

STORAGE NAME: h1439s1z.tu
DATE: June 6, 2000

****AS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE****
CHAPTER #: 00-186, Laws of Florida

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AS FURTHER REVISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
TOURISM
FINAL ANALYSIS

BILL #: CS/HB 1439, 2nd ENG
RELATING TO: Spring Training Facilities
SPONSOR(S): Committee on Tourism and Representative Sembler
TIED BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

- (1) TOURISM (EDC) YEAS 7 NAYS 0
- (2) FINANCE AND TAXATION (FRC) YEAS 13 NAYS 0
- (3) TRANSPORTATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS (FRC)
YEAS 9 NAYS 1
- (4)
- (5)

I. SUMMARY:

The bill amends s. 212.20, F.S., to require the Department of Revenue to distribute sales tax proceeds to any applicant certified under s. 288.1162, F.S., as a "facility for a retained spring training franchise." A certified applicant can receive up to \$41,667 monthly for up to 30 years. However, not more than \$208,335 may be distributed monthly in the aggregate to all certified facilities for a retained spring training franchise.

Prior to certifying, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development (OTTED) must determine that a unit of local government is responsible for the acquisition, construction, management or operation of the retained spring training franchise facility or holds title to the property on which the facility is located; the applicant has a verified copy of a signed agreement with a retained spring training franchise for the use of the facility for a term of at least 15 years; the applicant has a financial commitment of 50 percent or more of the funds required by an agreement for the acquisition, construction, or renovation of the facility; the applicant has valid projections demonstrating that the facility will attract paid attendance of at least 50,000 annually; and, that the facility is located in a county levying a tourist development tax pursuant to s.125.0104, F.S.

The bill requires OTTED to competitively evaluate applications for funding a facility for a retained spring training franchise. Applications must be submitted by October 1, 2000, with certifications to be made by January 1, 2001. If the number of applicants exceeds five and the aggregate funding request of all applications exceeds \$208,335 per month, OTTED is required to rank the applications according to the criteria delineated in s. 288.1162(5)(c), F.S.

The bill requires that funds not be expended to subsidize privately owned and maintained facilities for use by the retained spring training franchise. Funds may be used to relocate an existing retained spring training franchise to another unit of local government within the state if the local government from which it is relocating agrees to the move. Other than the use of funds for an agreed to relocation, funds may only be used to pay for acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or renovation of a facility or to pay or pledge for the payment of debt service on a facility or for the reimbursement or refinancing of bonds issued. OTTED shall certify at least five facilities for retained spring training franchises. OTTED may not certify partial funding to any applicant certified as a facility for a retained spring training franchise.

The fiscal impact of the bill is a maximum of \$2.5 million annually for up to 30 years or a total maximum impact of \$75 million.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. <u>Less Government</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

Franchise Facilities

Chapter 88-226, L.O.F., established a funding mechanism for state support of the construction of new professional sports franchise facilities within Florida. Under this act, the Department of Commerce was assigned the duties of screening applicants, developing rules for processing applications, and presenting the applications to the Legislature. This original chapter was amended by the Legislature in 1989, 1991, 1994, and 1996. In 1996, CH 96-320, L.O.F., amended the sports franchise facilities law to replace reference to the Department of Commerce with the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development (OTTED), to raise the cap on potentially eligible applicants from six to eight, and to roll back the eligibility dates to effectively include two additional franchises that were currently existing in the state.

Current law, s. 288.1162, F.S., states that OTTED in the Office of the Governor shall serve as the state agency for screening applicants for state funding pursuant to s. 212.20, F.S., and for certifying applicant franchise facilities for funding. Section 288.1229, F.S., authorizes the creation of a direct-support organization to assist OTTED in two primary areas, one of which is in the promotion and development of the sports industry and related industries for the purpose of improving the economic presence of these industries in Florida. As part of this assistance, OTTED uses the direct support organization, the Florida Sports Foundation (FSF), to carry out the applicant screening duties required under s. 288.1162, F.S. FSF submits the applications to OTTED which certifies the eligibility of the applicant's professional sports franchise under the category of either "new," "retained," or "new spring training." In addition to current law capping the number of potentially eligible applicants at eight, the law also states that an applicant can only have one certification per facility.

