



# 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## REPRESENTATIVE OVERDORF'S PASSED LEGISLATION

- **HB 331 Liens and Bonds:**
  - This bill streamlines and modernizes the lien law process.
- **HB 1135 Nitazene Derivatives:**
  - This bill permanently places Nitazene on the Schedule 1 Drug List.
- **HB 1337 Step into Success Workforce Education and Internship Pilot Program:**
  - Creates an internship and work skills program for foster youth over the age of 18.
- **HB 1379 Environmental Protection:**
  - This bill strengthens BMAPs and enhances the protection of the Indian River Lagoon.
- **HB 7027 Ratification of Rules of the Department of Environmental Protection:**
  - After passing the Cleanwater Ways Act, this bill ratifies 4 of the Department's Rules.
- **HB 7045 Human Trafficking, Prostitution, and Lewdness:**
  - The bill allows victims to bring a cause of action against enablers of trafficking, allows courts to create anti-trafficking educational programs for those who seek prostitution, and creates a state of the art lab at the University of South Florida that combats human trafficking.

## 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS:

- **HB 1 Education:**
  - This bill is the largest expansion of school choice in the nation, which unlocks customizable, high-quality education for all our students. Education Savings Accounts will fund our students with the tools to boost educational outcomes.
- **HB 3 Government and Corporate Activism:**
  - This bill fights back against agenda-laden environmental, social, and governance (ESG) investment strategies, which drive up the cost of living, undermine our national security, and bypass our democratic process.
- **HB 269 Public Nuisances:**
  - This bill takes a strong stand against religious discrimination and penalizes the distribution of hateful images, messages, and credible threats. Florida will not be home to antisemitism or any other form of religious discrimination.
- **HB 543 Public Safety:**
  - This bill enhances Floridians' 2nd Amendment rights by eliminating the need for a concealed weapons license for those who are currently qualified and updates threat management and safety standards in schools statewide.
- **HB 837 Civil Remedies:**
  - This bill enacts meaningful tort reform. It limits fee multipliers and one-way attorney fees, streamlines the civil litigation process, provides more accurate information on medical damages, and allows a more fair assessment of fault to drive down the litigative costs of living and doing business in Florida.
- **HB 1181 Seagrass Restoration:**
  - This bill takes a significant step to restore Florida's seagrass ecosystem by establishing the Seagrass Restoration Technology Development Initiative and a 10-year Florida Restoration Plan, investing \$10 million in the initiative.

# APPROPRIATIONS & BUDGET

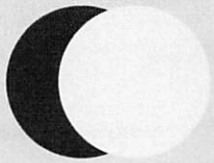
## REPRESENTATIVE OVERDORF'S FUNDED APPROPRIATIONS PROJECTS

- Digital Forensic Center of Excellence
  - \$1,500,000
- St. Lucie Veterans Homeless Community Village
  - \$875,000
- Port St. Lucie - Public Works Administrative Complex/ Emergency Operations Center
  - \$1,000,000
- Storm Debris & Agricultural Plastic Waste Market Enhancement Initiative
  - \$1,345,514
- Florida Research & Innovation Center - Protein Production for Novel Therapeutic Development
  - \$750,000

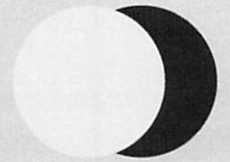
## BUDGET INCLUSION

Over \$260,000,000 coming to the Treasure Coast!

- \$100 million for Indian River Lagoon Restoration
- \$300 million for Resiliency projects to mitigate the effects of sea level rise
- \$382.5 million for Everglades restoration projects
- \$83.85 million to Indian River State College
- \$123.9 million for Martin County's Florida Education Finance Program
- \$309.5 million for St. Lucie County's Florida Education Finance Program
  - For more detail, please see Representative Overdorf or staff



## TAX PACKAGE



HB 7063 and SB 7062 are the annual legislative tax packages. HB 7063 was approved unanimously by the House Ways & Means Committee on April 10th. SB 7062 was unanimously approved by the Senate Finance & Tax Committee on April 18th.

### Sales Tax Exemptions:

- Permanent exemption for baby and toddler products
- Permanent exemption for adult diapers and incontinence products
- Permanent exemption for oral hygiene products
- Permanent exemption for qualifying machinery and equipment necessary for the production of renewable natural gas
- Back to School Sales Tax Holiday
  - Two periods: 7/24/23-8/6/23 & 1/1/24-1/14/24
- Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday
  - Period: 5/27/23-6/9/23
  - Also includes pet supplies and pet medicine
- Freedom Summer Sales Tax Holiday
  - Period: 5/29/23-9/4/23
  - Tax Exemption for admission to live music and sporting events, movies, ballet, play, or musical theatre performance, fair, festival, or cultural events scheduled to be held between 5/29/23 and 12/31/23.