

Agenda Order

Tab 2	CS/SB 666 by TR, Jones ; Similar to H 00523 Specialty License Plates/Miami Northwestern Alumni Association
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Tab 3	SB 1318 by Grall (CO-INTRODUCERS) Davis ; Identical to H 00501 Hands-free Driving
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Tab 4	SB 1408 by Collins (CO-INTRODUCERS) Martin ; Similar to H 00697 Transportation Facility Designations
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Tab 5	SB 1516 by Wright ; Identical to CS/H 00793 Aerospace Industry
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The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION,
TOURISM, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Senator DiCeglie, Chair
Senator Polsky, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 26, 2025
TIME: 1:00—3:00 p.m.
PLACE: *Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building*

MEMBERS: Senator DiCeglie, Chair; Senator Polsky, Vice Chair; Senators Arrington, Avila, Bernard, Collins, Grall, Ingoglia, Leek, Martin, McClain, Sharief, Smith, Truenow, and Wright

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Review and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Issues Relating to: Department of Commerce Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Department of Military Affairs Department of State Department of Transportation Division of Emergency Management		Discussed
2	CS/SB 666 Transportation / Jones (Similar H 523)	Specialty License Plates/Miami Northwestern Alumni Association; Directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Miami Northwestern Alumni Association license plate; specifying design elements for the plate, etc. TR 03/19/2025 Fav/CS ATD 03/26/2025 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 15 Nays 0
3	SB 1318 Grall (Identical H 501)	Hands-free Driving; Prohibiting a person from operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device in a handheld manner; providing an exception; requiring that sustained use of a wireless communications device by a person operating a motor vehicle be conducted through a hands-free accessory until such use is terminated; revising penalty provisions relating to the use of wireless communications devices in a handheld manner in certain circumstances, etc. TR 03/12/2025 Favorable ATD 03/26/2025 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 15 Nays 0
4	SB 1408 Collins (Similar H 697, Compare CS/H 987)	Transportation Facility Designations; Providing honorary designations of certain transportation facilities in specified counties; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers, etc. TR 03/19/2025 Favorable ATD 03/26/2025 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 14 Nays 0

COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development
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5	SB 1516 Wright (Identical CS/H 793)	Aerospace Industry; Requiring Space Florida to administer the International Aerospace Innovation Fund; establishing the International Aerospace Innovation Fund; providing the purpose and duties of the fund; requiring Space Florida to establish an application process for projects seeking funding from the fund, etc. MS 03/18/2025 Favorable ATD 03/26/2025 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 14 Nays 0

Other Related Meeting Documents



Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

FY 2025-2026 Committee Budget Proposal

Budget Spreadsheet

Senator DiCeglie, Chair
Senator Polsky, Vice Chair

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1		COMMERCE									1
2	1100001	STARTUP (OPERATING)	1,512.00	57,154,160	57,154,160		63,824,163	849,674,190	913,498,353	970,652,513	2
3	1100002	STARTUP RECURRING FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY (DEBT SERVICE/OTHER)		-	-		5,000,000		5,000,000	5,000,000	3
4	160E450	REALIGNMENT OF AGENCY SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR NORTHWEST REGIONAL DATA CENTER - DEDUCT		-	-		(4,239)	(497,192)	(501,431)	(501,431)	4
5	17C99C0	REALIGN ENTERPRISE CYBERSECURITY RESILIENCY - ADD		-	-			352,727	352,727	352,727	5
6	1700010	DEDUCT - COMMERCE REALIGNMENT OF POSITIONS	(5.00)	-	-			(221,708)	(221,708)	(221,708)	6
7	1700020	ADD - COMMERCE REALIGNMENT OF POSITIONS	5.00	-	-			221,708	221,708	221,708	7
8	2503080	DIRECT BILLING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS		-	-			(122,043)	(122,043)	(122,043)	8
9	3000110	PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SALARY AND BENEFITS		-	-			5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	9
10	3003060	SELECTFLORIDA		-	-			900,000	900,000	900,000	10
11	3007010	E-VERIFICATION	5.00	1,505,423	1,505,423					1,505,423	11
12	33V1620	VACANT POSITION REDUCTIONS	(29.00)	-	-					-	12
13	3600PC0	FLORIDA PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND LEDGER MANAGEMENT (PALM) READINESS		-	-			1,291,800	1,291,800	1,291,800	13
14	36201C0	PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT DEPARTMENT-WIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NEEDS		-	-			915,000	915,000	915,000	14
15	4400110	SPACE FLORIDA - FINANCING PROGRAM FOR AEROSPACE INDUSTRY		3,000,000	-	3,000,000			-	3,000,000	15
16	4700060	FLORIDA JOB GROWTH GRANT FUNDING		25,000,000	-	25,000,000			-	25,000,000	16
17	4700070	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOLS		3,400,000	-	3,400,000	16,600,000	2,500,000	19,100,000	22,500,000	17
18	4800010	CONTINUE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE FLORIDA DEFENSE SUPPORT TASK FORCE		2,000,000	2,000,000				-	2,000,000	18
19	4800020	GRANTS AND AIDS - MILITARY BASE PROTECTION		3,000,000	-	3,000,000			-	3,000,000	19
20	6P00810	COMMERCE LOCAL INITIATIVES		8,800,700	-	8,800,700			-	8,800,700	20
21	6400020	LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) - INCREASE AUTHORITY TO MATCH FEDERAL GRANT AWARD		-	-			50,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000	21
22	6400060	ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) PROGRAM		-	-			149,945,217	149,945,217	149,945,217	22
23	6400090	WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE FUNDING (WAP) - INCREASE AUTHORITY TO MATCH SUPPLEMENTAL FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING		-	-			10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	23
24	6400210	COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM		-	-			7,102,755	7,102,755	7,102,755	24
25	6507400	AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS		-	-			71,192,279	71,192,279	71,192,279	25
26	6507500	FLORIDA HOMETOWN HEROES HOUSING PROGRAM		150,000,000	-	150,000,000			-	150,000,000	26
27	6507600	STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) PROGRAM		18,800,000	-	18,800,000		163,814,618	163,814,618	182,614,618	27
28	8000090	NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM		350,000	-	350,000			-	350,000	28
29	8000110	READY TO WORK		2,000,000	2,000,000				-	2,000,000	29
30	8000120	RURAL WORKFORCE PROGRAM FUNDING		-	-			5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	30
31	990G000	GRANTS AND AIDS - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY		-	-				-	-	31
32	140220	HOUSING AND COMM DEV - FCO		62,523,989	-	62,523,989			-	62,523,989	32

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33	140221	WORKFORCE PROJECTS - FCO		750,000	-	750,000			-	750,000	33
34	143150	SPACE, DEFENSE, RURAL INFR		3,500,000	-	3,500,000			-	3,500,000	34
35	990M000	MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR		-	-	-			-	-	35
36	080903	REED ACT PROJECT-STATEWIDE		9,650,000	-	9,650,000		2,962,000	2,962,000	12,612,000	36
37	Total	COMMERCE	1,488.00	351,434,272	62,659,583	288,774,689	85,419,924	1,320,031,351	1,405,451,275	1,756,885,547	37
38											38
39		HIGHWAY SAFETY									39
40	1100001	STARTUP (OPERATING)	4,243.00	-	-	-	-	583,243,090	583,243,090	583,243,090	40
41	160E450	REALIGNMENT OF AGENCY SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR NORTHWEST REGIONAL DATA CENTER - DEDUCT		-	-	-		(438,025)	(438,025)	(438,025)	41
42	17C99C0	REALIGN ENTERPRISE CYBERSECURITY RESILIENCY - ADD		-	-	-		622,667	622,667	622,667	42
43	2401040	ADDITIONAL TROOPER EQUIPMENT FOR THE FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL		-	-	-		1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	43
44	2401090	REPLACEMENT OF IN-CAR DIGITAL VIDEO CAMERAS, FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL PROGRAM		-	-	-		2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	44
45	2401170	FORENSIC ROBOTIC MAPPING SYSTEM FOR FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL		-	-	-		498,750	498,750	498,750	45
46	2401520	REPLACEMENT OF PURSUIT VEHICLES WITH 100,000 MILES FOR THE FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL		-	-	-		3,300,000	3,300,000	3,300,000	46
47	2503080	DIRECT BILLING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS		-	-	-		462	462	462	47
48	3000470	INCREASED OPERATIONAL EXPENSE		-	-	-		550,000	550,000	550,000	48
49	3000500	INCREASED FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL OPERATING COSTS		-	-	-		880,000	880,000	880,000	49
50	3001A60	FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL RATE AND SALARY DEFICIT		-	-	-		7,598,672	7,598,672	7,598,672	50
51	3008600	INCREASE IN OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES TO ADDRESS DRIVER LICENSE SERVICES BACKLOG		-	-	-		3,100,000	3,100,000	3,100,000	51
52	33V1620	VACANT POSITION REDUCTIONS	(27.00)	-	-	-					52
53	36046C0	ENTERPRISE DATA INFRASTRUCTURE		-	-	-		1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	53
54	36118C0	SECURITY AND FRAUD PREVENTION		-	-	-		3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	54
55	36130C0	MOTORIST MODERNIZATION		-	-	-		1,278,624	1,278,624	1,278,624	55
56	5400120	PROVIDE INCREASED FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL LICENSE PLATE PURCHASES		-	-	-		2,428,462	2,428,462	2,428,462	56
57	6007100	FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL AVIATION SUPPORT		-	-	-		5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	57
58	990M000	MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR		-	-	-					58
59	080002	MINOR REPAIRS/IMPROV-STATE		-	-	-		540,000	540,000	540,000	59
60	080016	SPECIAL PROJ/IMPR-ADM SVCS		-	-	-		1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	60
61	080956	FACILITIES REPAIR & MAINT		-	-	-		3,434,000	3,434,000	3,434,000	61
62	081015	ADA-STATEWIDE		-	-	-		175,000	175,000	175,000	62
63	083643	MAIN/REP/CONST-STATEWIDE		-	-	-		3,350,000	3,350,000	3,350,000	63
64	083648	FACILITY CONSTRUCTN & REPR		-	-	-		2,540,000	2,540,000	2,540,000	64
65	Total	HIGHWAY SAFETY	4,216.00	-	-	-	-	628,201,702	628,201,702	628,201,702	65
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67		MILITARY AFFAIRS									67

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68	1100001	STARTUP (OPERATING)	454.00	25,735,706	25,735,706				64,754,730	64,754,730	90,490,436	68
69	160E460	REALIGNMENT OF AGENCY SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR NORTHWEST REGIONAL DATA CENTER - ADD		23,824	23,824					-	23,824	69
70	17C99C0	REALIGN ENTERPRISE CYBERSECURITY RESILIENCY - ADD		135,738	135,738					-	135,738	70
71	1800230	REALIGN POSITIONS BETWEEN BUDGET ENTITIES - DEDUCT	(12.00)	(585,637)	(585,637)				(224,641)	(224,641)	(810,278)	71
72	1800240	REALIGN POSITIONS BETWEEN BUDGET ENTITIES - ADD	12.00	585,637	585,637				224,641	224,641	810,278	72
73	2401010	REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT - CAMP BLANDING		262,000	-	262,000				-	262,000	73
74	2401500	REPLACEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES		-	-			332,000		332,000	332,000	74
75	2402010	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT - CAMP BLANDING		71,000	-	71,000				-	71,000	75
76	2402110	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT - COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM SUPPORT		-	-			415,000		415,000	415,000	76
77	24030C0	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT - LIFECYCLE COMPUTER REPLACEMENT		80,000	-	80,000				-	80,000	77
78	3400230	REALIGN POSITIONS FROM FEDERAL GRANTS TRUST FUND TO GENERAL REVENUE-DEDUCT	(3.00)	-	-			(224,641)		(224,641)	(224,641)	78
79	3400240	REALIGN POSITIONS FROM FEDERAL GRANTS TRUST FUND TO GENERAL REVENUE-ADD	3.00	224,641	224,641					-	224,641	79
80	4100061	INCREASE NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE		2,000,000	-	2,000,000				-	2,000,000	80
81	4800010	TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT RESOURCES		3,555,149	-	3,555,149				-	3,555,149	81
82	4800120	FLORIDA STATE GUARD - POSITIONS TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS	32.00	4,461,922	-	4,461,922				-	4,461,922	82
83	4900100	STATE MATCH FOR THE AIR GUARD		932,000	932,000					-	932,000	83
84	4900200	STATE MATCH FOR YOUTH CHALLENGE		200,000	200,000					-	200,000	84
85	Total	MILITARY AFFAIRS	486.00	37,681,980	27,251,909	10,430,071	-	65,277,089	65,277,089	102,959,069		85
86												86
87		DEPT OF STATE										87
88	1100001	STARTUP (OPERATING)	457.00	62,653,034	62,653,034				23,340,606	23,340,606	85,993,640	88
89	160E460	REALIGNMENT OF AGENCY SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR NORTHWEST REGIONAL DATA CENTER - ADD		177,496	177,496			132		132	177,628	89
90	17C99C0	REALIGN ENTERPRISE CYBERSECURITY RESILIENCY - ADD		190,073	190,073					-	190,073	90
91	1800860	MUSEUM PROGRAMS - DEDUCT		(50,000)	(50,000)					-	(50,000)	91
92	1800870	MUSEUM PROGRAMS - ADD		50,000	50,000					-	50,000	92
93	2503080	DIRECT BILLING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS		(3,378)	(3,378)					-	(3,378)	93
94	30010C0	INCREASED WORKLOAD FOR DATA CENTER TO SUPPORT AN AGENCY		177,628	177,628					-	177,628	94
95	3600PC0	FLORIDA PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND LEDGER MANAGEMENT (PALM) READINESS		725,000	-	725,000				-	725,000	95
96	36014C0	REPLACEMENT OF DESKTOP COMPUTING EQUIPMENT		234,500	-	234,500				-	234,500	96
97	36018C0	NETWORK SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS		106,000	-	106,000				-	106,000	97
98	36019C0	VOTER SIGNATURE VERIFICATION PROGRAM		1,000,000	-	1,000,000				-	1,000,000	98
99	36201C0	BUSINESS VERIFICATION SYSTEM		800,000	-	800,000				-	800,000	99
100	4100940	ABANDONED AND HISTORIC CEMETERIES		500,000	-	500,000				-	500,000	100
101	4100950	NONRECURRING INCREASE IN THE FEDERAL GRANTS TRUST FUND		-	-			500,000		500,000	500,000	101
102	4800400	SECURITY FOR DEPARTMENT OF STATE		50,000	50,000					-	50,000	102

