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Policy Positions

Economic Development, Energy, and Agriculture

In order to address the long-running economic issues in New York State, the Assembly Republican Conference supports the following legislation:

Addressing our Immediate Needs

Inflation Relief & Consumer Assistance Plan – Immediately suspends State sales tax on dozens of everyday items for two years, including gasoline, personal care products, housekeeping supplies, prepared foods, and many others (**A.8481, Barclay**).

NY Food Insecurity, Farm Resiliency, and Rural Poverty Initiative – Connects farmers with excess product to food banks while simultaneously providing farmers with grants and regulatory relief to help them expand and sustain their operations (**A.6391, Tague**).

Regional Broadband Expansion and Access Program – Restructures the State’s strategy for delivering adequate broadband service and speeds to underserved areas by decentralizing the current New NY Broadband process allowing counties to create regional consortia and design plans that work for their own region (**A.8447, Smullen**).

Small Business and Manufacturing Support in a Post-Pandemic New York

New York Business Emergency Relief Act – Directs the Governor to reallocate unused settlement funds for small business relief purposes [Part A]; creates the Restart New York Grant Relief Program for businesses deemed non-essential by Executive Order [Part B]; and authorizes the Governor to repurpose certain monies as needed for the Restart New York Grant Relief Program [Part C] (**A.4692, Norris**).

New York First – Shop Local Program – Provides immediate assistance to small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by providing grants of up to \$10,000 to support online marketing campaigns, social media strategies, and provide valuable business assistance to locally-owned businesses (**A.4419, Ra**).

Small Business Infectious Disease Tax Credit – Establishes a small business tax credit of up to \$5,000 for actions taken to improve the taxpayer’s facility in an effort to reduce the spread of infectious diseases (**A.3566, Ashby**).

Manufacturing Company Tax Credit – Creates a tax credit for manufacturing companies that have one established place of business in the State and relocate a minimum of fifty employees from outside New York into the State. Provides that manufacturing companies shall be allowed a credit in the amount of 2.5 percent of the average salaries of newly created manufacturing jobs multiplied by the number of new jobs brought to the State (**A.3863, Norris**).

Manufacturer Real Property Tax Credit Increase – Increases the Manufacturer Real Property Tax Credit from 20 percent to 100 percent (**A.5497, Palmesano**).

Minimum Wage Reimbursement – Expands the eligibility to receive the Minimum Wage Reimbursement Credit to employers who pay the minimum wage plus fifty cents to certain employees and extends the credit to January 1, 2022 (**A.3845, Norris**).

Legislative Approval of Wage Board Orders – Requires legislative approval of minimum wage increases authorized through wage orders (**A.5063, Palmesano**).

21st Century Regulatory System

Division of Regulatory Review and Economic Growth (D-RREG) – Establishes a division, led by a commissioner who has a fixed term, to review and make binding recommendations for the elimination of burdensome regulations (**A.4717, Barclay**).

Streamline the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) – Makes the Department of Environmental Conservation the lead agency if a permit process is to be carried out or approved by two or more State agencies, reducing the timeline allowed for certain steps of the SEQR and State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permitting processes, and clarifying which areas are eligible for inclusion on the State Register of Historic Preservation to clearly show businesses which locations may be subjected to an archaeological survey during the SPDES process (**A.5233, Barclay**).

Infrastructure Investment: Realign Private Capital Investment with Historical Norms

Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund – Dedicates a portion of gasoline sales tax revenues into the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund to ensure revenues are used on road and bridge repair (**A.4944, Palmesano**).

Dedicated Highway And Bridge Trust Fund Reform Act – Ensures that money deposited into the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund is spent for construction purposes and not DOT and DMV operational activities (**A.5790, Palmesano**).

Increased Reimbursement Rates For Repairing State Arterials – Increases reimbursement rates paid by the State to cities for repair and maintenance of State arterials; the rate would be raised to \$1.80 from \$0.85 per square yard of the pavement area that is included in the State highway system and an additional \$0.20, up from \$0.10, per square yard of such pavement area where such pavement area is located on any elevated bridge (**A.4931, Palmesano**).

City Reimbursement For State Highway Construction – Raises the amount of reimbursement from the current rate of not more than \$.85 per square yard of the pavement area to a new rate of not more than \$1.80 per square yard of the pavement area (**A.5078, Palmesano**).

Addressing Water Contamination – Requires the Department of Health and Department of Environmental Conservation to establish a maximum contaminant level of 0.35 parts per billion for the presence of 1,4-Dioxane in public supplies of potable water, ground water, and runoff water from a wastewater treatment plant or water supply treatment plant (**A.3541, Ashby**).

Identify and Address Immediate Energy Cost Drivers

Reduce Energy Assessment – Reduces the amount a utility can be assessed, for costs and expenses of the Department of Public Service and the Public Service Commission, from one percent to one-third of one percent (**A.5717, Hawley**).

Ratepayer Transparency and Disclosure Act – Requires annual reporting on State mandated energy programs (**A.5518, Palmesano**).

Cost-Benefit Analysis – Directs the Public Service Commission to conduct a full cost-benefit analysis of the technical and economic aspects of any future actions by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (**A.7524-A, Palmesano**).

SUNY and CUNY CO2 Competition – Creates a competition among SUNY and CUNY schools with prizes going to the schools that produce the most cost-efficient method of reducing CO2 emissions (**A.4427, Ra**).