

Florida House of Representatives 2022-2024 Proposed Committee and Subcommittee Structure

Appropriations Committee

The Appropriations Committee produces the House's proposed budget and conforming and implementing legislation. The committee provides legislative oversight regarding the expenditure of appropriated funds, reviews the Governor's budget recommendations and agency legislative budget requests, and analyzes trust funds for creation, termination or modification. Additionally, legislation with a fiscal impact is typically heard by the Appropriations Committee or one of its subcommittees. Some budget issues within the jurisdiction of the full committee include education fixed capital outlay and state employee pay, benefits, and retirement.

Appropriations subcommittees make budget recommendations to the Appropriations Committee. The scope of each subcommittee is primarily delineated by agency as listed below.

Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

- Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
- Department of Environmental Protection
- Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Florida Department of Citrus

Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

- Agency for Health Care Administration
- Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Department of Children & Families
- Department of Elder Affairs
- Department of Health
- Department of Veterans' Affairs

Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee

- Workforce Education
- Florida College System
- State universities
- Private colleges and universities
- Student Financial Aid
- Division of Blind Services
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Board of Governors

Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

- Department of Economic Opportunity
- Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles
- Department of Military Affairs
- Department of State
- Department of Transportation
- Division of Emergency Management

Justice Appropriations Subcommittee

- Department of Corrections
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Department of Law Enforcement
- Department of Legal Affairs (Attorney General)
- State Court System
- Justice Administration
- Commission on Offender Review

PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

- Department of Education
- Florida's K-12 education system
- School Readiness Program
- Voluntary Pre-K program

State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee

- Department of Business & Professional Regulation
- Department of Financial Services
 - Office of Insurance Regulation
 - Office of Financial Regulation
- Department of the Lottery
- Department of Management Services
 - Florida Digital Service
 - Division of Administrative Hearings
 - Public Employees Relations Commission
 - Florida Commission on Human Relations
- Department of Revenue
- Public Service Commission
- Florida Gaming Control Commission

Commerce Committee

The Commerce Committee considers matters related to Florida's economy; business and professional regulation; energy, utilities, telecommunications, and cybersecurity policy; the regulation of insurance companies and financial entities; and gaming regulation.

- **Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee** considers matters related to utilities, including the state's regulation of electric, gas, water, and sewer utilities; telecommunications services; energy policy; and cybersecurity policy.
- **Insurance & Banking Subcommittee** considers matters related to insurance companies and agents doing business in life, health, property, casualty (including auto and workers' compensation), and title insurance, among numerous other insurance products; insurance fraud; financial enterprises and individuals, such as, state-chartered banks, state-chartered credit unions, trust companies, mortgage loan originators, mortgage brokers and lenders, securities industry participants, consumer finance companies, money transmitters, foreign currency exchangers, and payday lenders; the state fire marshal; and funeral, cemetery, and consumer services.
- **Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee** oversees the state's regulation and licensing of businesses and professionals, consumer regulatory programs, and the regulation of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and gaming. It's oversight also includes the implementation of economic development and tourism programs.

Education & Employment Committee

The Education & Employment Committee considers matters related to Florida's education system, from early education through postsecondary education, adult education, and job training. Additionally, the committee has jurisdiction over policies and programs providing opportunities for all Floridians to prepare for the 21st century workforce.

Government Agencies involved in these areas include the Florida Department of Education, the Florida Board of Governors, and the Department of Economic Opportunity, as well as local school boards and the federal Department of Education.

- **Choice & Innovation Subcommittee** considers policies relating to early learning through postsecondary education. The subcommittee examines policies and programs related to developing and transforming school readiness, voluntary prekindergarten, school choice, educator preparation, job training and workforce education programs to meet the emerging needs of Florida's students.
- **Education Quality Subcommittee** considers policies relating to early learning through postsecondary education. The subcommittee examines policies and programs related to improving outcomes for students in school readiness, voluntary prekindergarten, school choice, educator practices, job training and workforce education programs.
- **Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee** addresses policies affecting educational opportunities that enable students to learn valuable skills, debate competing viewpoints, and become global citizens. The subcommittee considers policies that enhance and support the production of a highly skilled and employable workforce and provide individuals with opportunities to obtain the skills necessary to respond to the changing demands of today's workforce.

Infrastructure Strategies Committee

The Infrastructure Strategies Committee considers matters related to planning for Florida's growth, including transportation, water, flood resilience, land acquisition, and infrastructure planning. The committee also considers matters related to Florida's agriculture and citrus industries, conservation of natural resources, fish and wildlife issues, water quality and supply, and transportation services.

- **Agriculture, Conservation & Resiliency Subcommittee** considers matters related to Florida's agriculture and citrus industries, conservation of Florida's natural resources, state lands and parks, fish and wildlife issues, hunting and fishing, boating, and flood resilience.
- **Transportation & Modals Subcommittee** considers matters related to transportation through multiple modes, including highways and streets, air, rail, sea, spaceports, public transit, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The subcommittee also considers matters related to transportation services and noncriminal traffic infractions.
- **Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee** considers matters related to water quality, water supply planning, water reuse, and springs protection.

Health & Human Services Committee

The Health & Human Services Committee examines issues related to health care provider regulation, health insurance regulation, and public health. This policy area also includes the extent and manner in which government provides a safety net for low-income or otherwise vulnerable Floridians.

- **Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee** focuses on vulnerable populations who rely for their safety and welfare on publicly organized and funded programs and services, including mental health and substance abuse services, and services for frail elders, people with developmental disabilities, and abused and neglected children.
- **Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee** considers matters related to public health and health care access and affordability, including communicable diseases, the state's Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance programs, price transparency, health care facility and professional regulation, and medical marijuana. The subcommittee also addresses health insurance regulation and the state employee group health plan.

Judiciary Committee

The Judiciary Committee considers civil and criminal law issues, including public safety and the administration of the court system.

- **Civil Justice Subcommittee** considers matters related to civil litigation, business law, family law, constitutional amendments, real property law, guardianship, trust and estate law, and private property rights. The subcommittee also considers claim bills.
- **Criminal Justice Subcommittee** considers matters related to criminal justice, juvenile justice, law enforcement and corrections.

Rules Committee

The Rules Committee submits Special Order Calendars for adoption by the House. The committee also recommends procedures for the management of the floor process.

State Affairs Committee

The State Affairs Committee considers matters related to state agency governance, local government oversight and accountability, emergency management, administrative procedure, affordable housing, state and local government retirement programs and benefits, elections, and ethics and standards of conduct for public officers and employees, including House members.

- **Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee** considers matters related to state agency governance and oversight, administrative procedure and agency rulemaking, government procurement and contracting, collective bargaining, retirement benefits for public employees, and emergency management, including emergency powers.
- **Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee** focuses on policies related to ethics and standards of conduct for state and local public officials, public employees, and lobbyists; elections; campaign finance; and public records and open meetings.
- **Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee** considers matters related to Florida's local governments, including special district oversight and accountability, affordable housing, Florida's veterans, the Florida National Guard, and the military. The subcommittee also has primary responsibility for the local bill process.

Ways & Means Committee

The Ways & Means Committee's purview encompasses issues concerning all state and local taxes and select non-tax revenue sources, and addresses statutory and constitutional policy regarding tax rates, tax base design, and collection and enforcement parameters. The committee's work also addresses debt financing policy, tax administration, and enforcement of tax laws.