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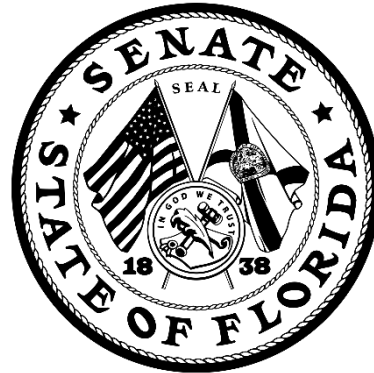
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103	4900100	CULTURAL AND MUSEUM GRANTS		23,325,297	-	23,325,297			-	23,325,297	103
104	4900200	CULTURE BUILDS FLORIDA		325,000	-	325,000			-	325,000	104
105	4900600	FLORIDA AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION NETWORK		598,065	92,998	505,067			-	598,065	105
106	6P00820	DEPT OF STATE LOCAL INITIATIVES		2,766,000	-	2,766,000			-	2,766,000	106
107	7400000	HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS		922,438	-	922,438			-	922,438	107
108	7501200	DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS ELECTRONIC IMAGING CONVERSION PROJECT		500,000	-	500,000			-	500,000	108
109	7600000	DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS CALL CENTER SERVICES		2,950,000	-	2,950,000			-	2,950,000	109
110	9400100	REIMBURSEMENTS TO COUNTIES FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS		1,500,000	-	1,500,000			-	1,500,000	110
111	990G000	GRANTS AND AIDS - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY		-	-	-			-	-	111
112	081182	LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRNTS		5,500,000	-	5,500,000			-	5,500,000	112
113	140015	G/A-SPEC CAT-CUL FAC PROG		27,992,978	-	27,992,978			-	27,992,978	113
114	140020	G/A-SPEC CAT-ACQ, REST/HIS		12,657,230	-	12,657,230			-	12,657,230	114
115	Total	DEPT OF STATE	457.00	145,647,361	63,337,851	82,309,510	-	23,840,738	23,840,738	169,488,099	115
116											116
117		DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION									117
118	1100001	STARTUP (OPERATING)	6,053.00	-	-	-	-	971,528,065	971,528,065	971,528,065	118
119	1100002	STARTUP RECURRING FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY (DEBT SERVICE/OTHER)	-	-	-	-	-	289,904,884	289,904,884	289,904,884	119
120	160E450	REALIGNMENT OF AGENCY SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR NORTHWEST REGIONAL DATA CENTER - DEDUCT		-	-	-		(1,074,841)	(1,074,841)	(1,074,841)	120
121	17C99C0	REALIGN ENTERPRISE CYBERSECURITY RESILIENCY - ADD		-	-	-		1,383,781	1,383,781	1,383,781	121
122	2401000	REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT		-	-	-		9,199,500	9,199,500	9,199,500	122
123	2401170	REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT FOR MATERIALS AND TESTING LABORATORIES		-	-	-		811,687	811,687	811,687	123
124	2503080	DIRECT BILLING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS		-	-	-		(13,653)	(13,653)	(13,653)	124
125	30010C0	INCREASED WORKLOAD FOR DATA CENTER TO SUPPORT AN AGENCY		-	-	-		1,161,412	1,161,412	1,161,412	125
126	33V1620	VACANT POSITION REDUCTIONS		(139.00)	-	-					126
127	3600PC0	FLORIDA PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND LEDGER MANAGEMENT (PALM) READINESS		-	-	-		9,617,735	9,617,735	9,617,735	127
128	36221C0	DATA INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNIZATION		-	-	-		5,137,600	5,137,600	5,137,600	128
129	36253C0	SECURITY RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM		-	-	-		607,320	607,320	607,320	129
130	36254C0	VIRTUAL MOBILITY DATA MANAGEMENT		-	-	-		384,000	384,000	384,000	130
131	36347C0	SECURE EMAIL GATEWAY		-	-	-		740,880	740,880	740,880	131
132	36352C0	TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS DISRUPTION MITIGATION PLAN		-	-	-		610,873	610,873	610,873	132
133	4001000	INCREASED OPERATING COSTS		-	-	-		13,252,416	13,252,416	13,252,416	133
134	4003000	TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE INCREASED INSURANCE COSTS		-	-	-		1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	134
135	4004000	TURNPIKE PAYMENT PROCESSING INCREASE		-	-	-		11,500,000	11,500,000	11,500,000	135
136	6009910	PAYMENTS TO EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITIES		-	-	-		600,000	600,000	600,000	136
137	990C000	CODE CORRECTIONS		-	-	-					137

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138	080002	MINOR REPAIRS/IMPROV-STATE		-	-			25,637,400	25,637,400	25,637,400	138
139	990D000	DEBT SERVICE		-	-						139
140	089070	DEBT SERVICE		-	-			22,670,388	22,670,388	22,670,388	140
141	990E000	ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS		-	-						141
142	088763	ENVIRON SITE RESTORATION		-	-			703,928	703,928	703,928	142
143	990F000	SUPPORT FACILITIES		-	-						143
144	080002	MINOR REPAIRS/IMPROV-STATE		-	-			5,557,754	5,557,754	5,557,754	144
145	088632	CHIPLEY OPS - CONSTRUCTION		-	-			21,709,517	21,709,517	21,709,517	145
146	990T000	TRANSPORTATION WORK PROGRAM		-	-						146
147	080047	SIB LOAN REPAYMENTS		-	-			55,443,442	55,443,442	55,443,442	147
148	085575	SM CTY RESURFACE ASSIST PG		-	-			27,481,126	27,481,126	27,481,126	148
149	085576	SM COUNTY OUTREACH PROGRAM		-	-			91,946,173	91,946,173	91,946,173	149
150	088041	G/A-MAJOR DISASTERS - WP		-	-			521,416	521,416	521,416	150
151	088572	COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PRGS		-	-			72,281,433	72,281,433	72,281,433	151
152	088703	BOND GUARANTEE		-	-			500,000	500,000	500,000	152
153	088704	TRANSP PLANNING CONSULT		-	-			83,021,409	83,021,409	83,021,409	153
154	088712	HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CONTR		-	-			780,955,638	780,955,638	780,955,638	154
155	088716	INTRASTATE HIGHWAY CONSTR		-	-			4,517,875,772	4,517,875,772	4,517,875,772	155
156	088717	ARTERIAL HIGHWAY CONSTR		-	-			381,379,818	381,379,818	381,379,818	156
157	088718	CONSTRUCT INSPECT CONSULT		-	-			823,035,106	823,035,106	823,035,106	157
158	088719	AVIATION DEV/GRANTS		-	-			345,449,553	345,449,553	345,449,553	158
159	088774	PUBLIC TRANSIT DEV/GRANTS		-	-			129,720,127	129,720,127	129,720,127	159
160	088777	RIGHT-OF-WAY LAND ACQ		-	-			600,918,704	600,918,704	600,918,704	160
161	088790	SEAPORT - ECONOMIC DEV		-	-			15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	161
162	088791	SEAPORTS ACCESS PROGRAM		-	-			10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	162
163	088794	SEAPORT GRANTS		-	-			85,704,063	85,704,063	85,704,063	163
164	088796	HIWAY SAFETY CONSTR/GRANTS		-	-			252,161,311	252,161,311	252,161,311	164
165	088797	RESURFACING		-	-			1,602,791,531	1,602,791,531	1,602,791,531	165
166	088799	BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION		-	-			954,685,488	954,685,488	954,685,488	166
167	088807	SEAPORT INVESTMENT PRG		-	-			10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	167
168	088808	RAIL DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS		-	-			70,439,176	70,439,176	70,439,176	168
169	088809	INTERMODAL DEVELOP/GRANTS		-	-			86,201,847	86,201,847	86,201,847	169
170	088810	CONTRACT MAINT W/ DOC		-	-			500,000	500,000	500,000	170
171	088849	PRELIMINARY ENGR CONSULT		-	-			1,234,585,616	1,234,585,616	1,234,585,616	171
172	088850	HWY BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS		-	-			1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	172
173	088853	RIGHT-OF-WAY SUPPORT		-	-			62,825,556	62,825,556	62,825,556	173
174	088854	TRANSPORT PLANNING GRANTS		-	-			78,562,187	78,562,187	78,562,187	174
175	088857	MATERIALS AND RESEARCH		-	-			18,550,295	18,550,295	18,550,295	175
176	088862	LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJ		17,000,000	-	17,000,000		98,159,150	98,159,150	115,159,150	176
177	088864	BRIDGE INSPECTION		-	-			23,043,514	23,043,514	23,043,514	177

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Row#	AGENCY / DEPARTMENT		CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATIONS								Row#
	ISSUE CODE	ISSUE TITLE	FTE	GR TOTAL	REC GR	NR GR	SEED TF	OTHER TFs	ALL TRUST	ALL FUNDS	
178	088866	TRAFFIC ENGR CONSULTANTS		-	-			383,828,570	383,828,570	383,828,570	178
179	088867	LOCAL GOVERNMENT REIMBURSE		-	-			45,941,628	45,941,628	45,941,628	179
180	Total	DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	5,914.00	17,000,000	-	17,000,000	-	14,337,740,295	14,337,740,295	14,354,740,295	180
181											181
182		EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT									182
183	1100001	STARTUP (OPERATING)	225.00	15,289,549	15,289,549			71,349,378	71,349,378	86,638,927	183
184	1100002	STARTUP RECURRING FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY (DEBT SERVICE/OTHER)		-	-			3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	184
185	160E450	REALIGNMENT OF AGENCY SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR NORTHWEST REGIONAL DATA CENTER - DEDUCT		-	-			(22,548)	(22,548)	(22,548)	185
186	17C99C0	REALIGN ENTERPRISE CYBERSECURITY RESILIENCY - ADD		-	-			67,646	67,646	67,646	186
187	2000500	REALIGN BUDGET AUTHORITY TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT PROGRAM EXPENDITURES - DEDUCT		-	-			(359,557)	(359,557)	(359,557)	187
188	2000600	REALIGN BUDGET AUTHORITY TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT PROGRAM EXPENDITURES - ADD		-	-			359,557	359,557	359,557	188
189	3600PC0	FLORIDA PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND LEDGER MANAGEMENT (PALM) READINESS		120,495	-	120,495		604,505	604,505	725,000	189
190	36217C0	STATEWIDE WEBEOC INITIATIVE		3,170,584	3,170,584					3,170,584	190
191	570E080	STATEWIDE EMERGENCY ALERT AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM		3,675,000	3,675,000					3,675,000	191
192	5701000	OPEN FEDERALLY DECLARED DISASTERS - FUNDING TO COMMUNITIES		-	-			846,633,512	846,633,512	846,633,512	192
193	5701500	OPEN FEDERALLY DECLARED DISASTERS - STATE OPERATIONS		-	-			52,959,415	52,959,415	52,959,415	193
194	6P00800	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LOCAL INITIATIVES		2,161,990	-	2,161,990				2,161,990	194
195	990G000	GRANTS AND AIDS - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY		-	-					-	195
196	140527	EM MGMT CRIT FAC NDS		13,071,000	-	13,071,000				13,071,000	196
197	Total	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	225.00	37,488,618	22,135,133	15,353,485	-	974,591,908	974,591,908	1,012,080,526	197
198	Grand Total		12,786.00	589,252,231	175,384,476	413,867,755	85,419,924	17,349,683,083	17,435,103,007	18,024,355,238	198



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Row	LFIR #	Project Title	General Revenue	Trust Fund	Budget Entity
1	1043	Non-Custodial Parent Employment Program	350,000	-	Department of Commerce
2	1055	Jacksonville Entrepreneurship Education & Workforce Development Center	350,000	-	Department of Commerce
3	1115	Florida Studio Theatre: Workforce Housing	500,000	-	Department of Commerce
4	1146	Stuart Guy Davis Community Park Revitalization - Phase 2	500,000	-	Department of Commerce
5	1161	Talent Bridge: Empowering Florida's Workforce, Strengthening Florida's Economy	500,000	-	Department of Commerce
6	1212	Newberry Electric System Resiliency Project	350,000	-	Department of Commerce
7	1225	Building Homes for Heroes	2,000,000	-	Department of Commerce
8	1235	Operation New Uniform	750,000	-	Department of Commerce
9	1239	Tampa General Hospital Workforce Housing Multi-Family Development	7,500,000	-	Department of Commerce
10	1254	Broward County Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance Program	750,000	-	Department of Commerce
11	1263	Pinellas County - City of Safety Harbor Pier Replacement	1,140,000	-	Department of Commerce
12	1284	South Bay LEED Certified Resiliency Hub and Community Center	2,300,000	-	Department of Commerce
13	1296	South Bay Rail Regional Commerce Park Development Epicenter	875,000	-	Department of Commerce
14	1298	Manufacturing Talent Asset Pipeline (TAP) Program	400,000	-	Department of Commerce
15	1341	Bal Harbor Village Catwalk and Fire Access Restoration	655,125	-	Department of Commerce
16	1384	Walk Off Charities - Expansion of Youth Baseball & Softball Programs for Under-served Youth	500,000	-	Department of Commerce
17	1392	Tampa Heights Family YMCA Community Center	350,000	-	Department of Commerce
18	1400	Screen Production Marketing & Workforce Development Project	350,000	-	Department of Commerce
19	1404	Big Brothers Big Sisters - School to Work Program	950,000	-	Department of Commerce
20	1433	Feeding Northeast Florida's Fresh Start Program	600,000	-	Department of Commerce
21	1450	G3 Village: Purposeful Senior Aging - Successful Agri-Village Living	500,000	-	Department of Commerce
22	1461	Lighthouse Works - Workforce Development for Disadvantaged Floridians	153,700	-	Department of Commerce
23	1593	West Miami Multi-Generational Recreation Center Development	750,000	-	Department of Commerce
24	1626	Seafarers' House of Port Everglades: Supporting the Port Everglades and Maritime	150,000	-	Department of Commerce
25	1833	Las Olas Chabad Jewish Center- Friendship Circle Grill - Job Skills Training	280,000	-	Department of Commerce
26	1834	The IDDeal Place – Intellectually & Developmentally Disabled Permanent Housing	500,000	-	Department of Commerce
27	1841	Cox Science Center and Aquarium Expansion	2,500,000	-	Department of Commerce
28	1845	Skate Link	267,000	-	Department of Commerce
29	1907	Technical Assistance Initiative for Small Manufacturers	1,000,000	-	Department of Commerce
30	1910	Trout Lake Nature Center Education Complex Expansion Phase 3	500,000	-	Department of Commerce
31	1961	Hillsborough County - Emergency Generators	750,000	-	Department of Commerce
32	1962	Florida - Israel Business Accelerator	300,000	-	Department of Commerce

