

**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

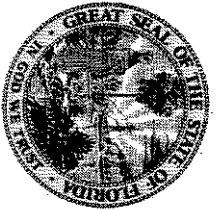
**APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM, AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

**Senator Latvala, Chair  
Senator Clemens, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Monday, March 16, 2015  
**TIME:** 4:00 —6:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 301 Senate Office Building

**MEMBERS:** Senator Latvala, Chair; Senator Clemens, Vice Chair; Senators Brandes, Detert, Diaz de la Portilla, Gibson, Hukill, Sachs, and Thompson

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Review and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Issues Relating to:  Department of Economic Opportunity  Division of Emergency Management, Executive Office of the Governor  Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  Department of Military Affairs  Department of State  Department of Transportation	Discussed	
	Other Related Meeting Documents		



# Department of Military Affairs

**Priority 1: Maintain & Repair Readiness Centers**

**General Revenue (CIP), non-recurring \$12,000,000**



## Florida Armory Revitalization Program (FARP)

- **Armories completed or currently being renovated**
  - **43 out of 52 COMPLETE**
  - **Armories being renovated in FY 2014-2015**
    - **Arcadia, Cecil Field Building 858, CBJTC 3500 Buildings, CBJTC Building 2300, Orlando (Naval Training Center)**
- **FY 2015-2016 requested funding will revitalize the following armories:**
  - **St. Augustine (Robert F Ensslin Armory)**
  - **Wauchula**
  - **West Palm Beach Callaway**
  - **Tampa**
- **Economic impact \$53M, Post-renovation value \$31M**



# **Department of Military Affairs**

## **Palm Coast-Flagler Armory**



- **Cost \$18MIL federal and \$2.857MIL state**
- **Florida received confirmation of federal match on 2 Feb 15**
- **Project has been scheduled since 2006**
- **Will replace a facility in Daytona that's lease has expired**
- **Facility will be home to over 260 Soldiers**

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APPEARANCE RECORD

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3/16/15

Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic DEM BUDGET

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Waive Speaking: In Support Against (The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing FDEM

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

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Topic Medical Tourism

Amendment Barcode (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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Representing VISIT FLORIDA

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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Topic DMA BUDGET

Amendment Barcode (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic DHSMV

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Representing FLORIDA Highway Patrol

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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3/16/2016  
Meeting Date

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Space Florida Budget

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Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
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Representing Space Florida

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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# CourtSmart Tag Report

**Room:** SB 301

**Case:**

**Type:**

**Caption:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development **Judge:**

**Started:** 3/16/2015 4:04:07 PM

**Ends:** 3/16/2015 6:02:01 PM

**Length:** 01:57:55

4:04:11 PM Sen. Latvala (Chair)  
4:04:18 PM roll call  
4:04:27 PM Sen. Latvala - Opening Comments  
4:07:25 PM Sen. Latvala \_ asks for page and line numbers for Emergency Management  
4:07:38 PM Kristin Gusky - Page27, line 227 - Statewide Alert and Notification System; Line 229 - additional Trust Authority for Residential Construction Mitigation  
4:08:22 PM Sen. Latvala - Issues we are asked to fund, explain your request and rationale  
4:08:37 PM Mike DeLorenzo, Deputy Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management  
4:11:16 PM Sen. Clemens - are there a number of groups that can do what you are discussing  
4:11:42 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:11:53 PM Sen. Clemens - are there a number of vendors that do all of these things  
4:12:05 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:12:20 PM Sen. Hukill - how does this integrate with the local systems?  
4:12:37 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:12:51 PM Sen. Hukill - the appropriation you are asking for would not count, what it would cost the locals to hookup or change their system to be compatible to the state system.  
4:13:03 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:13:18 PM Sen. Hukill - is it going to preclude locals from getting information from the state  
4:13:25 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:13:34 PM Sen. Hukill - would local issues, like a traffic accident on I - 4, be integrated, or just big issues like storms  
4:13:48 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:13:59 PM Sen. Hukill - would a boil water notice in my neighborhood be included  
4:14:04 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:14:08 PM Sen. Latvala - are we absolutely sure this could be accomplished with the appropriations you are requesting  
4:14:19 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:14:43 PM Sen. Hukill - has there been any discussion with systems that might be replaced by this or not integrated into this  
4:15:05 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:15:27 PM Sen. Hukill - why would insurance premiums go down?  
4:15:35 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:15:59 PM Sen. Hukill - will include medical alerts, not school alerts  
4:16:05 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:16:38 PM Sen. Gibson - you keep saying "we hope"; we will get a vendor, yet to be known, to be a host for other systems to plug into, then that vendor would do some statewide dissemination, only if there is a storm, bomb...  
4:17:26 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:17:58 PM Sen. Gibson - you keep saying "hopefully"; where will the system disseminate to  
4:18:20 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:18:52 PM Sen. Gibson - the reason we this, we hope counties will join so they will reduce their insurance costs  
4:19:04 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:19:17 PM Sen. Clemens - how long will the process take to get the system in place  
4:19:41 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:19:55 PM Sen. Clemens - 2.5 million get it started; then you come back and show us how will it is working  
4:20:03 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:20:11 PM Sen. Latvala - the 4.5 million is not just the first year cost, it's the total cost  
4:20:20 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:20:34 PM Sen. Brandes - are there other states implementing this program  
4:20:42 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:21:00 PM Sen. Hukill - can't we have state disseminate information to locals that are already in place on the big issues  
4:21:31 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:21:47 PM Sen. Latvala - give me an example of the kinds of things that would be used for messaging

