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Where Legislators Stood on the Florida Chamber's 2019 Jobs and Competitiveness Agenda



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2019 Legislative Summary



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2018-2019 Chair
Florida Chamber of Commerce



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Florida Chamber of Commerce

Florida Chamber Members and Friends:

Six months after the launch of Florida's 2030 Blueprint, commonly known as Florida's Next Strategic Plan, Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Legislature advanced many of the ideas outlined in the plan.

Year after year, the Florida Chamber has been at the forefront of fighting for issues that impact Florida's competitiveness. Lawmakers passed 20 Florida Chamber-backed bills that will help lower the cost of living for families, reduce the cost of doing business for job creators and prepare for Florida's future growth.

The Florida Chamber's 2019 legislative agenda was supported by more than 75,000 letters of support and 14,000 petitions to lawmakers, hundreds of local chamber members traveling to Tallahassee to meet with their lawmakers, and the Florida Chamber testified before House and Senate committees more than 115 times - all backed by a lobbying, grassroots and public affairs team of 30 strong.

Throughout the 60-day process, the Florida Chamber took on attacks from those that want to make Florida less competitive, including government unions, billboard trial lawyers and extremist groups fighting against smart growth.

Recognizing that economic, political and demographic shifts have placed Florida in a fragile and changing position, it's vital that Florida's business community unite to elect pro-jobs candidates to ensure the right outcomes happen for Florida.

The Florida Chamber's 2019 How They Voted includes:

- ▶ Results of the Florida Chamber's 2019 Jobs Agenda, including details of how the Florida Chamber helped stop 20 job killing proposals that would have hurt Floridians and job growth.
- ▶ The Florida Chamber's Annual Legislative Report Card, a comprehensive report based on thousands of individual votes cast by lawmakers, which provides members with objective information on how legislators voted on your key legislative priorities.

We look forward to continuing to work with Governor Ron DeSantis, Senate President Bill Galvano, House Speaker Jose Oliva, the Florida Cabinet, the Florida Legislature, agency leaders in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C., our congressional delegation and YOU to make sure the right things happen in Florida.

Sincerely,

Bob Grammig
2018-2019 Chair
Florida Chamber of Commerce

Mark Wilson
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P.S. To help us keep Florida's momentum going, please visit us at www.FloridaChamber.com and engage with us.

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FLORIDA CHAMBER'S 2019 MOST VALUABLE LEGISLATOR AND LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD

Free Enterprise Isn't Free



Mark Wilson, President of the Florida Chamber, and Florida Chamber members launch the Florida Chamber 2019 Florida Business Agenda.

“The Florida Chamber is second to none when it comes to fighting for free enterprise and getting results in Tallahassee.”

WILL WEATHERFORD
Weatherford Partners,
Florida Chamber Board of Director,
Former Speaker of the Florida House

GET INVOLVED:

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Every day, the Florida Chamber of Commerce fights to unify Florida's business community. Our focus—through smart policy, helping to elect pro-jobs candidates and forward-looking research—is to make Florida more competitive so Florida's job creators can create quality jobs, economic opportunity for all and grow Florida's economy.

Today, Florida's future is at a crossroads and we are focused on making Florida the state others look to for leadership.

Consider the facts:

- ▶ In 2018, Florida became a \$1 trillion economy and is now ranked the 21st most diverse state economy in America. If Florida were a country, we would be the 17th largest economy in the world.
- ▶ Florida is welcoming nearly 900 new residents per day and is expected to welcome 4.5 million more residents by 2030.
- ▶ Over \$1 billion was spent during the 2018 election cycle in Florida, with the Governor's race ranking as the most expensive race in Florida history, and
- ▶ Florida continues breaking job records and another 1.5 million net new jobs need to be created by 2030.

But the road to Florida's successes has not been easy and the truth is things are fragile in Florida. Our efforts to make Florida a global leader continue to be challenged by groups who stand in the way of American competitiveness, free enterprise and opportunity. With 4.5 million more residents expected by 2030, policies that focus on the long-term are essential or Florida could follow the path of California, Illinois and New York — and that is unacceptable.

When it comes to protecting Florida's environment, no one cares more than the Florida Chamber. Unfortunately, there are some environmental groups fighting against smart growth and ignore research that shows another 4.5 million people will call Florida home by 2030.

When it comes to building the best education system, the union that claims to represent teachers consistently puts adults ahead of kids, excuses ahead of results, and continues to try to take options away from students. Our fight to secure long-term opportunities is often made more difficult by those who believe Florida is immune to economic strife. The union that represents government workers is the same union opposing common sense pension reforms — making Florida less competitive and hurting the very taxpayers they claim to represent. We must remember the high price Florida's families pay when we fail to make the tough decisions today that will provide a secure future for them tomorrow.

Incredibly, some politicians are following the billboard trial lawyer playbook and continue to side with special interests who put themselves ahead of a growing economy for all Floridians. In fact, some politicians have proved their loyalty to billboard trial lawyers who exploit



Florida's legal system by refusing to act on Florida's worsening lawsuit abuse problem — a problem which costs Florida families an average of \$4,442 in lawsuit abuse taxes every year.

Despite the seemingly unlimited resources of anti-business, anti-jobs groups, their policies of less freedom and less competitiveness have never worked—and they never will. That's why the Florida Chamber, our members and partners will keep fighting to make Florida America's best hope. We won't give up the fight for what's right for Florida—from the Florida Legislature to the Florida Cabinet, from state to federal agencies, from the court of law to the court of public opinion, when the battle is about what is best for Florida's future, the Florida Chamber is—always has been, always will be—on the front lines. When businesses stay unified, we win.

For those interested in fighting against special interests and who believe in Florida's future — we invite you to join the fight. The battle for free enterprise continues and we welcome your support. For those who have already joined the fight for free enterprise, we thank you.

To secure Florida's future and grow our economy the Florida Chamber believes in:

- ▶ A **Robust Free Enterprise System** with limited intrusion by the government in the marketplace.
- ▶ **Predictable and Consistent Statewide Laws** and regulations that promote economic growth and do not impose unreasonable costs on businesses or their customers.
- ▶ A **High-Quality Education and Workforce Development system** that will enable all Floridians to compete in the 21st century global economy.
- ▶ A **Simple, Consistent and Globally Competitive Tax Structure.**
- ▶ **Fiscal Responsibility**, public accountability and transparency in government.
- ▶ A **Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure** to support the health and long-term prosperity of all Floridians.
- ▶ A **Constructive and Competitive Labor Environment** in Florida that generates jobs.
- ▶ **Healthy and Civil Debate** steeped in fact on all issues of importance to Florida's future.
- ▶ A **Strong, Healthy Environment** using data driven decisions to grow our economy, protect our ecosystems and maintain our natural resources.
- ▶ **Prosperity for Every Floridian** and in fostering communities and an economy that provide an opportunity for economic mobility and success.

On behalf of Florida's leading employers, we would like to thank those legislators, Democrats and Republicans, who put Florida's competitiveness ahead of short-term politics.



Florida Governor Ron DeSantis addresses Florida Chamber members at the Governor's Mansion during the Florida Chamber's 2019 Legislative Fly-In.

“I look forward to working with the Florida Chamber to create more high paying jobs for Floridians and make Florida the best state in the country for business.”

FLORIDA GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS

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Improving Florida's Talent Pipeline For A Better Workforce



Richard Corcoran, Florida Commissioner of Education, addresses Florida Chamber members at the Florida Chamber's Legislative Fly-In.

“I look forward to getting to work with the Florida Chamber in our shared mission of increasing Florida's talent pool.”

RICHARD CORCORAN
Florida Commissioner of Education

WE THANK OUR PARTNERS:

- ▶ Able Trust
- ▶ Association of Early Learning Coalitions
- ▶ CareerSource Florida
- ▶ Children's Movement of Florida
- ▶ Florida Association of State Colleges
- ▶ Florida Children's Council
- ▶ Florida College System
- ▶ Florida Council of 100
- ▶ Florida Council on Economic Education
- ▶ Florida Department of Education
- ▶ Florida Research Consortium
- ▶ Florida State University System
- ▶ Florida TaxWatch
- ▶ Foundation for Florida's Future
- ▶ Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida
- ▶ James Madison Institute
- ▶ Project Lead the Way
- ▶ SBDC
- ▶ Step Up for Students
- ▶ TechNet

Why It Matters To Florida

Florida wins when we work to close the talent gap by putting students ahead of special interests. Whether it is for local businesses or major corporations, a qualified workforce remains a top priority for job creators in Florida. From early learning to lifelong opportunities, the Florida Chamber continues to work with education, business, and workforce leaders to champion the best possible education system for Florida.

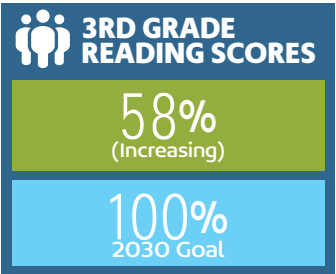
The Progress We've Made

K-12

Quality School Choice Matters

At the Florida Chamber, we recognize that education is not a one-size fits all option. This session, we successfully supported legislation allowing parents to choose the best learning environment for their children—giving students more opportunities for success regardless of their zip-code or family income. We also supported legislation establishing the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program (FESP) to provide parents of kindergarten and public school students a scholarship to attend an eligible private school of their choice. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/Education.

58% of Florida's 3rd Graders Can Read At Or Above 3rd Grade Level



Source: www.TheFloridaScorecard.org



Engage with businesses, families and community leaders to secure Florida's future through quality early education by joining the **Florida Business Alliance for Early Learning**.

LEARN MORE AT www.FloridaChamber.com/EarlyLearning.



WORKFORCE

Prepared Florida's Workforce to Address Florida's Skills Gap

To ensure more than 80 percent of Florida's workforce has the right skills training, the Florida Chamber supported a bill allowing high school education systems the ability to promote alternative graduation paths through Career and Technical diplomas. This means greater access to quality workforce education programs that link education to job creation. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/Education.

U.S. News and World Report Ranks Florida #1 State for Higher Education for Third Consecutive Year

“It is no surprise that U.S. News & World Report has again named Florida the top state in the nation for higher education, our state colleges and universities have prioritized affordability and pathways for career and life and, as a result, they are transforming our state. I look forward to celebrating continued success as we build on this positive momentum.”

GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS

HIGHER EDUCATION

Improved Attainment and Access to Higher Education

The Florida Chamber advocated for increased attainment and college affordability in order to prepare, attract and retain world class talent. We continued to fight for legislation to expand financial assistance for students through Florida's Bright Futures program and the establishment of the State University Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Program.

Florida Ranks 2ND in the Nation in College Affordability

 COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

2nd
4 Year (Unchanged)

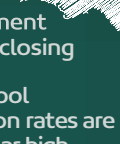
11th
2 Year (Unchanged)

Source: www.TheFloridaScorecard.org

“Thanks to the synergized efforts of the business communities across our state and the Florida Chamber, Florida's students are on the right path to future economic prosperity and success.”