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33	2056	Northeast Florida Builders Association Workforce Education Expansion	750,000	-	Department of Commerce
34	2071	Fort Myers STARS Complex Expansion and Hurricane Shelter	750,000	-	Department of Commerce
35	2105	Historic Manhattan Casino Renovations	1,050,000	-	Department of Commerce
36	2129	Cuban Club Interior Renovations	500,000	-	Department of Commerce
37	2203	Palm Beach County Housing Units for Homeless	1,250,000	-	Department of Commerce
38	2237	Urban League Regional Entrepreneurship Centers	350,000	-	Department of Commerce
39	2246	Bradford County - RJE Phase III, Building Modernization of Building 1, 2, & 4	900,119	-	Department of Commerce
40	2267	Waves at Pineapple Cove	500,000	-	Department of Commerce
41	2351	Clearwater Marine Aquarium Storm Recovery	380,000	-	Department of Commerce
42	2352	Penny Lane Beatles Museum Expansion	350,000	-	Department of Commerce
43	2354	AMPLIFY Clearwater - IGNITE Entrepreneurship Center	350,000	-	Department of Commerce
44	2356	Clearwater Marine Aquarium Renovation	500,000	-	Department of Commerce
45	2477	Home Builders Institute (HBI) Building Careers for Veterans	350,000	-	Department of Commerce
46	2691	Town of Wausau - Possum Palace Renovations Phase II	423,745	-	Department of Commerce
47	2910	Belle Isle Municipal Facility Land Planning and Building Design	800,000	-	Department of Commerce
48	2952	Seminole Junior Warhawks Youth Sports Field Improvements	350,000	-	Department of Commerce
49	2954	The Pathways to Prosperity Program - Samaritan Resource Center & Valencia College	200,000	-	Department of Commerce
50	2971	Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA Facility Expansion	500,000	-	Department of Commerce
51	2988	AMR at Pensacola, Inc. - Children in Public Schools Living in Cars Project	500,000	-	Department of Commerce
52	2994	Homes Bring Hope	2,000,000	-	Department of Commerce
53	3008	OCEARCH Mayport Research and Operations Center	500,000	-	Department of Commerce
54	3010	Zephyrhills Historic GAR Hall	500,000	-	Department of Commerce
55	3094	Hardee County Governmental Services Complex	20,000,000	-	Department of Commerce
56	3096	Wauchula - Public Safety Facility Hardening	5,000,000	-	Department of Commerce
57	3129	St. Cloud Hopkins Park Community Center	500,000	-	Department of Commerce
58	3225	Pinellas County Urban League Headquarters	500,000	-	Department of Commerce
59	3248	Wauchula - Community Auditorium Safety Improvements	2,500,000	-	Department of Commerce
60	3262	Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach Restoration	500,000	-	Department of Commerce
61	3473	Virtual Reality Workforce Development Program	350,000	-	Department of Commerce
62	1028	Bay of Pigs-Brigade 2506 Museum and Library-Miami-Dade	350,000	-	Department of State
63	1205	Lake Helen City Hall Upgrades Project	375,000	-	Department of State
64	1473	Dr. Phillips Center's Rooftop Terrace - Orlando	750,000	-	Department of State
65	1791	Holocaust Document and Education Center (HDEC) Rail Car & Sherman Tank Educational Exhibit - Broward	500,000	-	Department of State
66	1794	Miami-Dade Military Museum and Memorial	350,000	-	Department of State
67	2127	The Pinellas Science Center	1,000,000	-	Department of State

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68	2133	Florida Civil Rights Museum	500,000	-	Department of State
69	2236	Florida African American Heritage Preservation Network	800,000	-	Department of State
70	2257	Orlando Pulse National Memorial	394,321	-	Department of State
71	2348	The Florida Holocaust Museum: Elie Wiesel Memorial Collection Facility - Pinellas	2,500,000	-	Department of State
72	2349	The Florida Holocaust Museum: Preserving the Legacy of Elie Wiesel	850,000	-	Department of State
73	2533	The Florida Museum of Black History Phase 1 - St. Johns County	1,000,000	-	Department of State
74	2730	Crystal Memorial Gardens Cemetery (Crystal River, FL) Revitalization Project (Phase I)	350,000	-	Department of State
75	2760	Revitalization of The Hotel Jacaranda - Avon Park	500,000	-	Department of State
76	2842	ex-USS Orleck (DD 886) Project: Improving Access And Safety for Naval Museum Spaces - Jacksonville	750,000	-	Department of State
77	2847	Jacksonville Museum of Science and History (MOSH) Genesis	1,250,000	-	Department of State
78	2987	Family Arts Education Expansion at Pensacola Little Theatre	646,000	-	Department of State
79	3211	Naples Holocaust Museum Boxcar Exhibit	200,000	-	Department of State
80	3325	Naples Holocaust Museum Safety and Security	100,000	-	Department of State
81	3398	Key West San Carlos Institute Restoration Project	1,000,000	-	Department of State
82	3421	Sebring Hall of Fame 12 Hours of Sebring Race Museum	350,000	-	Department of State
83	3449	Pinellas - Ozone Hall Repair and Elevation	389,500	-	Department of State
84	3493	Glades Initiative - Arts in Autism	200,000	-	Department of State
85	1045	Rockledge - Traffic Signal Revitalization	-	600,000	Department of Transportation
86	1091	Boca Raton - Spanish River Boulevard Grade Separation of El Rio Trail	-	1,000,000	Department of Transportation
87	1094	Key West - Von Phister Street Safety Improvements	-	500,000	Department of Transportation
88	1154	Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail Elevate Path - Lower Matecumbe	-	200,000	Department of Transportation
89	1158	Brevard County West Central Avenue Bridge Replacement	-	1,263,183	Department of Transportation
90	1170	Lorraine Road Segment C - Phase 1 Capacity and Mobility Improvement Project	-	3,000,000	Department of Transportation
91	1255	Oakland Park - 36th St. Railroad Crossing Safety	-	250,000	Department of Transportation
92	1297	South Bay - SW 11th Avenue Improvements	-	1,860,705	Department of Transportation
93	1343	Bay Harbor Islands Broad Causeway Bridge Replacement Phase II Construction	-	1,000,000	Department of Transportation
94	1344	Miami Shores - NE 94 Street Roadway Improvements	-	750,000	Department of Transportation
95	1357	Marion County Roadway Improvements on NW 49th St.	-	2,000,000	Department of Transportation
96	1379	Melbourne Downtown Core Streetscape	-	1,000,000	Department of Transportation
97	1416	Nassau County Road 107 Transportation Improvement	-	750,000	Department of Transportation
98	1420	Jacksonville - Monument Road Improvements	-	700,000	Department of Transportation
99	1421	Jacksonville - Acree Road Off Grade Rail Crossing	-	1,000,000	Department of Transportation
100	1478	West Mitchell Hammock Road Corridor Safety Improvements	-	1,500,000	Department of Transportation
101	1490	Maitland Traffic Signal Hardening	-	400,000	Department of Transportation

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102	1492	Winter Park Stirling Avenue Bridge Replacement	-	500,000	Department of Transportation
103	1614	Curley Road - Safe Routes to Schools	-	1,500,000	Department of Transportation
104	1637	Hollywood - Portable Public Safety Barriers	-	280,000	Department of Transportation
105	1830	Cross Prairie Parkway Connector	-	1,000,000	Department of Transportation
106	1896	Eustis - Northshore Bridge and Culvert Engineering Project	-	200,000	Department of Transportation
107	1948	Coral Gables - Central Business District Americans with Disability Act Improvements	-	310,000	Department of Transportation
108	1952	Vision Zero Safety Improvements - SW 2 Street & SW 1st Avenue	-	500,000	Department of Transportation
109	1954	Roadway Resurfacing - NW 17 Avenue from NW 20 Street to NW 36 Street	-	487,500	Department of Transportation
110	1984	Fort Pierce - 13th Street Reconstruction Phase 2	-	500,000	Department of Transportation
111	1999	Hillsborough County Hanley Road and Jackson Springs Road Intersection Improvements	-	1,000,000	Department of Transportation
112	2053	Fort Lauderdale - SE 13th Street Bridge Replacement	-	500,000	Department of Transportation
113	2073	Fort Myers Beach Road Infrastructure Improvements	-	585,000	Department of Transportation
114	2115	Washington Street Improvement from South Tamiami Trail to South 56th Street Tampa	-	4,000,000	Department of Transportation
115	2256	Perry - Willow Street Repaving	-	170,075	Department of Transportation
116	2273	Perry - Duval Street Repaving	-	163,892	Department of Transportation
117	2277	Florida State University Enhanced Traffic Safety Project	-	125,245	Department of Transportation
118	2285	Fort Lauderdale - Sidewalk Repair Safety Project	-	750,000	Department of Transportation
119	2325	Perry - Bishop Boulevard Repaving	-	242,663	Department of Transportation
120	2342	Land's End Public Pedestrian Walkway and Seawall, Blind Pass/Sunset Beach, Treasure Island Phase II	-	511,713	Department of Transportation
121	2353	Pinellas Park Harmony Heights Community Safety Project	-	750,000	Department of Transportation
122	2389	Hallandale Beach - NW/SW 8th Avenue Roadway Reconstruction Project	-	1,815,000	Department of Transportation
123	2425	Village of Virginia Gardens - Roadway Improvements	-	600,000	Department of Transportation
124	2436	Fort Lauderdale - Roadway Resurfacing Project	-	750,000	Department of Transportation
125	2444	Miami - Little Havana Pedestrian Priority Zone - Phase II	-	1,000,000	Department of Transportation
126	2458	Lee County SR 82 Traffic Safety Improvements - Benchmark Ave	-	850,000	Department of Transportation
127	2522	Deering Park Stewardship District - I-95 Interchange/SR 442 Expansion and Resilience Project	-	1,400,000	Department of Transportation
128	2709	Chipley - Pecan Street Roadway Resurfacing and Improvements	-	750,000	Department of Transportation
129	2759	Pinellas County Traffic Control Flood Mitigation - Gulf Boulevard Signal Cabinets	-	1,000,000	Department of Transportation
130	2940	Lighthouse Point NE 28th Street Bridge Replacement Project	-	530,000	Department of Transportation
131	2958	Downtown West Palm Beach Signalization Upgrades - Phase 2	-	1,500,000	Department of Transportation
132	3097	Wauchula - New Airport Terminal Building	-	1,750,000	Department of Transportation
133	3123	Miami - NW 6th Avenue between NW 64th Street and NW 71 Street	-	350,000	Department of Transportation

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134	3163	DeSoto County Kings Highway Expansion	-	3,000,000	Department of Transportation
135	3238	Belleair- Indian Rocks Road Bridge and Roadway Improvements	-	1,500,000	Department of Transportation
136	3250	Wauchula - Municipal Airport T Hangars Improvements	5,000,000	-	Department of Transportation
137	3259	Miami-Dade County Vision Zero Safety Improvements - Grand Avenue between Jefferson St. and Plaza St.	-	750,000	Department of Transportation
138	3261	Charlotte County - Education Way/Murdock Circle and Education Way/Cochran Intersection Improvements	-	2,500,000	Department of Transportation
139	3277	Citrus County CR 491 from Pine Ridge Blvd to SR 41 - Road Widening Design	-	1,500,000	Department of Transportation
140	3284	Pasco County Connector Roadway to Regional Research Complex Phase 2	9,000,000	-	Department of Transportation
141	3335	Hernando County ST 50 (Cortez Blvd.) and Barclay Avenue Intersection Improvements	-	1,500,000	Department of Transportation
142	3438	Connecting the Collectors Environmental Impact Statement	3,000,000	-	Department of Transportation
143	3453	Jacksonville - Bay Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements	-	2,000,000	Department of Transportation
144	3455	Miami Beach - Pedestrian Safety & Pier Park Street Improvements	-	2,000,000	Department of Transportation
145	3475	Carrabelle - Baywood Drive Roadway and Drainage Improvements	-	1,520,967	Department of Transportation
146	1009	Palmetto - Intersection at 10th Street and US-41 Turning/Evacuation Lane	-	1,750,000	Department of Transportation
147	1220	Tampa Bay Pilot Station Restoration and Reconstruction	-	2,500,000	Department of Transportation
148	1290	Pasco County - Trinity Boulevard - Multimodal Corridor Investment	-	2,500,000	Department of Transportation
149	1337	Polk County - Power Line Road Segment 2 (South Blvd to Hinson Avenue)	-	2,500,000	Department of Transportation
150	1489	Altamonte Springs - CraneRIDES Fleet and Route Expansion	-	1,900,000	Department of Transportation
151	1623	Fern Street Crossing Project	-	3,000,000	Department of Transportation
152	1639	Dykes Road Turn Lanes	-	405,990	Department of Transportation
153	1772	Palmetto Bay Complete Street Project	-	300,000	Department of Transportation
154	1804	Pinecrest - Road Resurfacing	-	750,000	Department of Transportation
155	1837	Fort Lauderdale - Las Olas Safety Improvements and ADA Upgrades	-	1,000,000	Department of Transportation
156	1868	Eustis - Rosenwald Gardens - 7 Block Roadway & Stormwater Construction Project	-	1,878,978	Department of Transportation
157	1944	Triangle Park and Children's Academy Pedestrian Safety Initiative	-	800,000	Department of Transportation
158	1945	Citrus Grove School Children and Families Pedestrian Safety Initiative	-	800,000	Department of Transportation
159	1946	Coral Gables - Road Safety Improvements	-	375,000	Department of Transportation
160	1989	Jacksonville - University Boulevard and Edenfield Road Traffic Signal	-	1,142,000	Department of Transportation
161	2060	Clay County - CR 217 Bridge Replacement	-	2,500,000	Department of Transportation
162	2138	Hillsborough County Paseo Al Mar Blvd at Gate Dancer Road New Traffic Signal	-	1,000,000	Department of Transportation
163	2139	Hillsborough County Pebble Beach Lane Bridge Replacement	-	750,000	Department of Transportation

