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Florida legislative leaders to hold jobs summit**Miami Herald, The (FL) - Wednesday, December 23, 2009**

Florida's incoming legislative leaders will hold a Job Summit next month to set a direction for the 2010 session. The summit Jan. 14 and 15 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel in Orlando will include representatives of business, government, education and labor.

Groups expected to participate include Associated Industries of Florida, the Florida Chamber of Commerce, the Florida Retail Federation, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, the AFL-CIO and the Florida Education Association.

Sen. Mike Haridopolos, who will be the new Senate president, and Rep. Dean Cannon, who will be speaker of the House, said in a joint statement that they want to identify and remove barriers to job creation, develop financial and tax incentives to lure new jobs to Florida, and help existing employers create new jobs and retain existing jobs.

"Creating jobs will be job No. 1 for the Florida Legislature in the 2010 session," Haridopolos said.

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