

2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Support incentives for multi-use and commercial projects to grow economic development.
- Reform our recruiting incentives to make it easier to attract significant investments in knowledge-based and corporate headquarters jobs.
- Change existing federal policy which will aid local economic development efforts to secure notable projects within niche sectors.

TOURISM

- Continue to advocate for A-Tax and H-Tax funding to be spent on tourism-related expenses at a state and local level.
- Advocate for and set guidelines for how short-term rentals are taxed locally in South Carolina. Local A-tax is mostly uncollected and sets an unfair advantage for hotels vs. short-term rentals.

TALENT/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Expand work-based learning opportunities by offering incentives for businesses to develop quality internship opportunities.
- \$7.5 million in state funding to support the building expansion of the Daniel Morgan Technology Center Academy of Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics.
- Support solutions to expand the accessibility and affordability of quality childcare to ensure working parents may increase participation in the workforce.
 - Project 1,000- With a phased investment strategy, this initiative aims to expand the number of childcare seats by at least 1,000, maintaining an investment-to-seat ratio of \$2,000 or less. We are seeking \$2.2 million in state funding to launch this pilot program and demonstrate measurable success for future budget expansion. The long-term goal is to create more than 1,000 new childcare seats each year.
 - Free Childcare for Childcare Workers- Modeled after Kentucky's categorical eligibility program, which operates at \$15 million annually, this proposal would provide free childcare to early educators to strengthen workforce stability and retention. The Kentucky program serves approximately 7,000 children and 4,400 childcare workers, and we anticipate a similar scale for South Carolina.
 - Childcare Facility Property Tax Deferral Bill- This proposal allows counties to offer optional property tax deferrals for licensed childcare providers.
 - Support Tax Credit Expansion (H.4015/S.47)- This effort seeks to continue and expand existing tax credits for childcare providers and employees, incentivizing growth and reinforcing the sector's long-term sustainability.

OTHER

- Support H.3857: Modernize Alcohol Delivery and Curbside Pick-up.