

Quick Summary

- The budget included **\$38,755,905** in appropriations funding sponsored by Representative Salzman, pending Governor’s signature on the budget.
- **7** Policy bills passed through the House and the Senate.
- **41** bills co-sponsored were passed
- Worked on many topics of policy concern, including:
 - Healthcare Priorities
 - Protecting Human Trafficking Victims
 - Veteran Affairs
- Met with a multitude of organizations and agencies including:
 - Department of Economic Opportunity
 - Department of Health
 - Department of Elder Affairs
 - Department of Education

HD1 – Bills Passed

- HB 487 Department of Financial Services
 - Revises eligibility and conditions for certain organizations and persons to be exempt from requirements of insurance code, life insurance policies, and bail bond agency licenses.
- HB 485 Veteran Recognition
 - Creates the Division of Long-term care within the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, revises qualifications of employment of county and city veteran service officers, and designates the week of Veterans Day as “Veterans Week”.
- HB 633 K-12 Education
 - Authorizes students of military personnel to have access to enrollment in certain schools and programs. The bill also removes certain school district funding that is dependent on class size.
- HB1189 Monuments
 - Establishes a Florida Space Exploration Monument. Design plans were authorized by a selection committee and approved by the Governor and the Legislature.
- HB1557 Human Trafficking
 - Requires inspection of safe houses by DCF to certify and monitor the care and housing provided by trained staff. The bill also requires specified signage to be placed on the premises of facilities maintained by licensed treatment centers.
- HB7067 Elections (**Prime Co-Sponsor**)
 - Provides and revises provisions relating to voter registration records, vote-by-mail ballots and voter guides. The bill allows for the execution of criminal penalties and fines when necessary.
- HB 299 Education and Training for Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Forms of Dementia (**Prime Co-Sponsor**)
 - Requires DEA to offer education about Alzheimer’s disease & related forms of dementia to the general public and requires healthcare employees to complete specific training.

HD1 – Appropriations

- \$628,500
- \$1,297,000
- \$10,000,000
- \$250,000
- \$500,000
- \$500,000
- \$10,000,000
- \$477,000
- \$491,614
- \$832,364
- \$500,000
- \$850,000
- \$305,585
- \$975,000
- \$15,500
- \$500,000
- \$1,000,000
- Town of Century Well Replacement
- Town of Century Freedom Road Bridge Replacement
- University of West Florida Critical Infrastructure - Satellite Utilities Plant
- Challenge Enterprises of North Florida
- Capstone Adaptive Learning and Therapy Centers – Security Infrastructure
- Florida Partnership to End Domestic Violence
- Stabilization Unit and Men’s Substance Abuse treatment facility
- Nonie’s Place Children’s Therapy Center – Escambia
- Alzheimer’s Association Brain Bus
- Florida Epilepsy Service Programs
- Health and Hope Clinic - Mental Health Wing
- Take Stock in College
- General Revenue Non-Recurring Funding for the Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology
- Institute for Human and Machine Cognition - HVAC Replacement
- Escambia Search and Rescue Response Equipment
- Livestock Barn Restoration and Replacement
- Escambia County Fire Regional Training Facility

Publications Adopted

- HR 8029 – Autism Awareness Month
- Designates **April 2023** as “Autism Awareness Month” in Florida
- HR 8051 – National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day
- Designates **October 15, 2023** as “National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day” in Florida
- HR 8033 – Childhood and Adolescent Cancer Awareness Month
- Designates **September 2023** as “Childhood and Adolescent Cancer Awareness Month” in Florida
- HR 8047 – VATER Syndrome Awareness Month
- Designates **February 2023** as “VATER Syndrome Awareness Month” in Florida
- HR 8083 – Muscogee Indians of the Florida Heritage Week
- Designates **November 1-7, 2023** as “Muscogee Indians of Florida Heritage Week”
- HR 8067 – Wolf-Hirschhorn/4p- Syndrome Awareness Day
- Designates **April 16, 2023** as Wolf-Hirschhorn/4p- Syndrome Awareness Day