Once an applicant's facility is certified by OTTED as a "new," "retained," or "new spring training" professional sports franchise facility, it is eligible to receive funding from the General Revenue Fund under s. 212.20(6)(f)5., F.S. These general revenue funds are generated from tax on sales or use of tangible personal property, admissions, rentals, and services. An applicant whose professional sports franchise is certified as "new or retained"

can receive \$2 million annually for 30 years (\$60 million) and an applicant whose franchise is certified as a "new spring training franchise" can receive \$500,000 annually for 30 years (\$15 million). The current potential amount of general revenue which could be distributed to professional sports franchise facility applicants through this program is \$16 million annually with a total 30 year potential pay out of \$480 million.

The Department of Revenue is authorized to audit the distribution and expenditure of the funds, subject to the confidentiality requirements of Chapter 213, F.S. The funds may only be used for the public purpose of paying for the construction, reconstruction, or renovation of the eligible facility or to pay for debt service on bonds issued to finance such expenditures.

A "new professional sports franchise" is described as one that is not based in this state prior to April 1, 1987. A "retained" franchise is described as one that has had a league-authorized location in this state on or before December 31, 1976, has continuously remained at that location, and has never been located at a facility that has been previously certified under s. 288.1162, F.S.

The following franchises have applied for and been certified to receive funds as "new professional sports franchise" facilities:

- Florida Panthers.....\$60,000,000 for Broward County;
- Florida Marlins.....\$60,000,000 for Joe Robbie Stadium;
- Jacksonville Jaguars.....\$60,000,000 for the City of Jacksonville;
- Tampa Bay Lightning.....\$60,000,000 for the Tampa Sports Authority;
- Tampa Bay Devil Rays.....\$60,000,000 for Tropicana Field;
- Miami Heat.....\$60,000 for the American Airlines Arena.

The following franchise has applied for and received certification to receive funds as a "retained" professional sports franchise facility:

- Tampa Bay Buccaneers.....\$60,000,000 for Raymond James Stadium.

A "new spring training franchise" is described as one that was not based in the state prior to July 1, 1990. To date, no local government or organization has applied for certification to receive funds as a "new" spring training franchise facility. There are currently 20 professional spring training franchise facilities in Florida. Of those franchise teams, all but three have been in Florida for 29 years or longer: Toronto Blue Jays (24 yrs), Florida Marlins (8 yrs.), and Tampa Bay Devil Rays (3 yrs.). The spring training teams and their locations follow:

- | <u>American League</u> | <u>National League</u> |
|---|---|
| ** <i>Baltimore Orioles</i> - Ft. Lauderdale Stadium | * <i>Atlanta Braves</i> - Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex |
| <i>Boston Red Sox</i> - City of Palms Park
Ft. Myers | Lake Buena Vista |
| ** <i>Cleveland Indians</i> - Chain of Lakes Park
Winter Haven | <i>Cincinnati Reds</i> - Ed Smith Stadium
Sarasota |
| ** <i>Detroit Tigers</i> - Joker Marchant Stadium | <i>Florida Marlins</i> - Space Coast Stadium
Melbourne |
| ** <i>Kansas City Royals</i> - Baseball City Stadium
Davenport | ** <i>Houston Astros</i> - Osceola County
Stadium in Kissimmee |
| <i>Minnesota Twins</i> - Hammond Stadium at Lee
County Sports Complex in Ft. Myers | *** <i>Los Angeles Dodgers</i> - Dodgertown
Vero Beach |
| * <i>New York Yankees</i> - Legends Field | |

STORAGE NAME: h1439s1z.tu

DATE: June 6, 2000

PAGE 4

Tampa

Tampa Bay Devil Rays - Florida Power Park,
Home of Al Lang Field, St. Petersburg

***Texas Rangers* - Charlotte County Stadium
Port Charlotte

***Toronto Blue Jays* - Dunedin Stadium at
Grant Field, Dunedin

Montreal Expos - Roger Dean Stadium
Jupiter

***Philadelphia Phillies* - Jack Russell
Memorial Stadium, Clearwater

Pittsburgh Pirates - McKechnie Field
Bradenton

**St. Louis Cardinals* - Roger Dean
Stadium, Jupiter

***New York Mets* - Thomas J. White
Stadium in Port St. Lucie

*These teams are located in new facilities. The facility which the Atlanta Braves team uses is owned by Walt Disney World.

**These teams have leases that will expire this year or within five years.

***The Los Angeles Dodgers is the only team that owns its own facility.

Local Option Tourist Development Tax

Counties are authorized to levy five separate taxes on transient rental transactions. Depending on the particular tax, the levy may be authorized by vote of the governing body or by referendum. Tax rates vary by county depending on a county's eligibility to levy particular taxes; however, the absolute maximum tax rate is 6 percent.

Current law, s. 125.0104 (3)(c), F.S., provides for a local option tourist development tax at a rate of 1 or 2 percent. As of July 1, 1999, all of the 46 counties levying the tax are at the 2 percent rate. In addition to any 1 or 2 percent tourist development tax, s. 125.0104 (3)(d), F.S., provides for an additional 1 percent tourist development tax by the extraordinary vote of the governing board of the county or by referendum approval by the registered electors within the county or subcounty special district. Only counties that have levied the 1 or 2 percent for three years are eligible. Of the 38 counties eligible to levy the tax, 24 were levying the additional tax as of July 1, 1999.

If a local government has levied the local option tourist development tax of 1 to 2 percent and has levied the additional 1 percent tourist development tax, the local government is eligible to levy a professional sports franchise facility/convention center tax as provided in s. 125.0104 (3) (l), F.S., by a majority vote of the governing board of the county. However, since the proceeds are only to be used to pay debt service on bonds issued to finance the construction, reconstruction, or renovation of a professional franchise facility or a convention center and to pay the planning and design costs incurred prior to the issuance of those bonds, the number of counties able to participate is limited. As of July 1, 1999, 13 counties levied this tax.

Finally, s. 125.0104 (3)(n), F.S., provides for an additional professional sports franchise facility tax of 1 percent to be imposed by a majority plus one vote of the membership of the governing board of the county. The 1 percent additional professional sports franchise facility tax is available to pay the debt service on bonds issued to finance the construction, reconstruction, or renovation of a facility either publicly owned and operated, or publicly owned and operated by the owner of a professional sports franchise or other lessee with sufficient expertise or financial capability to operate such facility, and to pay the planning and design costs incurred prior to the issuance of such bonds for a new professional sports franchise as defined in s. 288.1162, F.S. Twelve counties are eligible to levy this tax. Only three counties (Broward, Duval and Hillsborough) levied the tax as of July 1, 1999.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill amends s. 212.20(6)(f), F.S., to authorize the Department of Revenue (DOR) to distribute up to \$41,667 monthly in sales tax proceeds to each of at least five qualified applicants certified as a facility for a "retained" spring training franchise. This replaces the authority to distribute sales proceeds to applicants certified as "new" spring training franchise facilities for which no applicants have been qualified. This new distribution is limited to a monthly distribution of \$208,335 in the aggregate to all certified recipients for an annual maximum of \$2.5 million. Distribution to an individual franchise is limited to 30 years.

The bill amends s. 288.1162, F.S., to provide that OTTED shall serve as the state agency for screening and certifying applicants for a facility for a retained spring training franchise. This replaces the screening and selection mechanism for applicants for certification as new spring training franchise facilities. The bill defines "retained spring training franchise" as a spring training franchise that was based in this state prior to January 1, 2000. Prior to certifying, OTTED must determine that:

- A unit of local government, as defined in s. 218.369, F.S., is responsible for the acquisition, construction, management, or operation of the facility or holds title to the property on which the facility is located;
- The applicant has a verified copy of a signed agreement with a retained spring training franchise for the use of the facility for a term of at least 15 years;
- The applicant has a financial commitment to provide 50 percent or more of the funds required by an agreement for the acquisition, construction, or renovation of the facility for a retained spring training franchise. The agreement can be contingent upon the awarding of funds under this section and other conditions precedent to use by the spring training franchise;
- The applicant has valid projections demonstrating that the facility will attract paid attendance of at least 50,000 annually; and,
- The facility is located in a county that is levying a tourist development tax pursuant to s.125.0104, F.S. (This varies from the statutory requirement for "new" spring training franchise language which required a local government to be levying at the rate of 4 percent, including one percent for sports franchises.)

Upon qualifying for review, OTTED is required to evaluate the applications which must be submitted by October 1, 2000. If more than five applications are received, and the aggregate funding requests exceed \$208,335 per month, OTTED must rank the applications using the following criteria, with priority given in descending order:

- The intended use of the funds with priority given to the construction of a new facility;
- The length of time the existing franchise has been located in the state, with priority given to retained franchises that have been in the same location the longest;
- The length of time a facility to be used by a retained spring training franchise has been used by one or more such franchises, with priority given to a facility that has been in continuous use as a facility for spring training the longest;

- For those leasing a facility from a unit of local government, the remaining time on the lease for facilities used by the franchise, with priority given to the shortest time period remaining on the lease;
- The duration of the future-use agreement with the franchise, with priority given to the future-use agreement having the longest duration;
- The size and amount of dollars involved in the local match, with priority given to the largest percentage of local match proposed;
- The net increase of total active recreation space owned by the applying unit of government following the acquisition of land for the facility, with priority given to the largest percentage increase of total active recreation space;
- The location of the facility in a brownfield, enterprise zone, community redevelopment area, or other area of targeted development or revitalization included in an Urban Infill Redevelopment Plan; and,
- The projections on paid attendance attracted by the facility and the proposed effects on the economy of the local community.

The bill provides that funds may not be expended to subsidize privately owned and maintained facilities for use by the spring training franchise. Funds may be used to relocate an existing spring training franchise to another unit of local government within the state if the local government from which it is relocating agrees to the move. Other than the use of funds for an agreed to relocation, funds may only be used to pay for acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or renovation of a facility or to pay or pledge for payment of debt service on a facility or for the reimbursement or refinancing of bonds issued to acquire, construct, reconstruct, or renovate a facility.

OTTED is required to certify at least five facilities for retained spring training franchises. Partial funding to any certified applicant is prohibited.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1. Amends the language of s. 212.20(6)(f), F.S., to authorize the Department of Revenue (DOR) to distribute up to \$41,667 monthly in sales tax proceeds to each of at least five qualified applicants certified as a facility for a “retained” spring training franchise. This replaces the authority to distribute sales tax proceeds to applicants certified as “new” spring training franchise facilities, for which no applicants have been qualified. This new distribution is limited to a monthly distribution of \$208,335 in the aggregate to all certified recipients with an annual cap of \$2.5 million. Distribution to an individual franchise is limited to 30 years.

Section 2. Amends s. 288.1162, F.S., to require OTTED to serve as the state agency for screening and certifying applicants for a facility for a retained spring training franchise. This replaces the screening and selection mechanism for applicants certified as new spring training franchise facilities. The bill defines “retained spring training franchise” as a spring training franchise that was based in the state prior to January 1, 2000. Prior to certifying, OTTED must determine that:

- A unit of local government is responsible for the acquisition, construction, management, or operation of the facility or holds title to the property on which the facility is located;
- The applicant has a verified copy of a signed agreement with a retained spring training franchise for the use of the facility for a term of at least 15 years;
- The applicant has a financial commitment to provide 50 percent or more of the funds required by an agreement for the acquisition, construction, or renovation of the facility. The agreement can be contingent upon the awarding of funds under this section and other conditions precedent to use by the spring training franchise;
- The applicant has valid projections demonstrating that the facility will attract paid attendance of at least 50,000 annually; and,
- The facility is located in a county that is levying a tourist development tax pursuant to s.125.0104, F.S.