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164	2232	Senator Howard C. Forman Human Services Campus: Road Improvements Phase 1	-	800,000	Department of Transportation
165	2259	Palm Beach County Australian Avenue Drainage Improvements	-	742,614	Department of Transportation
166	2264	Miami Lakes NW 154th Street Turn Lane Extension Transportation Improvements	-	630,000	Department of Transportation
167	2426	Medley - NW 96 Street Roadway and Drainage Improvements Project	-	700,000	Department of Transportation
168	2519	Volusia County North Beach Street Flood Mitigation Upgrades	-	350,000	Department of Transportation
169	2563	Putnam County Public Transit Flex Route Reopening	-	1,293,000	Department of Transportation
170	2682	Walton County US 331 Bridge Lighting and Gateway Project	-	2,900,000	Department of Transportation
171	2710	Freeport - Marquis Way East Connector Road & Sewer Extension	-	1,000,000	Department of Transportation
172	2724	Citrus County Halls River Multi-Use Path Construction Phase	-	1,000,000	Department of Transportation
173	2882	Lee County Traffic Signal Hardening	-	500,000	Department of Transportation
174	3126	Kissimmee - Columbia Avenue Corridor Improvement Project	-	500,000	Department of Transportation
175	3439	Santa Rosa County Extension of Taxiway at Whiting Aviation Industrial Park	-	850,000	Department of Transportation
176	3456	Miami-Dade County Roadway Resurfacing - SW 142 Avenue from SW 42 Street to SW 56 Street	-	625,625	Department of Transportation
177	1010	Haines City Emergency Operations Center and Fire Facility	500,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
178	1075	Emergency Management Enhancements in Parkland	121,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
179	1084	St. Lucie County Cellular on Wheels (COWs)	155,990	-	Division of Emergency Management
180	1127	Nathan Benderson Park Secondary-Post Storm Shelter and Support Facility	1,000,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
181	1157	Daytona Beach Shores - Public Works Facility Building Expansion	900,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
182	1180	Levy County Government Complex Permanent Generator	350,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
183	1292	Ruth Eckerd Hall: Hurricane Response & Preparedness	769,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
184	1524	East Pasco Emergency Shelter	500,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
185	1820	Town of Cutler Bay Emergency Operations Command Center	1,000,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
186	2161	Volusia County Emergency Response Improvements	400,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
187	2196	Madison County Emergency Operations Center	500,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
188	2343	Foster Children Emergency Shelter Hardening - FL Sheriffs Youth Ranch Safety Harbor	500,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
189	2344	Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay - Disaster Response & Recovery	750,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
190	2355	City of Treasure Island Public Safety Building	1,000,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
191	2409	Okeechobee County Special Needs Shelter Planning and Design	1,000,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
192	2834	Gadsden County Emergency Operations Center and Public Safety Complex - Final Phase	750,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
193	2867	Temple Beth-El St. Petersburg Security Initiative	475,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
194	3070	Clewiston Emergency Operations Center and Municipal Police Facility Roofing System Repair	465,000	-	Division of Emergency Management

Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Project Funding

Row	LFIR #	Project Title	General Revenue	Trust Fund	Budget Entity
195	3083	High Water Rescue Vehicles	581,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
196	3115	Collier County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Technology Upgrade	650,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
197	3253	Disaster Volunteer Headquarters	366,000	-	Division of Emergency Management
198	3435	Suwannee County Regional Shelter Master Planning & Design Project	2,500,000	-	Division of Emergency Management

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BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic
Development

BILL: CS/SB 666

INTRODUCER: Transportation Committee and Senator Jones

SUBJECT: Specialty License Plates/Miami Northwestern Alumni Association

DATE: March 26, 2025

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Shutes</u>	<u>Vickers</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>Fav/CS</u>
2.	<u>Wells</u>	<u>Nortelus</u>	<u>ATD</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
3.	_____	_____	<u>FP</u>	_____

Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

I. Summary:

CS/SB 666 authorizes the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to create a new specialty license plate for the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association. The annual use fee for the plate is \$25.

Proceeds of the sale of the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association specialty license plate will be distributed to the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc. to fund need-based scholarships, academic programs, and athletic programs for the benefit of Miami Northwestern Senior High School students and the Miami Northwestern Senior High School Performing and Visual Arts Center. Up to 10 percent of the funds from the sale of the plate can be used for administrative and marketing costs.

The estimated fiscal impact associated with the implementation of new specialty license plates is \$8,280. **See Section V. Fiscal Impact Statement.**

The bill takes effect October 1, 2025.

II. Present Situation:

Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc., and Miami Northwestern Senior High School

Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc., is a Florida not-for-profit corporation registered with the Florida Department of State.¹

Miami Northwestern Senior High School is a four-year public high school with a student population of 1,425 students in grades 9-12 located in the Liberty City neighborhood of Miami.² The school's website provides that "Miami Northwestern Senior High is dedicated to assisting every student with authoring their page in the Bulls' rich legacy of pride, tradition, and excellence since 1955."³

The mission of the Performing and Visual Arts Program at Miami Northwestern Senior High School is to "assure that all students have the opportunity to develop their artistic, creative, and physical abilities research-based instructional strategies, technology-infused instruction, career path exploration, community service opportunities, real-world learning, enhanced parental involvement, and programs which include partnerships, talents, skill and abilities in a challenging, safe, and nurturing environment."⁴

Specialty License Plates

According to DHSMV, as of February 2025, there are 133 specialty license plates authorized by the Legislature. Of these plates, 113 are available for immediate purchase and 20 are in the presale process. Specialty license plates are available to an owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is willing to pay an annual use fee, ranging from \$15 to \$25, paid in addition to required license taxes and service fees.⁵ The annual use fees are distributed to organizations in support of a particular cause or charity signified on the plate's design and designated in statute.⁶

In order to establish a specialty license plate (after the plate is approved by law) s. 320.08053, F.S., requires the following actions within certain timelines:

- Within 60 days, the organization must submit an art design for the plate, in a medium prescribed by the DHSMV;
- Within 120 days, the DHSMV must establish a method to issue presale vouchers for the specialty license plate; and

¹ Florida Department of State: Division of Corporations, *Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc.* Sunbiz.org, Document number N17000004247 (March 13, 2025).

² Miami Northwestern Senior High School., [Home - School Profile - Miami Northwestern Senior High School](#), (last visited March 13, 2025).

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Section 320.08056(3)(d), F.S., provides that except if specifically provided in s. 320.08056(4), the annual use fee for a specialty license plate is \$25.

⁶ Section 320.08058, F.S.

- Within 24 months after the presale vouchers are established, the organization must obtain a minimum of 3,000 voucher sales before manufacturing of the plate may begin.⁷

If the minimum sales requirement has not been met by the end of the 24-month presale period, then the DHSMV will discontinue the plate and issuance of presale vouchers.⁸ Upon discontinuation, a purchaser of a presale voucher may use the annual use fee as a credit towards any other specialty license plate or apply for a refund with the DHSMV.⁹

New specialty license plates that have been approved by law but are awaiting issuance will be issued in the order they appear in s. 320.08058, F.S., provided that presale requirements have been met. If the next listed specialty license plate has not met the presale requirement, the DHSMV will proceed in the order provided in s. 320.08058, F.S., to identify the next qualified specialty license plate that has met the presale requirement.¹⁰

If the Legislature has approved 135 or more specialty license plates, the DHSMV may not make any new specialty license plates available for design or issuance until a sufficient number of plates are discontinued so that the number of plates being issued does not exceed 135.¹¹

Use of Specialty License Plate Fees

The annual use fees collected by an organization and any interest earned from the fees may be expended only for use in this state unless the annual use fee is derived from the sale of specified United States Armed Forces and veterans-related specialty plates.¹² Additionally, organizations must adhere to certain accountability requirements, including an annual audit or attestation document affirming that funds received have been spent in accordance with applicable statutes.¹³

The annual use fees collected by an organization and the interest earned from those fees may not be used for commercial or for-profit activities, or general or administrative expenses, unless authorized by s. 320.08058, F.S.¹⁴ Additionally, the annual use fees and interest earned from those fees may not be used for the purpose of marketing to, or lobbying, entertaining, or rewarding, any employee of a governmental agency that is responsible for the sale and distribution of specialty license plates, or any elected member or employee of the Legislature.¹⁵

⁷ Chapter 2022-189, Laws of Fla., extended the presale requirement by an additional 24 months for an approved specialty license plate organization that, as of June 15, 2022, is in the presale period but had not recorded at least 3,000 voucher sales.

⁸ Section 320.08058(3), F.S., provides that any collegiate plate established after October 1, 2002, must comply with the requirements of s. 320.08053, F.S., other than the presale voucher requirements in s. 320.08053(2)(b), F.S., and be specifically authorized by the Legislature.

⁹ Section 320.08053(2)(b), F.S.

¹⁰ Section 320.08053(3)(a), F.S.

¹¹ Section 320.08053(3)(b), F.S.

¹² Section 320.08056(10)(a), F.S.

¹³ Section 320.08062, F.S.; Such fees may be used to pay for the cost of this required audit or report. See s. 320.08056(10)(a), F.S.

¹⁴ Section 320.08056(10)(a), F.S.

¹⁵ Section 320.08056(11), F.S.

Discontinuance of Specialty Plates

Prior to June 30, 2023, the DHSMV was required to discontinue the issuance of an approved specialty license plate if the number of valid registrations falls below 1,000 plates for at least 12 consecutive months. A warning letter was mailed to the sponsoring organization following the first month in which the total number of valid specialty license plate registrations fell below 1,000 plates. Collegiate plates for Florida universities were exempt from the minimum specialty license plate requirement.¹⁶ In addition, the DHSMV was authorized to discontinue any specialty license plate if the organization ceased to exist, stopped providing services that are funded from the annual use fee proceeds, or pursuant to an organizational recipient's request.¹⁷

However, effective July 1, 2023, the requirement increased so that the DHSMV must discontinue the issuance of an approved specialty license plate if the number of valid registrations falls below 3,000, or in the case of an out-of-state college or university license plate, 4,000, for at least 12 consecutive months. The DHSMV must mail a warning letter to the sponsoring organization following the first month in which the total number of valid specialty plate registrations is below 3,000, or in the case of an out-of-state college or university license plate, 4,000. This does not apply to in-state collegiate license plates established under s. 320.08058(3), F.S., license plates of institutions in and entities of the State University System, specialty license plates that have statutory eligibility limitations for purchase, specialty license plates for which annual use fees are distributed by a foundation for student and teacher leadership programs and teacher recruitment and retention, or Florida professional sports team license plates established under s. 320.08058(9), F.S.¹⁸

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill amends s. 320.08058, F.S., to authorize the DHSMV to create a new specialty license plate for the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association. The annual use fee for the plate is \$25. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the DHSMV, with the word "Florida" at the top of the plate and the words "Miami Northwestern Alumni Association" at the bottom of the plate.

Proceeds of the sale of the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association specialty license plate will be distributed to the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc. The organization may use up to 10 percent of the proceeds for marketing and promotion of the plate. Thereafter, the annual use fees from the sale of the plate will be distributed to the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc., to fund need-based scholarships, academic programs, and athletic programs for the benefit of Miami Northwestern Senior High School students and the Miami Northwestern Senior High School Performing and Visual Arts Center.

The bill takes effect October 1, 2025.

¹⁶ Section 320.08056(8)(a), F.S.

¹⁷ Section 320.08056(8)(b), F.S.

¹⁸ Chapter 2020-181, s. 7, Laws of Fla.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

If the specialty license plate is produced, the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc. will receive annual use fees associated with sales of the plate.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The estimated fiscal impact associated with the implementation of new specialty license plates is \$8,280.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill amends section 320.08058 of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

CS by Transportation on March 18, 2025:

The committee substitute:

- Authorizes the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc. to use up to 10 percent of the funds from the sale of the plate for administrative and marketing costs.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Jones

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to specialty license plates; amending
3 s. 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of
4 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Miami
5 Northwestern Alumni Association license plate;
6 specifying design elements for the plate; providing
7 for distribution and use of fees collected from the
8 sale of the plate; providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Subsection (136) is added to section 320.08058,
13 Florida Statutes, to read:

14 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

15 (136) MIAMI NORTHWESTERN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LICENSE
16 PLATES.—

17 (a) The department shall develop a Miami Northwestern
18 Alumni Association license plate as provided in this section and
19 s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved
20 by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of
21 the plate, and the words "Miami Northwestern Alumni Association"
22 must appear at the bottom of the plate.

23 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
24 distributed to the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc.,
25 which may use up to 10 percent of such fees for administrative
26 costs and marketing of the plate. The balance of the fees must
27 be used by the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc., to
28 fund need-based scholarships, academic programs, and athletic
29 programs for the benefit of Miami Northwestern Senior High

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30 School students and the Miami Northwestern Senior High School
31 Performing and Visual Arts Center.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

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Committee Agenda Request

To: Senator Nick DiCeglie, Chair
Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic
Development

Subject: Committee Agenda Request

Date: March 19, 2025

I respectfully request that **Senate Bill #666**, relating to Specialty License Plates/Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, be placed on the:

- committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.
- next committee agenda.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shev", written over a horizontal line.

Senator Shevrin D. "Shev" Jones
Florida Senate, District 34

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

BILL: SB 1318

INTRODUCER: Senators Grall and Davis

SUBJECT: Hands-free Driving

DATE: March 26, 2025

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Shutes</u>	<u>Vickers</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2.	<u>Wells</u>	<u>Nortelus</u>	<u>ATD</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
3.	_____	_____	<u>RC</u>	_____

I. Summary:

SB 1318 renames the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law to the Florida Hands-Free Driving Law and expands the prohibition to include using, while driving, a wireless communications device in a handheld manner except to activate, deactivate, initiate, or terminate a feature or function of the device, including a hands-free accessory. The bill provides that sustained use of a wireless communications device by a person operating a vehicle must be conducted through a hands-free accessory until such use is terminated. It defines certain terms, including handheld manner, hands-free accessory, and wireless communications device.

The bill repeals certain provisions that are no longer necessary relating to the ban of a wireless communications device in school and work zones. It provides that in work zones where personnel are present operating equipment, a law enforcement officer must indicate in the comment of the uniform traffic citation the type of wireless communications device that was used to commit the violation and must, in accordance with current requirements in law, provide this information to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for their annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The bill may have an indeterminate fiscal impact on state and local governments and the private sector. **See Section V. Fiscal Analysis Section.**

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2025.

