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## **Representative Fentrice Driskell Makes History as First Black Woman Elected to Lead Florida's House Democratic Caucus**

**Tallahassee, FL - Representative Fentrice Driskell (D-Tampa)** was unanimously elected to lead the Florida House Democratic Caucus as Leader-Designate for the 2024-2026 legislative term, becoming the first Black woman to ever lead the caucus.

Representative Fentrice Driskell was elected to the Florida House in November 2018 after defeating an incumbent. She is an attorney who currently practices law with Carlton Fields in Tampa, Florida. As an honors graduate who received her degree in Government from Harvard University, Representative Driskell also made history as the first Black student to be elected President of Harvard's student government, the Undergraduate Council.

During this year's legislative session, Representative Driskell led the House Democratic Caucus as Policy Chair, a role in which she briefed members daily before heading to the House Floor. Additionally, Representative Driskell led the Florida Legislative Black Caucus' efforts on police reform by negotiating with Republican House Leadership for several months, resulting in the unanimous passage of [HB 7051](#), a bill containing several measures to increase transparency and accountability in policing that is currently awaiting the Governor's signature. The House Democratic Caucus' response to HB1, the anti-protest legislation introduced in the wake of the Black Lives Matter protests for George Floyd was also developed and spearheaded by Representative Driskell.

"I am honored to continue serving the Caucus in this new role as Leader Designate

and to be the first Black woman to do so," said Rep. Driskell. "I am thankful for the opportunity to lead this Caucus and, along with my colleagues, work to ensure a brighter future for all Floridians. Together, we will continue breaking barriers, inspiring a new generation of leaders to run for public office, and passing substantive policy reforms that improve the lives of everyone in our great state," said **Representative Fentrice Driskell (D-Tampa)**.

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State Representative Fentrice Driskell represents Florida House District 63, which is located in Hillsborough County and includes the Tampa-area communities of Carrollwood, Lake Magdalene, Lutz, University, New Tampa, and Pebble Creek.