

2024 Session Summary

QUICK SUMMARY

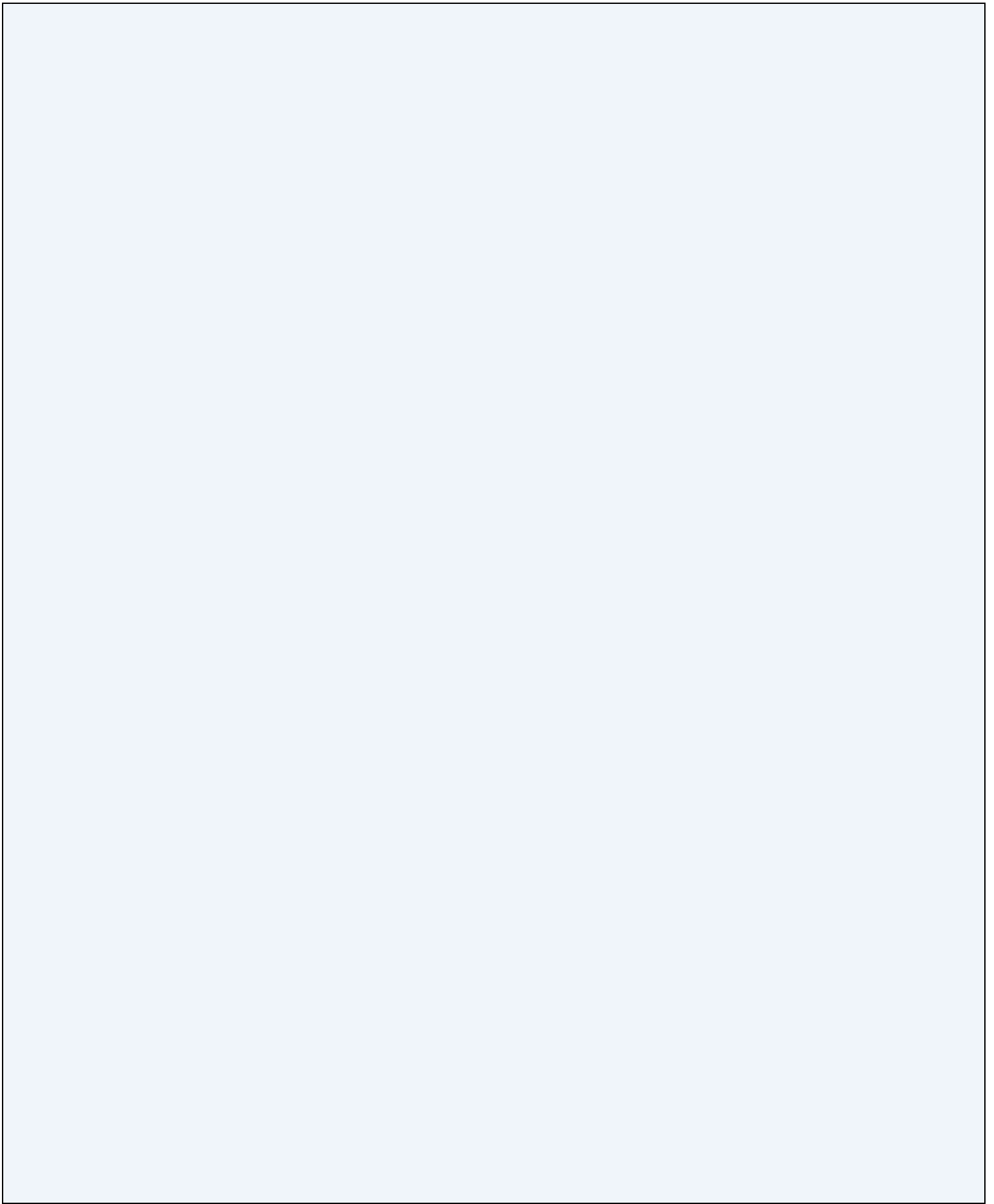
- The budget included **\$68,655,074** in appropriations funding sponsored by Representative Salzman, pending Governor’s signature on the budget.
- **3** Policy bills passed through the House and the Senate.
- **34** bills co-sponsored were passed
- Hosted 4 Constituent Service events
- Hosted 4 mass food distributions
- Worked on many topics of policy concern, including:
 - Healthcare Priorities including Human Trafficking
 - Term Limits
 - Military & Veteran Affairs
 - Data Privacy
- Met with a multitude of organizations and agencies including: Department of Economic Opportunity, Department of Health, Department of Elder Affairs, Department of Education, Department of Children & Families, Department of AHCA

HOUSE DISTRICT 1 – BILLS PASSED

- HB 21/23 Dozier School for Boys & Okeechobee School Victims Compensation Fund
- HB 341 Designation of a Diagnosis on Motor Vehicle Registrations – SAFE Act
- HB 1329 Veterans
- HB189 Gaming Control
- HB 57 County Commissioner Term Limits
- Establishes a long overdue action for the survivors of State Reform Schools whose teachers and administrators were found guilty of emotional, physical, and sexual abuse as well as murder. It established a specified \$20 million as well which will allow these victims to obtain a long overdue High School Diploma.
- Requires language on the application form for motor vehicle registration to allow applicants to indicate a diagnosis of the adult owner or dependent who is has been diagnosed with a cognizant disability to specify it on the registration with the word “SAFE.” This bill will create a safer environment for both law enforcement and the disabled community.
- Creates the Veteran’s History program; expands employment outreach, marketing, and support services activities of Veterans Florida; Expands the role of VF in assisting with industry certifications; requires middle and high school students to receive instruction on the history and importance of Veterans Day and Memorial Day.
- This bill would have prohibited falsely impersonating Gaming Commission personnel; specified violation of prohibitions against knowingly keeping gambling houses; increased penalties for illegal gambling. This bill died on second reading.
- This bill would have established term limits for county commissioners. It was settled at 8 years with no retroactive penalties. This office will re-file this bill pending re-election.

HOUSE DISTRICT 1 – APPROPRIATIONS

- \$10,000,000 University of West Florida – Critical Infrastructure Satellite Utilities Plant – Phase II
- \$3,000,000 Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Godwin Lane Transfer Station
- \$1,113,713 IHMC Flood Project
- \$875,000 Nonie’s Place Children’s Therapy Center Expansion
- \$850,000 Take Stock in College
- \$750,000 Florida Law Enforcement Active Shooter Training
- \$578,688 Ascension Sacred Heart Nurse Residency Program
- \$500,000 Northwest Florida Military Resource Center
- \$275,000 Northwest Florida Area Agency on Aging Critical Infrastructure Improvements
- \$250,000 Continue the Mission Skill Bridge Pilot Program



PUBLICATIONS ADOPTED

- HR 8029 – Autism Awareness Month
- HR 8051 – National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day
- HR 8033 – Childhood and Adolescent Cancer Awareness Month
- HR 8047 – VATER Syndrome Awareness Month
- HR 8067 – Wolf-Hirschhorn/4p-Syndrome Awareness Day
- Tribute for Pensacola Navy Days
- Designates April 2024 as “Autism Awareness Month” in Florida
- Designates October 15, 2024 as “National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day” in Florida
- Designates September 2024 as “Childhood and Adolescent Cancer Awareness Month” in Florida
- Designates February 2024 as “VATER Syndrome Awareness Month” in Florida
- Designates April 16, 2024 as Wolf-Hirschhorn/4p-Syndrome Awareness Day
- Tribute for “Momma” Beatrice Thomas

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In the recent legislative session, Representative Salzman led the charge on crucial projects, securing funding through state appropriations. With unwavering dedication to the district, Representative Salzman ensured vital initiatives received the support needed to uplift her constituents' lives. From enhancing infrastructure to fostering community development, the efforts showcase a steadfast commitment to addressing district needs.

As we gear up for the next session, we will continue the mission to secure essential funding, fight for conservative values and address the needs of the constituents as they arise. Through-out the 2024 Legislative season, our office continued to provide casework assistance for our constituents.

The office has hosted a quarterly Food Distribution for almost four years, distributing over a quarter of a million dollars in fresh food to those in need as well as thousands of dollars in schools supplies and even car seats to families in need.

The office also hosts quarterly joint constituent service events, providing mobile office hours with every level of government attending.

Representative Salzman was appointed to the executive board for the Republican Party of Florida as the chair of the Appointee Caucus.

MENTAL HEALTH & FENTANYL CRISIS INITIATIVE

Representative Salzman created, implemented, and leads the Northwest Florida Mental Health Task Force. This Task Force has set precedent across the state for collaborative care models and many agencies have adopted the best practices state wide that were recommended through her leadership. This task force has also brought together a fundamental group of organizations who have committed to making a meaningful impact on access to mental health care in the panhandle.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

- Two Central Receiving Facilities launched to address the Baker Act patients in local ER facilities
- Pilot program for a Community Based Collaborative Care Long Term Treatment Facility launched in both Pensacola and Ft. Walton Beach
- 10 bed addiction recovery units offering specialized detox care to ensure a smooth continuum of care
- The taskforce completed a comprehensive study to develop a Strategic Plan for Mental Health in our area in preparation for addressing our areas' needs to the State
- Several state-wide agencies adopted best practices recommended by the NWFL Task Force
- Data sharing integration model pilot program at the state level stemming from the NWFL Task Force recommendations
- Data sharing between agencies and facilities to create an intricate care model within agencies
- Created a roadmap of mental health care in the community
- Century Correctional Institution transition
- Medicaid policy changes through AHCA improving access to therapies for children with Autism
- Business leader workshops on mental health in the workplace
- Expansion of mental health services at Health & Hope Clinic for the uninsured population
- 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
- Homeless Shelter bed dashboard created for the Homeless Task Force
- Share Your Heart, a faith-based partnership with DCF, expanded into Escambia County to assist families in need continues to touch lives through local churches