II. Present Situation:

Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law

The legislative intent of the “Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law” is to:

- Improve roadway safety for all vehicle operators, vehicle passengers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other road users;
- Prevent crashes related to the act of text messaging while driving a motor vehicle;
- Reduce injuries, deaths, property damage, health care costs, health insurance rates, and automobile insurance rates related to motor vehicle crashes; and
- Authorize law enforcement officers to stop motor vehicles and issue citations to persons who are texting while driving.¹

Prohibition

The Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle while manually typing or entering multiple letters, numbers, symbols, or other characters into a wireless communications device or while sending or reading data on such a device for the purpose of nonvoice interpersonal communication, including, but not limited to, communication methods known as texting, e-mailing, and instant messaging.² The term “wireless communications device” is defined as any handheld device used or capable of being used in a handheld manner, that is designed or intended to receive or transmit text or character-based messages, access or store data, or connect to the Internet or any communications service and that allows text communications.³

A motor vehicle that is stationary is not being operated and, therefore, is not subject to this prohibition.⁴ Additionally, the prohibition does not apply to a motor vehicle operator who is:

- Performing official duties as an operator of an authorized emergency vehicle, a law enforcement or fire service professional, or an emergency medical services professional;
- Reporting an emergency or criminal or suspicious activity to law enforcement authorities;
- Receiving messages that are related to the operation or navigation of the motor vehicle; safety-related information, including emergency, traffic, or weather alerts; data used primarily by the motor vehicle; or radio broadcasts;
- Using a device or system for navigation purposes;
- Conducting wireless interpersonal communication that does not require manual entry of multiple letters, numbers, or symbols, except to activate, deactivate, or initiate a feature or function;
- Conducting wireless interpersonal communication that does not require reading text messages, except to activate, deactivate, or initiate a feature or function; and
- Operating an autonomous vehicle with the automated driving system engaged.⁵

¹ Section 316.305(2), F.S.

² Section 316.305(3)(a), F.S.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Section 316.305(3)(b), F.S.

Enforcement and Penalties

A law enforcement officer who stops a motor vehicle for a violation of the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law must inform the motor vehicle operator of his or her right to decline a search of his or her wireless communications device and may not:

- Access the wireless communications device without a warrant;
- Confiscate the wireless communications device while awaiting issuance of a warrant to access such device; and
- Obtain consent from the motor vehicle operator to search his or her wireless communications device through coercion or other improper method. Consent to search a motor vehicle operator's wireless communications device must be voluntary and unequivocal.⁶

A first violation of the ban on texting while driving is punishable as a nonmoving violation and carries a \$30 fine plus court costs,⁷ which could result in a total fine up to \$108.⁸ A second or subsequent violation of the ban committed within five years after the date of a prior conviction is a moving violation and carries a \$60 fine plus court costs,⁹ which could result in a total fine up to \$158.¹⁰

Data Collection and Reporting Requirement

When a law enforcement officer issues a citation for a violation of the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law, the law enforcement officer must record the race and ethnicity of the violator. All law enforcement agencies must maintain such information and report the information to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) by April 1 annually in a form and manner determined by the DHSMV. The DHSMV must annually report the data collected to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The data collected must be reported at least by statewide totals for local law enforcement agencies, state law enforcement agencies, and state university law enforcement agencies. The statewide total for local law enforcement agencies must combine the data for the county sheriffs and the municipal law enforcement agencies.¹¹

Ban on the Use of Wireless Communications Devices in a Handheld Manner in School and Work Zones

Prohibition and Enforcement

In addition to the ban on texting while driving, law enforcement officers are authorized to stop motor vehicles and issue citations to persons who are driving in a designated school crossing,

⁶ Section 316.305(3)(c), F.S.

⁷ Section 316.305(4)(a), F.S. *See also* ch. 318, F.S.

⁸ Florida Court Clerks and Comptrollers, *2023 Distribution Schedule of Court-Related Filing Fees, Service Charges, Costs and Fines, Including a Fee Schedule for Recording*, p. 39,

https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.flclerks.com/resource/resmgr/publicationsanddocuments/2023_Distribution_Schedule_e.pdf (last visited March 6, 2025).

⁹ Section 316.305(4)(b), F.S. *See also* Ch. 318, F.S.

¹⁰ Florida Court Clerks and Comptrollers, *supra* note 8, at p. 42.

¹¹ Section 316.305(5), F.S.

school zone, or work zone area¹²¹³ while using a wireless communications device in a handheld manner.¹⁴ Wireless communications device has the same meaning aforementioned for the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law and includes, but is not limited to, a cell phone, a tablet, a laptop, two-way messaging device, or an electronic game that is used or capable of being used in a handheld manner.¹⁵

The ban on the use of wireless communications devices in a handheld manner in school and work zones has almost identical exceptions and enforcement procedures as the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law.¹⁶ However, the ban on the use of a wireless communications device in a handheld manner in school and work zones expressly allows the use of a wireless communications device if it is operated in a hands-free or hands-free in voice-operated mode, including, but not limited to, a factory-installed or after-market Bluetooth device while driving.¹⁷

Penalties

A first violation of the ban on the use of wireless communications devices in a handheld manner in school and work zones is punishable as a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation,¹⁸ and a violator will have 3 points assessed against his or her driver license.¹⁹ For a first offense, in lieu of the \$60 fine, additional court costs, and the assessment of points, a person may elect to participate in a wireless communications device driving safety program approved by the DHSMV. Upon completion of such program, the penalty and associated costs may be waived by the clerk of the court and the assessment of points must be waived.²⁰

Additionally, the clerk of the court may dismiss a case and assess court costs for a nonmoving traffic infraction for a person who is cited for a first-time violation of this section if the person shows the clerk proof of purchase of equipment that enables his or her personal wireless communications device to be used in a hands-free manner.²¹ All the proceeds collected from such penalties must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund of the Department of Health.²²

Data Collection and Reporting Requirement

When a law enforcement officer issues a citation for a violation of the ban on the use of wireless communications device in a handheld manner in school and work zones, the law enforcement officer must record the race and ethnicity of the violator. All law enforcement agencies must

¹² Section 316.003(111), F.S., defines work zone as the area and its approaches on any state-maintained highway, county-maintained highway, or municipal street where construction, repair, maintenance, or other street-related or highway-related work is being performed or where one or more lanes are closed to traffic.

¹³ Section 316.306(3)(a), F.S., provides that the prohibition on work zone areas is only applicable if the construction personnel are present or are operating equipment on the road or immediately adjacent to the work zone area.

¹⁴ Sections 316.306(2) and 316.306(3)(a), F.S.

¹⁵ Section 316.306(1), F.S.

¹⁶ Section 316.306(3), F.S.

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ Chapter 318, F.S., provides that such violation carries a \$60 fine plus court costs.

¹⁹ Section 316.306(4)(a), F.S.

²⁰ *Id.*

²¹ Section 316.306(4)(b), F.S.

²² Section 316.306(5), F.S.

maintain such information and must report such information to the DHSMV in a form and manner determined by the DHSMV. The DHSMV must annually report the data collected to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The data collected must be reported at least by statewide totals for local law enforcement agencies, state law enforcement agencies, and state university law enforcement agencies. The statewide total for local law enforcement agencies must combine the data for the county sheriffs and the municipal law enforcement agencies.²³

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Expanding the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law

The bill renames the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law to the Florida Hands-Free Driving Law and expands the prohibition to include using, while driving, a wireless communications device in a handheld manner except to activate, deactivate, initiate, or terminate a feature or function of the device, including a hands-free accessory. The bill provides that sustained use of a wireless communications device by a person operating a vehicle must be conducted through a hands-free accessory until such use is terminated.

The bill defines the following terms in order to expand the prohibition:

- **Handheld manner:** Holding a wireless communications device in one or both hands or physically supporting the device with any other part of the body.
- **Hands-free accessory:** An attachment to or built-in feature of a wireless communications device which allows the operator of a motor vehicle to engage in interpersonal communication or otherwise use such device other than in a handheld manner.
- **Wireless communications device:** A handheld device used or capable of being used in a handheld manner to transmit or receive a voice message; initiate, receive, or maintain a telephone call; or otherwise engage in interpersonal voice communication; receive or transmit text-based or character-based messages or otherwise engage in interpersonal nonvoice communication; record or display videos or images; enter, access, or store data; or connect to the Internet or any communications service. The term includes, but is not limited to, a cellular telephone, smartphone, tablet computer, laptop computer, two-way messaging device, electronic gaming device, or device capable of displaying videos or images. The term does not include a citizens band radio, citizens band radio hybrid, commercial two-way radio communication device or its functional equivalent, subscription-based emergency communications device, prescribed medical device, amateur or ham radio device, or in-vehicle security, navigation, communications, or remote diagnostics system.

The bill maintains most of the existing exceptions to the prohibition on texting, including the exception for a motor vehicle that is stationary and, therefore, not being operated. However, the bill eliminates the exception for using a device or system for navigation purposes.²⁴

²³ Section 316.306(6), F.S.

²⁴ The bill maintains the current exception for receiving messages that are related to the operation or navigation of the motor vehicle.

Use of Wireless Communications Device in a Handheld Manner in School and Work Zones

The bill amends the prohibition found in the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law to ban the use of a wireless communications device in a handheld manner while driving. As such, because the ban would no longer be unique to school and work zones, the bill repeals certain statutory provisions that are no longer necessary.

However, the bill maintains the provisions of law that outline the penalties, data collection, and report requirements for a person who violates the use of a wireless communications device in a handheld manner while driving in a designated work zone area, if construction personnel are present or are operating equipment on the road or immediately adjacent to the work area.

A person who violates the use of a wireless communications device in a handheld manner while driving in a designated work zone area, commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation, and subject to the following penalties:

- First offense shall pay a fine of \$150 and have three points assessed to their driver license;
- Second offense shall pay a fine of \$250 and have three points assessed to their driver license;
- Third offense shall pay a fine of \$500 and have four points assessed to their driver license and have his or her driver license suspended for 90 days.

Additionally, the bill provides that when a law enforcement officer issues a citation in a work zone to a person who violated the use of a wireless communications device while driving, the law enforcement officer must indicate in the comment section of the uniform traffic citation the type of wireless communications device that was used to commit the violation. In accordance with current requirements in law, this information must be provided to the DHSMV for their annual report to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2025.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

The changes in the laws regarding the use of wireless communications devices while driving may result in more motorists being assessed traffic fines.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill may increase state and local government revenues to the extent there is an increase in the number of traffic citations issued due to changes in the law regarding the use of wireless communications devices while driving. However, the fiscal impact cannot be quantified and is therefore indeterminate.

The DHSMV estimates it will incur \$38,995 in IT programming and implementation costs.²⁵ In addition, the DHSMV may incur expenses related to public awareness and educational efforts regarding the changes in the laws regarding the use of wireless communication devices while driving. However, the department reports that these costs can likely be absorbed within existing resources.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 316.305 and 316.306.

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

²⁵ Email from Jonas Marquez, Director of Legislative Affairs, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, RE: SB 1318 Fiscal Impact, regarding IT impacts for programming costs (March 10, 2025)

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.



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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (Grall) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 166 - 251

and insert:

operating equipment or in a school zone while flashing beacons are activated.-

(1) ~~For purposes of this section, the term "wireless communications device" has the same meaning as provided in s. 316.305(3)(a). The term includes, but is not limited to, a cell phone, a tablet, a laptop, a two-way messaging device, or an~~



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11 ~~electronic game that is used or capable of being used in a~~
12 ~~handheld manner. The term does not include a safety, security,~~
13 ~~or convenience feature built into a motor vehicle which does not~~
14 ~~require the use of a handheld device.~~

15 ~~(2) It is the intent of the Legislature to:~~

16 ~~(a) Improve roadway safety in school and work zones for all~~
17 ~~vehicle operators, vehicle passengers, bicyclists, pedestrians,~~
18 ~~and other road users.~~

19 ~~(b) Prevent crashes related to the act of driving while~~
20 ~~using a wireless communications device in a handheld manner when~~
21 ~~operating a motor vehicle while the vehicle is in motion.~~

22 ~~(c) Reduce injuries, deaths, property damage, health care~~
23 ~~costs, health insurance rates, and automobile insurance rates~~
24 ~~related to motor vehicle crashes.~~

25 ~~(d) Authorize law enforcement officers to stop motor~~
26 ~~vehicles and issue citations to persons who are driving in~~
27 ~~school or work zones while using a wireless communications~~
28 ~~device in a handheld manner as provided in subsection (3).~~

29 ~~(3)(a)1. A person may not operate a motor vehicle while~~
30 ~~using a wireless communications device in a handheld manner in a~~
31 ~~designated school crossing, school zone, or work zone area as~~
32 ~~defined in s. 316.003(112). This subparagraph shall only be~~
33 ~~applicable to work zone areas if construction personnel are~~
34 ~~present or are operating equipment on the road or immediately~~
35 ~~adjacent to the work zone area. For the purposes of this~~
36 ~~paragraph, a motor vehicle that is stationary is not being~~
37 ~~operated and is not subject to the prohibition in this~~
38 ~~paragraph.~~

39 ~~2. Effective January 1, 2020, a law enforcement officer may~~



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40 ~~stop motor vehicles and issue citations to persons who are~~
41 ~~driving while using a wireless communications device in a~~
42 ~~handheld manner in violation of subparagraph 1.~~

43 ~~(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a motor vehicle~~
44 ~~operator who is:~~

45 ~~1. Performing official duties as an operator of an~~
46 ~~authorized emergency vehicle as defined in s. 322.01, a law~~
47 ~~enforcement or fire service professional, or an emergency~~
48 ~~medical services professional.~~

49 ~~2. Reporting an emergency or criminal or suspicious~~
50 ~~activity to law enforcement authorities.~~

51 ~~3. Receiving messages that are:~~

52 ~~a. Related to the operation or navigation of the motor~~
53 ~~vehicle;~~

54 ~~b. Safety-related information, including emergency,~~
55 ~~traffic, or weather alerts;~~

56 ~~c. Data used primarily by the motor vehicle; or~~

57 ~~d. Radio broadcasts.~~

58 ~~4. Using a device or system in a hands-free manner for~~
59 ~~navigation purposes.~~

60 ~~5. Using a wireless communications device hands-free or~~
61 ~~hands-free in voice-operated mode, including, but not limited~~
62 ~~to, a factory-installed or after-market Bluetooth device.~~

