

High Performance Government

Floridians do not want a government that tries to do all things for all people. They want a government that focuses on the important things, and does them well. They want a focused, high performance government.

- *House Speaker Larry Cretul
Remarks, Opening Day
March 2, 2010*

- ***State Budget Made Responsible***

- Budget within existing revenues
- Distinguish between core functions of government and non-essential functions, and then reduce, phase out or eliminate non-essential functions of government
- Establish the ***Florida Savings Fund*** to ensure adequate cash reserves to protect Florida's bond rating
- Ensure transparency of the budget process by
 - publically disclosing allocations
 - providing plain-language explanatory comments on budget spreadsheets
 - publishing a separate spreadsheet highlighting all new budget proviso
 - requiring a public process for budget proviso during the conference process including a requirement that proviso be published with the conference meeting notice
 - publicly disclose any documents or communications by the Speaker of the House to the Senate President regarding the content of the budget process

- ***State Government Made Accountable***

- Modernize and consolidate the Auditor General and OPPAGA into the ***Legislative Accountability Office***, which will, using rigorous auditing and research methodologies, examine:
 - the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of state programs
 - the structure and design of state agencies
 - the adequacy of financial and management processes used by agencies
 - alternative methods of providing programs, services or products
- Integrate the Legislative Accountability Office into the operations of the Legislature to ensure responsiveness and relevancy
- Provide a mechanism for state employees to report waste, fraud or abuse to the Legislative Accountability Office
- Authorize the Legislative Budget Commission to withhold funding for agencies until deficiencies identified by the Legislative Accountability Office are corrected
- Reduce the Legislature's budget by eliminating all joint committees and joint operations of the Legislature except for those select entities that provide consistent measurable value to the Legislature's oversight, budgeting or lawmaking functions

- ***State Law Made Clear***

- Begin a comprehensive review of the Florida statutes and identify and repeal outdated or unnecessary statutes
- Identify and correct statutes where the Legislature has improperly or poorly delegated rulemaking authority to the agencies

- ***State Agencies Made Efficient***

- Examine the state's fleet management practices, consolidate passenger cars and trucks under a single, managing entity and allow agencies to share or lease vehicles
- Create a statewide, comprehensive database of state-owned real property and establish policies for the disposal of state-owned property
- Establish statewide policies to limit publically provided wireless communications devices
- Evaluate state agency contract centers (aka call centers) to see whether efficiencies or savings may be found through consolidation
- Move the Department of Management Services under the jurisdiction of the Cabinet
- Establish a specific time period for agencies to report delinquent accounts to DFS for collection and require the Chief Financial Officer to submit an annual report detailing the status of collections efforts by all state agencies
- Improve collections by increasing the number of tax auditors for the Department of Revenue and providing a structured tax amnesty to encourage payment of past-due taxes

- **Government Contracting Made Rational**

- Clarify definitions and procurement procedures
- Eliminate certain exemptions from competitive procurement
- Increase thresholds for purchasing categories in order to simplify acquisition of commodities and services involving relatively modest expenditures
- Establish a process for designating a lead contract manager for health and human service providers with multiple state contracts and eliminating duplicative reporting and monitoring procedures

- **Agency Organization Made Modern: *The Department of Health***

- Establish priorities among public health functions

- Eliminate vague and expansive statutory directives and replace with clear performance measures
- Develop accountability measures for executive management including providing greater administrative flexibility while linking poor performance to specific consequences (e.g. reductions in compensation)
- Streamline the department's organizational structure
- Eliminate unnecessary or redundant advisory groups
- Transfer certain functions to more appropriate state agencies
- Modernize cost allocation formulas for funding public health services at the state and local level to ensure greater accountability for the use of public funds

➤ **Employee Benefits Made Reasonable**

- Modernize the employee health plan to allow for greater employee choice of benefit plans in exchange for employee contributions
- Provide agencies with flexibility in managing salaries within an allocated (and reduced) salary budget to allow managers greater freedom to retain productive employees and eliminate low performing employees
- Eliminate collective bargaining for state employees with the exception of areas of public health and public safety

State Budget Made Responsible

Budget within existing revenues- ***Chairman Rivera***

Distinguish between core and non-essential government functions- ***Chairman Rivera***

Establish the *Florida Savings Fund*- ***Speaker Pro-Tempore Reagan***

Bringing transparency to the state budget- ***Chairman Proctor***

State Government Made Accountable

Modernize and consolidate the Auditor General and OPPAGA into the *Legislative Accountability Office*- ***Representative Eisnaugle***

Reduce the Legislature's budget by eliminating many joint committees and joint operations of the Legislature- ***Speaker-designate Cannon***

State Law Made Clear

Repeal outdated or unnecessary statutes- ***Chairman Hukill***

Identify and correct statutes where the Legislature has improperly or poorly delegated rulemaking authority to the agencies- ***Representative Ford***

State Agencies Made Efficient- Chairman Schenck

- Government Contracting Made Rational – ***Chairman Bogdanoff/Representative Eisnaugle***
- Agency Organization Made Modern- ***Chairman Grimsley/ Representative Hudson***
- Employee Benefits Made Reasonable
 - Modernize employee health plan- ***Chairman Aubuchon***
 - Provide agencies with flexibility in managing salaries- ***Chairman Weatherford***
 - Eliminate collective bargaining for non-public safety, non-public health employees- ***Representative O'Toole***