MARK TROWBRIDGE | Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce

Talent is Florida's Best Economic Development Tool

- ✓ Achievement gaps are closing
 - ✓ High School graduation rates are at a 12-year high
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By 2030,
1.5 million more jobs
will be needed.

By 2030,
60 percent
of workers will need
to attain valuable
workforce degrees
and certifications.

FLORIDA'S SKILLS GAP CONTINUES TO GROW

There are more than
281,500 Florida jobs
looking for Floridians and
357,000 Floridians
looking for jobs.

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P** Florida wins when we focus on a cradle to career continuum that provides education opportunities and training pathways for all our state's learners.

GET INVOLVED:

Businesses can make the difference – see how you can be part of the learners to earners workforce conversation by emailing Matthew Choy at MChoy@FLChamber.com to get involved.

Source: TheFloridaScorecard.org; Florida Department of Education



Improving Florida's Talent Pipeline For A Better Workforce



Florida Chamber Distinguished Advocate Senator Manny Diaz Jr., Chair, Senate Education Committee, during the 2019 Legislative Session.

“We’re honored to work with partners, like the Florida Chamber, who understand the urgency of FIU’s mission and help promote win-win policies that ensure Florida remains a hub of talent and innovation.”

MARK B. ROSENBERG
Florida International University

The Fight For Free Enterprise Continues

Florida’s ongoing education reforms are helping our students become more globally competitive, but our fight is far from over. We will continue to pave the way toward jobs of the future by supporting early learning education initiatives and higher education opportunities and creating innovative solutions to address the skills gap and prepare students for their future workforce. Putting Florida’s students ahead of special interests is a top priority for the Florida Chamber.

EARLY LEARNING

Preparing Students for Success

While Florida’s recent education reforms continue to move Florida in the right direction, we must remember that a talented workforce for tomorrow begins with empowering our youngest learners today. The Florida Chamber will continue to advocate for affordable, accessible and quality Pre-K for Florida’s youngest learners, with the goal that by 2030 100 percent of children are ready for kindergarten. We will continue to work to ensure students develop self-discipline, persistence, and cooperation skills that are essential to a child’s future success. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/Education.

K-12

Innovation and Outcomes Are Essential

The Florida Chamber understands the importance of STEMM (Science, Technology, Education, Mathematics, Medicine) education in schools. We will continue supporting legislation focused on introducing STEMM concepts like computer science and coding instruction, throughout Florida’s education system, in order to ensure Florida’s students become and remain globally competitive. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/Education.

2020 Learners to Earners Workforce Summit

Be The First To Know When Registration Opens
for the 2020 Learners to Earners Workforce Summit
by visiting www.FloridaChamber.com/WorkforceSummit



Improving Florida's Talent Pipeline for a Better Workforce

2019 FLORIDA PRO-BUSINESS BILLS

WORKFORCE

✓ PASSED

✓ **HB 7071 Workforce Education**
Sponsored by
Representative Travis Hutson

✗ UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

✗ **HB 401/SB 144 Mastery Based Education**
Sponsored by
Representative Nick DiCeglie and
Senator Jeff Brandes

HIGHER EDUCATION

✓ PASSED

✓ **HB 661 Alternative High School
Graduation Requirements***
Sponsored by
Representative Wyman Duggan

✓ **SB 770 Alternative High School
Graduation Requirements***
Sponsored by
Senator Travis Hutson

*These two bills were added to HB 7071 and passed.

K-12 QUALITY SCHOOL CHOICE

✓ PASSED

✓ **HB 7075/SB 7070 K-12 Education**
Sponsored by
Representative Jennifer Sullivan and
Senator Manny Diaz Jr.

For more information on each Florida Chamber-backed, pro-business bill
visit www.FloridaChamber.com/2019LegislativeSummary

“In Florida,
30 PERCENT
of children going
into kindergarten
are not ready
to be there.”

FLORIDA REPRESENTATIVE
VANCE ALOUPIS
The Children's Movement

2019 Future of Florida Forum

DATE:
October 28-30, 2019

LOCATION:
Orlando, Florida

REGISTER TODAY
at [www.FloridaChamber.com/
FutureofFloridaForum](http://www.FloridaChamber.com/FutureofFloridaForum)



Creating Quality Jobs By Diversifying Florida's Economy



Senator Joe Gruters addresses Florida Chamber members at the Florida Chamber's Legislative Fly-In.

Why It Matters To Florida

Growing and diversifying Florida's economy is essential to creating jobs and opportunities for all Floridians. At the Florida Chamber, we continue to believe that by building on Florida's foundational industries—tourism, agriculture and construction—and investing in innovative next generation sectors, Florida can continue to attract a world class workforce and lead the way in job creation.

The Progress We've Made

FLORIDA'S ECONOMIC PORTFOLIO

Secured Funding for Florida Tourism

Florida's tourism industry is a key driver of our state's \$1 trillion economy. Visitors to Florida contribute more than \$12 billion in state and local tax revenue annually. For every 78 visitors to Florida, one new job is created. Florida has more than 1.4 million tourism-related jobs, and revenue from visitors is why Florida is an income tax-free state. The Florida Chamber successfully fought for the reauthorization of VISIT FLORIDA and its funding, allowing Florida to remain a top tourism destination.

AVIATION & AEROSPACE

Maintained Florida's Leadership in Space Exploration and Aviation

With new programs and innovations bringing life to Florida's Space Coast, the Florida Chamber remained committed to strengthening Florida's leadership in space exploration. We continued to support growing public and commercial space initiatives, investing and growing a skilled aerospace workforce and funding for Space Florida. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/Aviation.

INNOVATION ECONOMY

Fought For Our Economy and Helped Create Jobs Through Economic Development

The Florida Chamber understands the impact legislative decisions can have on the future of Florida's economy. We successfully fought for investments in economic development funding for Enterprise Florida, Inc. and further investments in smart infrastructure and workforce development through the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/EcoDevo.

Florida Ranks #21 of U.S. states in Industry Diversification



Source: www.TheFloridaScorecard.org

“As a member of the Florida Chamber of Commerce’s Board of Directors, I look forward to continuing to expand the positive impact we have on our community in support of our state’s long-term economic growth.”

MICHAEL C. BROWN
SKANSKA

WE THANK OUR PARTNERS:

- ▶ Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- ▶ Film Florida
- ▶ Florida Airports Council
- ▶ Florida Bankers Association
- ▶ Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
- ▶ Florida Department of Transportation
- ▶ Florida Economic Development Council
- ▶ FloridaMakes
- ▶ Florida Ports Council
- ▶ Florida Realtors®
- ▶ Florida Small Business Development Centers
- ▶ Florida Trade & Logistics Institute
- ▶ Manufacturers Association of Florida
- ▶ Space Florida
- ▶ VISIT FLORIDA



VETERANS, DEFENSE & MILITARY INDUSTRY

Championed Florida's Veterans, Defense & Military Industry

With 20 military bases, three combatant command centers and 1.5 million veterans in Florida, the Florida Chamber continued to support legislation that would keep Florida the most veteran-friendly state in America. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/Military.

Military, Defense & Veterans Opportunities Summit

DATE:
August 13-14, 2019

LOCATION:
Orlando, Florida

REGISTER TODAY at
www.FloridaChamber.com/MilitarySummit

Florida is a Small Business State

Florida Chamber's Small Business Index Survey shows top concerns include:

- ✓ Workforce Quality
- ✓ Economic Uncertainty
- ✓ Access to Capital
- ✓ Lawsuit Abuse
- ✓ Government Regulations

JOBS ARE GROWING, UNEMPLOYMENT IS DECLINING

↑ **206,100**
YEAR OVER YEAR

↓ **3.4%**
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

The Fight For Free Enterprise Continues

Florida is a \$1 trillion economy, already larger than the Netherlands and preparing to overtake Mexico's position in the global economy but while Florida's economic outlook is positive, our fight is far from over. To remain a leader in job creation, Florida must continue to expand into new industries and strengthen international trade relationships while supporting industries already in Florida, like aerospace and our growing defense and military industry.

INNOVATION ECONOMY

Championing Rural Business Opportunities

The Florida Chamber will continue to support legislation increasing investments for "Rural Areas of Opportunity" and other measures to increase rural economic development funding. With 26 million people expected to call Florida home by 2030, the Florida Chamber will continue supporting policies promoting job creation in rural communities that help rural counties' share of Florida's gross domestic product double in the next 11 years. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/RuralInfrastructure.

ENTREPRENEURISM

Supporting Florida's Small Businesses and Entrepreneurship

Florida's small business community is increasingly concerned about workforce quality and the challenges government intervention can create as Florida's economy grows. As the Florida Chamber works to secure Florida's future, it is crucial that we understand the issues most important to small businesses and work to support reforms that allow our small business community to have access to the resources they need to grow. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/SmallBusiness.



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P** In order to continue growing the best business climate in the nation, we must continue to provide opportunities for small businesses and entrepreneurs to succeed.

GET INVOLVED:

Two out of three Florida jobs are created by small businesses. Help keep Florida's small business community thriving by joining the Florida Chamber's Small Business Council. Contact Carolyn Johnson at CJohnson@FLChamber.com today.

Sources: The Florida Scorecard; Tax Foundation; VISIT FLORIDA



Creating Quality Jobs By Diversifying Florida's Economy



Enterprise Florida Inc. President and CEO, Jamal Sowell addresses Florida Chamber members and industry experts during the Florida Chamber Foundation's Economic Outlook Summit.

“At Florida Polytechnic University, we partner with organizations like the Florida Chamber and other industry leaders throughout the state to execute our mission of catalyzing economic development and producing highly sought-after graduates who will lead the innovative, high-tech companies of the future.”

RANDY AVENT
Florida Polytechnic University

GLOBAL TRADE

Strengthening Florida's Role in Global Trade and Investment

The Florida Chamber is fighting to strengthen Florida's position as a global trade leader and will continue working to ensure Florida's exports in goods double and exports in services triple by 2030. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/International.

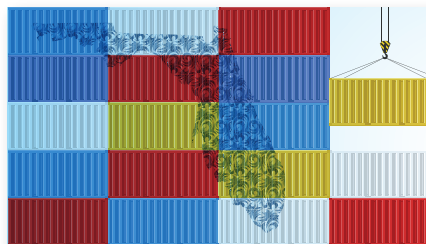
Growing Florida's Manufacturing Sector

Florida's manufacturing industry has remained strong throughout the past year and by 2030, we are working toward Florida being among the top five states in the nation for manufacturing jobs. In order to do so, we will continue to support efforts to help Florida's manufacturing industry create high-skill, high-wage jobs that make Florida more globally competitive. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/Manufacturing.

Florida's International Imports and Exports Continue to Improve



Source: www.TheFloridaScorecard.org



DID YOU KNOW?

**More Trade =
More Florida Jobs**

In fact, 2.5 million high-wage Florida jobs depend on international trade.

