CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Commerce recommends the following:

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Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to enterprise zones; creating s. 290.00702, F.S.; providing for application by Osceola County or Osceola County and the City of Kissimmee jointly to apply for designation of an enterprise zone; authorizing the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to designate an enterprise zone within an area of Osceola County or of Osceola County and the City of Kissimmee jointly; providing requirements with respect thereto; authorizing the governing body of certain counties to apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to amend the boundaries of a certain area within a certain enterprise zone; requiring the office to approve the application under certain circumstances; providing requirements; amending s. 290.0065, F.S.; authorizing certain counties to apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to amend existing enterprise zone boundaries under specified

conditions and in accordance with certain criteria; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 290.00702, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

290.00702 Enterprise zone designation for Osceola County or Osceola County and Kissimmee. --Osceola County, or Osceola County and the City of Kissimmee jointly, may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of one enterprise zone within the county or within both the county and the city. The application must be submitted by December 31, 2004, and must comply with the requirements of s. 290.0055. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 290.0065 limiting the total number of enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial effective date of the enterprise zone designated under this section.

Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of chapter 290, Florida Statutes, the governing body of any inland county with a state-designated enterprise zone and a population greater than 500,000 may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to amend the boundaries of such an enterprise zone. The increased areas shall be contiguous to the

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existing enterprise zone. The office shall approve the application as long as the amended area does not exceed 5 square miles and is consistent with the categories, criteria, and limitations imposed by s. 290.0055, Florida Statutes, upon the establishment of such enterprise zone. The enterprise zone boundary amendment application must be received before December 31, 2004.

Section 3. Subsection (12) is added to section 290.0065, Florida Statutes, to read:

290.0065 State designation of enterprise zones.-(12) Before November 30, 2004, any county as defined in s.

(12) Before November 30, 2004, any county as defined in s. 125.011 may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to change the boundaries of an existing enterprise zone for the purpose of replacing an area of not more than 75 acres within the enterprise zone as of January 1, 2004, with an area of the same number of acres outside the enterprise zone as of January 1, 2004. The replacement area must be contiguous to the existing enterprise zone and must be a part of a revitalization area that has been targeted for assistance by the county. The replacement area also must be contiguous to a zoo and the county must have previously completed a master plan for development of the area. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall approve the amendment effective January 1, 2005, if the enterprise zone remains consistent with the criteria and conditions imposed by s. 290.0055 upon the establishment of enterprise zones, including the requirement that the area suffer from pervasive poverty, unemployment, and general distress.

79 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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