63 ~~6. Operating an autonomous vehicle, as defined in s.~~
64 ~~316.003, in autonomous mode.~~

65 ~~(c) A law enforcement officer who stops a motor vehicle for~~
66 ~~a violation of paragraph (a) must inform the motor vehicle~~
67 ~~operator of his or her right to decline a search of his or her~~
68 ~~wireless communications device and may not:~~



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69 ~~1. Access the wireless communications device without a~~
70 ~~warrant.~~

71 ~~2. Confiscate the wireless communications device while~~
72 ~~awaiting issuance of a warrant to access such device.~~

73 ~~3. Obtain consent from the motor vehicle operator to search~~
74 ~~his or her wireless communications device through coercion or~~
75 ~~other improper method. Consent to search a motor vehicle~~
76 ~~operator's wireless communications device must be voluntary and~~
77 ~~unequivocal.~~

78 ~~(d) Only in the event of a crash resulting in death or~~
79 ~~serious bodily injury, as defined in s. 316.027, may a user's~~
80 ~~billing records for a wireless communications device, or the~~
81 ~~testimony of or written statements from appropriate authorities~~
82 ~~receiving such messages, be admissible as evidence in any~~
83 ~~proceeding to determine whether a violation of subparagraph~~
84 ~~(a)1. has been committed.~~

85 ~~(e) Law enforcement officers must indicate the type of~~
86 ~~wireless communications device in the comment section of the~~
87 ~~uniform traffic citation.~~

88 ~~(4)(a) A Any person who violates s. 316.305(4)(a) on any~~
89 ~~roadway when construction personnel are present or are operating~~
90 ~~equipment on the road or immediately adjacent to the work zone~~
91 ~~area, or in a school zone during periods in which the~~
92 ~~restrictive speed limit is enforced and flashing beacons are~~
93 ~~activated, this section commits a noncriminal traffic~~
94 ~~infraction,~~

By Senator Grall

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to hands-free driving; amending s.
3 316.305, F.S.; revising a short title; revising
4 legislative intent; defining terms; prohibiting a
5 person from operating a motor vehicle while using a
6 wireless communications device in a handheld manner;
7 providing an exception; requiring that sustained use
8 of a wireless communications device by a person
9 operating a motor vehicle be conducted through a
10 hands-free accessory until such use is terminated;
11 revising exceptions to the prohibition; removing
12 obsolete provisions; providing penalties; amending s.
13 316.306, F.S.; revising penalty provisions relating to
14 the use of wireless communications devices in a
15 handheld manner in certain circumstances; conforming
16 provisions to changes made by the act; providing an
17 effective date.

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19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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21 Section 1. Section 316.305, Florida Statutes, is amended to
22 read:

23 316.305 Wireless communications devices; use in a handheld
24 manner prohibited ~~prohibition.~~—

25 (1) This section may be cited as the “Florida Hands-Free
26 ~~Ban on Texting While Driving~~ Law.”

27 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to:

28 (a) Improve roadway safety for all vehicle operators,
29 vehicle passengers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other road

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30 users.

31 (b) Prevent crashes related to the use of a wireless
32 communications device in a handheld manner ~~act of text messaging~~
33 while driving a motor vehicle.

34 (c) Reduce injuries, deaths, property damage, health care
35 costs, health insurance rates, and automobile insurance rates
36 related to motor vehicle crashes.

37 (d) Authorize law enforcement officers to stop motor
38 vehicles and issue citations to persons who are using wireless
39 communications devices in a handheld manner ~~texting~~ while
40 driving.

41 (3) As used in this section, the term:

42 (a) "Handheld manner" means holding a wireless
43 communications device in one or both hands or physically
44 supporting the device with any other part of the body.

45 (b) "Hands-free accessory" means an attachment to or a
46 built-in feature of a wireless communications device which
47 allows the operator of a motor vehicle to engage in
48 interpersonal communication or otherwise use such device other
49 than in a handheld manner.

50 (c) "Wireless communications device":

51 1. Means a handheld device used or capable of being used in
52 a handheld manner to:

53 a. Transmit or receive a voice message; initiate, receive,
54 or maintain a telephone call; or otherwise engage in
55 interpersonal voice communication;

56 b. Receive or transmit text-based or character-based
57 messages or otherwise engage in interpersonal nonvoice
58 communication;

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59 c. Record or display videos or images;

60 d. Enter, access, or store data; or

61 e. Connect to the Internet or any communications service as
62 defined in s. 812.15(1).

63 2. Includes, but is not limited to, a cellular telephone,
64 smartphone, tablet computer, laptop computer, two-way messaging
65 device, electronic gaming device, or device capable of
66 displaying videos or images. The term does not include a
67 citizens band radio, a citizens band radio hybrid, a commercial
68 two-way radio communications device or its functional
69 equivalent, a subscription-based emergency communications
70 device, a prescribed medical device, an amateur or ham radio
71 device, or an in-vehicle security, navigation, communications,
72 or remote diagnostics system.

73 (4) (a)-(3)-(a) A person may not operate a motor vehicle while
74 using manually typing or entering multiple letters, numbers,
75 symbols, or other characters into a wireless communications
76 device in a handheld manner except to activate, deactivate,
77 initiate, or terminate a feature or function of the device,
78 including a hands-free accessory. Sustained use of a wireless
79 communications device by a person operating a motor vehicle must
80 be conducted through a hands-free accessory until such use is
81 terminated. or while sending or reading data on such a device
82 for the purpose of nonvoice interpersonal communication,
83 including, but not limited to, communication methods known as
84 texting, e-mailing, and instant messaging. As used in this
85 section, the term "wireless communications device" means any
86 handheld device used or capable of being used in a handheld
87 manner, that is designed or intended to receive or transmit text

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88 ~~or character-based messages, access or store data, or connect to~~
89 ~~the Internet or any communications service as defined in s.~~
90 ~~812.15 and that allows text communications. For the purposes of~~
91 ~~this paragraph,~~ A motor vehicle that is stationary is not being
92 operated and is not subject to the prohibition in this
93 paragraph.

94 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a motor vehicle
95 operator who is:

96 1. Performing official duties as an operator of an
97 authorized emergency vehicle as defined in s. 322.01, a law
98 enforcement or fire service professional, or an emergency
99 medical services professional.

100 2. Reporting an emergency or criminal or suspicious
101 activity to law enforcement authorities.

102 3. Receiving messages that are:

103 a. Related to the operation or navigation of the motor
104 vehicle;

105 b. Safety-related information, including emergency,
106 traffic, or weather alerts;

107 c. Data used primarily by the motor vehicle; or

108 d. Radio broadcasts.

109 4. ~~Using a device or system for navigation purposes.~~

110 5. ~~Conducting wireless interpersonal communication that~~
111 ~~does not require manual entry of multiple letters, numbers, or~~
112 ~~symbols, except to activate, deactivate, or initiate a feature~~
113 ~~or function.~~

114 6. ~~Conducting wireless interpersonal communication that~~
115 ~~does not require reading text messages, except to activate,~~
116 ~~deactivate, or initiate a feature or function.~~

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117 ~~7.~~ Operating an autonomous vehicle, as defined in s.
118 316.003(3), with the automated driving system engaged.

119 (c) A law enforcement officer who stops a motor vehicle for
120 a violation of paragraph (a) must inform the motor vehicle
121 operator of his or her right to decline a search of his or her
122 wireless communications device and may not:

123 1. Access the wireless communications device without a
124 warrant.

125 2. Confiscate the wireless communications device while
126 awaiting issuance of a warrant to access such device.

127 3. Obtain consent from the motor vehicle operator to search
128 his or her wireless communications device through coercion or
129 other improper method. Consent to search a motor vehicle
130 operator's wireless communications device must be voluntary and
131 unequivocal.

132 (d) Only in the event of a crash resulting in death or
133 personal injury, a user's billing records for a wireless
134 communications device or the testimony of or written statements
135 from appropriate authorities receiving such messages may be
136 admissible as evidence in any proceeding to determine whether a
137 violation of paragraph (a) has been committed.

138 (5) (a) ~~(4) (a)~~ A ~~Any~~ person who violates paragraph (4) (a)
139 ~~(3) (a)~~ commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a
140 nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

141 (b) A ~~Any~~ person who commits a second or subsequent
142 violation of paragraph (4) (a) ~~(3) (a)~~ within 5 years after the
143 date of a prior conviction for a violation of paragraph (4) (a)
144 ~~(3) (a)~~ commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a
145 moving violation as provided in chapter 318.

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146 ~~(6)~~(5) When a law enforcement officer issues a citation for
147 a violation of this section, the law enforcement officer must
148 record the race and ethnicity of the violator. All law
149 enforcement agencies must maintain such information and report
150 the information to the department by April 1 annually in a form
151 and manner determined by the department. Beginning July 1, 2023,
152 the department shall annually report the data collected under
153 this subsection to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
154 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The data
155 collected must be reported at least by statewide totals for
156 local law enforcement agencies, state law enforcement agencies,
157 and state university law enforcement agencies. The statewide
158 total for local law enforcement agencies shall combine the data
159 for the county sheriffs and the municipal law enforcement
160 agencies.

161 Section 2. Section 316.306, Florida Statutes, is amended to
162 read:

163 316.306 Penalties for School and work zones; prohibition on
164 the use of a wireless communications device in a handheld manner
165 on any roadway when construction personnel are present or
166 operating equipment.-

167 (1) ~~For purposes of this section, the term "wireless~~
168 ~~communications device" has the same meaning as provided in s.~~
169 ~~316.305(3)(a). The term includes, but is not limited to, a cell~~
170 ~~phone, a tablet, a laptop, a two-way messaging device, or an~~
171 ~~electronic game that is used or capable of being used in a~~
172 ~~handheld manner. The term does not include a safety, security,~~
173 ~~or convenience feature built into a motor vehicle which does not~~
174 ~~require the use of a handheld device.~~

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175 ~~(2) It is the intent of the Legislature to:~~

176 ~~(a) Improve roadway safety in school and work zones for all~~
177 ~~vehicle operators, vehicle passengers, bicyclists, pedestrians,~~
178 ~~and other road users.~~

179 ~~(b) Prevent crashes related to the act of driving while~~
180 ~~using a wireless communications device in a handheld manner when~~
181 ~~operating a motor vehicle while the vehicle is in motion.~~

182 ~~(c) Reduce injuries, deaths, property damage, health care~~
183 ~~costs, health insurance rates, and automobile insurance rates~~
184 ~~related to motor vehicle crashes.~~

185 ~~(d) Authorize law enforcement officers to stop motor~~
186 ~~vehicles and issue citations to persons who are driving in~~
187 ~~school or work zones while using a wireless communications~~
188 ~~device in a handheld manner as provided in subsection (3).~~

189 ~~(3)(a)1. A person may not operate a motor vehicle while~~
190 ~~using a wireless communications device in a handheld manner in a~~
191 ~~designated school crossing, school zone, or work zone area as~~
192 ~~defined in s. 316.003(112). This subparagraph shall only be~~
193 ~~applicable to work zone areas if construction personnel are~~
194 ~~present or are operating equipment on the road or immediately~~
195 ~~adjacent to the work zone area. For the purposes of this~~
196 ~~paragraph, a motor vehicle that is stationary is not being~~
197 ~~operated and is not subject to the prohibition in this~~
198 ~~paragraph.~~

199 ~~2. Effective January 1, 2020, a law enforcement officer may~~
200 ~~stop motor vehicles and issue citations to persons who are~~
201 ~~driving while using a wireless communications device in a~~
202 ~~handheld manner in violation of subparagraph 1.~~

203 ~~(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a motor vehicle~~

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204 ~~operator who is:~~

205 ~~1. Performing official duties as an operator of an~~
206 ~~authorized emergency vehicle as defined in s. 322.01, a law~~
207 ~~enforcement or fire service professional, or an emergency~~
208 ~~medical services professional.~~

209 ~~2. Reporting an emergency or criminal or suspicious~~
210 ~~activity to law enforcement authorities.~~

211 ~~3. Receiving messages that are:~~

212 ~~a. Related to the operation or navigation of the motor~~
213 ~~vehicle;~~

214 ~~b. Safety related information, including emergency,~~
215 ~~traffic, or weather alerts;~~

216 ~~c. Data used primarily by the motor vehicle; or~~

217 ~~d. Radio broadcasts.~~

218 ~~4. Using a device or system in a hands-free manner for~~
219 ~~navigation purposes.~~

220 ~~5. Using a wireless communications device hands-free or~~
221 ~~hands-free in voice operated mode, including, but not limited~~
222 ~~to, a factory-installed or after-market Bluetooth device.~~

223 ~~6. Operating an autonomous vehicle, as defined in s.~~
224 ~~316.003, in autonomous mode.~~

225 ~~(c) A law enforcement officer who stops a motor vehicle for~~
226 ~~a violation of paragraph (a) must inform the motor vehicle~~
227 ~~operator of his or her right to decline a search of his or her~~
228 ~~wireless communications device and may not:~~

229 ~~1. Access the wireless communications device without a~~
230 ~~warrant.~~

231 ~~2. Confiscate the wireless communications device while~~
232 ~~awaiting issuance of a warrant to access such device.~~

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233 ~~3. Obtain consent from the motor vehicle operator to search~~
234 ~~his or her wireless communications device through coercion or~~
235 ~~other improper method. Consent to search a motor vehicle~~
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240 ~~billing records for a wireless communications device, or the~~
241 ~~testimony of or written statements from appropriate authorities~~
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243 ~~proceeding to determine whether a violation of subparagraph~~
244 ~~(a)1. has been committed.~~

245 ~~(c) Law enforcement officers must indicate the type of~~
246 ~~wireless communications device in the comment section of the~~
247 ~~uniform traffic citation.~~

248 ~~(4)(a) A Any person who violates s. 316.305(4)(a) on any~~
249 ~~roadway when construction personnel are present or are operating~~
250 ~~equipment on the road or immediately adjacent to the work zone~~
251 ~~area this section commits a noncriminal traffic infraction,~~
252 ~~punishable as a moving violation, as provided in chapter 318,~~
253 ~~and shall pay a fine of \$150 and have 3 points assessed against~~
254 ~~his or her driver license. A person who commits a second~~
255 ~~violation shall pay a fine of \$250 and have 3 points assessed~~
256 ~~against his or her driver license. A person who commits a third~~
257 ~~violation shall pay a fine of \$500, have 4 points assessed~~
258 ~~against his or her driver license, and have his or her driver~~
259 ~~license suspended for 90 days, and shall have 3 points assessed~~
260 ~~against his or her driver license as set forth in s.~~
261 ~~322.27(3)(d)8.~~

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262 (a) For a first violation ~~offense under this section~~, in
263 lieu of the penalty ~~specified in s. 318.18~~ and the assessment of
264 points, a person ~~who violates this section~~ may elect to
265 participate in a wireless communications device driving safety
266 program approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
267 Vehicles. Upon completion of such program, the penalties ~~penalty~~
268 specified in this section and s. 318.18 and associated costs may
269 be waived by the clerk of the court and the assessment of points
270 must be waived.

