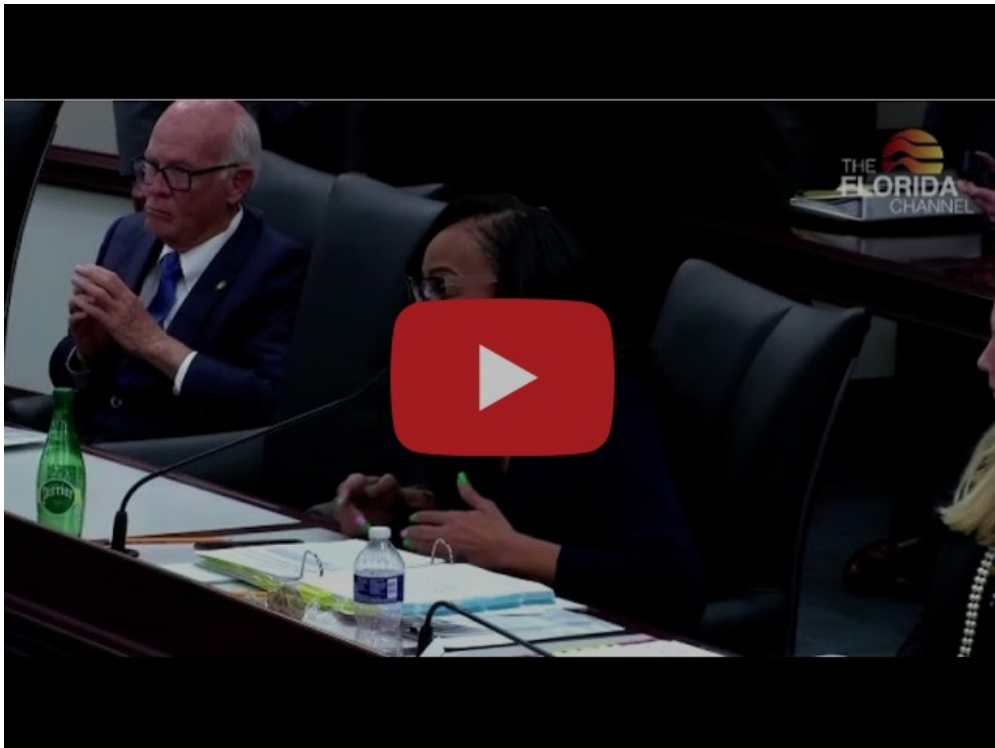


## Community Affairs Committee

This week, in the Community Affairs Committee, we voted on [SB 1122 - Protection of Historical Monuments and Memorials](#), by **Senator Martin (R- Lee County)**. During the meeting, public testimony turned hateful and racist as individuals wanted to protect Confederate monuments from removal by local governments. As the only Black Senator on this committee, I'm deeply disappointed. This bill allows monuments of slave owners and Confederate soldiers to stand, while just days ago, legislation was passed to arrest a homeless person for sleeping in the same spot.

If the goal is to preserve history, we must preserve ALL history, the true history. We must allow our students to learn about the horrors of slavery and confront past injustices. We can't shy away from uncomfortable truths in the pursuit of progress.

To see my comments on [SB 1122 - Protection of Historical Monuments and Memorials](#), please see the video below.



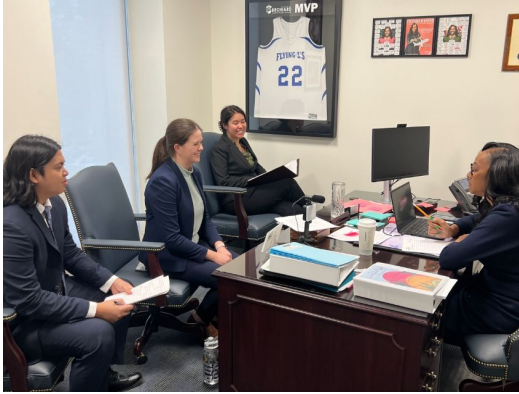
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## Office Visits

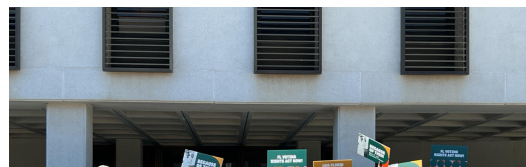
I find great joy in welcoming individuals to my office at the Florida Capitol to share their legislative interests – it's truly a highlight of my day! Engaging with constituents and hearing their perspectives on critical issues is valuable. As the Legislative Session progresses, you can reach out anytime 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](mailto:Fishman.Julie@flsenate.gov).



## Caught in Action!





## 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 agencies do not create new law, and stay within the authority specifically delegated by the legislature.



## 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 8th, 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 Education Postsecondary and is now in Appropriations Committee on Education.**

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 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 in Rules and is now on its way to the Senate Floor.**



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Warm Regards,

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