Upon qualifying for review, OTTED must evaluate the applications submitted by October 1, 2000. If more than five applications are received, and the aggregate funding requests exceed \$208,335 per month, OTTED must rank the applications using the following criteria, with priority given in descending order:

- Intended use of the funds, with priority given to the construction of a new facility;
- Length of time that the existing franchise has been in the state, with priority given to those that have been in the same location the longest;
- Length of time a facility to be used by a franchise has been used by one or more such franchises, with priority given to a facility that has been in continuous use as a facility for spring training the longest;
- For those leasing a facility from local government, the remaining time on the lease for facilities used by the franchises, with priority given to the shortest time period remaining on the leases;
- Duration of the future-use agreement with the franchise, with priority given to the future-use agreement having the longest duration;
- Size and amount of dollars involved in the local match, with priority given to the largest percentage of local match proposed;
- Net increase of total active recreation space owned by the applying unit of government following the acquisition of land for the facility, with priority given to the largest percentage increase of total active recreation space;
- Location of the facility in a brownfield, enterprise zone, community redevelopment area, or other area of targeted development or revitalization included in an Urban Infill Redevelopment Plan; and,
- Projections on paid attendance attracted by the facility and the proposed effects on the economy of the local community.

Funds may not be used to subsidize privately owned and maintained facilities for use by the franchise. Funds may be used to relocate an existing spring training franchise to another unit of local government within the state if the local government from which it is relocating agrees to the move. Other than use of funds for an agreed to relocation, funds may only be used to pay for acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or renovation of a facility or to pay or pledge to pay debt service on a facility or for the reimbursement or refinancing of bonds issued to acquire, construct, reconstruct, or renovate a facility.

At least five facilities are required to be certified by OTTED. Partial funding to any certified applicant is prohibited.

Section 3. Provides that the bill takes effect upon becoming a law.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

General Revenue	<u>FY 00-01</u> (\$0.4M)	<u>FY 01-02</u> (\$2.5M)
-----------------	-----------------------------	-----------------------------

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

The economic benefits of a retained spring training franchise facility will vary from host community to host community. In 1991, the Florida Sports Foundation estimated that the 18 spring training facilities statewide generated \$305 million in economic activity. Currently, there are 20 facilities statewide and it is estimated that the aggregate impact has increased since then.

A recent study measured the economic impact of nine major league spring training operations in West Central Florida. The study found the annual impact to be \$142.8 million.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

Up to \$208,335 per month, \$2.5 million annually, or \$75 million over 30 years in sales tax revenue could be used to finance the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or renovation of retained spring training franchise facilities in the state.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to expend funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not reduce the authority of counties or municipalities to raise revenue.

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

This bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

Section 288.1162(2), F.S., provides that OTTED shall develop rules for the receipt and processing of applications for funding pursuant to s. 212.20, F.S.

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

House Bill 1439 by Representative Sembler was prefiled on February 22, 2000 and referred to the Committees on Tourism, Finance and Taxation, and Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations. The bill was heard by the Tourism Committee on March 21, 2000, and reported unanimously favorable as a committee substitute. The committee substitute conformed the bill to its Senate companion. Described below are four technical problems in HB 1439 that were corrected by the committee substitute:

- Restored the Department of Revenue's authority to distribute sales tax proceeds to a "qualified retained professional sports franchise";

STORAGE NAME: h1439s1z.tu

DATE: June 6, 2000

PAGE 10

HB 1439 repealed the statutory provisions authorizing DOR to distribute sales tax proceeds to a qualified "retained professional sports franchise facility" which may have jeopardized the contract the state has with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers organization to receive such tax proceeds. Currently, the Buccaneers are entitled, by their certification, to receive a distribution of \$2 million a year for 27 more years. The sponsor of the bill indicated that it was not his intention to delete DOR's authority to distribute sales tax proceeds to qualified retained professional sports franchises. Additionally, the restoration of this language made section 1 of the bill consistent with related provisions in section 2 of the bill which amended s. 288.1162, F.S.

- Changed references to s. 212.20(5)(f), F.S., a nonexistent provision in law, to s. 212.20(6)(f);
- Deleted a reference to a "new" spring training franchise facility which was left in the bill; and,
- Corrected a scrivener's error which misprinted current law.

The committee substitute also changed the definition of "faciity for a retained spring training franchise" to a definition of a "retained spring training franchise." In order to qualify as retained, the franchise must have been based in the state prior to January 1, 2000.

