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**Appropriation Projects by Representative Chambliss Added in
the 2021 State Budget**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Yesterday, the Florida state budget for the 2021 legislative session was released and 3 out of 4 projects filed by **Representative Kevin Chambliss (D-Homestead)** have made it in the budget. The Homestead Automatic Flushing System Project, [HB 3121](#), will help the City of Homestead and some areas of Unincorporated Miami-Dade County enhance its water quality by maintaining regulated chlorine disinfections level in treated water and to flush sediments at dead water mains. The Water Tower Pump Station, [HB 3123](#), will also help the City of Homestead meet its water demands in the area and to more effectively use to water tower for maximum storage.

The third project, [HB 3119](#), is agriculture based; reducing the spread and distribution of Laurel Wilt Disease that strongly effects the Florida Avocado industry. Laurel Wilt Disease is an invasive fungus that is carried by the invasive Red Bay Ambrosia beetle, which bore into trees in the avocado family thus infecting them with the fungus. The Florida Avocado industry, the State's second largest tree crop behind citrus, is threatened with eradication, and needs assistance with the Laurel Wilt/Ambrosia Beetle issue. Since 2012, more than 100,000 commercial avocado trees have died due to Laurel Wilt.

“I am proud to have been able to help secure much needed resources for the City of Homestead and Miami-Dade County,” said **Representative Chambliss**. “I am committed to continue to support our Agriculture industry while also address the water quality issues we have here in South Dade and the State of Florida.”

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