

## 2026 FEDC Legislative Policy Items

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.