

{2021} Central Florida Development Council Legislative Agenda



Competitive Florida Tax Refund Program for Businesses

- Reinstatement of F.S. 288.106 Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund program.



Heartland Headwaters Protection and Sustainability Act

- Support the funding request that would enable Polk County, on behalf of the PRWC, to develop non-traditional alternative water supply projects and interconnect piping to “wheel water” throughout the county, optimizing existing allocations and facilities.



Transportation Infrastructure

- Support funding for the Interstate 4 at SR 33 (Exit 38) reconstruction project and overall, four-lane improvement in SR 33 corridor.
- Support the funding to construct North Ridge Trail Phase 1 that will provide a parallel corridor to US 27 north of Interstate 4.



Talent Pipeline

- Support Florida Polytechnic University in their request for a recurring \$3 million increase to its base operating budget and \$15 million in PECO funds to complete the construction of the Applied Research Center.
- Support Polk State College in their request to preserve its base operating budget of \$31.9 million to ensure continued critical student and academic support services that allow for the effective execution of academic and workforce programs and the success of students. Support Polk State College's request for PECO funds to enhance safety and security measures as well as funds to complete renovations and remodeling on the Winter Haven Campus.
- Support the requests of Florida Southern College, Keiser University, Southeastern University, Warner University and Webber International University to preserve Effective Access to Student Education (EASE) voucher funding.



Workforce Housing

- Support using all money in the State and Local Housing Trust Funds for affordable housing and the elimination of the cap on the State and Local Housing Trust Funds.



COVID-19

- Support legislation that prioritizes a seamless administration of vaccinations for Florida's citizens.
- Support legislation that implements legal protections for employers following public health and safety guidelines against COVID-19 liability lawsuits.



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