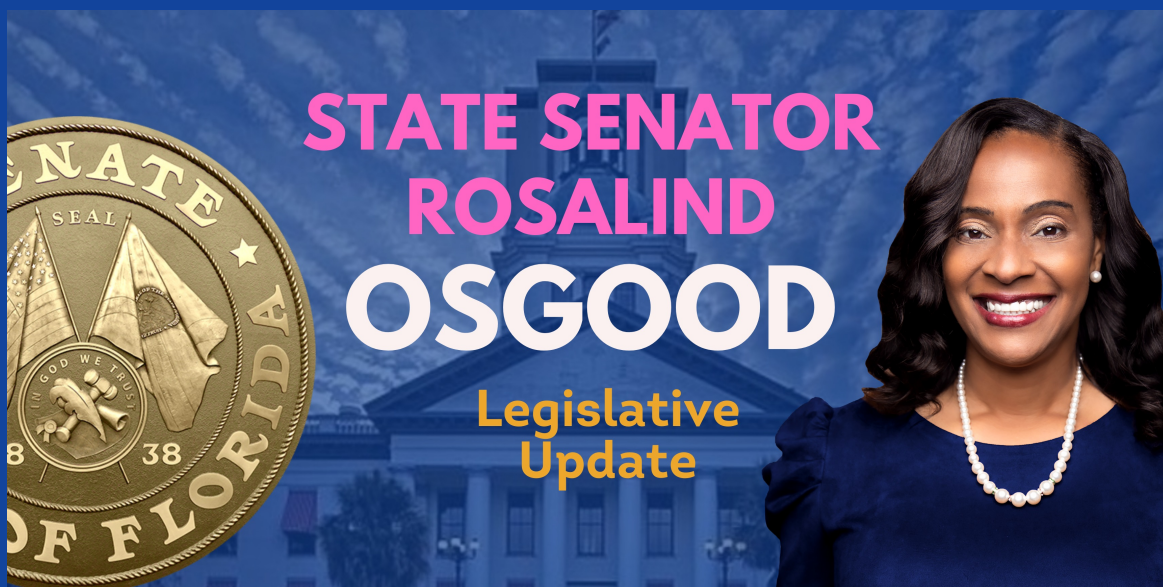


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Week Three!

Dear Residents,

As we wrap up the third week of the 2024 Legislative Session in Tallahassee, I'm thrilled to highlight the progress and engagements that happened at the Florida Capitol!

Tuesday January 23rd, and Wednesday, January 24th, marked AKA Day at the Capitol, providing a unique opportunity for my beloved sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, to travel to Tallahassee, connect with each other, and champion the issues closest to their hearts. Together, Alpha Kappa Alpha conducted workshops, engaged with elected officials, and voiced their concerns, contributing to the discussion on Florida's current state. Alpha Kappa Alpha's continued passion for change is a powerful testament to the positive impact they consistently bring to society. I take immense pride in being a part of this extraordinary Sorority, where service continues to reign supreme.

I am also pleased to share that one of our bills [SB 1688 - Career-Themed Courses](#), passed unanimously passed through its first Committee, Education Pre-K - 12. SB 1688 requires school districts to inform middle school students and parents of career and technical education opportunities. This accomplishment marks a milestone in efforts to address the concerns and priorities regarding the students of Florida.

Looking forward, continue to anticipate receiving weekly updates straight to your inbox, offering valuable information on our progress and highlighting key developments in the legislative process.

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent you, and I am confident that, together