Be Part of the Conversation at www.FloridaChamber.com/International.

FLORIDA'S ECONOMIC PORTFOLIO

Marketing Florida's Business-Friendly Climate

Thanks to the efforts of some in the Florida Legislature, Florida continues to become more competitive. However, businesses in other states won't know about Florida's progress in education, regulatory reform or tax reforms if we don't aggressively tell Florida's story. The Florida Chamber will continue to encourage the Legislature to invest resources annually to continue marketing Florida as the best place to live, work, play and learn. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/MarketingFlorida.



Creating Quality Jobs by Diversifying Florida's Economy

2019 FLORIDA PRO-BUSINESS BILLS

INNOVATION ECONOMY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ✘ **SB 750 Research and Development Tax Credit**
Sponsored by
Senator Joe Gruters
- ✘ **HB 671/SB 596 Regional Rural
Development Grants**
Sponsored by
Representative Chuck Clemons and
Senator Ben Albritton
- ✘ **HB 1401/SB 526 Film, Television and
Digital Media Targeted Grant Program**
Sponsored by
Representative James Buchanan and
Senator Joe Gruters

FLORIDA'S ECONOMIC PORTFOLIO

PASSED

- ✔ **HB 6031/SB 178 VISIT FLORIDA***
Sponsored by
Representative Mel Ponder and
Senator Joe Gruters

*Passed as part of SB 2502.

For more information on each Florida Chamber-backed, pro-business bill
visit www.FloridaChamber.com/2019LegislativeSummary

“The Florida Chamber
advocates daily to ensure
Florida is leading the
way in innovation and
positioning itself as the
predominant destination
for new and expanding
companies.”

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Lakeland Chamber of Commerce

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Preparing Florida's Infrastructure For Smart Growth and Development



Senator Jeff Brandes meets with Florida Chamber member and constituent Boyd Industries for a factory visit.

“Through programs like the Florida Chamber’s Autonomous Florida program, we are able to see the business community get excited and engaged in the future of transportation and mobility.”

DEAN BUSHEY
Voyage

WE THANK OUR PARTNERS:

- ▶ Associated Builders & Contractors of Florida
- ▶ Consumer Energy Alliance
- ▶ Nature Conservancy
- ▶ Florida Airports Council
- ▶ Florida Department of Transportation
- ▶ Florida Farm Bureau
- ▶ Florida Home Builders Association
- ▶ Florida Electric Cooperatives Association
- ▶ Florida Land Council
- ▶ Florida Natural Gas Association
- ▶ Florida Ports Council
- ▶ Florida Transportation Builders Association
- ▶ Florida Trucking Association
- ▶ Floridians for Better Transportation
- ▶ NAIOP of Florida
- ▶ Space Florida

Why It Matters To Florida

According to research from the Florida Chamber Foundation, each day nearly 900 new residents call Florida home, and by 2030, Florida’s population will reach 26 million. The Florida Chamber is focused on creating long-term investments in Florida’s energy, water, transportation, telecommunications, agriculture, and other infrastructure. Recognizing the opportunities for new and disruptive technologies, the Florida Chamber embraced improvements to autonomous innovation, and backed reducing uncertainty in infrastructure projects—positioning Florida for smarter growth.

The Progress We’ve Made

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Championed Innovations and Adequate Funding in Most Modes of Transportation

As Florida grows, Florida’s infrastructure must be able to accommodate more than three million new drivers by 2030. The Florida Chamber continued to protect transportation networks from costly and duplicative regulations— all while ensuring Floridians in every mode of transportation are safe. We successfully supported legislation that modernizes the autonomous vehicle regulatory structure to make Florida the most autonomous-friendly state in America, all while championing technologies like ride-sharing options, electric cars, high-speed rail and other modes of accessible and reliable transportation for Florida to become one of the world’s top tier transportation hubs. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/TransportationInvestments.

DID YOU KNOW?

Florida is on the cutting edge of an autonomous revolution. Join our efforts to make Florida the number one destination for autonomy by visiting www.Autonomous-Florida.com.



“Our partnership with the Florida Chamber Foundation affirms Duke Energy’s commitment to building a smarter energy future. Building a smart, resilient and reliable power grid to support this economic acceleration and innovation is vital.”

CATHERINE STEMPIEN | Duke Energy

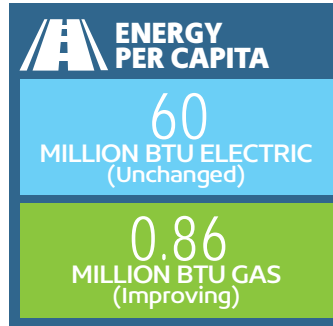


ENERGY

Secured Affordable, Efficient and Sustainable Energy Solutions

Long-term sustainable energy solutions are vital to Florida's economic growth. To prepare for the future, the Florida Chamber continued to support diverse and reliable energy resources, so every Floridian has access to cost-efficient and modern energy sources. The Florida Chamber also recognizes that energy security is vitally important—especially in a storm prone state. This is why we supported responsible hardening of Florida's energy grid. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/EnergySolutions.

Florida's Per Capita Residential Energy Use is 60 Million BTU of Electricity



Source: www.TheFloridaScorecard.org

SMART GROWTH

Ensured Proactive Economic Planning and Development

The Florida Chamber continued to work toward improving and streamlining state, regional and local processes for planning and development by supporting a comprehensive transportation bill that prepares Florida's transportation system for millions of new visitors, residents, and goods expected to be on our roads in the coming decades.

Championed Policies to Increase Attainable Workforce Housing

As Florida's population increases and its unemployment rate decreases we must continue to look into diverse and affordable workforce housing options to meet the housing demands of Florida's workers, and families. The Florida Chamber continued to support the Sadowksi Fund while fighting for a decrease in local zoning regulations.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

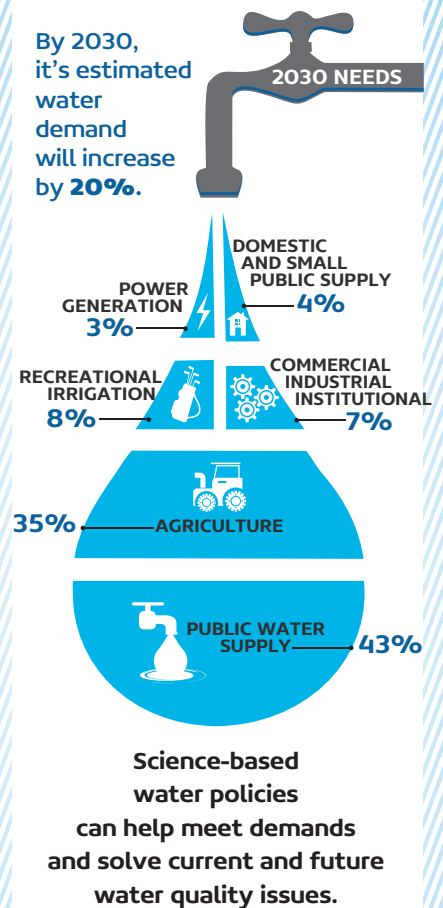
Championed Long-Term, Sustainable Water and Environmental Policies

An increased population means an increased need for vital resources like water. By 2030, the Florida Chamber Foundation estimates Florida's water demand will grow by 20 percent. From a single glass of water to fueling Florida's manufacturing and agriculture industry, water discussions must take into account the needs of the future so sound policies can be enacted today. The Florida Chamber continued to fight to ensure Florida's water future is sustainable and provides the quality of life Floridians and visitors deserve. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/WaterSolutions.

DID YOU KNOW?

We are doubling down on our infrastructure and growth leadership efforts. Will you join us? Join the Infrastructure Coalition today by visiting www.FloridaChamber.com/InfrastructureCoalition.

Florida's Future Requires Long-Term Water Solutions

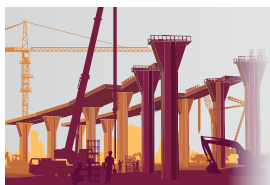


THE GAP With an estimated 9 billion gallons of water consumed each day in Florida by 2030, Florida needs science-based solutions to meet future needs.

GET INVOLVED:

Help secure Florida's water future by contacting Christopher Emmanuel at CEmmanuel@FLChamber.com.

Sources: Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Florida Chamber Foundation



Preparing Florida's Infrastructure For Smart Growth and Development



Senate President Bill Galvano speaks to Florida Chamber members at the 2019 Legislative Luncheon during the Florida Chamber's Legislative Fly-In.

The Fight For Free Enterprise Continues

A growing economy for tomorrow means long-term investments in Florida's infrastructure today. The Florida Chamber will continue putting Florida's families and businesses ahead of environmental groups fighting against smart growth and special interest groups trying to make Florida less free and more like California.

RISK PREPAREDNESS & RESILIENCY

Ensuring Florida's Residents Are Prepared for a Storm, No Matter What

With the effects of hurricane season still looming for Florida's residents and agriculture industry, the Florida Chamber will continue to support families and businesses by eliminating policies that create instability within Florida's Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, and by working to ensure proper funding, readiness and quick recovery for families and small businesses. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/Hurricane.

“By working together with the business community and the Florida Chamber's Infrastructure Coalition, the Florida Legislature was able to successfully pass legislation to prepare Florida's infrastructure for the addition of 4.5 million residents and three million new drivers by 2030. This innovative approach to infrastructure will enable Florida to strategically plan for this future growth, while at the same time revitalizing rural communities, protecting our unique natural resources, and enhancing public safety.”

SENATE PRESIDENT BILL GALVANO

“Science-based solutions are the key to ensuring Florida can meet future water needs and the Florida Chamber is leading the way to ensure that today's water policies are taking into account the needs of 26 million residents in 2030.”

JOE CATRAMBONE | Stuart-Martin Chamber of Commerce

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Preparing Florida's Infrastructure for Smart Growth and Development

2019 FLORIDA PRO-BUSINESS BILLS

SMART GROWTH

✓ PASSED

✓ **HB 207 Impact Fees**
Sponsored by Representative Byron Donalds and Senator Joe Gruters

✓ **SB 1000 Communications Services**
Sponsored by Senator Travis Hutson and Representative Jason Fischer

✗ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

✗ **HB 973/SB 1022 Onsite Treatment and Disposal Systems**
Sponsored by Representative Bobby Payne and Senator Ben Albritton

RISK PREPAREDNESS & RESILIENCY

✓ PASSED

✓ **SB 796 Public Utility Storm Protection Plans**
Sponsored by Senator Joe Gruters and Representative Randy Fine and Senator Jeff Brandes

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

✓ PASSED

✓ **HB 311 Autonomous Vehicles**
Sponsored by Representative Jason Fischer

✓ **SB 7068 Transportation**
Sponsored by Senator Tom Lee and Representative Jay Trumbull

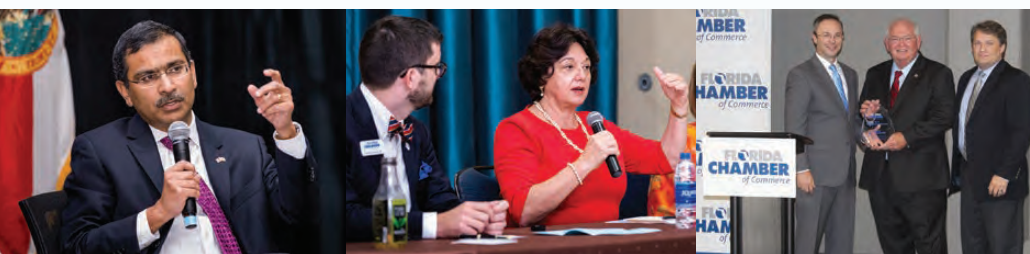
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Building The Perfect Climate For Business



Florida's Chief Financial Officer, Jimmy Patronis address Florida Chamber members at the Florida Chamber Foundation's Economic Outlook and Jobs Summit.

