

FEDC supports the following proposed legislation:

Manufacturing - Companion bills HB 483 (Cobb) and SB 528 (Truenow)

Moving through the Senate and House committee stops

Establish a Chief Manufacturing Officer, create a workforce development grant program, and launch a promotional campaign to strengthen and promote manufacturing in Florida.

Rural

SB 250 - Rural Communities - General Bill by Simon; Co-Sponsor: Bradley;

Passed out of the Senate; in messages to the House

Expand support for rural communities by creating new offices and programs, revising funding distributions, and enhancing infrastructure, economic, and educational initiatives.

HB 723 - Rural Counties
General Bill by Abbott

Waiting to be heard in first committee stop

Provide a sales tax exemption, expedite certain payments, restrict state land purchases, increase rural transportation funding, classify rural hospitals as essential Medicaid providers, and create a school incentive pilot program.

FEDC is monitoring the following proposed legislation:

Advanced Air Mobility - Companion bills HB 1093 (Spencer) and SB 1362 (Harrell)

Moving through the Senate and House committee stops

Expand advanced air mobility in Florida by exempting certain electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft from sales tax, preempting local regulation, and creating liability limits for vertiport operators.

Space Florida - Companion bills HB 1177 (Sirois) and SB 1512 (Burgess) – Space Florida

Moving in the Senate. Waiting to be heard in first House committee stop

Enhance space-related activities by extending property and sales tax exemptions while removing certain procurement requirements for Space Florida.

Spaceport Operations - Companion bills HB 335 (Kendall) and SB 916 (Mayfield)

Moving in the House. Waiting to be heard in first Senate committee stop

Expand definitions and clarify authority over spaceport operations, requiring collaboration among state agencies to promote quintimodal transportation hubs.

Artificial Intelligence and Data Centers - Companion bills HB 1395 (Rizzo) and SB 482 (Leek)

Governor's priority bill; Moving through the Senate; Waiting to be heard in the House; Compare to HB 659 (Hunschofsky)

Establishes an Artificial Intelligence Bill of Rights, restricts government contracts with foreign-controlled AI entities, mandates transparency and parental consent for minors' use of companion chatbots, and forbids unauthorized commercial use of AI-generated personal likenesses.

HB 1007 - Hyperscale Data Centers - General Bill by Griffitts Jr.

Waiting to be heard in first committee stop; no Senate companion bill.

Establishes statewide restrictions and requirements for siting, constructing, and operating hyperscale data centers, prohibiting them in certain land categories and barring any public economic incentives.

SB 484 - Data Centers - General Bill by Ávila CoSponsors: Yarborough

Waiting on third stop in Senate Rules. Compare to HB 1517 by Joseph.

Establish comprehensive requirements for data center nondisclosure agreements, large load electricity tariffs, and water use permitting for large-scale data centers.

Housing - Companion bills HB 313 (Nix, Jr. CS Sponsors: Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee) and SB 48 (Gaetz) – Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

Passed out of the Senate. In messages to the House. In 2nd of 4 stop in the House.

Expand affordable housing options by requiring local governments to allow accessory dwelling units by right and providing additional incentives and studies to increase housing availability.

HB 607 - Industries and Professional Activities - DEREGULATION

General Bill by Yarkosky CS Sponsors: Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee

Compare to SB 1666 by Burgess. No direct Senate companion. Moving through referenced House committees.

Remove or reduce continuing education requirements in multiple professions, and eliminate certain boards, commissions, and councils. Consolidate licensing authority under the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.