

# The Halftime Report

**Florida's all-important legislative season is well-underway and EDF is leading a team of advocates and supporters toward two big wins—building Florida's resilience against climate change and promoting electric vehicles.**

## Team Resilience

**EDF is driving down the field to win the day in Tallahassee, where legislators have reported to the Capitol and completed the first half of the 2021 legislative session.**

**Thirty days have passed, and these key victories could slip through our hands unless we play through the final whistle and finish strong.**

In the pre-season, Senate President Wilton Simpson and Speaker Chris Sprowls laid out their game plan on climate change with a joint opinion editorial on resilience. Meanwhile, team captains stepped up with Senator Ray Rodrigues sponsoring SB 514 which proposed an empowered Office of Resilience. The legislation was cosponsored in the House by Representative Chip LaMarca.

Senator Jeff Brandes is sponsoring SB 138 on Electric Vehicles. In the House, co-captains Jackie Toledo and Rene Plasencia, are carrying the companion legislation, HB 817 on electric vehicles. Each of these members has earned MVP nominations for their impressive performances so far.

**After kick-off on March 2, Team Resilience moved efficiently behind the hot hand of SB 514 quarterback Senator Ray Rodrigues. On the first drive of the game, Resilience took center stage when SB 514 (Rodrigues) and HB 315 were introduced and assigned to key committees.**



SB 138 creates the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program and a supplemental master plan to address innovations in electric vehicle charging infrastructure—all of which will reduce Florida's carbon emissions and provide Floridians with cleaner, safer air. The bill is now one committee closer to the goal line.

HB 315 and SB 514 strengthen Florida against flooding and sea level rise by establishing the Statewide Office of Resiliency within the Executive Office of the Governor and creating the Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task Force.

**First Half Highlights**

# MVP NOMINEES

**President Wilton Simpson  
Speaker Chris Sprowls  
Senator George Gainer  
Senator Ed Hooper  
Senator Gayle Harrell  
Senator Keith Perry  
Senator Jeff Brandes  
Senator Jason Brodeur  
Senator Linda Stewart  
Senator Anthony Rodriguez**

**Senator Ray Rodrigues  
Senator Ileana Garcia  
Representative Rene Plasencia  
Representative Jackie Toledo  
Representative Brad Drake  
Representative Chip LaMarca  
Representative Nicholas Duran  
Representative Michael Grieco  
Representative Andrew Learned  
Representative Allison Tant**



## Keys to the Game

SB 138/HB 817-EV'S		SB 514/HB 315-Resilience	
SB 138: Must be put on the Appropriations Committee Agenda. Call or email Chairwoman Stargel to ask for the bill to be put on the agenda.	HB 817: Must be heard in all 3 Committees of Reference. Call or email Chairman Drake to ask for the bill to be put on the agenda.	SB 514: Must be heard in two remaining committees of reference. Call or email Chairman Albritton to ask for the bill to be put on the agenda.	HB 315: Must be heard in all three committees of reference. Call or email Chairman Buchanan to ask for the bill to be put on the agenda.
Get off to a fast start – With only 4 weeks of session remaining, clock management is key. It's imperative that we move the resiliency and EV bills through their final committees and get them to the floor for a full vote as quickly as possible.			
Hold onto the football – No turnovers or unnecessary mistakes, including bad amendments that could kill our momentum.			
Win the Big Matchups – Make sure our voice is heard in the legislature, where one on one conversations can be the difference between winning and losing.			

# GAME ON

**Help us keep these important bills moving by contacting the relevant committee chairs and their members. Ask them to MOVE these bills down the field!**

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this important legislative contest.

**We need YOU to help us put the ball in the end zone and deliver a win for Florida.**



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