“The Florida Chamber actively works day after day to inform the business community on ways they can protect themselves from unscrupulous lawsuits and help Florida remain the number one place to live, work, learn and play.”

KEITH KOENIG
City Furniture

“We are excited to continue to support the Chamber and advance Florida's insurance industry to become a leader on a global scale.”

MICHAEL COHEN
RenaissanceRe

WE THANK OUR PARTNERS:

- ▶ American Property Casualty Insurance Association
- ▶ Associated Industries of Florida
- ▶ Florida Association of Insurance Agents
- ▶ Florida Insurance Council
- ▶ Florida Justice Reform Institute
- ▶ Florida Realtors®
- ▶ Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association
- ▶ Florida Retail Federation
- ▶ NAIOP
- ▶ National Federation of Independent Businesses
- ▶ Personal Insurance Federation of Florida
- ▶ R Street Institute
- ▶ U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform

Why It Matters To Florida

As one of the nation's top business climates, Florida must stay the course on being globally competitive. While Florida boasts a strong economy and job creation numbers that outpace the national average, Florida also bears the title as the second worst “Judicial Hellhole” in America. To ensure Florida is on the right path toward becoming the number one business climate by 2030, we will continue to fight for world-class opportunities for job creators, entrepreneurs, employees and students.

The Progress We've Made

TAXES

Advanced Globally Competitive Tax Policies

A competitive and equitable tax system encourages job growth and strengthens Florida's economy. While Florida has no personal income tax and has successfully **cut taxes and fees by \$10 billion** since 2010, the Florida Chamber successfully continued to fight for the **reduction of the Florida-only Business Rent Tax and sales tax holidays for back-to school and hurricane preparedness** and supported other tax policies that will allow businesses to expand and remain competitive. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/TaxReform.

REGULATIONS

Protected Florida's Jobs by Passing Smarter Regulations

The Florida Chamber continued to fight to protect businesses and families from costly regulations that hurt Florida's national and international competitiveness. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/Regulatory.

Reduced Employment Regulations and Mandates

The Florida Chamber continued to oppose new government mandates on job creators that can negatively impact employment decisions and successfully defeated minimum wage, ban the box, and paid family leave legislation that are detrimental to the employer-employee relationship. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/Regulatory.

COMMERCIAL INSURANCE

Furthered Competitive Unemployment Compensation Taxes

The Florida Chamber believes that no business should be burdened by the excessive costs of unemployment compensation taxes and continued to protect employees by lowering these taxes. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/UnemploymentCompensation.



Supported Competitive and Stable Insurance Markets

Assignment of Benefits (AOB) abuse continues to plague Florida's families and business climate, with **more than 34,000 lawsuits in 2018 alone**. Together with our partners at the Consumer Protection Coalition, the Florida Chamber was successful in protecting consumers by passing AOB property insurance reform, while opposing initiatives that would put trial lawyers before Florida's consumers. The Florida Chamber will continue to fight for AOB reform for auto glass. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/LegalReform.

LEGAL REFORM

Supported a Fix to Florida's Broken Lawsuit Climate

Lawsuit abuse in Florida is an increasingly serious and expensive problem, and it keeps getting worse. **Florida's families and businesses are burdened with a \$4,442 "tax" due to higher costs of living.** The Florida Chamber, along with partners at the Florida Justice Reform Institute and the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform, successfully restricted the dangerous instrumentality doctrine which is a court created doctrine imposing liability for what one owns, not what they did. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/LegalReform.

The Fight For Free Enterprise Continues

COMMERCIAL INSURANCE

Fixing Florida's Workers' Compensation System

The Florida Chamber's Workers' Comp Task Force knows an unstable and unpredictable workers' comp system leaves job creators footing the bill. The Florida Chamber has actively worked to reduce workers' comp rates by more than 60 percent in the past 15 years and we will continue fighting for policies and workers' comp reforms that bring stability, protect injured workers and reduce cost drivers, such as attorney fees. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/WorkersComp.

PROPERTY RIGHTS

Protecting Private Property Rights

The Florida Chamber believes Florida's businesses should have the right to decide what happens on their private property. We will continue opposing initiatives that create a threat to business owners' private property rights. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/PrivateProperty.

Creating a Fair Liability Environment to Attract and Keep Medical Professionals

In order to attract and keep world-class medical professionals in Florida, the Florida Chamber continues advocating for a fair medical liability environment that reduces costs. For a more in-depth look at these legal reform issues, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/LegalReform.

The Cost of Living in a "Judicial Hellhole"

Florida is the second worst "Judicial Hellhole" behind California.

THE COSTS:



BOTTOM-5 LEGAL CLIMATE COSTS: **\$4,442 a year** per family



AOB INSURANCE FRAUD: **10% increase** in property insurance rates



WATER CLAIMS WITH AOB FORM: **50% more costly** than those without



According to ILR, **FLORIDA'S LEGAL CLIMATE RANKS 5TH WORST**

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In order to change Florida's "Judicial Hellhole" reputation, we must continue to push for a better legal climate and say "no" to special interest agendas of billboard trial lawyers.

GET INVOLVED:

Florida's bottom-five legal climate hurts our ability to remain competitive in the global marketplace. Join the Florida Chamber's efforts to reform Florida's broken legal system by contacting CJohnson@FLChamber.com.






Sources: Florida Office of Insurance Regulation; The United States Chamber Institute for Legal Reform; www.FightFraud.Today







Building The Perfect Climate For Business

2019 FLORIDA BILLS BAD FOR BUSINESS FLORIDA CHAMBER DEFEATED



WORKPLACE & EMPLOYMENT

-  **HB 393 Employment Practices**
Sponsored by Representative Dotie Joseph
-  **SB 692 Paid Family Leave**
Sponsored by Senator Janet Cruz
-  **HB 419 Discrimination in Labor and Employment**
Sponsored by Representative Dotie Joseph
-  **SB 474 Discrimination in Labor and Employment**
Sponsored by Senator Linda Stewart
-  **HB 133 Discrimination in Labor and Employment**
Sponsored by Representative Dotie Joseph

REGULATIONS

-  **HB 517 Minimum Wage**
Sponsored by Representative Al Jaquet
-  **SB 1352 Minimum Wage**
Sponsored by Senator Jose Rodriguez
-  **HB 945 Background Screening**
Sponsored by Representative Anika Omphroy
-  **SB 946 Background Screening**
Sponsored by Senator Bobby Powell

TAXATION

-  **HB 1377 Taxation**
Sponsored by Representative Amy Mercado
-  **SB 1692 Corporate Income Tax**
Sponsored by Senator Jose Rodriguez


COMMERCIAL INSURANCE

-  **HB 561 Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund**
Sponsored by Representative David Santiago



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COMMERCIAL INSURANCE

 **PASSED**



-  **HB 7065/SB 122 Insurance Assignment Agreements**
Sponsored by Representative Bob Rommel and Senator Doug Broxson

 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**



-  **SB 1636 Workers' Compensation**
Sponsored by Senator Keith Perry
-  **SB 896 Motor Vehicle Insurance**
Sponsored by Senator Jeff Brandes

TAXATION

 **PASSED**

-  **HB 7123 Taxation**
Sponsored by Representative Bryan Avila
-  **HB 7127 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Implementation**
Sponsored by House Ways and Means Committee


 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

-  **SB 1112 Internet Sales Tax**
Sponsored by Senator Joe Gruters
-  **SB 1642 Sales Tax on Commercial Real Property Rentals***
Sponsored by Senator George Gainer

*While this bill did not pass, language was included in HB 7123.

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Building the Perfect Business Climate

2019 FLORIDA PRO-BUSINESS BILLS

LEGAL REFORM

 **PASSED**

 **HB 355/SB 862 Dangerous Instrumentality Doctrine**

Sponsored by
Representative Tom Leek and
Senator Kelli Stargel

 **UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

 **HB 1059/SB 794 Third Party Litigation Financing**

Sponsored by
Representative Mike Hill and
Senator Dennis Baxley

 **HB 751/SB 1464 Fair Settlement Act**

Sponsored by
Representative Alex Andrade and
Senator Jeff Brandes

 **HB 17/SB 1320 Accuracy in Damages**

Sponsored by
Representative Tom Leek and
Senator Kelli Stargel

 **HB 7077 Medical Malpractice**

Sponsored by
Representative Tommy Gregory

WORKPLACE AND EMPLOYMENT ISSUES

 **UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

 **HB 847/SB 432 Employment Conditions**

Sponsored by
Representative Bob Rommel and
Senator Joe Gruters

 **HB 283/SB 440 Florida Commission on Human Relations**

Sponsored by
Representative Bruce Antone and
Senator Darryl Rouson

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November 4-6, 2019

LOCATION:
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Making Government and Civics More Efficient and Effective



Attorney General Ashley Moody outlines her first term goals for Florida during the Florida Chamber's Legislative Fly-In.

Why It Matters To Florida

As Florida prepares for 26 million residents by 2030, it is crucial that our government systems remain transparent, efficient, aligned and functional for taxpayers. The Florida Chamber continues to fight against burdensome regulations and out of-state special interests working to buy their way into Florida's Constitution. The Florida Chamber will continue to fight for an efficient government that provides the highest return to taxpayers with the lowest burden on job creators and residents.

The Progress We've Made

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ISSUES

Improved Government Efficiencies and State Competitiveness

With 67 counties and 412 cities, the Florida Chamber continued to support improving federal, state and local government efficiencies, and eliminating overreaching and unnecessary regulations. The Florida Chamber supports appropriate statewide regulatory structures to avoid a patchwork of incompatible regulations. This legislative session we were able to bring certainty and predictability to local regulations involving over-the-counter cosmetic and other similar consumer products.

“We support the Florida Chamber and their efforts to keep Florida small businesses strong.”

