



2020 Legislative Priorities

ENVIRONMENT

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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BUSINESS CLIMATE

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★Support phasing out the sales tax on commercial leases while keeping local governments fiscally neutral.

✓Support for SB 126. The bill calls for a retailer with no physical presence in Florida (remote retailer) to register with the Florida Department of Revenue and collect and remit sales tax if it makes "a substantial number of remote sales" in the state in the previous calendar year. "Substantial" is defined as conducting:

- More than \$100,000 in retail sales of tangible personal property to be delivered into Florida; or
- 200 or more retail sales of tangible personal property to be delivered into Florida.

✓Support fully funding Visit Florida.

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✓Support the funding requests for the regional cultural and arts projects.

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Notes:

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**CAREER & TECHNICAL
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PHASE OUT
commercial lease
SALES TAX

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