

2009 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



- 1 Support short- and long-term financing for regional transportation solutions**
 - Fund the widening of I-12 (Range to Walker), the widening of I-10 (Siegen to LA 73), and the creation of a Pecue Lane interchange
 - Fund development of the Baton Rouge loop process
- 2 Secure small business tax relief**
 - Minimize or eliminate the corporate franchise tax on small businesses
- 3 Support a multi-faceted innovation agenda**
 - Encourage new venture capital development
 - Continue incentives for private sector research and development
 - Renew incentives for angel investors
 - Maintain a competitive digital media tax incentive
- 4 Encourage efforts to ensure the competitiveness of Louisiana's research universities**
 - Support development of a performance-based funding formula that prioritizes university research capabilities and workforce needs
 - Support structural changes to higher education funding that increase the quality of research universities



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