



Representative Michael Owen
District 70
2025 Session in Review

Committee Assignments

- Judiciary Committee
- Civil Justice and Claims Subcommittee
- Select Committee on Property Taxes
- Human Services Subcommittee
- State Administration Budget Subcommittee
- Student Academic Success Subcommittee

Bills

Sponsored Bills:

- HB 1277- Nicotine Products
- CS/HB 1489- Kratom Products
- HJR 637- Term Limits for State Representatives and Senators.
- CS/HB 583- Registration of Agents and Organizations Associated with Foreign Countries of Concern
 - Passed unanimously in the House
- CS/CS/HB 1163- Certified Recovery Residences
 - Laid on table for CS/CS/CS SB 954
 - Approved by Governor DeSantis 6/25/25
- HB 1165- Mobile Cranes and Accessory Support Vehicles
 - Amended to CS/CS/CS/SB 1662
 - Approved by Governor DeSantis 6/19/25

Co-Sponsored Bills:

Passed and Approved by Governor DeSantis

- CS/CS/CS/HB 289- Boating Safety
- CS/CS/HB 429- Motor Vehicle Manufacturers and Franchised Motor Dealers
- CS/CS/HB 907- Florida Institute for Pediatric Rare Diseases
- CS/HB 929- Firefighter Health and Safety
- CS/HJR 1215- Ad Valorem Tax Exemption
- CS/HB 1237- Human Trafficking Awareness
- CS/HB 1607- Cardiac Emergencies

General Appropriations Act

SB 2500

Sponsored Appropriations

Health Care Budget

- Manatee County- Fresh Start Manatee
* *vetoed* \$ 1,000,000.00
- Pediatric Vision Health and Literacy Program: Lions
World Vision Institute Foundation \$ 750,000.00
- Veteran Suicide Prevention Through Workforce Development \$ 900,000.00

Justice Budget

- Statewide Hopeline for First Responders \$ 350,000.00

Transportation Budget

- Tampa Museum of Art: Expanding Classical Education for All
* *vetoed* \$ 375,000.00

Budget

- University of South Florida- Veterans, Military Families and First
Responders Services Complexes \$ 8,500,000.00

Transportation Budget

- Tampa Heights Family YMCA Community Center \$ 350,000.00
- Hillsborough County- Pebble Beach Lane Bridge Replacement \$ 750,000.00
- Hillsborough County- Paseo Al Mar Blvd at Gate
Dancer Road. New Traffic Signal \$ 250,000.00
* *vetoed*

Agriculture Budget

- GHS Marina- Oldsmar Marina Dredging \$ 2,000,000.00
- Ybor Harbor Improvements \$ 750,000.00

Total

\$ 15,461,067.00

Taxation

HB 7031

Historic Tax Cuts

- **Permanent elimination of sales tax on Disaster Preparedness Supplies:**
 - Batteries
 - Portable Generators
 - Smoke Detectors, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers
 - Tarps and Waterproof sheeting
 - Tie-down kits
 - Fuel Cans
- **Permanent eliminations on sales tax on products to Enjoy Florida's Outdoors**
 - Bike Helmets
 - Life Jackets
 - Sunscreen and Insect Repellent
 - State Park Admission
 - NASCAR Championship Race Tickets
- **Permanent Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday for the entire month of August**
 - Clothing items priced \$100 or less
 - School supplies priced \$50 or less
 - Computers and related accessories priced \$1,500 or less
 - Learning aids and puzzles priced \$30 or less
- **Outdoor Sports Tax Holiday from 9.8-12.31**
 - Hunting Supplies
 - Ammunition
 - Firearms, bows, and crossbows and related accessories
 - Camping Supplies
 - Tents priced \$200 or less
 - Sleeping bags, camping stoves priced at \$50 or less
 - Lanterns and Flashlights priced \$30 or less
 - Fishing Supplies
 - Rods and reels priced individually at \$75 or less and combined sets at \$150 or less
 - Tackle boxes priced \$30 or less
 - Bait and Fishing tackle priced individually at \$5 or less and combined sets priced \$10 or less

Affordable Housing

- Allows taxpayers to file an appeal on their property assessments if the tax roll has been extended
- Property appraisers are required to provide evidence at least 15 days before a value adjustment board hearing and allow for hearings to be held remotely
- Updates the VAB filing fee so boards can handle more cases without backlog.
- Incentivizes affordable house options by:
 - Creating new exemptions for affordable housing on state-owned lands
 - Allowing the Missing Middle Exemption-a targeted tax break for affordable housing developments to be eligible to be retained after a change in ownership.

Business

- HB 7031 ends the business rent tax-a tax on commercial leases of real property, allowing businesses to invest more in jobs and salaries
- Boosts tech investment and high-wage jobs by extending Florida's data center tax exemption through 2037
- Extends the tax-free window for natural gas fuel to keep energy and transportation costs low to support commerce and Floridians.

Financial Protections

- Investments in precious metal bullion, like gold and silver are sales tax free.
- Local governments are now prohibited from raising your phone, cable, and streaming taxes for five more years.

Local Communities

- Allows local governments to reduce or repeal certain local discretionary sales surtax by a two-thirds vote of the body.
- Allows fiscally constrained counties along the Gulf, by allowing up to 10% of TDT revenue to fund infrastructure and public safety.
- Extends certain local enterprise zone incentives through 2035 to support long-term, job-creating projects already in development.
- Requires local governments to prioritize the use of CST revenue for the timely processing of right-of-way permit applications for utilities.

Charitable Incentives

- Creates the Home Away from Home Tax Credit to incentivize donations to help house families of critically ill children near the care they need
- Provides property tax relief for leased spaces used by high-quality, Gold Seal-certified child care facilities
- Maximizes the impact of charitable trusts by exempting unrelated business income from corporate taxes
- Doubles funding from beverage tax revenue for Florida's leading cancer and neurological research centers to boost care and innovation across the state:
 - University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center
 - Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center
 - University of Florida Health Shands Cancer Center Brain Tumor Immunotherapy Program
 - University of Florida Norman Fixel Institute for Neurological Diseases