

FLORIDA Space Day

2021 ADVOCACY AGENDA

Ensure Florida's businesses have access to a highly skilled workforce

As Florida's aerospace industry continues to grow and expand, we must ensure businesses have the ability to recruit from a highly skilled workforce within the state.

ACTION ITEMS

POLICY

- Support **SB 586-Wright/HB 435-Sirois**, facilitating job placement efforts for service members, including those skilled in aerospace professions, transitioning into civilian careers
- Support legislation that creates targeted, high-tech apprenticeship and internship programs
- Support CareerSource Florida workforce initiatives, including apprenticeship expansion

BUDGET

- Fully fund Quick Response Training (QRT) grants at \$9M, supporting high-tech jobs
- Support Florida's Job Growth Fund at Governor DeSantis' \$50M request, including \$10M for Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program

Enhance Florida's extensive aerospace infrastructure and solidify the state's role in the development of the aerospace industry

Florida has been known as the home of the aerospace industry. Florida must not slow down its investment in infrastructure and industry development to continue competing in the global economy.

ACTION ITEMS

POLICY

- Support **HB 221-Sirois/SB 936-Wright and HB 639-Sirois**, providing for reporting of space hardware recovery and creation of safety zones in space vehicle recovery areas

BUDGET

- Support Governor DeSantis' recommendation of \$6M for the aerospace financing fund
- Fully support Space Florida's requested budget of \$12.5M
- Fully fund the Florida Department of Transportation's five-year work program, which includes aerospace infrastructure funding

Promote Florida's first-class business climate and innovation within the state

For Florida to continue on its path of economic growth and remain a leader in space exploration and commerce, the state must maintain a tax-friendly environment, decrease potential for unfairly burdensome litigation, and encourage innovative solutions for companies doing business in our state.

ACTION ITEMS

POLICY

- Support **SB 982-Gruters/ HB 6071-LaMarca**, renewing the Qualified Target Industry (QTI) program
- Support further reduction in sales tax on commercial real estate property
- Support an increase to the R&D tax credit to promote technical innovation and competitiveness

BUDGET

- Support and fund Enterprise Florida's function as Florida's economic development agency

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