2025-2026 Legislative Budget Request

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Ten Percent Reduction Exercise

In preparation for the 2025-2026 LBR submission to the Legislature and to the Governor, all state agencies were asked to identify the programs and/or services that would be eliminated or reduced if a 10% budget reduction is enacted for FY 2025-2026. This is a recurring request.

For the State University System, the total amount of reductions is estimated to be **\$408 million**. Each institution was allocated a proportionate amount of the total reduction based on their recurring general revenue and lottery appropriations for FY 2024-2025. This amount includes reductions for student financial assistance and special units, such as medical schools and the Institute of Food and Agricultural Science (IFAS).

The universities have identified various reduction proposals, and the following are some examples:

- > Reduce purchasing, faculty and administrative hiring and retention, and severely restrict travel
- > Elimination of faculty, administrative, and staff positions
- ➤ Reduce services and programs offered to students, such as the number of classes offered, available advisors, and various student support services
- > Reduce visitor/adjunct faculty budgets
- ➤ Limit outside legal counsel and reduce professional development opportunities
- Postpone initiatives to improve operational efficiencies due to limited financial resources
- > Reduce information technology infrastructure and expensive data security measures
- Delay plans to build additional infrastructure and critical infrastructure repair and maintenance
- Reduce outreach programs for new students
- Reduce student scholarships and need-based student financial aid
- > Reduce support for educational outreach, public service, and regional economic development
- > Reduce library resources and hours for students who utilize these facilities for research and study
- Reduce enrollment to maintain faculty-to-student ratios
- ➤ Eliminate training and development opportunities except those requiring credentials for faculty and staff
- Reduce internships and work opportunities offered
- Reduce medical research activities and medical and physician assistant student research opportunities and exposure
- Reduce operations, scholarships, and initial and continuing grants of the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities at UCF
- Reduce operations, statewide data management, independent evaluation studies, and statewide convenings for UCF's Community School Grant Program
- > Eliminate one or more entire operating units within the IFAS budget entity
- Reduce research, facility maintenance, personnel, student integration, travel, training, and IT for the FL Industrial Phosphate Research Institute

For detailed reports by institution, please contact the Board of Governors Office.