

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL: PCS/SB 1516

INTRODUCER: General Government Appropriations Committee and Senator Baker

SUBJECT: State-owned Lands

DATE: March 16, 2010 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Pigott	DeLoach	GA	Pre-meeting
2.			WPSC	
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I. Summary:

This bill provides for the inventory of state-owned lands by requiring all state agencies to report certain data annually to the Division of Real Estate Development and Management in the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The bill directs the DEP to submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, by October 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, a report that lists the state-owned real property recommended for disposition. The bill requires that, prior to disposition, a state-owned building or parcel of land shall first be offered for lease to state agencies, state universities, and community colleges.

The bill directs the DEP to create and maintain a comprehensive state-owned real property database that includes an accurate inventory of all real property leased, owned, rented, occupied or managed by the state or the judicial branch. The bill directs the DEP to submit an updated feasibility study for the Lands Inventory Tracking System, to include in its scope the comprehensive state-owned system, by October 15, 2010.

In addition, the bill requires the DEP to implement a project governance structure with an executive steering committee comprised of the secretary of the DEP, the executive director of the Department of Revenue, the director of the Division of Real Estate Development and Management, the state Chief Financial Officer, a property appraiser appointed by the Florida Association of Property Appraisers, Inc., a property appraiser appointed by the Property Appraisers, Inc., and the executive director of the Agency for Enterprise Information Technology. The bill directs the executive steering committee to complete a business process

analysis and documentation of both the detailed system requirements and the overall system architecture and submit to the Governor and the Legislature by March 1, 2011.

This bill is consistent with the intent of SB 1238, which reorganizes the current structure of the Department of Management Services and reassigns certain divisions and programs to other departments within the executive branch.

The bill amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 193.023, 193.085, 213.053, 216.0152, 253.03, and 253.034.

II. Present Situation:

Chapter 2009-77, L.O.F., enacted in 2009, required the Department of Management Services (DMS) to create, administer, and maintain a comprehensive database of all state-owned real property. To facilitate the creation of the database, the legislation directed the DMS to prepare a plan to compile the database that addresses the following issues.

- A method for requiring that specific information be provided for each property in the database in order to determine appropriation valuation.
- A method for maintaining and updating the database.
- A method for identifying and assessing the database properties for potential disposition.
- A method for requiring that the Department of Management Services be notified of identified properties for purposes of conducting a strategic valuation and disposition analysis.

The DMS convened a workgroup for the purpose of producing the statutorily-required plan, which was subsequently submitted to the legislature on January 4, 2010. The plan identified the following findings.

- Multiple real property data sources have disparate data and are not currently integrated because existing data sources were not designed to reconcile.
- State agencies have operational responsibility for their owned facilities, which means property information is scattered among state agencies.
- The physical characteristics of improved real property from 67 county property appraisers, the source for some of the state's real property databases, are inconsistent between the counties and may not properly reflect the current size and condition of improvements.

The plan acknowledged the need for the development and implementation of a comprehensive database for state-owned real property and identified three options for providing the database.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 includes state-owned real property, in addition to any parcel of taxable property, that the property appraiser must physically inspect upon the request of any taxpayer.

Section 2 removes provisions requiring the Department of Revenue (DOR) to notify property appraisers of state ownership of real property.

Section 3 authorizes the Department of Revenue to disclose certain information to the Department of Environmental Protection regarding state-owned lands.

Section 4 requires the Division of Real Estate Development and Management in the Department of Environmental Protection, rather than the Department of Management Services, to develop and maintain an automated inventory of all facilities owned, leased, rented, or otherwise occupied or maintained by any state agency or by the judicial branch and requires the division to adopt necessary rules. This section also requires that the owning or operating state agency provide state-owned real property data to the division on or before July 1 of each year in a format prescribed by the DEP. The section requires that the division annually report to the governor and the legislature real property recommended for disposition.

Section 5 requires the Department of Revenue to electronically furnish an annual current tax roll data for public lands to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, to be used in compiling the inventory of publicly held lands. This section also requires that the board shall use the tax roll data from the DOR to assist in the identification and confirmation of publicly held lands.

Section 6 removes provisions relating to an inventory of public lands, including federal lands, within the state.

This section requires that, in addition to state agencies and state universities, community colleges must be offered a state-owned building or parcel of land for lease before it is offered for lease, sublease, or sale to a local or federal unit of government or private party. Priority consideration is given to state universities and community colleges. This section requires a state university or community college to submit a plan for review and approval by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund regarding the intended use of the building or parcel of land before approval of a lease.

Section 7 directs the DEP to create, administer, operate, and maintain a comprehensive system for all state lands and real property leased, owned, rented, or otherwise occupied or maintained by any state agency or the judicial branch. The department shall be the statewide custodian of the real property information and shall be accountable for its accuracy.

Additionally, this section:

- Requires all state agencies to enter required real property information into the comprehensive state-owned real property system.
- Requires the system to contain a database that includes an accurate inventory of all real property that is leased, owned, rented, occupied, or managed by the state or the judicial branch.
- Requires that the comprehensive state-owned real property system accomplish the following business objectives.
 - Eliminate the need for redundant collection processes and state agency information systems.
 - Reduce the need to lease or acquire additional real property as a result of annual utilization analysis.

- Enable cost-effective buy, sell, and lease decisions.
- Increase state revenues and maximize operational efficiencies through the disposition of properties.
- Ensure that all state property is identified and integrated with the county property appraisers
- Allow for state agencies to electronically submit information using a web browser.
- Requires that the real property components of the system be fully operational by March 15, 2011.
- Requires that the land inventory components of the system must be fully operational by September 1, 2012.
- Requires the Division of Real Estate Development and Management to submit a report to the governor and legislature by October 1, 2010, that recommends state-owned real property for disposition.
- Requires the completion of the business process analysis and documentation of both the detailed system requirements and overall system architecture by March 1, 2011.
- Prescribes the project governance structure that must be utilized by the DEP for the development of a comprehensive state-owned real property system.
- Directs the DEP to submit an updated feasibility study for the Lands Inventory Tracking System, to include in its scope the comprehensive state-owned system, by October 15, 2010.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None

C. Government Sector Impact:

The Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Management Services have indicated that no additional resources will be required to implement the provisions of the bill.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.