4:21:58 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:22:53 PM Sen. Latvala - do we have some objections on this  
4:23:03 PM Sen. Sachs - how are we going to progress; Chair guide us on this  
4:23:31 PM Sen. Latvala - we will pass on it at this time;  
4:23:40 PM Sen. Latvala - we will let you try on the residential construction mitigation program; line 229  
4:24:14 PM M. DeLorenzo - wind events  
4:25:05 PM Sen. Latvala - kinds of projects you do with this; doesn't affect the mobile home mitigation program  
4:25:24 PM M. DeLorenzo - roofing  
4:25:44 PM Sen. Gibson - how much for actual upgrades and how much for public education  
4:26:05 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:26:38 PM Sen. Latvala - do you need substantive statutory language on this  
4:26:56 PM Sen. Gibson - you are behind in getting money to cities and counties through the grant process  
4:27:05 PM M. DeLorenzo - applications  
4:27:29 PM Sen. Gibson - because you are not already doing public information  
4:27:44 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:27:47 PM Sen. Gibson - do you send information to the members  
4:28:07 PM M. DeLorenzo - we will send that information to you  
4:28:12 PM Sen. Clemens - mitigation projects are important, why is it not being utilized properly  
4:28:57 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:29:22 PM Sen. Clemens - is this the best place for this  
4:29:35 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:29:55 PM Sen. Latvala - how is what you do different from what FLASH does  
4:30:15 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:30:36 PM Sen. Latvala - where do they get their money  
4:30:49 PM Sen. Detert - are these referred to you by the counties  
4:31:05 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:31:37 PM Sen. Detert - we would like you to be more specific about the selection process  
4:32:28 PM M. DeLorenzo  
4:33:05 PM Sen. Latvala  
4:34:23 PM Sen. Gibson - African American Heritage Preservation  
4:35:02 PM Sen. Latvala - is that the organization Ms. Barnes has  
4:35:05 PM Sen. Gibson - yes  
4:35:08 PM Sen. Latvala - so that is for  
4:35:14 PM Sen. Gibson - technical support, interns, technology acquisition  
4:35:20 PM Sen. Latvala - for African American Heritage  
4:35:22 PM Sen. Gibson - museums  
4:35:25 PM Sen. Latvala - how is that money given out  
4:35:30 PM Sen. Gibson - that is what I have been looking at  
4:35:33 PM Sen. Latvala - when we put this into the budget you want to put in some proviso language and enumerate how it should be given out  
4:35:57 PM Sen. Latvala - your request was for 4 hundred thousand for that. Sen. Thompson how is yours different  
4:36:16 PM Sen. Thompson - Heritage Network provides technical assistance; we need infrastructure; we need to invest in our historical sites or they will be lost; we could put them to use in terms of economic development  
4:37:07 PM Sen. Latvala - that's the project you named Sankofa  
4:37:11 PM Sen. Thompson - yes it is  
4:37:13 PM Sen. Latvala - so there are 2 programs; on the Sankofa project how it would be determined which facility will get the help we provide  
4:37:50 PM Sen. Thompson - they could apply through the Department of State  
4:38:28 PM Sen. Latvala - starting a new grant program administered through the Department of State  
4:38:48 PM Sen. Gibson - if there is a way to combine our help to make sure it actually gets done  
4:39:37 PM Sen. Latvala - the money has been given to who  
4:40:13 PM Sen. Thompson - through the Riley and Heritage Network  
4:40:41 PM Sen. Latvala - listing the places we want funded and putting an amount by them for the Sankofa project; for the Heritage Network doesn't have to be done the same way  
4:41:29 PM Sen. Latvala - Grant Programs; funding starting at the top of the list until funding runs out  
4:43:02 PM Sen. Latvala - introduces Visit Florida and would like to know how the Medical Tourism money is being spent in the current year  
4:43:43 PM Will Seccombe, President, CEO, Visit Florida, Medical Tourism  
4:46:21 PM Sen. Clemens (chair) - who gets the grant  
4:46:31 PM W. Seccombe - 2 different categories, traditional medical tourism promotion and medical education  
4:46:44 PM Sen. Clemens - sounds like you are paying people to come here, why is this different  
4:46:51 PM W. Seccombe

