

TJPD Legislative Program

Highlights of proposed changes (for 2019)

TOP PRIORITIES:

State Budget—updated with timely topics to be addressed in budget

Public Education Funding—updated numbers

Broadband—elevated to top priority status; added stronger language supporting increased state funding for broadband; added language supporting incentives for broadband expansion by utilities

OTHER PRIORITY ITEMS:

Local Revenue Authority (previous third top priority item)—added a position supporting continued collection of local option sales taxes from remote sellers when addressing the Supreme Court's Wayfair decision; removed CSUT tax funneling to broadband provisions

Children's Services Act—added language supporting locality efforts to provide facilities and services on a regional level

Land Use/Growth Management—added stronger language in support of impact fee authority

LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS:

--ECONOMIC and WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: Added a NEW POSITION on workforce development to support targeting job investment/small business grants to businesses paying higher wages.

--EDUCATION: Added a NEW POSITION on safety and security at schools to support capital/operating costs and specifically including incentive funding or reimbursement for school resource or security officers.

--ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Added NEW POSITIONS 1) on solar to support stronger markets for distributed solar; and 2) on disposable plastic bags to support local authority to develop incentives to decrease them.

--GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Added NEW STATEMENT under Elections to support allowing localities to address discrepancies regarding voting district boundary lines; and 2) a NEW POSITION to support increased state funding for public libraries.

--HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES: Added NEW STATEMENTS under Funding to support state funding for local costs related to Medicaid expansion, and for restoring current fiscal year funding for CSBs that was reduced in anticipation of recovery through expansion.

--PUBLIC SAFETY: Revised language under Funding to request jail per diem funding that is more realistic and more timely.

--WATER QUALITY: Revised language to reflect support for increased and ongoing investment in the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund.