

CHAMBER ACTION

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

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24 |       Development 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,  
34 |       and

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

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 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall provide  
 98 the commission and the executive director with staff assistance.  
 99 The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may, upon  
 100 the request of the commission, pay compensation to consultants  
 101 if such costs can be funded from the appropriation provided for  
 102 in this act.

103 (4) The commission shall:

104 (a) Identify the current and future opportunities in  
 105 aerospace operations, aerospace transport, aerospace education,  
 106 aerospace tourism, and other aerospace areas and make

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107 recommendations for how the state can capitalize on such  
108 opportunities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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135       (5) The commission may appoint technical advisory  
136 committees. Commission members and the members of any technical  
137 advisory committees may not receive remuneration for their  
138 services, but members other than public officers and employees  
139 are entitled to be reimbursed by the Office of Tourism, Trade,  
140 and Economic Development for travel and per diem expenses in  
141 accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes. Public officers  
142 and employees shall be reimbursed for travel and per diem  
143 expenses by their respective agencies in accordance with s.  
144 112.061, Florida Statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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