271 (b) The clerk of the court may dismiss a case and assess
272 court costs in accordance with s. 318.18(12)(a) for a nonmoving
273 traffic infraction for a person who is cited for a first ~~time~~
274 violation ~~of this section~~ if the person shows the clerk proof of
275 purchase of equipment that enables his or her personal wireless
276 communications device to be used in a hands-free manner.

277 (2) ~~(5)~~ Notwithstanding s. 318.21, all proceeds collected
278 pursuant to s. 318.18 for violations under ~~of~~ this section must
279 be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the
280 Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund of the Department of
281 Health.

282 (3) ~~(6)~~ When a law enforcement officer issues a citation for
283 a violation under ~~of~~ this section, the law enforcement officer
284 must:

285 (a) Indicate in the comment section of the uniform traffic
286 citation the type of wireless communications device that was
287 used to commit the violation.

288 (b) Record the race and ethnicity of the violator. All law
289 enforcement agencies must maintain such information and must
290 report such information to the department in a form and manner

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291 determined by the department. Beginning February 1, 2020, the
292 department shall annually report the data collected under this
293 paragraph ~~subsection~~ to the Governor, the President of the
294 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The
295 data collected must be reported at least by statewide totals for
296 local law enforcement agencies, state law enforcement agencies,
297 and state university law enforcement agencies. The statewide
298 total for local law enforcement agencies is a combination of
299 ~~must combine~~ the data for the county sheriffs and the municipal
300 law enforcement agencies.

301 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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The Florida Senate

Committee Agenda Request

To: Senator Nick DiCeglie, Chair
Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic
Development

Subject: Committee Agenda Request

Date: March 19, 2025

I respectfully request that **Senate Bill #1318**, relating to Hands-free Driving, be placed on the:

- committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.
- next committee agenda.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erin K. Grall".

Senator Erin Grall
Florida Senate, District 29

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic
Development

BILL: SB 1408

INTRODUCER: Senators Collins and Martin

SUBJECT: Transportation Facility Designations

DATE: March 26, 2025

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Johnson</u>	<u>Vickers</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2.	<u>Griffin</u>	<u>Nortelus</u>	<u>ATD</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
3.	_____	_____	<u>FP</u>	_____

I. Summary:

SB 1408 designates the Master Patrol Officer Jesse Madsen Memorial Highway in Hillsborough County and the Sergeant Elio Diaz Memorial Highway in Charlotte County and directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers for each of these designations.

The estimated cost to the FDOT to install the designation markers is \$4,800. **See Section V. Fiscal Impact Statement.**

This bill takes effect July 1, 2025.

II. Present Situation:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides that legislative designations of transportation facilities are for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility. Such designations are not to be construed as requiring any action by local governments or private parties regarding the changing of any street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone number system listings, unless the legislation specifically provides for such changes.¹

When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, the FDOT is required to place markers only at the termini specified for each highway segment or bridge designated by the law creating the designation and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility.²

¹ Section 334.071(1), F.S.

² Section 334.071(2), F.S.

The FDOT may not erect the markers for honorary road or bridge designations unless the affected city or county commission enacts a resolution supporting the designation. When the designated road or bridge segment is located in more than one city or county, each affected local government must pass resolutions supporting the designations before the installation of the markers.³

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Subsection 1 designates that portion of I-275 between mile markers 47 and 48 in Hillsborough County as “Master Patrol Officer Jesse Madsen Memorial Highway.”

Officer Jesse Madsen, of the Tampa Police Department, was killed on March 9, 2021, when his patrol car was struck head on by a wrong-way driver on I-275. He was responding to reports of a wrong-way driver when he was struck by the car. A witness stated that Officer Madsen had intentionally collided with the oncoming car to prevent it from striking other vehicles. Officer Madsen was a U.S Marine Corps veteran and had served with the Tampa Police Department for 16 years.⁴

Subsection 2 designates that portion of U.S. 41 between Melbourne Street and Church Street in Charlotte County as “Sergeant Elio Diaz Memorial Highway.”

Sergeant Elio Diaz, of the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office, was shot and killed during a traffic stop in Charlotte Harbor on December 15, 2024. During the stop, the driver pulled out a rifle and fired at Sergeant Diaz before fleeing. When he was found a few miles away, the suspect reached for his rifle and was shot and killed by deputies. Sergeant Diaz had served with the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office for over 11 years. Sergeant Diaz was posthumously promoted to Sergeant.⁵

Subsection 3 directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers designating each of the above designations.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

³ Section 334.071(3), F.S.

⁴ Officer Down Memorial Page, *Officer Jesse Peter Madsen*, <https://www.odmp.org/officer/25185-officer-jesse-peter-madsen> (last visited February 27, 2025).

⁵ Officer Down Memorial Page, *Sergeant Elio Diaz*, <https://www.odmp.org/officer/27245-sergeant-elio-diaz> (last visited February 27, 2025).

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The estimated cost to erect the designation markers required under this bill is \$4,800, based on the assumption that a minimum of two markers are required at a cost to the FDOT of no less than \$1,200 each for two designations. The estimate includes labor, materials, manufacturing, and installation.⁶ The FDOT is expected to absorb the estimated cost within existing resources.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill creates an undesignated section of Florida law.

⁶ E-mail from Jack Rogers, FDOT Legislative Affairs Director, *RE: Transportation Facility Designation Costs*, December 9, 2024. (On file with Senate Committee on Transportation).

IX. Additional Information:

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

By Senator Collins

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to transportation facility
3 designations; providing honorary designations of
4 certain transportation facilities in specified
5 counties; directing the Department of Transportation
6 to erect suitable markers; providing an effective
7 date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 of Transportation to erect suitable markers.-

13 (1) That portion of I-275 between mile markers 47 and 48 in
14 Hillsborough County is designated as "Master Patrol Officer
15 Jesse Madsen Memorial Highway."

16 (2) That portion of U.S. 41 between Melbourne Street and
17 Church Street in Charlotte County is designated as "Sergeant
18 Elio Diaz Memorial Highway."

19 (3) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect
20 suitable markers designating the transportation facilities as
21 described in this section.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.



The Florida Senate

Committee Agenda Request

To: Senator Nick DiCeglie, Chair
Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic
Development

Subject: Committee Agenda Request

Date: March 19, 2025

I respectfully request that **Senate Bill #1408**, relating to Transportation Facility Designations, be placed on the:

- committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.
- next committee agenda.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Collins", written over a horizontal line.

Senator Jay Collins
Florida Senate, District 14

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

BILL: SB 1516

INTRODUCER: Senator Wright

SUBJECT: Aerospace Industry

DATE: March 26, 2025

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Ingram</u>	<u>Proctor</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2.	<u>Griffin</u>	<u>Nortelus</u>	<u>ATD</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
3.	_____	_____	<u>FP</u>	_____

I. Summary:

SB 1516 establishes the International Aerospace Innovation Fund (IAIF), administered by Space Florida, to accelerate global aerospace innovation by funding collaborative research and development projects, workforce development initiatives, and commercialization efforts. The bill requires the IAIF to develop partnerships between Florida-based aerospace companies and international companies. The IAIF will also drive innovation in critical technology areas related to aerospace and attract global investment in Florida’s aerospace ecosystem. The bill also requires Space Florida to secure funding which may be received from the state, from private sector investments, or from international contributions.

The bill requires Space Florida to develop eligibility criteria for projects to be funded by the IAIF. At a minimum, a project must:

- Involve at least one aerospace company or organization that is based in this state;
- Be a partnership involving an international aerospace company, a university, a space agency, or a research institute; and
- Be intended, and have demonstrated potential, for commercialization.

Space Florida is required to establish a panel of experts to evaluate and recommend projects seeking funding and to establish an application process for the projects. Funding must be competitively awarded based on merit. Space Florida is required to identify and establish partnerships with countries with robust aerospace sectors. The bill authorizes Space Florida to negotiate and enter into bilateral agreements for the purposes of the IAIF.

The bill may have an indeterminate fiscal impact. **See Section V. Fiscal Impact Statement.**

The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.

II. Present Situation:

Space Florida

In 2006, the Legislature passed the Space Florida Act,¹ which consolidated Florida's three existing space entities, the Florida Space Authority, the Florida Space Research Institute, and the Florida Aerospace Finance Corporation, into a single entity called Space Florida.² Space Florida is established as an independent special district, a body politic and corporate, and a subdivision of the state, to foster the growth and development of a sustainable and world-leading aerospace³ industry in the state. Space Florida has all the powers, rights, privileges, and authority as provided under the laws of this state⁴, and receives state funding through contracts with the Florida Department of Commerce (FDC) and the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT).⁵

Space Florida acts as Florida's point of contact for state aerospace-related activities with federal agencies, the military, state agencies, businesses, and the private sector.⁶ Space Florida is authorized to purchase or construct facilities, set rates, fees, and charges for the use of facilities, and undertake joint financing with municipalities or private sector entities for any project.⁷ A project is:

- Any activity associated with any development, improvement, property, launch, utility, facility, system, works, road, sidewalk, enterprise, service, or convenience, which may include coordination with federal and state partners or agencies;
- Any rocket, capsule, module, launch facility, assembly facility, operations or control facility, tracking facility, administrative facility, or any other type of aerospace-related transportation vehicle, station, or facility;
- Any type of equipment or instrument to be used or useful in connection with any of the foregoing;
- Any type of intellectual property and intellectual property protection in connection with any of the foregoing including, without limitation, any patent, copyright, trademark, and service mark for, among other things, computer software;
- Any water, wastewater, gas, or electric utility system, plant, or distribution or collection system;
- Any small business incubator initiative, including any startup aerospace company, and any aerospace business proposing to expand or locate its business in this state, research and development company, research and development facility, education and workforce training facility, storage facility, and consulting service; or

¹ Chapter 2006-60, Laws of Fla.

² See ss. 331.301 through 331.371, F.S.

³ Section 331.303, F.S., defines "aerospace" as the technology and industry related to the design, manufacture, maintenance, repair, and operation of aircraft or any other device intended to be used or designed for flight or reentry, including rockets, missiles, spacecraft, satellites, space vehicles, space stations, space and aircraft facilities or components thereof, and related equipment, systems, facilities, simulators, programs, and activities, including, but not limited to, the application of aerospace and aviation technologies in air-based, land-based, space-based, and sea-based platforms for commercial, civil, and defense purposes.

⁴ Section 331.302, F.S.

⁵ Florida Accountability Contract Tracking System, Contracts Main Search, Vendor/Grantor Name - Space Florida, available at <https://facts.fldfs.com/Search/ContractSearch.aspx> (last visited Mar. 10, 2025).

⁶ Section 331.3011, F.S.

⁷ Section 331.305, F.S.

- Any tourism initiative, including any space experience attraction, microgravity flight program, aerospace launch-related activity, and space museum sponsored or promoted by Space Florida.⁸

According to Space Florida's 2024 Annual Operations Report, as of June 30, 2024, Space Florida had 161 total projects in development with an estimated value of \$5.6 billion in capital investment, and provided \$101.9 million in funding for 30 research projects, partnerships, and grants.⁹

Powers of Space Florida

In furtherance of its duties, Space Florida is given certain powers, including, but not limited to:¹⁰

- Using a corporate seal;
- Using patents, copyrights, and trademarks;
- Lending and investing money;
- Acquiring certain properties;
- Executing contracts;
- Issuing revenue bonds;
- Making expenditures for entertainment and travel expenses and business clients, guests, and other authorized persons; and
- Fixing and collecting fees, loan payments, rental payments, and other charges in connection with financing agreements.

Duties of Space Florida

In order to implement the Space Florida Act and carry out spaceport operations, Space Florida is given certain duties, including, but not limited to, creating a business plan, entering into agreements and cooperating with other state agencies, and consulting with appropriate federal agencies.¹¹

Specifically, Space Florida is required to:

- Enter into agreement with the Department of Education (DOE), the DOT, the FDC, and CareerSource Florida, Inc. (CSF).¹²
- In cooperation with the FDC, develop a plan to retain, expand, attract, and create aerospace industry entities, public or private, which results in the creation of high-value-added businesses and jobs in this state.¹³
- Develop, in cooperation with the FDC, a plan to provide financing assistance to aerospace businesses.¹⁴
- Carry out its responsibilities for spaceport operations by:

⁸ Section 331.303(14), F.S.

⁹ Space Florida, *Space Florida Annual Report 2024*, available https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/66c8a3fe36eef11411f2b1ef/674749d0769077b041d100ff_Annual-Report-2024-Final_compressed.pdf (last visited Mar. 10, 2025).

¹⁰ Section 331.305, F.S.

¹¹ Section 331.3051, F.S.

¹² Section 331.3051(2), F.S.

¹³ Section 331.3051(3), F.S.

¹⁴ Section 331.3051(6), F.S.

- Seeking federal support and developing partnerships to renew and upgrade the infrastructure and technologies at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, the John F. Kennedy Space Center, and the Eastern Range.
- Supporting federal efforts to clarify roles and responsibilities of federal agencies in an effort to streamline access for commercial launch users.
- Pursuing the development of commercial spaceports in the state in partnership with counties or municipalities, the Federal Government, or private entities.
- Promoting and facilitating launch activity within the state by supporting and assisting commercial launch operators' interactions with federal agencies for launching from Florida.
- Consulting, as necessary, with the appropriate federal, state, and local authorities, including the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Defense, the DOT, Florida National Guard, and industry on establishing and operating spaceport infrastructure and facilities in the state.¹⁵

In 2023, the Legislature expanded those duties by requiring Space Florida to conduct the following collaborative measures:

- Solicit input regularly on Space Florida plans and activities from the aerospace industry, private sector spaceport territory stakeholders, each entity that owns or has ownership interest in a facility within spaceport territory, and other political subdivisions within spaceport territory.
- Partner with the Board of Governors to foster technological advancement and economic development for spaceport activities by strengthening higher education programs and supporting aerospace activities.
- Partner with the FDC's Division of Workforce Services, CSF, and local workforce development boards to support initiatives that address the high technology skills and staff resources needed to better promote the state's efforts in becoming the nation's leader in aerospace and space exploration.
- Partner with the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council to coordinate and specify how aerospace planning and programming will be part of the state's cooperative transportation planning process.¹⁶

Contracts, Grants, and Contributions

Space Florida is authorized to:

- Make and enter all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its functions and execution of its powers.
- Contract with, and accept and receive grants or loans of money, material, or property from, any person, private or public as the Space Florida Board determines necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of the Space Florida Act.
- In connection with any such contract, grant, or loan, stipulate and agree to such covenants, terms, and conditions as the Space Florida board of directors deems appropriate.¹⁷

¹⁵ Section 331.3051(7), F.S.

