

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 4141 Strategic Intermodal System

SPONSOR(S): Eisnaugle

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

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee	11 Y, 0 N	Johnson	Kruse
2) Economic Affairs Committee			

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 the Department of Transportation 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The council is no longer active and held its last meeting in December 2004.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.

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; and
- providing advice and recommendations to the Legislature on funding for projects to move goods and people in the most efficient manner for the state.

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 The council is no longer active, and held its last meeting in December 2004.²

Proposed Changes

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

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2012.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

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

Section 2 Provides an effective date.

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.

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

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

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. This bill does not appear to affect county or municipal governments.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES