



SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT COUNTIES 2019 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

**APPROVED BY THE COMPACT POLICY WORKING GROUP AND STAFF STEERING COMMITTEE
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Concerning state legislation, regulations, and policies, the Compact Counties and other organizations adopting this document:

Highest Priorities

SUPPORT development of a statewide climate action plan which includes greenhouse gas emissions reduction, adaptation, and resilience measures.

SUPPORT Land Acquisition Trust Fund funding for regional priorities, including living shorelines, beaches, coastal and coral reef protection, preservation of native habitat areas, and maintenance of existing conservation lands.

SUPPORT additional funding for the Department of Environmental Protection Resilient Coastline Initiative and its local government technical assistance programs, as well as funding for resilient infrastructure projects identified by local governments.

SUPPORT legislation altering the funding criteria for beach renourishment projects to include shoreline protection measures beyond placement of sand, including dune projects.

Additional Priorities

OPPOSE preemption of local environmental regulations, including those pertaining to extreme well stimulation techniques and oil/gas exploration and extraction.

OPPOSE any changes that would weaken existing net metering policies, which allow customers to receive retail-rate credits for any excess energy produced by their on-site renewable energy devices and returned to the grid.

SUPPORT legislation to authorize third-party sales of electricity in Florida.

SUPPORT incentives for electric vehicle charging infrastructure and electric vehicle purchases by businesses and individuals.

SUPPORT for solar-plus-storage installations, especially at emergency shelters and other critical facilities.

SUPPORT programs to develop renewable sources of diesel-grade fuel.

SUPPORT meaningful energy-efficiency requirements for electric utilities in the upcoming Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act rulemaking undertaken by the Florida Public Service Commission.

SUPPORT legislation and funding for a matching fund program for local government flood risk reduction projects resulting from Adaptation Action Area designations or the risk reduction policies and actions included in the coastal elements of comprehensive plans pursuant to Chapter 2015-69, and legislation to add flood mitigation to the list of eligible uses of Florida Communities Trust funding.

SUPPORT coral reef health, protection, and restoration.

SUPPORT legislation and policies requiring state agencies, water management districts, local governments, and regulated industries to consider projected sea-level rise, coastal flooding, and potential storm surge in all infrastructure and facility-siting decisions.