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11	Senator Kirkpatrick moved the following substitute for		
12	amendment (693940):		
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14	<b>Senate Amendment</b>		
15	On page 39, line 24, through page 40, line 25, delete		
16	those lines		
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18	and insert:		
19	Section 15. <u>(1) There is created the Florida Space</u>		
20	<u>Research Institute the purpose of which is to serve as an</u>		
21	<u>industry-driven center for research, leveraging the state's</u>		
22	<u>resources in a collaborative effort to support Florida's space</u>		
23	<u>industry and its transition to commercialization.</u>		
24	<u>(2) The institute shall operate as a public/private</u>		
25	<u>partnership under the direction of a board comprised of</u>		
26	<u>representatives of the Spaceport Florida Authority, Enterprise</u>		
27	<u>Florida, Inc., the Florida Aviation and Aerospace Alliance,</u>		
28	<u>and four additional space industry representatives selected by</u>		
29	<u>the core membership of the board.</u>		
30	<u>(3) The board of the Florida Space Research Institute</u>		
31	<u>shall:</u>		

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1           (a) Set the strategic direction for the institute  
2 including research priorities, the scope of research projects,  
3 and the timeframes for completion.

4           (b) Invite the participation of public and private  
5 universities including, but not limited to, the University of  
6 Central Florida, the University of Florida, the University of  
7 South Florida, Florida State University, Florida Institute of  
8 Technology, and the University of Miami.

9           (c) Select a lead university to serve as coordinator  
10 of research and as the administrative entity of the institute.

11           (4) By December 1 of each year, the institute shall  
12 submit a report of its activities and accomplishments for the  
13 prior fiscal year to the Governor, the President of the  
14 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The  
15 report shall also include recommendations regarding actions  
16 the state should take to enhance the development of  
17 space-related businesses, including:

18           (a) Future research activities.

19           (b) The development of capital and technology  
20 assistance to new and expanding industries.

21           (c) The removal of regulatory impediments.

22           (d) The establishment of business development  
23 incentives.

24           (e) The initiation of education and training programs  
25 to ensure a skilled workforce.

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