¹⁶ Ch. 2023-200, s. 5 Laws of Fla. Section 331.3051(11), (12), (13), and (14), F.S.

¹⁷ Section 331.324, F.S.

Board of Directors

Under general law, Space Florida is governed by an independent board of directors (Space Florida Board), which consists of the Governor, or the Governor’s designee, who is a voting member and serves as the chair and the following appointed members:¹⁸

- The Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee.
- Five members appointed by the Governor and subject to Senate confirmation.¹⁹
- One member appointed by the President of the Senate.²⁰
- One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.²¹
- A representative of each of the following entities, appointed by the Governor, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the board:
 - An employee or official of a port district or port authority.²²
 - The Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority.
 - The Jacksonville Aviation Authority.²³

The duties of the Space Florida Board include:

- Adopting rules and orders to conduct the business of Space Florida, the maintenance of records, and the form of all documents and records of Space Florida.
- Maintaining an executive office and Space Florida offices in close proximity to the John F. Kennedy Space Center.
- Appointing a president of Space Florida, and determining his or her title, functions, duties, powers, and salary.
- Abiding by all applicable federal labor laws in the construction and day-to-day operations of Space Florida and any spaceport.
- Preparing the annual report of operations as a supplement to its annual report, which is also required by law.²⁴

The Space Florida Board is authorized to exercise the following powers:

- Enter, and authorize any agent or employee of Space Florida to enter, upon any lands, waters, and premises, upon giving reasonable notice and due process to the land owner, for the purposes of making surveys, soundings, drillings, appraisals, and examinations necessary to perform its duties and functions.
- Execute all contracts and other documents, adopt all proceedings, and perform all acts determined by the Space Florida Board to be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of the Space Florida Act.

¹⁸ Section 331.3081(1), F.S.

¹⁹ Section 331.3081(1)(b), F.S. specifies that the five members must each reflect the state’s interests in the aerospace sector and represent the intent, duties, and purpose of Space Florida or have at least 5 years of relevant experience at least one of the following areas: The aerospace industry, such member may not be currently employed by an entity that is under contract with Space Florida; bond financing; academic experience in aerospace, aviation, or a relevant science; or an aircraft facilities manager, a fixed-based operator, or a commercial airport operator.

²⁰ The appointed member must have at least 5 years of experience as provided in s. 331.3081(1)(b), F.S.

²¹ *Id.*

²² Section 315.02(2), F.S., defines “port authority” to mean any port authority in Florida created by or pursuant to the provisions of any general or special law or any district or board of county commissioners acting as a port authority under or pursuant to the provisions of any general or special law.

²³ Section 331.3081(1), F.S.

²⁴ Section 331.310(2), F.S.

- Establish and create such departments, committees, or other entities as from time to time the Space Florida Board deems necessary or desirable in the performance of any acts or other things necessary to the exercise of the powers provided in statute.
- Provide financial services to support aerospace-related business development within the state. Financial services may include, but are not limited to:
 - Insuring, coinsuring, or originating for sale direct aerospace-related loans.
 - Direct lending.
 - Guaranteeing and collateralizing loans.
 - Creating accounts.
 - Capitalizing, underwriting, leasing, selling, or securing funding for aerospace-related infrastructure.
 - Investing in permissible securities.
 - Organizing financial institutions and international bank syndicates.
 - Acquiring, accepting, or administering grants, contracts, and fees from other organizations to perform activities that are consistent with the purposes of Space Florida's business plan. If the Space Florida Board deems a financial services entity is necessary, the Space Florida Board may create, form, or contract with one or more such entities.
- Examine, and authorize any officer or agent of Space Florida to examine, the county tax rolls with respect to the assessed valuation of the real and personal property within any spaceport territory.
- Engage in the planning and implementation of space-related economic and educational development within the state.
- Provide the strategic direction for the aerospace-related research priorities of the state and its aerospace-related businesses.
- Execute intergovernmental agreements and development agreements consistent with prevailing statutory provisions, including, but not limited to, special benefits or tax increment financing initiatives.
- Establish reserve funds for future Space Florida Board operations.
- Adopt rules to carry out the purposes of the Space Florida Act.²⁵

Florida Opportunity Fund

In 2007 the Legislature passed the Capital Formation Act (Act),²⁶ a multi-faceted approach to nurturing entrepreneurs and emerging companies in the state, with the intent to mobilize private investment in a broad variety of partnerships in diversified industries and geographies.²⁷ One component of the Act was the creation of the Florida Opportunity Fund as an investor in seed and early stage businesses, infrastructure projects, venture capital funds, and angel funds.²⁸ Designed to mobilize investment in a broad variety of Florida-based, new technology companies and to generate a return sufficient to continue reinvestment, the Florida Opportunity Fund, the private, not-for profit corporation, is required to:

²⁵ Section 331.310(1), F.S. Sections 288.9621-288.96255, F.S.

²⁶ Chapter 2007-189, Laws of Fla.

²⁷ Section 288.9622, F.S.

²⁸ *Id.*

- Invest in certain seed and early stage venture capital funds. The fund also may make direct investments, including loans, in individual businesses and infrastructure projects. While not precluded from investing in venture capital funds that have investments outside this state, the fund must require a venture capital fund to show a record of successful investment in this state, to be based in this state, or to have an office in this state staffed with a full-time, professional venture investment executive in order to be eligible for investment.
- Negotiate for investment capital or loan proceeds from private, institutional, or banking sources.
- Negotiate any and all terms and conditions for its investments.
- Invest only in funds, businesses, and infrastructure projects that have raised capital from other sources so that the amount invested in such funds, businesses, or infrastructure projects is at least twice the amount invested by the fund. Direct investments must be made in Florida infrastructure projects or businesses that are Florida-based or have significant business activities in Florida and operate in technology sectors that are strategic to Florida, including, but not limited to, enterprises in life sciences, information technology, advanced manufacturing processes, aviation and aerospace, and homeland security and defense, as well as other strategic technologies.
- Form or operate other entities and accept additional funds from other public and private sources to further its purpose.²⁹

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill amends s. 331.3051, F.S., to revise Space Florida's duties to include administering the International Aerospace Innovation Fund (IAIF).

The bill also amends s. 331.310, F.S., to conform a cross-reference to incorporate Space Florida's duty to administer the IAIF.

The bill creates s. 331.372, F.S., to establish the IAIF, administered by Space Florida, to accelerate global aerospace innovation by funding collaborative research and development projects, workforce development initiatives, and commercialization efforts.

As part of funding such projects, initiatives, and commercialization efforts, the IAIF will develop partnerships between Florida-based aerospace companies and international aerospace companies, drive innovation in critical technology areas related to aerospace, including, but not limited to, space exploration, advanced manufacturing, and space infrastructure, and attract global investment in this state's aerospace ecosystem.

Space Florida is required to secure funding for the IAIF, which may be received from:

- The state, in the form of direct appropriations to Space Florida for purposes of the International Aerospace Innovation Fund, investment by the Florida Opportunity Fund,³⁰ and any other investment, loan, or grant funds for which projects of the IAIF qualify.
- Private sector investments. Space Florida may solicit matching funds from and partner with private aerospace companies and venture capital funds.

²⁹ Sections 288.9622 and 288.9624, F.S.

³⁰ Section 288.9624, F.S.

- International contributions. To the extent permitted under state law, Space Florida may collaborate with foreign industry development organizations or innovation authorities to co-fund IAIF projects.

The bill requires Space Florida to establish an application process for projects seeking funding from the IAIF and develop eligibility criteria for projects that may be funded by the IAIF. Space Florida must also establish a panel of aerospace experts to evaluate and recommend projects.

The eligibility criteria for projects must include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

- The project must involve at least one aerospace company or organization that is based in this state.
- The project must be a partnership that involves at least one of the following:
 - An international aerospace company.
 - A university.
 - A space agency.
 - A research institute.
- The project must be intended, and have demonstrated potential, for commercialization.

Funding by the IAIF must be competitively awarded to eligible projects based on merit.

In addition, the bill requires Space Florida to identify and establish partnerships, to the extent possible, with countries that have robust aerospace sectors.

The bill authorizes Space Florida to negotiate and enter into bilateral agreements for the purposes of the IAIF, which may include, but are not limited to, the establishment of co-funding commitments, intellectual property rights, and collaboration terms.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None identified.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

Funding for the IAIF may be derived from private sector investments and international contributions, as secured by Space Florida. The impact on the private sector is indeterminate. However, the bill may have a positive impact on funding for Florida aerospace companies or organizations, since the bill requires that a project must involve at least one aerospace company or organization that is based in this state.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Funding for the IAIF from the state, as secured by Space Florida, may be in the form of direct appropriation for the purposes of the IAIF, investment by the Florida Opportunity Fund, and other investment, loan, or grant funds for which the IAIF projects qualify. Therefore, the bill may have an indeterminate fiscal impact.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 331.3051 and 331.310.

This bill creates section 331.372 of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

By Senator Wright

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the aerospace industry; amending s.
3 331.3051, F.S.; requiring Space Florida to administer
4 the International Aerospace Innovation Fund; amending
5 s. 331.310, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference;
6 creating s. 331.372, F.S.; establishing the
7 International Aerospace Innovation Fund; providing the
8 purpose and duties of the fund; requiring Space
9 Florida to secure funding from certain sources;
10 requiring Space Florida to develop certain eligibility
11 criteria; providing requirements for such eligibility
12 criteria; requiring that funding be awarded in a
13 certain manner; requiring Space Florida to establish a
14 certain panel; requiring Space Florida to establish an
15 application process for projects seeking funding from
16 the fund; requiring Space Florida to identify and
17 establish certain partnerships; authorizing Space
18 Florida to negotiate and enter into bilateral
19 agreements for certain purposes; providing an
20 effective date.

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22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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24 Section 1. Present subsections (15) and (16) of section
25 331.3051, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (16)
26 and (17), respectively, and a new subsection (15) is added to
27 that section, to read:

28 331.3051 Duties of Space Florida.—Space Florida shall:
29 (15) Administer the International Aerospace Innovation Fund

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30 established under s. 331.372.

31 Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section
32 331.310, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

33 331.310 Powers and duties of the board of directors.—

34 (2) The board of directors shall:

35 (e) Prepare an annual report of operations as a supplement
36 to the annual report required under s. 331.3051(17) ~~s.~~

37 ~~331.3051(16)~~. The report must include, but not be limited to, a
38 balance sheet, an income statement, a statement of changes in
39 financial position, a reconciliation of changes in equity
40 accounts, a summary of significant accounting principles, the
41 auditor's report, a summary of the status of existing and
42 proposed bonding projects, comments from management about the
43 year's business, and prospects for the next year.

44 Section 3. Section 331.372, Florida Statutes, is created to
45 read:

46 331.372 International Aerospace Innovation Fund.—

47 (1) The International Aerospace Innovation Fund is
48 established to accelerate global aerospace innovation by funding
49 collaborative research and development projects, workforce
50 development initiatives, and commercialization efforts. The
51 International Aerospace Innovation Fund shall be administered by
52 Space Florida.

53 (2) The International Aerospace Innovation Fund shall:

54 (a) Develop partnerships between Florida-based aerospace
55 companies and international aerospace companies.

56 (b) Drive innovation in critical technology areas related
57 to aerospace as defined in s. 331.303, including, but not
58 limited to, space exploration, advanced manufacturing, and space

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59 infrastructure.

60 (c) Attract global investment in this state's aerospace
61 ecosystem.

62 (3) Space Florida shall secure funding for the
63 International Aerospace Innovation Fund. Funding may be received
64 from:

65 (a) The state, in the form of direct appropriations to
66 Space Florida for purposes of the International Aerospace
67 Innovation Fund, investment by the Florida Opportunity Fund, and
68 any other investment, loan, or grant funds for which projects of
69 the International Aerospace Innovation Fund qualify.

70 (b) Private sector investments. Space Florida may solicit
71 matching funds from and partner with private aerospace companies
72 and venture capital funds.

73 (c) International contributions. To the extent permitted
74 under state law, Space Florida may collaborate with foreign
75 industry development organizations or innovation authorities to
76 co-fund International Aerospace Innovation Fund projects.

77 (4)(a) Space Florida shall develop eligibility criteria for
78 projects that may be funded by the International Aerospace
79 Innovation Fund. The eligibility criteria must include, but are
80 not limited to, all of the following:

81 1. The project must involve at least one aerospace company
82 or organization that is based in this state.

83 2. The project must be a partnership that involves at least
84 one of the following:

85 a. An international aerospace company.

86 b. A university.

87 c. A space agency.

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88 d. A research institute.

89 3. The project must be intended, and have demonstrated
90 potential, for commercialization.

91 (b) Funding must be competitively awarded to eligible
92 projects based on merit. Space Florida shall establish a panel
93 of aerospace experts to evaluate and recommend projects.

94 (c) Space Florida shall establish an application process
95 for projects seeking funding by the International Aerospace
96 Innovation Fund.

97 (5) Space Florida shall identify and establish
98 partnerships, to the extent possible, with countries that have
99 robust aerospace sectors.

100 (6) Space Florida may negotiate and enter into bilateral
101 agreements for the purposes of this section, which may include,
102 but are not limited to, the establishment of co-funding
103 commitments, intellectual property rights, and collaboration
104 terms.

105 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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Committee Agenda Request

To: Senator Nick DiCeglie, Chair
Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic
Development

Subject: Committee Agenda Request

Date: March 19, 2025

I respectfully request that **Senate Bill 1516**, relating to Aerospace Industry, be placed on the:

- committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.
- next committee agenda.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom A. Wright".

Senator Tom A. Wright
Florida Senate, District 8

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