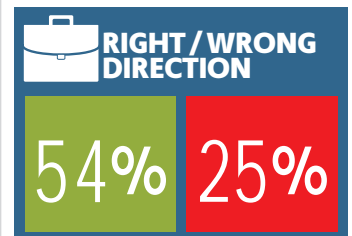
CHAS BAILES
ABC Fine Wine & Spirits

FLORIDA'S CONSTITUTION

Protected Florida's Constitution

We have long opposed placing issues into Florida's Constitution that can be solved through the legislative process. While we recognize that sometimes constitutional amendments are necessary to secure Florida's future, they should be considered only under extraordinary occasions. This Legislative Session, the Florida Chamber successfully aided in the passage of a bill protecting Florida's Constitution by bringing transparency to the signature gathering process and financial impact of the proposed amendment. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/Constitution.

54% of Floridians Believe Florida is Headed in the Right Direction



Source: www.TheFloridaScorecard.org

WE THANK OUR PARTNERS:

- ▶ Central Florida Partnership
- ▶ Florida Association of Counties, Inc.
- ▶ Florida Bankers Association
- ▶ Florida Council of 100
- ▶ Florida League of Cities
- ▶ James Madison Institute
- ▶ Leadership Florida
- ▶ National Federation of Independent Businesses
- ▶ Tampa Bay Partnership
- ▶ U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ Volunteer Florida



FEDERAL ISSUES IMPACTING FLORIDA

Supported Smarter Federal Immigration Policy

The Florida Chamber supports a consistent federal policy for immigration that protects and complements Florida's workforce and growing economy. Immigration reform allows Florida's international ties in trade to remain strong and provides a valuable population of skilled workers. The Florida Chamber encourages Congress and the administration to work together to find a legislative solution to our nation's broken immigration policies. **The Florida Chamber opposed state-specific legislation that improperly intrudes on the federal government's role in immigration or unfairly burdens Florida businesses, especially compared to competitors from other southeastern states.** For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/Federal.

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Orlando, Florida

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A Fair Regulatory Climate Means More Jobs and Economic Opportunity

MUNICIPAL / LOCAL

Of Florida's 484 local pension systems, more than **83%** are **NOT** fully funded.



TOTAL UNFUNDED LOCAL LIABILITY =

More than **\$10.8 Billion**



STATEWIDE

Last year, instead of funding teachers and Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity, taxpayers paid over **\$1 BILLION** to pay down the pension system's unfunded liability.



T H E G A P Florida will have to add more than **\$30.1 billion** to our state pension system just to cover current obligations instead of attracting industries, building roads, reducing taxes and investing in education.

GET INVOLVED:

Florida's growing unfunded pension system that makes government less efficient and more of a burden to taxpayers. Join the Florida Chamber's efforts to stabilize Florida's pension system by contacting CEmmanuel@FLChamber.com.

Sources: Florida Chamber of Commerce Foundation



Making Government and Civics More Efficient and Effective



Senator Wilton Simpson, Republican Majority Leader, briefs Florida Chamber members on what to expect for the 2019 Legislative Session during the Florida Chamber's Legislative Fly-In.

The Fight For Free Enterprise Continues

In order to make Florida more competitive and lower the tax burden on families and local businesses, we must continue to improve and strengthen government efficiencies and make it easier for job creators to do business in Florida.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ISSUES

Reforming Collective Bargaining

During legislative session, lawmakers failed to pass Florida Chamber-backed reforms to add transparency to unions' collective bargaining process, which would bring more legitimacy to contract negotiations. We will continue pushing for legislation that puts Florida's job creators and workers first and removes the obligation of Florida taxpayers to compensate third parties for employee organization activities.

Modernizing Florida's Public-Sector Pension Government System

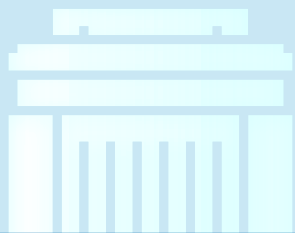
The Florida Chamber will continue to champion common sense reforms that modernize Florida's government worker pension programs and stop multi-billion-dollar taxpayer bailouts for pensions. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/Pension.

FEDERAL ISSUES IMPACTING FLORIDA

Championing Increases in Free and Fair Trade

Recent actions on trade and tariffs have put Florida's economy at risk and have the potential to negatively impact consumers, families and job creators. The Florida Chamber continues encouraging Congress to create policies that support free trade and help expand international trade and investment opportunities for Florida job creators and the communities they support. Support of international trade and investment includes the **Florida Chamber Foundation's Trade and Logistics study, which continues to serve as a roadmap for economic growth**. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/Federal.





Making Government and Civics
More Efficient and Effective
**2019 FLORIDA
PRO-BUSINESS BILLS**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ISSUES

PASSED

HB 829 Attorney Fees and Costs
Sponsored by
Representative Anthony Sabatini

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

HB 13 Collective Bargaining
Sponsored by
Representative Jayer Williamson

SB 70 State Funds
Sponsored by
Senator Debbie Mayfield

HB 987 Vacation Rentals
Sponsored by
Representative Jamie Grant

**SB 824 Private Property Rights
of Homeowners**
Sponsored by
Senator Manny Diaz Jr.

FLORIDA CONSTITUTION

PASSED

HB 5 Discretionary Sales Surtaxes
Sponsored by
Representative Jamie Grant

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ISSUES

**HB 89 Verification of
Employment Eligibility**
Sponsored by
Representative Thad Altman

**SB 164 Verification of
Employment Eligibility**
Sponsored by
Senator Aaron Bean

**SB 146 Advanced Well
Stimulation Treatment**
Sponsored by
Senator Linda Stewart

**SB 698 Collective Bargaining
for Instructional Personnel**
Sponsored by
Senator Linda Stewart

**SB 88 Preemption of Recyclable
and Polystyrene Materials**
Sponsored by
Senator Linda Stewart

SB 694 Disposable Plastic Bags
Sponsored by
Representative Ray Rodriguez

SB 708 Sale of Sunscreen
Sponsored by
Senator Linda Stewart

**SB 502 Prohibition of Plastic
Carryout Bags and Straws**
Sponsored by
Senator Kevin Rader



Championing Florida's Quality of Life



Steve Knopik, Chair of the Florida Chamber's Healthcare Partnership speaks to business leaders at the Florida Chamber of Commerce annual Insurance Summit.

“In order to protect Florida’s unique quality of life, the business community must work together to tackle issues of generational poverty and prosperity. The Florida Chamber and Florida Chamber Foundation are doing great work in this arena.”

DAN DOYLE, JR.
DEX Imaging

“We are proud to support the Florida Chamber and their efforts to continue championing innovations in healthcare and retaining and attracting top talent to our state.”

CHARLES BRUCE, M.D.
Mayo Clinic

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- ▶ BioFlorida, Inc.
- ▶ CareerSource Florida
- ▶ Florida Health Care Association
- ▶ No Casinos
- ▶ PhRMA
- ▶ SafetyNet Hospital Alliance of Florida
- ▶ Seminole Tribe of Florida
- ▶ VeteransFlorida
- ▶ VISIT FLORIDA

Why It Matters To Florida

Protecting Florida’s unique quality of life is essential to maintaining Florida’s family-friendly brand. With an increasing population, and visitors from all over the world, it is important that we focus on creating a healthy and sustainable place for Florida’s residents and visitors to work, live, play and learn. This means focusing on stopping the expansion of Las Vegas-style casino gambling, breaking the cycle of generational poverty, and embracing cost-saving, value driven adaptations to Florida’s healthcare system.

The Progress We’ve Made

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Increased Healthcare Access Options

The Florida Chamber continued to fight for policies that will provide targeted training and expanded access to key health education programs. This legislative session we supported legislation that includes certain advanced practice registered nurses. Meeting the increasing need for physicians and healthcare professionals and retaining the healthcare professionals we have educated here in Florida are vital for Florida’s success. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/Healthcare.

Continued to Champion Innovations in Healthcare

A value-based healthcare system focused on outcomes is a vital component to the overall economic health of Florida. As the national political focus turns back to healthcare, the Florida Chamber’s Healthcare Partnership believes Florida has another opportunity to show America how to get things right. The Florida Chamber continued to advocate for innovative policies, such as expanded telehealth opportunities, in an effort to encourage greater access and quality of care, lower healthcare costs, and unleash free-market innovation.

SENSE OF PLACE & COMMUNITY

Supported Initiatives For a Safer Florida

In order to create and sustain quality places for people to live, work, raise a family, learn, play and grow a business, Florida continued to foster a sense of safety and security in its growing communities. By supporting actions proven to keep Florida safe, while also actively encouraging cross-sector collaboration to improve Florida’s resiliency, we can move toward a more prosperous Florida for all.



2020 Florida Business Leaders' Summit on Prosperity & Economic Development

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The Fight For Free Enterprise Continues

Making Florida the best place to live, work, and raise a family means putting Floridians' long-term prosperity ahead of self-serving solutions from special interest groups seeking to tarnish Florida's family-friendly brand. While we have moved forward in bringing innovations to healthcare and security to Florida's growing population and visitors, the Florida Chamber will continue fighting against policies that seek to harm Florida's future job growth and long-term success.

SENSE OF PLACE & COMMUNITY

Supporting Florida's Arts, Culture and Heritage

Arts and culture are vital to the future of Florida. At the Florida Chamber we count these as investments in community development, as investments in a quality workforce and an innovative economy. By investing in Florida's arts, culture and heritage we not only provide enriching experiences but we can also attract visitors who want to stay and become lifelong Floridians.

Continuing to Oppose the Expansion of Las Vegas-Style Casino Gambling

The Florida Chamber continues fighting to protect Florida's family-friendly brand. This past election cycle, voters agreed gambling decisions shouldn't be left to lobbyists or the politicians they are paid to influence. However, this legislative session, the future of sports betting remained a topic of conversation. The Florida Chamber continues supporting the important renewal of a Seminole Gaming Compact and oppose the expansion of Las Vegas-style casino gambling. For a more in-depth look at this issue, visit www.FloridaChamber.com/Gambling.




ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY & PROSPERITY

Breaking the Cycle of Generational Poverty Through Economic Opportunity

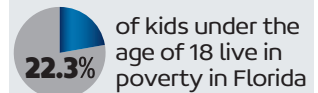
The Florida Chamber will continue to fight to be among the top five states in the nation for overall well-being and work toward an environment that fosters economic opportunity and self-sufficiency for all Floridians caught in the cycle of generational poverty.


Ending the Cycle of Generational Poverty and Expanding Opportunity for All Floridians

Included among the top 10 root causes of poverty are:

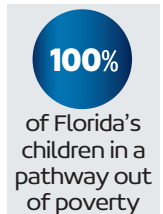
-  SAFETY
-  HEALTHCARE
-  CHILDCARE & FAMILY CARE

TODAY:



In most Florida counties, the least expensive child care is a budget expense more costly than the least expensive rent 

BY 2030 WE WANT:



T H E G A P In order to create and sustain quality places for people to live work, raise a family, learn, play and grow a business we must work to put an end to the cycle of generational poverty.

