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WELCOME to the SCCF 2024 Legislative Session Tracker

Florida's 2024 60-day legislative session began on **Tuesday, Jan. 9** and ended on **Friday, March 8, 2024**. To stay current, SCCF offers you this site to help you track and actively participate in the bills that SCCF is following. If you would like to track individual bills, legislative committees or follow your local legislator through the FL Senate or House of Representatives, there are public services to do so: The [FL Senate Bill Tracker](#) and the [FL House of Representatives Bill Tracker](#).

SCCF tracks the bills related to those affecting Everglades restoration, environmental conservation, harmful algal blooms, water quality and home rule. See the following link for a full list of our priorities: [SCCF's 2024 legislative priorities](#)

UPDATE: June 12, 2024 - The Governor's office announced today that the [\\$116.5 billion state budget](#) has been signed. Along with the passage of the funds, the Governor vetoed \$950 million in proposed spending. For a complete veto list, click [here](#).

2024 Session Highlights:

Dec. 5, 2023 - Link to: [Governor DeSantis' Focus on Florida - Future \\$114.4 Billion Budget Recommendations](#)

March 8, 2024 - Legislature Passes [\\$117.46 billion budget](#)

Track bills presented to Governor: [2024 Bill Actions Page](#)

Legislative Session - Week 9: Session Ends March 8, 2024

Monday - March 4

House Special Order Calendar

HB 165 - Sampling of Beach Waters and Public Bathing Spaces **Passed 113-0**

Tuesday - March 5 (*Budget delivered for 72-hr review at 11:48 am*)

Senate Special Order Calendar

SB 1624 - Energy Resources (retained on Special Order Calendar) **Passed 28-12**
 SB 1386 - Department of Environmental Protection **Passed 36-0**

Wednesday - March 6

SB 1624 - Energy Resources - **Passed 28-12**

Thursday - March

Senate Special Order Calendar

HB 165 - Sampling of Beach Waters and Public Bathing Spaces (Safe Waterways Act) **Passed 40-0**

2024 Legislative Session Bill Table

House Bills odd #'s	Senate Bills even #'s	I= Identical S= Similar C= Compare	Bill Title/ Bill Description	SCCF Position Support/ Oppose	Final Outcome (*signed by Governor)
Water Quality					
HB 527 Maggard	SB 664 Burgess	S	Land and Water Management Requires locally required buffer zones to be purchased through eminent domain, preempts dredge and fill to the state, repeals land mgmt. review teams	Oppose	Failed
HB 165 Gossett-Sideman Cross	SB 338 Berman	S	Safe Waterways Act Transfers beach and public bathing places testing from DOH to DEP, revises provisions related to issuance of	Support	Passed but VETOed by Gov.

			health advisories/closure of beaches/public bathing places		
HB 7053	SCB 7040 Harrell		Ratification of Stormwater Rules		Passed*
HB 1557 Chaney	SB 1386 Calatayud	S	Dept. of Env. Protection Aquatic preserve vessel operation, Flood Hub, enforcement for violations of sewage treatment regulations		Passed*
Land Acquisition Trust Fund (LATF)/Florida Forever					
HB 451 Bell	SB 452 Burton	I	Land Acquisition Trust Fund Annual appropriation for Heartland Headwaters		Failed
Climate Change/Resiliency/Sea Level Rise					
HB 1079 McFarlane	SB 298 Polsky	S	Coastal Protection (Saltwater Intrusion) Vulnerability Assessments		Failed
HB 1647 Roach	SB 1526 Avila		Local Regulation of Non-Conforming Structures		Passed*
Growth Management/Land Use					
	SB 510 Stewart		Excise Tax on Water Extracted for Commercial or Industrial Use		Failed
HB 789 Overdorf	SB 738 Burgess	I	Environmental Management Establishes prevailing parties attorney fees for challenges to DEP/WMD actions, requires agency review of coastal permitting process and requires	Oppose	Failed

			reports and findings of proposed solutions		
HB 791 Esposito/ Overdorf	SB 1150 Perry	S	Development Permits and Orders Revises timeframes for development orders and permits		Failed
HB 1239 Lopez	SB 328 Calatayud	I	Affordable Housing Prohibits local local govt from restricting floor area ratio of certain developments but does allow for height restrictions		Passed*
HB 957 Botana	SB 1210 Martin	I	Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve Deletes existing protections to lands within the Preserve by amending the boundary		Failed

Energy

HB 107 Esposito	SB 28 Hooper	S	Electric and Hybrid Vehicle License Fees		Failed
HB 683 Yeager	SB 480 DiCeglie	S	Renewable Gas Authorizes cost recovery for renewable natural gas infrastructure, encourages regional solutions to energy issues including farm to fuel initiatives		Failed
HB 1645 Altman	SB 1624 Collins	C	Energy Resources	Oppose	Passed*

Local Government Preemption/Citizens Rights

HB 339 Roth	SB 696 Rodriguez	I	Agritourism Prohibits local government from requiring certain rules related to agricultural lands, facilities or venues	Oppose	Failed
HB 1641 Yeager	SB 1126 Martin	S	Regulation of Auxiliary Containers	Oppose	Failed

			Preempts local authority to regulate reusable or single use plastics		
Everglades					
HB 723 Cabrera	SB 1364 Calatayud	S	Everglades Protection Area	Support	Failed

Ecosystem Restoration					
HB 1581 Mooney	SB 32 Garcia		Mangrove Planting and Restoration		Failed
HB 321 Chaney/Mooney	SB 602 DiCeglie	I	Release of Balloons Revises prohibition on certain types of balloons	Support	Passed*
HB 87 Shoaf	SB 632 Simon	I	Taking of Bears Authorizes the killing of bears on private property	Oppose	Passed*
HB 163 Gossett-Sideman	SB 608 Rodriguez	I	Dredging and Beach Restoration Projects Requires adverse impact analysis		Failed
HB 1417 Buchanan	SB 1638 Hutson	S	Funding for Env. Resource Management Seminole Gaming Compact		Passed*
HB 1073 Truenow	SB 1532 Brodeur		Mitigation allows limited use of local government land for private mitigation banks		Passed*

Local Appropriation Requests					

(table updated 06/27/24)

Link to: [SCCF Week 1 Update](#) [SCCF Week 2 Update](#)

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For action from the 2023 Legislative Session, click: [2023 Legislative Tracker](#)