2022 in Review

- **Dozens of Requests for assistance**

- 6 Dept. of Children & Families

- 2 Dept. of Insurance Regulation

- 7 Dept of Economic Opportunity

- 3 Dept. of Transportation

- 1 Dept. of Revenue

- 1 Bureau of Real Estate Services

- 3 Public Service Commission

- 1 FL Dept. of Law Enforcement

- 1 Office of Executive Clemency

- Dozens connected with local agencies and/or officials

- 1 Request led to the Tax Collector developing the “Facility Bound ID Card Portable System”

- o 2 Remote Constituent Service Days

- June event at Molino Community Center
 - November at Texas Road House

What We Did in District 1 During the 2023 Session

As we began this year's Legislative season in the committee weeks and 60-day Session, our office continued offering Constituent Services to District 1. An example of our constituent work is helping a small business owner expedite his inspections and getting his doors opened for business along with serving our great community. We have continued our great relationship with our tax collector, Scott Lunsford, and with his assistance we have helped a new Florida resident cut through red tape and obtain his new Florida Driver's License.

We hosted quarterly Food Distribution events where we distributed over 30,000 pounds of fresh food each event along with giving away backpacks with school supplies before the school year started, giving away Walmart gas cards, LED light bulbs, and even Thanksgiving meals to over 300 families.

We also give back to various non-profits in our community on a regular basis as requests come in. Some of those include Boy Scouts of America, Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity, breast cancer organizations, and local PTA's.

We look forward to continuing our service to the community through our Constituent Services events and by providing direct contact with our office.

Our next Constituent Services event will be held on November 3rd from 1pm to 3pm at the Pensacola fairgrounds located at 6655 Mobile Hwy, Pensacola, FL 32526

- Dozens of requests for assistance
 - 1 Dept. of Agriculture
 - 1 Public Service Commission
 - 2 Dept. of Health
 - 3 Dept. of Children and Families
 - 1 Dept. of Economic Opportunity
 - 2 Office of Executive Clemency
 - 1 Dept. of Financial Services
 - 1 Dept. of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles
 - 4 Dept. of Transportation
 - 1 FL Dept. of Veteran's Affairs
 - Other areas of assistance included working with our local School District and County Commission

- Constituent Service Event planned for November 3rd at the Pensacola fairgrounds.

Representative Salzman also created a Mental Health Task Force last year which consisted of local area leaders and state leaders who are stakeholders in the mental health sector. This task force has brought together a fundamental group of organizations who have committed to making a meaningful impact on access to mental health care in the panhandle.

Some wins include:

- Data sharing between agencies and facilities
- Created a roadmap of mental health care in the community
- Century Correctional Institution transition
- Launched a graphic media campaign to improve awareness and to address the stigma surrounding mental health
- Business leader workshops on mental health in the workplace
- Medicaid policy changes through AHCA improving access to therapies for children with Autism
- FDLE seminar about behavioral management training discussing how principles may be adapted to case management and wrap around care
- Expansion of mental health services at Health & Hope Clinic for the uninsured population
- EMS establishment of a puppy room to aid personnel in stress management
- Mobile response teams working with the homeless population to bring a continuum of care
- Co-responder unit comprised of behavioral health personnel & law enforcement to respond to certain calls
- CORE program expansion into Escambia County to address the opioid crisis in our community
- Shelter bed dashboard
- Share Your Heart, a faith-based partnership with DCF, expanded into Escambia County to assist families in need
- Central Receiving Unit in development to address the volume of Baker Act patients in local ER facilities
- 10 bed addiction recovery units offering specialized detox care to ensure a smooth continuum of care
- The taskforce commissioned an in-depth study to develop a Strategic Plan for Mental Health in our area in preparation for addressing our areas' needs to the State.