

2021

Legislative Priorities



The Suncoast League of Cities supports opportunities to partner with the Florida legislature to review and evaluate local regulations that will serve to improve the quality of life for our shared constituents within Florida cities. In 2021, we will focus on eFairness, protecting our waterways, and preparing for cyber attacks.

eFairness



Currently, Missouri and Florida are the only two states that have not passed "eFairness."

\$700 million:

Uncollected sales and use tax annually.

2.7 million:

Number of jobs supported by retail in Florida.

\$20 billion:

The total amount of sales taxes remitted by retailers for Florida's governments annually.

Resiliency and Sustainability

The Suncoast League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that enables intergovernmental coordination and planning for coastal resiliency and sea level rise strategies; local authority to implement natural resource protection; and water quality improvements.



Cybersecurity

The Suncoast League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that provides cybersecurity support to local governments for;

- Development and enhancement of employee training
- Infrastructure grants
- Technical assistance including;
 - Threat assessments
 - Ransomware training and data protection of exempt and confidential information.



Learn more about the Suncoast League of Cities top 3 legislative priorities.

1. eFairness

We are not asking for a tax increase, rather to change the process on the collection of taxes on remote sales and reduce the burden on tax payers. If we don't act now, Florida businesses will face:

- A competitive disadvantage
- Erosion of state tax base
- Reduce sales or store closures
- More Floridians out of work

2. Cybersecurity

Local governments are among the most vulnerable and face significant barriers to a reasonable level of cybersecurity.



Fiscal constraints



Insufficient information sharing from peer jurisdictions



Insufficient cybersecurity training



Lack of support from elected officials and staff

46%

The percentage of local governments with no dedicated cybersecurity employee.



Insufficient information share from law enforcement

3. Resiliency and Sustainability



Tampa Bay's water levels have **increased 7.8"** since 1946

The Tampa Bay Region can expect an additional **2 to 8.5 feet** of sea level rise by 2100