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First Committee**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – In response to the committee vote referring [House Bill 1](#) to its next House committee, Florida House Democrats provided the following statements.

“While I am disappointed my third amendment was not accepted to give Florida’s families the accountability and transparency they deserve so they make the right choice for their children, we will continue working with our Republican counterparts to ensure no student gets left behind,” said Choice and Innovation Subcommittee **Democratic Ranking Member Representative Susan L. Valdés (D-Tampa)**.

“Today’s committee hearing hosted a robust discussion about policy and finance, but we need to realize that is ultimately about the children,” said **Representative Kevin Chambliss (D-Homestead)**. “Each child is different and unique, especially those with disabilities. Every child deserves quality education, and I sincerely hope we can work together to put our children before the politics of the bill.”

“Today’s vote is disappointing. While there is definitely room for innovation in the public-school system, the negative fiscal impact on public schools will be felt on the back of public school students,” said **Representative Katherine Waldron (D-Wellington)**.

This morning’s Choice and Innovation Subcommittee hearing can be replayed any time via [The Florida Channel’s archive](#).

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