4:47:43 PM Sen. Clemens - so it's paying people to come here  
4:47:47 PM W. Seccombe  
4:48:08 PM Sen. Detert - is this going to be 5 million dollars every year  
4:48:30 PM W. Seccombe  
4:48:52 PM Sen. Detert - medical tourism a separate bank account that can be tracked  
4:49:33 PM W. Seccombe  
4:50:10 PM Sen. Detert - but the money is not kept separately  
4:50:12 PM W. Seccombe  
4:50:25 PM Sen. Sachs - can you tell us what occurs for a community when a certain surgeon brings people in from all over the world  
4:51:22 PM W. Seccombe  
4:52:39 PM Sen. Sachs - provide us with statistics on various medical centers, people needing medical care and what the economic impact is  
4:53:35 PM W. Seccombe  
4:54:24 PM Sen. Brandes - is the best use of our 5 million dollars  
4:54:44 PM W. Seccombe  
4:55:18 PM Sen. Brandes - where would be the best place to put this money  
4:55:22 PM W. Seccombe  
4:56:22 PM Sen. Latvala (Chair) - we would like to let the bill move along, don't want to get involved with the budget  
4:56:37 PM Sen. Latvala - National Guard - 2 issues; Armories and Base Operating Support  
4:57:31 PM Glenn W. Sutphin, Jr. Legislative Director, Department of military Affairs, Armories and Base Operating Support  
4:57:48 PM Sen. Latvala - which page in the budget was that - page 12, line 87 (base operating support); where is the armory line - lines 91 - 92  
4:59:10 PM G. Sutphin  
5:01:50 PM Sen. Latvala - let's get back to the design bill of Flagler Armory, you say you already put the roof on it  
5:01:59 PM G. Sutphin - Ensslin Armory had the roof put on it  
5:02:13 PM Sen. Latvala - Flagler Armory do we have a homeless unit that needs to go in there  
5:02:16 PM G. Sutphin  
5:02:37 PM Sen. Latvala - 4 Armories - that need to be renovated, why and where  
5:02:42 PM G. Sutphin - St. Augustine, Wauchula  
5:04:02 PM Sen. Latvala - do you have a priority order and what are the amounts for each one of them  
5:04:14 PM G. Sutphin - Wauchula about 2.5 to 2.6 million; West Palm closer to 3 million; Tampa about 2 million; St. Augustine about 5 million  
5:05:10 PM Sen. Latvala - we can't do all four; help us with this  
5:05:27 PM G. Sutphin  
5:06:20 PM Sen. Latvala - air defense, what do they do  
5:06:23 PM G. Sutphin  
5:06:57 PM Sen. Latvala - one would be Wauchula; two would be West Palm  
5:07:18 PM Sen. Clemens - we are funding Flagler  
5:07:27 PM Sen. Latvala - yes it is included, we need to do further work on the others  
5:08:17 PM Col. David Brierton, Director, Florida Highway Patrol, Trooper  
5:08:20 PM D. Brierton - start with Vehicle replacement  
5:08:58 PM Sen. Latvala - what is your recommendation  
5:09:00 PM D. Brierton - 405 vehicles  
5:09:03 PM Sen. Latvala - they will replace vehicles with how many miles on them  
5:09:08 PM D. Brierton - over 100,000 miles, our average trade is 150,006  
5:09:23 PM Sen. Sachs - you are replacing 20% of your fleet annually  
5:09:26 PM D. Brierton - move toward 20% annually  
5:09:50 PM Sen. Gibson - clarification- on our budget sheet it has pursuit and non - pursuit vehicles  
5:10:02 PM D. Brierton  
5:10:05 PM Sen. Latvala - budget includes some non-pursuit vehicles  
5:10:11 PM Sen. Gibson - on line 58 it says replaces non-pursuit vehicles per department of Management Services criteria  
5:10:25 PM D. Brierton - yes  
5:10:42 PM Sen. Latvala - any objections for the replacement of the vehicles over 100,000 miles  
5:10:42 PM Sen. Clemens - how many vehicles did you replace last year?  
5:10:48 PM D. Brierton - the present year we are going to replace 312 vehicles; July 1st we will have 603 vehicles over the 100,000 miles  
5:11:04 PM Sen. Clemens - so this request is about 33% more than this present year  
5:11:06 PM Sen. Latvala - why come there are so many vehicles parked at Highway Patrol Stations  
5:11:19 PM D. Brierton - some spares vehicles, and some vacancies