On April 11, 2000, the Committee on Finance and Taxation heard **CS/HB 1439** and reported it unanimously favorable. On April 18, 2000, the Committee on Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations heard the bill where it was reported out favorably. CS/HB 1439 was placed on the House Calendar on April 19, 2000 and on the Special Order Calendar on April 25, 2000 and read a second time.

On May 1, 2000, CS/HB 1439 was read a third time and three amendments offered by Representative Sembler were adopted. The first amendment amended the requirement for certification based on length of the facility lease agreement to include options to renew or extend the agreement in calculating the 15 years. The second amendment added the following criteria for ranking of applications for certification by OTTED: the length of time that a facility to be used by a retained spring training franchise has been used by one or more spring training franchises, with priority given to a facility that has been in continuous use as a facility for spring training the longest. The third amendment removed the prohibition against funds being used to relocate a retained spring training franchise to another unit of local government. The amendment provided that this could only be done if the existing unit of local government with the franchise agreed to the relocation. The bill, as amended, passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 115 YEAS to 1 NAY.

CS/HB 1439, 1st ENG, was in House Messages in the Senate on May 1, 2000 and on May 2, 2000 was referred to the Senate Committees on Fiscal Policy and Comprehensive Planning, Local, and Military Affairs. The bill was then immediately withdrawn from the Committees and substituted for CS/CS/SB 1708, the Senate companion that was on Senate Special Order Calendar. The bill was read a second time, an amendment was adopted, was read a third time, and passed by the Senate as amended by a vote of 40 YEAS to 0 NAYS. The Senate amendment by Senator Latvala removed from the qualifying criteria for certification the option to renew or extend the facility lease agreement in calculating the 15 years.

On May 2, 2000, the bill was in returning messages in the House where it remained until May 5, 2000, when the House concurred in the amendment and passed the bill by a vote of 113 YEAS

to 0 NAYS. The bill was ordered engrossed and enrolled. **CS/SB 1439, 2nd ENG, was signed into law by the Governor on June 2, 2000 and is now cited as Chapter 00-186, Laws of Florida.**

SB 1708, the Senate companion measure, by Senator Latvala was prefiled on February 25, 2000 and referred to the Committee on Comprehensive Planning, Local, and Military Affairs and the Committee on Fiscal Policy. On March 15, 2000, the Committee on Comprehensive Planning, Local, and Military Affairs unanimously passed the bill as a committee substitute. **CS/SB 1708** differed from the original in the following ways: removed the provisions that deleted the Department of Revenue's authority to distribute sales tax proceeds to qualified retained professional sports franchises; corrected a number of scrivener's errors; expanded the eligibility of facilities that apply for state funding, from franchises based in the state before June 1, 1990, to franchises based in the state prior to January 1, 2000; clarified the weight given certain criteria for ranking for state funding; and, clarified OTTED's discretion in awarding partial funding to recipients.

On April 25, 2000, CS/SB 1708 was heard by the Committee on Fiscal Policy where it unanimously passed as a committee substitute for CS/SB 1708. **CS/CS/SB 1708** differed from CS/SB 1708 in the following ways: added to the qualifying criteria options to renew or extend the facility lease agreement in calculating the 15 years; allowed for the continued use of a facility as a spring training venue to be part of the criteria for selection; and, allowed funds to be used for relocation of a franchise if the local government from which it was relocating agreed to the move. On April 27, 2000, CS/CS/SB 1708 was placed on the Senate Calendar and on April 28, 2000, the bill was placed on the Special Order Calendar and read a second time. On May 2, 2000, CS/HB 1439, 1st ENG, was substituted and CS/CS/SB 1708 was Laid on the Table.

VII. SIGNATURES:

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM:

Prepared by:

Monique H. Cheek

Staff Director:

Judy C. McDonald

AS REVISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION:

Prepared by:

Lynne Overton

Staff Director:

Alan Johansen

AS FURTHER REVISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS:

Prepared by:

Kurt Hamon

Staff Director:

Eliza Hawkins

STORAGE NAME: h1439s1z.tu

DATE: June 6, 2000

PAGE 12

FINAL ANALYSIS PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM:

Prepared by:

Staff Director:

Monique H. Cheek

Judy C. McDonald