

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations  
2 Committee recommends the following:

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4 **Council/Committee Substitute**

5 Remove the entire bill and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to the aerospace industry; creating the  
8 Commission on the Future of Space in Florida; providing  
9 for membership and organization of the commission;  
10 providing procedures for action by the commission;  
11 authorizing the commission to appoint an executive  
12 director; providing for administrative and staff  
13 assistance from the Department of Transportation;  
14 providing for compensation of consultants; providing  
15 duties of the commission; requiring the commission to  
16 identify, examine, and review certain information related  
17 to aerospace and the aerospace industry; authorizing the  
18 commission to appoint technical advisory committees;  
19 authorizing reimbursement of travel expenses; requiring a  
20 certain number of meetings in various regions of the  
21 state; directing certain agencies and requesting other  
22 agencies to render assistance and cooperation; requiring  
23 preliminary and final reports; requiring the Department of

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24 Transportation to prepare legislative recommendations  
 25 consistent with the reports; abolishing the commission;  
 26 providing an expiration date; providing that funding shall  
 27 be contingent upon legislative appropriation; providing an  
 28 effective date.

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 30 WHEREAS, the aerospace industry comprises an important  
 31 segment of Florida's present and future economy, and

32 WHEREAS, intense nationwide and international competition  
 33 for the future development of this industry is already underway,  
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35 WHEREAS, the diversification of Florida's commercial,  
 36 civil, and military aerospace industry and the strengthening of  
 37 Florida's space-related research and development initiatives,  
 38 including initiatives related to commercial, civil, and military  
 39 space, are critical components of the future of Florida's  
 40 aerospace industry, and

41 WHEREAS, Florida must ensure that the state is optimally  
 42 positioned for NASA's new Vision for Space Exploration, and

43 WHEREAS, effective action and the necessary coordination of  
 44 Florida's space-related resources must be based on a reliable  
 45 assessment of the present climate for the aerospace industry in  
 46 the state, and

47 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds there is a need to  
 48 comprehensively consider the various options available for  
 49 legislative action related to the multibillion-dollar aerospace  
 50 industry in this state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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54 Section 1. Commission on the Future of Space in Florida.--

55 (1) The Commission on the Future of Space in Florida is  
 56 created. The commission shall be composed of 13 voting members,  
 57 7 of whom are appointed by the Governor, 3 of whom are appointed  
 58 by the President of the Senate, and 3 of whom are appointed by  
 59 the Speaker of the House of Representatives. In consultation  
 60 with the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Governor shall  
 61 appoint two members of the delegation or their designees to  
 62 serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the commission. In  
 63 addition, the Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of Transportation,  
 64 executive director of the Florida Space Authority, and director  
 65 of the Agency for Workforce Innovation or their designees shall  
 66 serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the commission. The  
 67 Governor's appointments must include at least one appointment  
 68 from seven of the following groups:

- 69 (a) Aerospace manufacturing.
- 70 (b) Aerospace operations and maintenance.
- 71 (c) Aerospace finance.
- 72 (d) Aerospace research.
- 73 (e) Aerospace defense.
- 74 (f) Commercial aerospace services.
- 75 (g) An aerospace business with fewer than 250 employees.
- 76 (h) Enterprise Florida, Inc.

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78 The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
 79 Representatives shall each select one appointee from three of

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80 the groups listed in paragraphs (a)-(h) and, in addition, shall  
 81 each appoint one member from their respective chambers of the  
 82 Legislature to serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.  
 83 Appointments under this subsection shall be made before July 31,  
 84 2005, and the first meeting shall be held no later than  
 85 September 1, 2005. The chair of the commission shall be elected  
 86 from among the voting members by majority vote of the membership  
 87 at its first meeting. Meetings shall be held upon the call of  
 88 the chair but not less frequently than monthly. Any vacancy  
 89 occurring in the membership of the commission shall be filled in  
 90 the same manner as the original appointment.

91 (2) Each voting member of the commission is entitled to  
 92 one vote, and action of the commission requires a majority vote  
 93 of the voting members present. Action may not be taken if less  
 94 than a majority of all voting members is present.

95 (3) The commission may appoint an executive director who  
 96 shall report to the commission and serve at its pleasure. The  
 97 Department of Transportation shall provide the commission and  
 98 the executive director with staff assistance. The department  
 99 may, upon the request of the commission, pay compensation to  
 100 consultants if such costs can be funded from the appropriation  
 101 provided for in this act.

102 (4) The commission shall:

103 (a) Identify the current and future opportunities in  
 104 aerospace operations, aerospace transport, aerospace education,  
 105 aerospace tourism, and other aerospace areas and make  
 106 recommendations for how the state can capitalize on such  
 107 opportunities.

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108        (b) Review current federal, state, and local laws,  
109 ordinances, and rules that affect the aerospace industry in the  
110 state and recommend actions that will promote growth and  
111 diversification of the industry.

112        (c) Examine the state's space-related policies and  
113 programs and recommend needed changes, including the possible  
114 restructuring of state space-related entities.

115        (d) Examine the ways in which aerospace industries,  
116 including the component elements of manufacturing, assembly,  
117 marketing, servicing, maintenance, logistical support, human  
118 resources, and related research and development, can be  
119 attracted to locate permanently or expand in the state and  
120 recommend actions that can be taken by the state and local  
121 governments to accomplish this goal, including, but not limited  
122 to, possible financing alternatives.

123        (e) Review existing studies to evaluate aerospace in the  
124 state, identify underserved resources, and recommend actions  
125 that can be taken to improve the competitiveness, availability,  
126 efficiency, and economy of the aerospace industry of the state.

127        (f) Identify federal aid available to improve the state's  
128 aerospace infrastructure and services and recommend strategies  
129 to obtain such aid.

130        (g) Determine whether the state's secondary and  
131 postsecondary schools are producing graduates who meet the  
132 workforce needs of the state's aerospace industry and recommend  
133 strategies to improve meeting those needs.

134        (5) The commission may appoint technical advisory  
135 committees. Commission members and the members of any technical

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136 advisory committees may not receive remuneration for their  
 137 services, but members other than public officers and employees  
 138 are entitled to be reimbursed by the Department of  
 139 Transportation for travel and per diem expenses in accordance  
 140 with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes. Public officers and employees  
 141 shall be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses by their  
 142 respective agencies in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida  
 143 Statutes.

144 (6) The commission must hold at least five public hearings  
 145 in different regions of the state to solicit input from the  
 146 public on the future of space in the state.

147 (7) All agencies under the control of the Governor are  
 148 directed and all other agencies are requested to render  
 149 assistance and cooperation to the commission.

150 (8) The commission shall prepare a preliminary report of  
 151 its findings and recommendations by January 16, 2006, and a  
 152 final report with specific recommendations by January 30, 2006.  
 153 The Department of Transportation shall prepare legislative  
 154 recommendations consistent with the commission's reports for  
 155 consideration by the Legislature at the 2006 Regular Session.  
 156 Copies of the reports shall be submitted to the Governor, the  
 157 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
 158 Representatives.

159 (9) The commission is abolished, and this section expires,  
 160 on May 31, 2006.

161 Section 2. Funding for the implementation of this act  
 162 shall be contingent upon legislative appropriation.

163 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.