

2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Maintain and expand, as appropriate, the commitment for I-73 as a tourism related infrastructure project made by Horry County
- Support for RIDE IV
- Support funding for Existing Roads to include Little River end of Hwy 90.
- Local Government funding for Coast RTA
- State and Federal funding for completion of I-73 in South Carolina
- Adjust Passenger Facility Fees to inflation
- Beach Renourishment and Dune Recovery
- Modernize formulas for statewide mass transit investment

TOURISM

- Maintain Open Skies agreements, with friendly nations
- Maintain current structure of state and local tourism promotion programs
- Support progress made by local municipalities to make communities more family-friendly, including efforts to increase public safety presence.

EDUCATION

- Prevent K-12 school start date any sooner than August
- Continue strong partnerships and investment with HGTC and CCU
- Expand opportunities for apprenticeships and internships with area employers
- School Choice

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Promote Opportunity Zones
- Direct economic development investment via MBREDC and NESAs

WORKFORCE

- Expand seasonal visas including J-1 and H-2B to meet actual needs of employers
- Make childcare more affordable and accessible for working parents
- Promotion of SC Promise scholarship program to students
- Promote tax incentives that foster environment and entrepreneurship
- Industry specific healthcare options owned/operated by trade associations
- Public and private investment in workforce housing
- Workforce development initiatives

PUBLIC SAFETY

- State and local funding to help and retain law enforcement officers
- Expansion of federal safety programs like COPS and AFG programs
- Modern and thoughtful programs to provide care to those affected by opioid crisis
- Expansion of resources to help individual and unhoused

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION PRIORITIES

- Promote Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives that make our community prosperous for all
- Ensure access to vital records for returning citizens to help make getting a job easier
- Policies that make our state feel welcoming for all types of businesses and employers.