



Legislative Priorities

USF St. Petersburg Campus

- \$30 million in Capital Improvement Funding for Marine Sciences Building **Funded at \$75 Million**
- \$25 million to fund Nursing and Environmental Science Cluster Programs **Funded at \$25 Million**

Transportation

- Commission Study to develop connections between Brightline terminus and St. Petersburg/Clearwater
- Provide funding to connect St. Petersburg to East Hillsborough via ferry service

Employee Health and Wellness

- Increase funding for behavioral and mental health programs **\$127 Million**
- Support the Florida Competitive Workforce Act which provides that sexual orientation and gender identity are impermissible grounds for discrimination

Additional Agenda Items:

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- Communications:
 - Reduce the Communications Services Tax
 - Exempt Sales Taxes on Broadband Equipment
 - Support adequate funding of the newly created broadband opportunity grant program within the Department of Economic Opportunity
- Business Rent Tax:
 - Support further reduction of the business rent tax
- Employment:
 - Non-Custodial Parent Employment Program (\$500,000)
- Enterprise Florida:
 - Support fully funding Enterprise Florida to help attract businesses to the state
Funded at \$12 million
- Carter G. Woodson Museum:
 - Support \$5 million funding request *Funded at \$500,000*
- St. Petersburg Science Center:
 - Support funding \$500,000 funding request *Funded at \$2 million*
- Education: *Increased VPK per-pupil spending by \$317 per child, \$156 million for school readiness program*
 - Support maximizing early learning investments through pay-for-performance, increased accountability and workforce development in early education
 - Support the alignment of VPK assessments to developmental standards
- Film Industry:
 - Support the reinstatement of tax credits to encourage filming in Florida as an economic development tool
- Visit Florida: *Extended to 2028 at \$50 million/year*
 - Support fully funding Visit Florida to overcome effects of COVID-19 and Red Tide on tourism

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