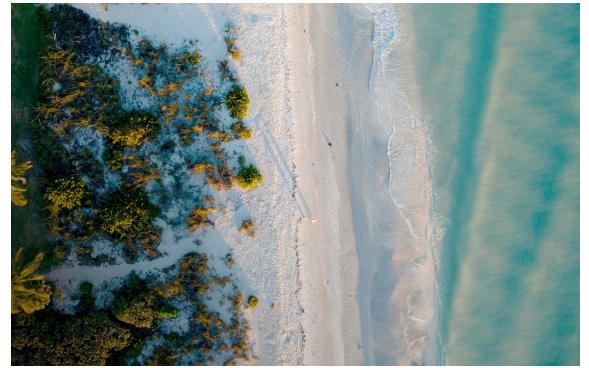




2026 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



Florida's coast and ocean contribute more than \$270 billion to the state's economy and support over 2 million jobs. They are a defining quality of the state and part of our Florida way of life. But Florida's coastal communities and environments are increasingly under siege from the impacts of development, pollution, and sea level rise. Dynamic and proactive state leadership is needed to ensure resilient coastlines, healthy beaches, clean water, and thriving communities.

ADVANCE RESILIENCY SOLUTIONS

Florida's coastal communities, infrastructure, and marine ecosystems are increasingly threatened by sea level rise, extreme weather events, and flooding. Bold state leadership is needed to implement solutions that advance dynamic resilience, protect communities, and support critical marine and coastal environments.

Support: SB302/HB1035 Nature-Based Solutions; SB546/HB441 Conservation Lands; SB840 Land Use Regulations; FY27 appropriations for Resilient Florida grant programs & Florida Forever

Oppose: SB354/HB299 Blue Ribbon Projects; SB208/HB399 Land Use & Development Regulations

PROTECT CLEAN WATER & PUBLIC HEALTH

Sewage spills and stormwater runoff threaten the health of beachgoers, coastal ecosystems, and economies. Consistent water quality monitoring and public notification are needed to protect public health and inform scalable solutions. We must also maintain water quality oversight and enforcement while advancing efforts to repair and update Florida's failing water management infrastructure.

Support: SB1042/HB669 Public Waters; FY 27 appropriations for water quality improvements

Oppose: SB718/HB479 Water Management; SB588/HB105 Local Government Enforcement Actions

REDUCE POLLUTION & MARINE DEBRIS

Each year, an estimated 7,000 tons of wasteful plastic pollution enters the ocean in Florida, posing a major threat to our waterways and marine environments, public health, and tourism-driven economy. Clean water and healthy coasts are tremendous economic assets in Florida – our waterways and beaches draw millions of visitors to the state every year and support over a million jobs. Reducing plastic pollution and marine debris helps protect these assets for Floridians today and for future generations.

Support: SB240/HB575 Auxiliary Containers

Oppose: SB766 Waste Management & HB629 Regulation of Auxiliary Containers

About the Surfrider Foundation

The Surfrider Foundation is a grassroots nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our ocean, waves, and beaches for all people. Surfrider's nationwide network of more than 200 volunteer-led chapters and clubs work to protect thousands of miles of United States coastline through education, advocacy, and stewardship. In Florida, Surfrider has 12 volunteer-led chapters and 11 student clubs.