



# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- **EDUCATION**

SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN K-12 AND HIGHER EDUCATION

- **HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS**

SUPPORT THE 'WORKPLACE VIOLENCE ACT' TO ENHANCE PROTECTION FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

- **HOUSING & TRANSPORTATION**

SUPPORT ATTAINABLE HOUSING INITIATIVES THAT ARE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN OUR WORKFORCE AND CONTINUE TO GROW OUR ECONOMY

- **SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY**

ENSURING RESILIENCY EFFORTS ARE NOT AT THE COST OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH



## **EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

- Support additional recurring funding for USF St. Petersburg
- Support USFSP Funding Request for the Environmental & Oceanographic Science Building
- Support the continuation and expansion of technical education and workforce development in K-12 and higher education
- Support the alignment of VPK Assessments to developmental standards
- Support any program that supports nursing education for healthcare workers in all hospitals
- Non-custodial Parent Employment Program Appropriation
- Support efforts to increase internet adoption through continued funding for digital education and supporting broadband literacy
- Support funding for the St Pete Science Center
- Support for Florida Holocaust Museum appropriations requests

## **HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS**

- Preserve Medicaid Base Rates
- Preserve funding for necessary specialties services (SNF & Specialty Licensed Children's Hospitals)
- Support the 'Workplace Violence Act' to enhance protection for healthcare workers
- Support policies and initiatives that move to eradicate food insecurities
- Support increased funding for Behavioral Health and policies and initiatives that expand access to these services

## **HOUSING & TRANSPORTATION**

- Support Property Insurance Reform that would reduce costs for homeownership
- Support funding for local affordable housing developments
- Support policy changes and budget solutions which provide additional opportunities to support affordable housing, such as an increase to the CCTCP or changes to allowable use for NMTCs
- Property Tax Cap for Multifamily Units
- Funding support for Cross-bay Ferry Service and study for additional commuter service routes
- Regional connectivity solutions for Brightline (High Capacity Federal Grant)

## **BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Support Tort Reform
- Support fully funding Enterprise Florida to help attract businesses to the State
- Support fully funding Visit Florida
- Reduce the Communications Services Tax which ranks 12th highest in the nation
- Support efforts to increase internet availability through continued funding of the broadband opportunity grant program

## **SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY**

- Support flood mitigation and hurricane hardening strategies and grant opportunities
- Support investment in waterways and quality as it affects our everyday lives, including red tide mitigation technologies and blue-green algae testing
- Support efforts to promote water quality and infrastructure growth
- Support resiliency efforts that protect our community while assisting businesses in responding and adapting to changing conditions