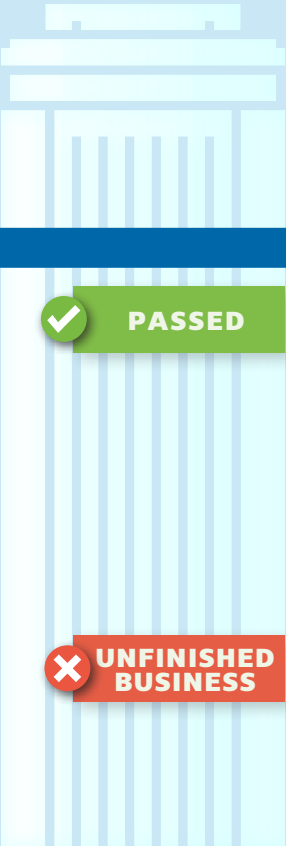
GET INVOLVED:

Join the Florida Chamber's efforts to stop the cycle of generational poverty by contacting Matthew Choy at MChoy@FLChamber.com.

Source: TheFloridaScorecard.org



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**2019 FLORIDA
PRO-BUSINESS BILLS**

HEALTH & WELLNESS

✓ PASSED

✗ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ✓ HB 23 Telehealth**
Sponsored by
Representative Clay Yarborough and
Senator Gayle Harrell

- ✓ HB 1113 Health Insurance Savings Programs**
Sponsored by
Representative Paul Renner and
Senator Manny Diaz, Jr.

- ✗ HB 821/SB 972 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses**
Sponsored by
Representative Cary Pigman and
Senator Jeff Brandes

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October 28-30, 2019


LOCATION:
Orlando, Florida

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DID YOU KNOW?

More than 3 MILLION Floridians live in poverty. Of those, more than 260,000 are under age 5.

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THE FLORIDA CHAMBER'S 2019 MOST VALUABLE LEGISLATOR AWARD

Representative Bob Rommel Tackling Florida's Judicial Hellhole Label

The business community's premier legislative award, the Florida Chamber of Commerce's Most Valuable Legislator, goes to Representative Bob Rommel, for his commitment to making Florida more competitive.

Labeled as a "judicial hellhole" and ranked as a bottom-five legal climate by national tort reform organizations, for too long Florida's competitiveness has been needlessly shackled by our negative lawsuit abuse climate. These dismal labels and rankings come with a real cost – Florida's families have been saddled with an estimated \$4,442 "lawsuit abuse tax." Representative Rommel charged right into the fray this legislative session, fighting billboard trial lawyer's intent on maintaining the status quo, and working on some of the most impactful lawsuit abuse reforms in over half a decade.

A six year priority of the Florida Chamber and an issue subject to ridicule by over half a dozen *Wall Street Journal* editorials, this was the year that Assignment of Benefits (AOB) reform finally crossed the finish line. For far too long, a handful of vendors and trial lawyers were getting rich on AOB scams, raising Florida families' property insurance rates across the state. Representative Rommel had the courage to take on the few bad actors that have been plaguing Floridians with fraud and abuse and has once again restored balance to the property insurance marketplace while protecting consumers.

Representative Rommel also presided over the most significant attack on trial lawyer interests in years as Chair of the House Civil Justice Subcommittee, which week-after-week took up lawsuit abuse reform priorities, building momentum and signaling a tidal change in Florida's legal climate. While not all of these issues made it to the Governor's desk, Representative Rommel led with courage and a deft touch as his committee confronted powerful special interests head-on by considering meaningful and overdue legal reform.

In case tackling one well-funded opponent wasn't enough, Representative Rommel further put a target on his back by fighting against government unions and local governments running rampant. As a multiple business owner, Representative Rommel understands the importance of a consistent regulatory environment and the sanctity of the employer-employee relationship in a growing economy. He stood toe-to-toe against those who sought to advance their own agendas at the expense of jobs and the Florida families who rely upon them.

The Florida Chamber applauds Representative Bob Rommel for his hard work and leadership on behalf of Florida's families and businesses.

"The Florida Chamber's commitment to making sure Florida's business community flourishes is unparalleled. I was very proud to work with them this year to advance and enact unprecedented business reform legislation that will unleash Florida entrepreneurs to grow, innovate, and create more jobs. I'm honored to receive this recognition from the Florida Chamber, and I look forward to our continued partnership."

REPRESENTATIVE BOB ROMMEL | Florida Chamber's 2019 Most Valuable Legislator



Past Recipients of the Florida Chamber's Most Valuable Legislator Award

2018
Senator
Kathleen Passidomo

2017
Unearned

2016
House Speaker
Steve Crisafulli

2015
Unearned

2014
House Speaker
Will Weatherford

2013
Representative
Larry Metz

2012
House Speaker
Dean Cannon

2011
Senator
Ellyn Bogdanoff

2010
Senator
John Thrasher

2009
Senator
Garrett Richter

2008
Representative
Dennis Ross

2007
Representative
Stan Mayfield

2006
Representative
Don Brown

2005
House Speaker
Allan Bense





DISTINGUISHED ADVOCATE AWARDS







The Florida Chamber's Distinguished Advocate Award recognizes legislators who have championed key Florida Business Agenda legislation. The award is designed to acknowledge legislators who ensured consideration of the business community's legislative priorities and who fought tirelessly for the passage of specific pro-jobs legislation.



FLORIDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2019 LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD

SENATE

NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED	
	2018	2019
Ben Albritton (R) Bartow	96	100
Dennis Baxley (R) Lady Lake	90	100
Aaron Bean (R) Jacksonville	93	94
Lizbeth Benacquisto (R) Fort Myers	78	100
Lori Berman (D) Boynton Beach	43	59
Lauren Book (D) Plantation	74	83
Randolph Bracy (D) Ocoee	56	84
Rob Bradley (R) Orange Park	71	100
 JEFFREY BRANDES (R) Saint Petersburg	91	100
<p>Senator Jeff Brandes drove autonomous vehicle legislation that will help prepare Florida for the next generation of mobility, while also championing efforts to allow students to progress through school at their own pace based upon their mastery of concepts and skills.</p> 		
Oscar Braynon (D) Miami Gardens	52	69



NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED	
	2018	2019
 DOUG BROXSON (R) Pensacola	90	100
<p>Senator Doug Broxson successfully passed assignment of benefits legislation, carrying a six-year Florida Chamber-led effort to protect homeowners from unscrupulous vendors across the finish line.</p> 		
Janet Cruz (D) Tampa	59	78
 MANNY DIAZ, JR. (R) Hialeah Gardens	96	100
<p>Senator Manny Diaz, Jr. fought the teacher unions tooth and nail to pass historic school choice reform, ensuring more Florida students' educational opportunities are not defined by their income or zip code.</p> 		
Gary Farmer (D) Fort Lauderdale	44	48
Anitere Flores (R) Miami	69	88
George Gainer (R) Panama City	85	84
 BILL GALVANO (R) Bradenton	89	100
<p>Senate President Bill Galvano partnered with the Florida Chamber Infrastructure Coalition to pass long-term infrastructure investments that will lead to increased investment and access to rural communities.</p> 		
Audrey Gibson (D) Jacksonville	67	66




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SENATE


NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED	
	2018	2019
 JOE GRUTERS (R) Sarasota Senator Joe Gruters carried half a dozen Florida Chamber-backed bills and policies on everything from targeted tax cuts and employer mandates preemptions, to long-term infrastructure investments and smart growth management, and the reauthorization of VISIT FLORIDA.	96	100
Gayle Harrell (R) Stuart	92	100
Ed Hooper (R) Palm Harbor	—	96
 TRAVIS HUTSON (R) Palm Coast Senator Travis Hutson sought to hold out-of-control local municipalities accountable for furthering a patchwork regulatory climate statewide and passed workforce education legislation to help bridge the talent gap facing Florida job creators and seekers.	83	100
Tom Lee (R) Brandon	80	93
Debbie Mayfield (R) Vero Beach	85	100
Bill Montford (D) Tallahassee	63	79
Kathleen Passidomo (R) Naples	87	100
Keith Perry (R) Gainesville	100	100
Jason Pizzo (D) Miami-Dade	—	58
Bobby Powell (D) West Palm Beach	63	65
Kevin Rader (D) Boca Raton	67	59

NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED	
	2018	2019
José Rodriguez (D) Miami	52	55
Darryl Rouson (D) St. Petersburg	68	63
 DAVID SIMMONS (R) Longwood Senator David Simmons quarterbacked the fight to protect Florida's constitution from out-of-state special interests and return the citizens' initiative process to the citizens it was intended to serve.	69	100
 WILTON SIMPSON (R) Trilby SENATOR WILTON SIMPSON consistently fought for business issues across all six pillars, making Florida more competitive.	93	100
 KELLI STARGEL (R) Lakeland Senator Kelli Stargel led the fight for tort reform, sponsoring accuracy in damages legislation and successfully passing an exemption for the dangerous instrumentality doctrine; also fought alongside the Florida Chamber to lower the Florida-only business rent tax.	93	100
Linda Stewart (D) Orlando	55	85
Annette Taddeo (D) Miami	48	72
Perry Thurston (D) Fort Lauderdale	44	59
Victor Manuel Torres (D) Kissimmee	67	46
Tom Wright (R) Port Orange	—	100

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED	
	2018	2019
Ramon Alexander (D) Tallahassee	61	53
Vance Aloupis (R) Miami	–	100
Thad Altman (R) Indiatlantic	89	100
Robert Andrade (R) Pensacola	–	100
Bruce Antone (D) Orlando	61	34
Loranne Ausley (D) Tallahassee	54	56
 BRYAN AVILA (R) Hialeah Representative Bryan Avila worked to lower costs by cutting taxes for Florida families and small businesses, including a reduction in the business rent tax.	94	100
Melony Bell (R) Fort Meade	–	97
Mike Beltran (R) Valrico	–	100
Chuck Brannan (R) Lake City	–	100
Kamia Brown (D) Orlando	48	30
James Buchanan (R) North Port	–	100



NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED	
	2018	2019
Colleen Burton (R) Lakeland	92	100
James Bush III (D) Opa Locka	–	65
Cord Byrd (R) Jacksonville	96	100
Michael Caruso (R) Boca Raton	–	100
Joseph Casello (D) Boynton Beach	–	50
Chuck Clemons (R) Jonesville	96	100
John Cortes (D) Kissimmee	50	33
Travis Cummings (R) Orange Park	92	100
Kimberly Daniels (D) Jacksonville	77	85
Tracie Davis (D) Jacksonville	45	36
Ben Diamond (D) St. Petersburg	74	40
Nick DiCeglie (R) Largo	–	100



