



STATE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE PROGRAM

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EXCERPTS

II. COMMISSION PRIORITY ISSUES

JUVENILE JUSTICE

SUPPORT continued funding for organizations providing pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, or internship programs for disadvantaged youth and for organizations providing re-entry programs.

SMALL BUSINESSES

SUPPORT policies and legislation that assist small and disadvantaged businesses through such capacity building components as access to banking and financing, insurance and bonding, business development, technical assistance trainings, workforce development, and mentor-protégé programming. Also, **SUPPORT** the creation of small business loan programs targeted to small and emerging businesses in Broward County.

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

SUPPORT policy proposals and funding for workforce development, apprenticeship, and pre-apprenticeship programs.

MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESS

SUPPORT continued funding for the Black Business Loan Fund and Hispanic Business Investment Grant Fund. Also, **SUPPORT** legislation that would increase funding for economic development programs in low-income/high poverty communities and create programs, which would stimulate economic development within Broward County.

OPPORTUNITY ZONES

SUPPORT legislation providing guidelines and incentives for investors that provide employment and contracting opportunities for those living in all Florida Designated Opportunity Zones.

FILM, TELEVISION AND DIGITAL MEDIA INCENTIVES

SUPPORT film, television and digital media production, and other entertainment grant opportunities that would focus on local talent and businesses, in turn increasing local revenue and tourism. Support initiatives for the film, television and entertainment production industries that will promote tourism, foster economic development, and create high-wage, high-skilled jobs for Floridians.

IV. COMMISSION POLICY POSITIONS

LOCAL HIRE AND LOCAL PREFERENCE PROGRAMS

SUPPORT policies and measures that allow local hire and local preference programs to be utilized on state-funded transportation and infrastructure projects.

VI. STATEWIDE APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

EARLY LEARNING FUNDING

SUPPORT increased funding for children in early learning and school age care to ensure access to educational and enrichment programs that support low-income working families and children's readiness for and success in school. Further, **SUPPORT** investments in early learning infrastructure through stabilization grants to providers and additional funding to families for childcare.

FLORIDA JOB GROWTH FUND

SUPPORT \$85 million in funding for the Florida Job Growth Fund. The fund is a flexible, transparent economic development program used to promote public infrastructure and individual job training, which will encourage more businesses to choose Florida as a destination for business.