

2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 95.1 Support entrepreneurs and small businesses via a healthy ecosystem of capital to grow and retain companies in Texas.
- 94.06 Continue support for state and local tools used to compete for corporate expansions and job growth.

TRANSPORTATION

- 98.97 Support improved highways and other infrastructure that facilitates trade, increases the effective flow of goods and services, promotes tourism and increases public safety.

TAXES AND SPENDING

- 97.85 Continue to support fiscal restraint in state spending and transparency in budgeting so that taxpayers know exactly what dollars are collected and where they are spent.
- 96.74 Support legislative efforts to maintain a regulatory climate that does not impose hidden taxes on employers through excessive fees and fines.

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE

- 96.88 Support career and technology education in conjunction with public schools and community colleges where appropriate to meet the needs of Texas employers.
- 96.87 Support recess and other physical activity as part of the school programming to promote health and wellness.
- 94.79 Support adult basic education that focuses on serving students who will be able to acquire the level of basic skills needed to enter the workforce.
- 93.81 Support education at the community college level as an important contributor to training students for jobs in the workforce and providing a path for certification.

EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

- 88.05 Support efforts to keep Texas a right-to-work state and oppose agency shop legislation.

HEALTH CARE AND TORT REFORM

- 91.67 Support legislation to promote consumer-directed health care models. Encourage employees to be more involved in their health.
- 90.59 Increase access to choices of health care programs by supporting market-driven health care policies that maximize consumer and public benefit.
- 90.48 Prevent needless increases in cost and litigation through the expansion of any kind of medical liability. Support legislation to curb existing abuses and the filing of frivolous lawsuits.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY

- 86.42 Remove roadblocks for Aquifer Storage Recovery (ASR) in Texas Water Code.

OTHERS

- TTIA*** Prevent unfair taxes, redirection of dedicated funds and unreasonable regulations on the Texas Travel Industry and oppose any legislation permitting the redirection of the HOT tax for other purposes.
- TAR*** Oppose real estate transfer fees and other attempts to tax real estate purchases.
- TEDC*** Protect the economic development sales tax; the designated sales tax should focus on primary jobs and wealth creation and for community development that improves the capacity of economic development.
- TML*** Maintain current law on rollback rate (8%) for local jurisdictions. Oppose efforts to lower the rate, which harms high-growth communities, counties, and school districts.