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NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED	
	2018	2019
Byron Donalds (R) Naples	96	100
Brad Drake (D) DeFuniak Springs	96	100
Fentrice Driskell (D) Tampa	–	51
Bobby DuBose (D) Fort Lauderdale	52	43
Wyman Duggan (R) Jacksonville	–	100
Nicholas Duran (D) Miami	42	64
Dane Eagle (R) Cape Coral	93	100
Anna Eskamani (D) Orlando	–	21
Javier Fernandez (D) Coral Gables	–	47
Juan Fernandez-Barquin (R) Miami Dade	–	100
Elizabeth Fetterhoff (R) DeLand	–	100
 RANDY FINE (R) Saint Petersburg Representative Randy Fine championed forward-thinking policies that will make Florida's electrical grid more resilient in the face of future hurricanes and storms.	93	97

NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED	
	2018	2019
 JASON FISCHER (R) Jacksonville Representative Jason Fischer championed innovative technology policy by successfully passing bills to advance the deployment and integration of autonomous vehicles and 5G communication services.	96	100
Heather Fitzenhagen (R) Fort Myers	100	100
Joe Geller (D) Dania Beach	38	27
Joy Goff-Marcil (D) Maitland	–	21
Margaret Good (D) Sarasota	40	23
Michael Gottlieb (D) Plantation	–	21
Erin Grall (R) Vero Beach	92	88
 JAMES "JAMIE" GRANT (R) Tampa Representative Jamie Grant quarterbacked the fight to protect Florida's constitution from out of state special interests and return the citizens' initiative process to the citizens it was intended to serve.	89	100
Michael Grant (R) Port Charlotte	85	100
Tommy Gregory (R) Bradenton	–	100
Michael Grieco (D) North Bay Village	–	46

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NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED	
	2018	2019
Brett Hage (R) The Villages	–	100
Dianne Hart (D) Tampa	–	54
Adam Hattersley (D) Riverview	–	48
Mike Hill (R) Pensacola	–	100
Delores Hogan Johnson (D) Fort Pierce	–	48
Blaise Ingoglia (R) Spring Hill	93	100
Kristin Jacobs (D) Coconut Creek	46	45
Al Jacquet (D) West Palm Beach	52	65
Evan Jenne (D) Hollywood	38	32
Shevrin Jones (D) West Park	53	45
Dotie Joseph (D) Miami	–	42
Sam Killebrew (R) Winter Haven	94	97
Mike La Rosa (R) Saint Cloud	93	100

NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED	
	2018	2019
Chip LaMarca (R) Lighthouse Point	–	95
Chris Latvala (R) Clearwater	86	100
 THOMAS LEEK (R) Daytona Beach Representative Tom Leek led the fight for tort reform, sponsoring accuracy in damages legislation and successfully passing an exemption for the dangerous instrumentality doctrine.	96	100
MaryLynn Magar (R) Hobe Sound	86	100
Amber Mariano (R) Port Richey	95	100
Ralph Massullo (R) Beverly Hills	93	100
Stan McClain (R) Ocala	94	100
Lawrence McClure (R) Plant City	96	100
Kionne McGhee (D) Cutler Bay	44	38
Amy Mercado (D) Orlando	41	23
Wengay Newton (D) St. Petersburg	59	66



JOSE OLIVA (R) | Hialeah
House Speaker Jose Oliva oversaw the Florida House of Representatives' passage of nearly two dozen Florida Chamber-backed bills and budget priorities.

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NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED	
	2018	2019
Anika Omphroy (D) Sunrise	–	37
Tobin Overdorf (R) Stuart	–	100
Bobby Payne (R) Palatka	89	100
Daniel Perez (R) Miami	96	100
Cary Pigman (R) Sebring	91	100
Scott Plakon (R) Longwood	100	100
Rene Plasencia (R) Titusville	100	95
Cindy Polo (D) Miramar	–	30
Tina Polsky (D) Boca Raton	–	55
Mel Ponder (R) Fort Walton Beach	96	100
Sharon Pritchett (D) Miami Gardens	45	43
Holly Raschein (R) Key Largo	94	100

NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED	
	2018	2019
 PAUL RENNER (R) Palm Coast Representative Paul Renner was the architect of the legislature's successful effort to protect Florida's constitution from out-of-state special interests and billionaires as well as the House's bold legal reform agenda. Also shepherded successful passage of an innovative shared health care savings program. 	96	100
Spencer Roach (R) North Fort Myers	–	97
William Robinson (R) Bradenton	–	97
Ray Rodrigues (R) Fort Myers	91	100
Ana Maria Rodriguez (R) Doral	–	100
Anthony Rodriguez (R) Miami	–	100
Bob Rommel (R) Naples	96	100
Rick Roth (R) Palm Beach Gardens	92	100
Anthony Sabatini (R) Clermont	–	97
David Santiago (R) Deltona	83	100
David Silvers (D) West Palm Beach	53	61

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NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED	
	2018	2019
Tyler Sirois (R) Merritt Island	–	100
Emily Slosberg (D) Delray Beach	40	63
Carlos Guillermo Smith (D) Winter Park	50	28
David Smith (R) Winter Park	–	96
Christopher Sprowls (R) Clearwater	96	100
Richard Stark (D) Weston	50	54
Cyndi Stevenson (R) Saint Augustine	82	97
Charlie Stone (R) Ocala	96	98
 JENNIFER SULLIVAN (R) Eustis Representative Jennifer Sullivan passed historic school choice reform to ensure more Florida students' educational opportunities are not defined by their income or zip code. 	97	100
Geraldine Thompson (D) Orlando	–	24
Jackie Toledo (R) Tampa	91	89

NAME DISTRICT	GRADE EARNED	
	2018	2019
Josie Tomkow (R) Auburndale	–	100
Jay Trumbull (R) Panama City	93	100
Susan Valdes (D) Tampa	–	56
Barbara Watson (D) Miami Gardens	44	28
Clovis Watson (D) Gainesville	48	37
Jennifer Webb (D) St. Petersburg	–	64
Matt Willhite (D) Royal Palm Beach	76	62
Patricia Williams (D) Fort Lauderdale	52	44
Jayer Williamson (R) Pace	96	100
 CLAY YARBOROUGH (R) Jacksonville Representative Clay Yarborough championed telehealth legislation backed by the Florida Chamber's Healthcare Partnership aimed at increasing healthcare access and lowering costs. 	91	100
Ardian Zika (R) Land O'Lakes	–	100

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Florida's Changing Political Landscape



Speaker of the House, Representative Jose Oliva addresses Florida Chamber members at the Florida Chamber's Legislative Fly-In.

After recruiting pro-jobs candidates and investing more than \$19 million in get-out-the-vote efforts and voter education last election cycle, the Florida Chamber saw positive 2018 momentum and midterm election results.

- ▶ Voters supported Florida Chamber-backed candidates in **80 of 86 endorsed races**.
- ▶ The balance of power in the Florida Legislature remained with Republicans—with the **Florida Senate at 23 Republicans to 17 Democrats, and the House at 71 Republicans to 46 Democrats**.

While we saw positive outcomes, Florida's political landscape is constantly changing. With the 2020 election just around the corner, in order to prepare for what's ahead, we reflect on the past, starting with the 2018 midterm election.

Here's what Florida's 2018 midterm election data told us:

Turnout rose significantly across all voter segments compared to the prior midterm.

So much so, that voters posted a near record midterm turnout with 62 percent of voters casting ballots, coming close to the 66 percent turnout record set in 1994.

And while turnout among voters under 30 has been a focus during elections, our analysis shows young voters had the lowest turnout compared to turnout in 2016 of any single segment. Voters under 30 accounted for only 10.5 percent of all ballots cast despite accounting for 16.7 percent of total registered voters.

The way voters are voting is shifting.

Prior midterm elections showed Election Day voting accounting for almost half of the ballots cast, whereas the 2018 midterm saw a more even split in the number of ballots cast through vote-by-mail, early voting and Election Day voting.

However, our analysis shows Republicans were down in early voting and vote-by-mail ballots and instead rallied to record turnout on Election Day. Republicans posted a five percent advantage over Democrats on Election Day which resulted in a nearly 1.7 percent overall turnout advantage for the race.

More No Party Affiliation (NPA) voters are registering each month.

Voter trends suggests that NPA voters will eclipse both Democratic and Republican voters by November, producing a significant shift in Florida's electoral laws. With more NPA voters, we expect a move to more open primaries and a continuing decline in the power of parties to impact electoral outcomes.

We do not believe however, that the growth of NPA voters or a move to open primaries will necessarily decrease partisanship or ideological conflict.

So, the truth is, while it's too early to make judgements about the political environment in 2020, the Florida Chamber will continue to put the long-term ahead of the short-term to help lead Florida in the right direction to secure Florida's future.

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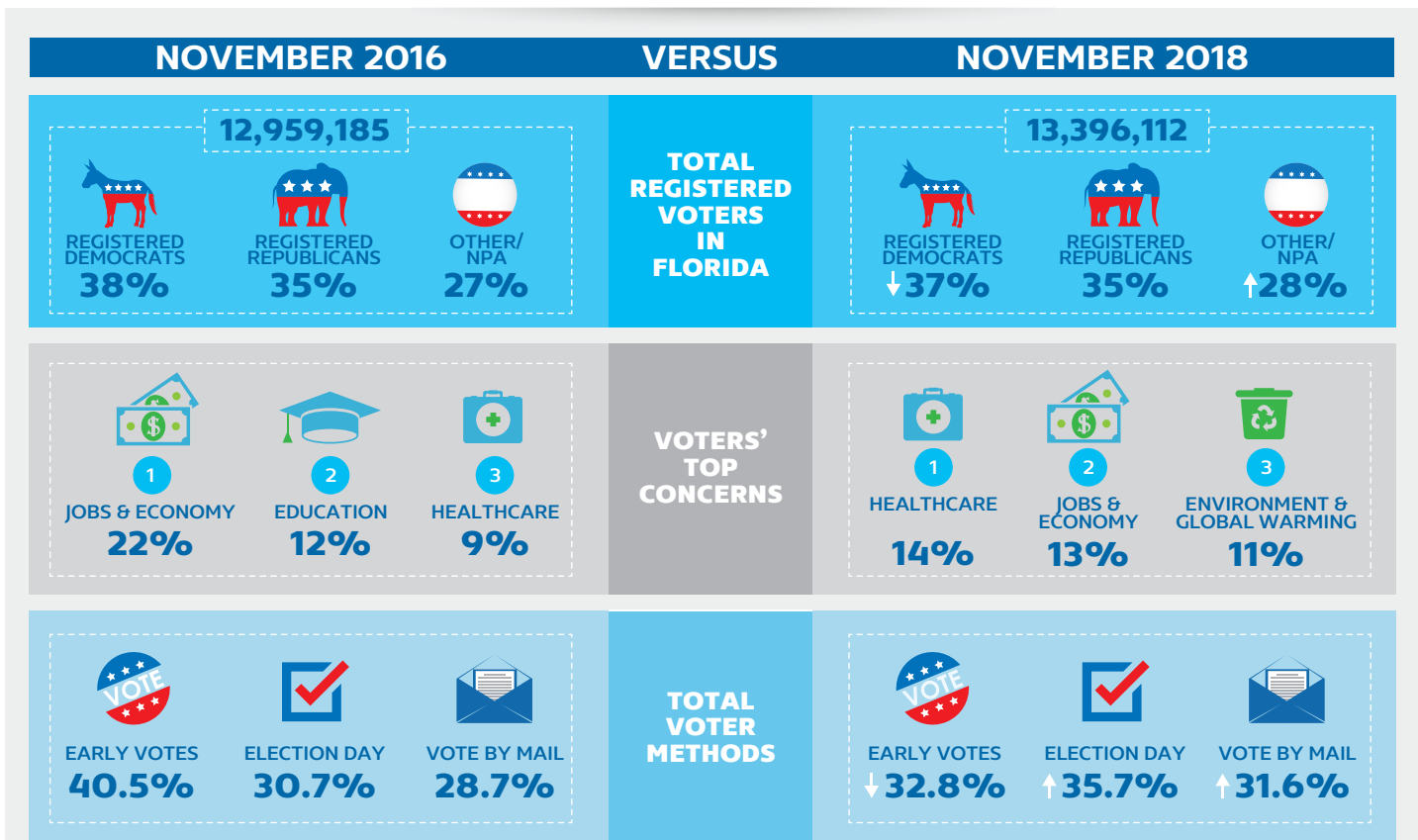
With your help, we can support the candidates who will make Florida's future a priority. Join the Florida Chamber's Political program, participate in one of our political advocacy organizations or join our many volunteers working to elect pro-jobs candidates.