5:11:30 PM Sen. Latvala - Overtime  
5:12:37 PM D. Brierton - troopers held beyond their shift  
5:13:02 PM Sen. Clemens - I feel a better way to deal with this problem is to fill the vacancies; how many officers are needed  
5:13:25 PM D. Brierton - today 124; we will start an academy March 26 and are expecting 50 - 55, which will bring it down to 70  
5:13:39 PM Sen. Latvala - why can't you fill the 124 vacancies  
5:13:42 PM D. Brierton - we need people that are qualified  
5:14:16 PM Sen. Latvala - we gave you 26 additional spots last year and they are not filled  
5:14:24 PM D. Brierton - 28 and those are filled, these vacancies are in different areas  
5:14:32 PM Sen. Clemens - overtime requests - how do these compare historically the last 3 - 4 - 5 years  
5:14:40 PM D. Brierton - we have had this funding the last 2 years  
5:15:05 PM Sen. Clemens - you're going from 124 to 70 vacancies, wouldn't that allow for less overtime  
5:15:23 PM D. Brierton - I'll need to research that and get back to you  
5:16:38 PM Sen. Gibson - what part of the money is used for court appearances during non - scheduled working hours as opposed to working overtime  
5:17:38 PM D. Brierton  
5:18:58 PM Sen. Sachs - work as much as possible within your ranks to curtail overtime and fill vacancies with good men and women  
5:20:22 PM Sen. Thompson - Is it the troopers that work at night and have to testify during the day that get the most overtime  
5:20:38 PM D. Brierton - it also could be troopers that have the day off; we try to work with the courts in the counties to get times while they are working  
5:21:06 PM Sen. Thompson - if the trooper works during the day, they might not earn as much overtime as a trooper that works at night  
5:21:21 PM Sen. Brandes - if you don't get the 2 million dollars today will Floridians be less safe  
5:21:33 PM D. Brierton -  
5:22:04 PM Sen. Clemens - you will have 54 vacancies filled, how can we be less safe with more officers on the road  
5:22:29 PM D. Brierton - this takes time  
5:22:45 PM Sen. Clemens - you still have the 8 million in overtime to use while these 54 officers get on the road, then you won't need it as much  
5:22:55 PM D. Brierton - we will have to evaluate that  
5:23:06 PM Sen. Gibson - are you paying the trooper in court overtime and the trooper taking his place  
5:23:52 PM D. Brierton -  
5:24:45 PM Sen. Clemens - I rather see permanent people rather than paying overtime  
5:25:14 PM Sen. Latvala - you don't make money paying overtime, hire the people to get the job done  
5:26:13 PM Sen. Gibson - leave it at 1 Million  
5:26:51 PM Sen. Sachs - recommend new hires than overtime  
5:27:45 PM Sen. Hukill - 1 million  
5:28:11 PM Sen. Thompson - filling full time positions  
5:28:48 PM Sen. Detert - I agree with the person in authority  
5:29:19 PM Sen. Brandes - give the Highway Patrol what they need  
5:30:38 PM Sen. Latvala - we will split it and do 1 Million  
5:32:12 PM Sen. Latvala - next is Space Florida, Frank Dibello, President and CEO; I would like to hear what you do and how you do it. I'm told you have 19.5 Million in the budget  
5:32:45 PM Sen. Latvala - we will defer until tomorrow the Transportation Disadvantaged, the Housing - SHIP and SAIL and the other Department of Economic Opportunity  
5:32:58 PM Frank Dibello, President and CEO, Space Florida, Budget  
5:33:50 PM Sen. Clemens - could we get everyone on the page, page 6  
5:34:06 PM Sen. Latvala - what am I missing by the difference between the 19 1/2 and the 12 1/2  
5:34:20 PM Kristin Gusky - the additional funding, 5 million, for financing and an additional 2 million for efforts at Cecil  
5:34:40 PM Sen. Latvala - we are going to do Cecil differently  
5:34:57 PM Sen. Latvala - 10 million in operating costs, what you do  
5:35:02 PM F. Dibello - Space Port Authority, aerospace economic development  
5:39:20 PM Sen. Latvala - what have you done, how many launch facilities have you developed, where are those  
5:39:33 PM F. Bibello - at Cape Canaveral, launch complex 36 and 46, a horizontal launch capability  
5:40:29 PM Sen. Latvala - how many launches this year?  
5:40:31 PM F. Dibello - none  
5:40:32 PM Sen. Latvala - how many launches since you been in business?  
5:40:37 PM F. Bibello - one  
5:40:44 PM Sen. Latvala - how many years have you been in business?  
5:40:46 PM F. Bibello - Space Florida was formed in 2006

