



## **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Dear Legislature Participant,

Welcome to the 53rd session of the Florida 4-H Legislature! My name is AseyeShika Nukunya, your 2024-2025 Legislature Planning Committee Chair. I will be serving as your Lieutenant Governor during our session, and I can't wait to meet all of you in Tallahassee! Legislature (affectionately called LEG for short) is an exciting week, and I hope you are ready to lobby for (or against!) bills written by your Planning Committee, meet new people and build lasting friendships, and learn more about our Legislative process. Get ready to jump into your role as a Senator, Representative, Media Correspondent, or Lobbyist! LEG week is full of opportunities, such as our time in the capitol, and our opportunity to debate real-life, important topics, and I want you all to take advantage of everything. This opportunity will enable you to not only grow as a 4-Her, but as a civically minded individual as well.

Your 2025 Legislature Planning Committee has been working hard all year to plan this event. We all want you to have the best experience possible. If you have questions, or ever need assistance, you can identify the LEG Planning Committee members by their gold name tags. Please don't hesitate to ask them for help! They are prepared to help, whether you need help with the schedule, assistance with a bill, or aid locating your committee room. Your Planning Committee is here to help.

In order to fully prepare for LEG, I encourage every participant to read through the provided documents entitled Manual 1 and Manual 2, found on the Florida 4-H Legislature website. Understanding the contents of these documents will ensure that you feel comfortable in your assigned role. Manual 1 includes information about 4-H Legislature, parliamentary procedure for use within chambers and committee meetings, and information specific to each role. Manual 2 includes the bills which will be lobbied for and debated during the week at the capitol. A detailed schedule will also be provided on the Florida 4-H Legislature website. Please familiarize yourself with the schedule and be aware of the layout of each day, so you can be prepared for each activity.

As we move closer to LEG, I would encourage you to thoroughly read the provided bills and find the topics you are interested in. Research the background and context of the bill, so you can feel prepared during the week. By looking deeper into the bills, you can foster more involved debate, making LEG more impactful for everyone.

Again, I am so excited to meet all of you, and welcome you to Legislature! I understand that LEG is a big event; my first year, I felt overwhelmed, but by the end of the week, I had found my new favorite 4-H event. My advice: take some deep breaths, prepare yourself, and engage in these important discussions. Preparation and research will not just make the event better for you, but it will allow different, maybe even opposing, opinions and beliefs to be voiced and heard. I hope you all enjoy the our amazing Legislature event!

Sincerely,  
AseyeShika Nukunya  
2025 Legislature Planning Committee Youth Chair