

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Transportation Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to funding for dredging projects; creating  
7 s. 311.115, F.S.; requiring the Florida Seaport  
8 Transportation and Economic Development Council to  
9 establish a matching funds program for certain dredging  
10 projects; requiring the adoption of rules and criteria for  
11 project evaluation; requiring approved projects to be  
12 reviewed by the Department of Community Affairs, the  
13 Department of Transportation, and the Office of Tourism,  
14 Trade, and Economic Development; providing an effective  
15 date.

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

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19 Section 1. Section 311.115, Florida Statutes, is created  
20 to read:

21 311.115 Dredging projects matching funds program.--

22 (1) The Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic  
23 Development Council shall establish a program to fund dredging

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24 projects in counties having a population of less than 300,000  
25 according to the last official census. Funds made available  
26 under this program shall be used to fund approved projects for  
27 dredging or deepening of channels, turning basins, or harbors.  
28 Funding shall be on a 50-50 matching basis with any port  
29 authority, as defined in s. 315.02(2), that complies with the  
30 permitting requirements in part IV of chapter 373 and the local  
31 financial management and reporting provisions of part III of  
32 chapter 218.

33 (2) The council shall adopt rules for evaluating projects  
34 submitted for funding pursuant to this section and establish  
35 criteria for evaluating the economic benefit of such projects.  
36 The rules shall also establish and require an administrative  
37 review process similar to the process contained in s. 311.09(5)-  
38 (9) for projects approved for funding pursuant to this section  
39 to be reviewed by the Department of Community Affairs, the  
40 Department of Transportation, and the Office of Tourism, Trade,  
41 and Economic Development.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.