**5:40:58 PM** Sen. Latvala - in 9 years there was one launch?  
**5:41:17 PM** F. Bibello - one launch; continues his presentation  
**5:42:40 PM** Sen. Latvala - then you will have four launch facilities?  
**5:42:40 PM** F. Bibello - no, these were the two I was talking about  
**5:42:47 PM** Sen. Latvala - tell me about the proposed project at Shiloh  
**5:42:50 PM** F. Bibello  
**5:43:52 PM** Sen. Clemens - what is the money going toward?  
**5:44:17 PM** F. Dibello  
**5:46:59 PM** Sen. Latvala - back to Shiloh, why this site was selected, where it stands with all the environmental concerns  
**5:47:16 PM** F. Bibello  
**5:49:24 PM** Sen. Detert - back to the 10 million - is that for financing or people  
**5:49:34 PM** F. Dibello  
**5:50:58 PM** Sen. Detert - give me an example of the titles or types of employees  
**5:51:11 PM** F. Dibello  
**5:52:10 PM** Sen. Detert - what is our return on investment?  
**5:52:20 PM** F. Bibello  
**5:52:53 PM** Sen. Hukill -comment on the Shiloh Project - there is concern about impact, also tremendous support and possibilities for economic development  
**5:54:07 PM** F. Dibello  
**5:55:55 PM** Sen. Latvala - use already developed areas rather than green areas  
**5:56:37 PM** F. Dibello  
**5:57:49 PM** Sen. Latvala - questions, anything you want to add  
**5:58:06 PM** F. Dibello  
**5:59:41 PM** Sen. Latvala - who is your chairman?  
**6:00:04 PM** F. Dibello  
**6:00:23 PM** Sen. Latvala - we are out of time , thank you for coming, it's been very helpful  
**6:00:57 PM** adjourns



# THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

**COMMITTEES:**  
Judiciary, *Chair*  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation,  
Tourism, and Economic Development  
Community Affairs  
Finance and Tax  
Regulated Industries  
Rules

**SENATOR MIGUEL DIAZ de la PORTILLA**  
40th District

March 16, 2015

The Honorable Jack Latvala  
Chair  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism,  
And Economic Development

Via email

Dear Chair Latvala:

I respectfully request that I be excused from the TED Committee meetings today, March 16, and tomorrow, March 17. I need to remain in Miami due to a law firm business obligation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Miguel Diaz de la Portilla  
Senator, District 40

Cc: Mr. Philip Miller, Staff Director; Ms. Elizabeth Wells, Committee Administrative Assistant

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