Florida's Electorate Is Changing Fast

The Florida Chamber will continue to watch for personal injury trial lawyers, government unions, those against smart growth and out-of state billionaires with special interest agendas attempting to bankroll their candidates into office.

Here's what's impacting Florida's political landscape.



Sources: Florida Division of Election, Florida Chamber of Commerce Political Institute

Getting Engaged Is Easy



Political analysis is important to gauging where Florida voters stand on the issues that matter most. Learn more by contacting Andrew Wiggins, Senior Director of Campaigns and Elections at the Florida Chamber, at AWiggins@FLChamber.com.



Florida needs leaders who are willing to help grow and move Florida in the right direction. Join our fight to secure Florida's future. Contact Marian Johnson, Executive Director of the Florida Chamber Political Council (FCPC) at the Florida Chamber, at MJohnson@FLChamber.com.



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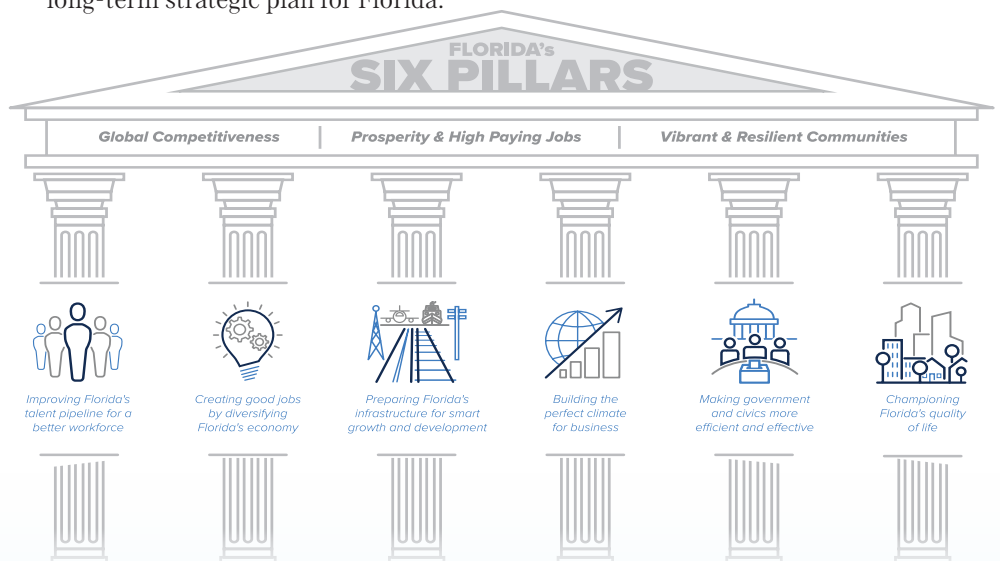
The Path Toward 2030

Since 1968, the Florida Chamber Foundation has been focused on creating pro-business, pro-jobs solutions for Florida. Today, the Florida Chamber Foundation's research identifies the long-term needs for Florida's future, allowing the Florida Chamber's advocacy arm to focus on passing legislation that makes Florida more competitive, and helping the Florida Chamber's political arm to recruit and elect the pro-business leaders who will get us there.

To remain globally competitive, prosperous, vibrant and resilient, Florida requires a plan that will address the challenges and opportunities future growth will bring and that invites long-term conversations and solutions to the table. That's where the Florida 2030 Blueprint comes in — which offers a strategic blueprint for achieving Florida's potential. The Florida 2030 Blueprint defines targets and strategies to guide private, public and civic partners as they work together to shape Florida's economic future. You can learn more by visiting www.Florida2030.org.

To unite Florida's business community under The Florida 2030 Blueprint, the Florida Chamber Foundation has led research-focused initiatives including:

- ▶ **Florida's Six Pillars framework** — a visioning platform that identifies the key factors that drive Florida's future economy and helps organizations speak with one voice. Communities, regional planning councils and state agencies from around Florida are currently using the Six Pillars framework to guide their planning, research and advocacy efforts.
- ▶ **TheFloridaScorecard.org** — an interactive online tool publicly available to all Floridians that tracks key metrics within each of the Six Pillars at the state and county level. Paired with the power of the framework and the targets and strategies in the Florida 2030 blueprint, these tools serve the larger mission of, ensuring a dynamic, long-term strategic plan for Florida.



Securing Florida's Future Includes You

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The Florida Chamber Foundation leads Florida in future-focused research and continues to be a catalyst for positive change. But we need your help to secure Florida's future. Getting involved is easy:

- ▶ **PARTNER ON THE FLORIDA 2030 BLUEPRINT** and collaborate on the Florida Chamber Foundation's research initiative to engage business and community leaders in each of Florida's 67 counties by helping us implement the Florida 2030 Blueprint in your community.
- ▶ **CONTRIBUTE YOUR ORGANIZATION'S EXPERTISE** and statewide reach by becoming a **Community Development Partner**. This select group of forward-thinking companies have a deeply vested interest in Florida's success and realize the importance of applying their collective impact efforts to Florida's statewide strategic plan.
- ▶ **BECOME A CHAMBER FOUNDATION TRUSTEE** and work with the state's top businesses and thought leaders from across Florida on the issues that matter most to our future.
- ▶ **ENGAGE YOUR REGION** by developing local 2030 plans, becoming a Six Pillars Community and leading the way toward vibrant, resilient, prosperous and globally competitive communities.
- ▶ **JOIN A FLORIDA CHAMBER FOUNDATION CAUCUS GROUP**, built around caucuses work to develop future-focused solutions to the issues that matter to our state. From the Business Alliance for Early Learning to the Innovation Caucus and more, share your voice by becoming a part of one of the Chamber Foundation's caucus initiatives.
- ▶ **SHARE www.TheFloridaScorecard.org AT YOUR MANAGEMENT MEETINGS**, there is no better way for your company or organization to stay up-to-date on your communities demographics, economics, and political shifts than to regularly use TheFloridaScorecard.org.



You can help drive Florida's future. Get involved by contacting us today at AKinnon@FLFoundation.org.



Todd Powell, Vice President of Real Estate Development, Weyerhaeuser and Chair, Florida Chamber Foundation, discusses Florida's future.

“As we prepare for 2030 and identify the challenges and opportunities Florida can take advantage of, we must remember that our state only succeeds when leaders in industry, business, nonprofit and government collaborate, and work together to secure Florida's future.”

TODD POWELL
Weyerhaeuser

UPCOMING SIX PILLARS SUMMITS:

JULY 16-19, 2019
Marco Island
Environmental Permitting Summer School

AUGUST 13-14, 2019
Jacksonville
Military, Defense and Veterans Opportunities Summit

OCTOBER 28-29, 2019
Orlando
FUTURE OF FLORIDA FORUM

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Join the Florida Chamber



Former Florida Chamber Board Chairs Tracy Duda Chapman, A. Duda and Sons Inc. and Glenda Hood, TriSect LLC. discuss their leadership roles in helping secure Florida's future.

“I'm proud to be part of an organization that tirelessly fights to support job creators, defeat special interests that advocate job-killing policies which would impair innovation and economic opportunities for our citizens and secure a better future for Florida's families and businesses.”

BOB GRAMMIG
Florida Chamber Chair

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Why It Matters To Florida

Simply put, free enterprise isn't free. To champion a pro-jobs, pro-Florida agenda, we work alongside our seasoned political advocates, experienced political strategists, small business council, international outreach program and top-tier research foundation.

The Florida Chamber believes securing Florida's future can only happen with those who believe in free enterprise, those who have the courage to stand up for what's right in our state, those who say 'no' to harmful out-of-state and special interest agendas and those who come together to champion the jobs agenda.

If you believe in free enterprise and want to help us make Florida more competitive, then simply call or email us today. When we win, you win. When you win, Florida wins.

How You Can Make Florida More Competitive

Here are four ways you can engage and make a difference:

- ▶ **JOIN** the Florida Chamber if you believe in our fight for free enterprise and think job creators should lead the way.
- ▶ **EMPOWER** your employees by educating them on issues that affect your business and their jobs by signing your business up for **FloridaWins.org**, a non-partisan program that helps educate your employees about Florida's successes and actively engages them in Florida's legislative process.
- ▶ **ENCOURAGE** voters to choose pro-jobs candidates by supporting those who support free enterprise. Host fundraisers and make political donations to lead the way.
- ▶ **CONNECT** with your elected officials and urge them to vote in favor of jobs and against special interest agendas.



Interested in getting involved with the Florida Chamber? Contact Tanya Bechtold, Manager of Investor Services at the Florida Chamber, at TBechtold@FLChamber.com.



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2019 LEARNERS TO EARNERS WORKFORCE SUMMIT

June 18-19, 2019 • Orlando

2019 ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING SUMMER SCHOOL

July 16-19, 2019 • Marco Island

MILITARY, DEFENSE AND VETERANS OPPORTUNITIES SUMMIT

August 13-14, 2019 • Jacksonville

FUTURE OF FLORIDA FORUM AND FLORIDA CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING

October 28-29, 2019 • Orlando

2019 FLORIDA CHAMBER INSURANCE SUMMIT

November 4-6, 2019 • Miami

GROWTH, TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT

December 2019 – TBD

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HOW THEY VOTED

Where Legislators Stood on the Florida Chamber's 2019 Jobs and Competitiveness Agenda



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