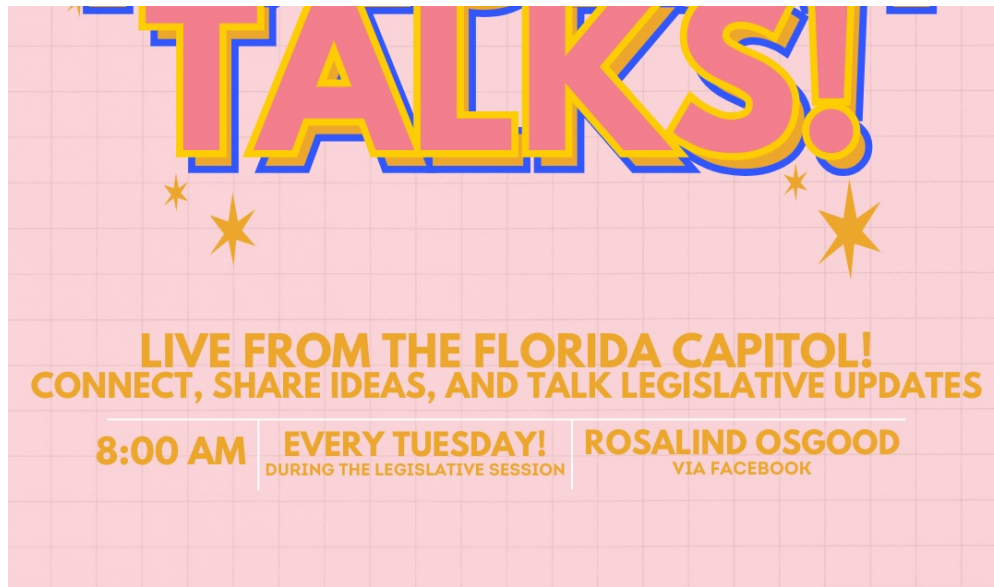
with my colleagues, we can make a positive impact on the lives of Floridians. Stay tuned for further updates and thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of shaping a better future for our great state!

Tuesday Talks

I am delighted to bring back the much-anticipated Tuesday Talks, where we can connect, share ideas, and talk legislative updates. Mark your calendars grab your favorite cup of coffee and join me virtually via Facebook **every Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.!** Your presence and engagement are invaluable as we embark on this journey 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 Three of the 2024 Legislative Session. Check out the video below to catch the conversation and stay informed about the ongoing legislative updates!





AKA Day at the Capitol!

This week was the much-anticipated AKA Day at the Capitol— a day at the Florida Capitol dedicated to my beloved sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Witnessing my sisters here was truly amazing; beyond personal catchups, we were able to discuss issues that impacts our great state. As a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, I am filled with immense pride, recognizing the extraordinary spirit of service that continues to reign supreme within our Sorority.







Committee Highlights

This week, [SB 1688 - Career-Themed Courses](#) successfully passed its first committee, Education Pre-K - 12! The bill 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. As part of their annual review, districts are also required to report on student performance in career-themed courses.

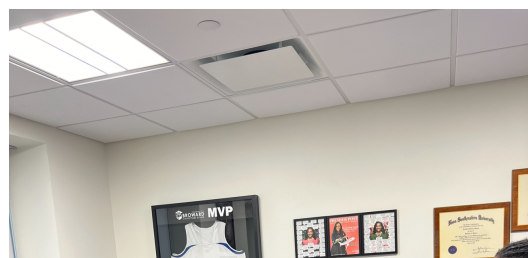
[SB 1688](#) is a catalyst for providing educational opportunities to middle school students. By mandating districts to inform students about career options and promoting technical education programs, the bill ensures a more informed student body. It focuses on making information accessible and allowing every student to explore diverse career possibilities. SB 1688 directly contributes to creating equitable opportunities and empowering students to make informed decisions about their future careers.

To view [SB 1688 - Career-Themed Courses](#) passing through the Education Pre-K - 12 Committee, see the video below!



Office Flicks

In my office at the Florida Capitol, I find great joy in welcoming individuals to share their legislative interests – it's truly a highlight of my day! Engaging with constituents, having conversations about their legislative interests, and hearing their perspectives on important issues is something I genuinely enjoy. As the Legislative Session progresses, I highly encourage residents to reach out – whether by calling, emailing, or stopping by my office, Office 226, in the Florida Capitol – to share your valuable voice and opinions on the issues that matter. Your input is crucial, and I look forward to building a stronger connection with my community!





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 January 26, 2023

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.

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.

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.

SB1416

Access to Contraception: This bill's primary purpose is to establish and protect the

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 Education Pre-K - 12 and is now in Commerce and Tourism.**



Warm Regards,

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