THE FLORIDA SENATE 2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED Committee on Transportation

CS/HB 7037 — OGSR/State-funded Infrastructure Bank

by State Affairs Committee; Government Operations Subcommittee; and Rep. McClure (CS/SB 7004 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Transportation Committee)

The bill saves from repeal the current public records exemption for certain financial information held by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The information covered by the exemption includes the financial information of a private entity applicant submitted for a loan or credit enhancement from the State-funded Infrastructure Bank (SIB) within the FDOT for use in constructing and improving transportation facilities or ancillary facilities that produce or distribute natural gas or fuel. The current exemption does not apply to the financial information of a private applicant in default on a SIB loan.

The Open Government Sunset Review Act requires the Legislature to review each public record and each public meeting exemption five years after enactment. The exemption contained in s. 339.55, F.S., is scheduled to repeal on October 2, 2021. This bill removes the scheduled repeal to continue the exempt status of the information.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2021. *Vote: Senate 38-2; House 118-0*

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