

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 903 Strategic Intermodal System Plan

SPONSOR(S): Ray and others

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 2220

	REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1)	Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee	12 Y, 0 N	Johnson	Miller
2)	Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council	15 Y, 0 N	Johnson	Tinker
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

In 2003, the Strategic Intermodal System was established to serve the state's mobility needs, help the state become a worldwide economic leader, enhance economic prosperity and competitiveness, enrich quality of life and reflect responsible environmental stewardship. The 2003 law also created a Statewide Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council to advise and make recommendations to the Legislature and DOT on the policies, planning, and funding of intermodal transportation projects. The members of the council are appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and represent various interests involved in the Strategic Intermodal System.

The council is no longer active, and held its last meeting in December 2004.

The bill eliminates the Statewide Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council.

The bill does not have a fiscal impact.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2010.

HOUSE PRINCIPLES

Members are encouraged to evaluate proposed legislation in light of the following guiding principles of the House of Representatives

- Balance the state budget.
- Create a legal and regulatory environment that fosters economic growth and job creation.
- Lower the tax burden on families and businesses.
- Reverse or restrain the growth of government.
- Promote public safety.
- Promote educational accountability, excellence, and choice.
- Foster respect for the family and for innocent human life.
- Protect Florida's natural beauty.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

In 2003, the Strategic Intermodal System was established to serve the state's mobility needs, help the state become a worldwide economic leader, enhance economic prosperity and competitiveness, enrich quality of life and reflect responsible environmental stewardship.¹ The 2003 law also created a Statewide Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council to advise and make recommendations to the Legislature and DOT on the policies, planning, and funding of intermodal transportation projects. These responsibilities include:

- Advising DOT on the policies, planning, and implementation strategies related to intermodal transportation.
- Providing advice and recommendations to the Legislature on funding for projects to move goods and people in the most efficient manner for the state.

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Proposed Changes

The bill repeals s. 339.63(5), F.S., to eliminate the Statewide Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council.

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B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 Amends s. 339.34, F.S., removing provisions creating and providing duties of the Statewide Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council.

¹ Department of Transportation Strategic Intermodal System Brochure, July 2008.

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/sis/strategicplan/brochure.pdf>

² April 16, 2009, e-mail from Department of Transportation to Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee staff.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable. The bill does not appear to affect county or municipal government.

2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None