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LEGISLATIVE SESSION WEEK 3

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

As the third week of our legislative session concludes, I'd like to report the status of our bills and the wonderful constituents who traveled to Tallahassee to meet with us.

As always, if you have any questions as the session continues to progress, please feel free to reach out to my Tallahassee office or email me at Berman.Lori.Web@flsenate.gov.

Recent

Bill

Actions

SB

1198:

Purple

Alert

As a legislative priority of mine, SB 1198 creates the state's first-ever public advisory for missing intellectually or developmentally disabled adults whose disappearance poses an imminent threat to their safety. **On Monday, I presented SB 1198 to the Infrastructure and Security Committee, and it passed favorably in a**

5-0 vote. The bill now resides in the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs.



SB 1296: Health Access Dental Licenses

This bill reinstates the health access dental license to continue to allow out-of-state licensed dentists to work in underserved areas around the state. **SB 1296 has sailed through the Health Policy Committee and is on to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. I will be participating in a press conference next week about the importance of dental access and preventative care on the Dentists' Day at the Capitol.**

SB 660: Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act

This bill will provide consistency, uniformity and guidance to the courts throughout the state with respect to when a receiver should be appointed and will ensure that the status quo is preserved and/or the value and condition of the

property is preserved or realized for the benefit of the interested parties while a foreclosure or other action affecting the real property is pending. **SB 660 passed the Judiciary Committee and has been scheduled to be heard in the Committee on Commerce and Tourism next week.**

Constituent

Meetings

I had the pleasure of welcoming several groups and familiar faces to the Capitol this week, including the Democratic Women's Club of Palm Beach County, Equality Florida, Florida Youth SHINE, Home Care Association of Florida, American Institute of Architects, and Pace Center for Girls.





Budgets

The Florida Legislature has only one constitutional duty: to prepare a balanced budget. This week, the Senate and House released their preliminary budget proposals for this fiscal year. The Senate budget includes \$22.6 billion for schools, \$125 million for Florida Forever, \$319 for Everglades restoration, and a 3 percent raise for state employees. Key differences in the House's \$91.4 billion spending plan include no money for Visit Florida and a \$22.5 billion for public schools. Unsurprisingly, the two separate budgets are \$1.4 billion apart, leaving both chambers less than six weeks to negotiate and reconcile all budget silos.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas on how to help move our state forward, please contact our office.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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