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Senator Brandes moved the following:

1           **Senate Amendment to Amendment (740626) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Between lines 4378 and 4379  
5 insert:

6           Section 85. (1) The Florida Transportation Commission, in  
7 cooperation with the Florida Seaport Transportation Economic  
8 Development Council, shall conduct a statewide study to evaluate  
9 the feasibility of consolidating any existing port districts and  
10 port authorities, and all of their assets, rights, powers,  
11 authority, duties, and bond liabilities, into one or more port  
12 districts and port authorities.

13           (2) The study shall evaluate and develop findings and



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14 recommendations regarding the feasibility and benefits of  
15 consolidating any of the existing port districts and port  
16 authorities and all of their assets, rights, powers,  
17 authorities, duties, debts, and bond liabilities, into one or  
18 more single port districts and port authorities.

19 (3) The study shall review and consider those matters it  
20 deems relevant, including, but not limited to, the following:

21 (a) The lands and facilities, including submerged lands,  
22 owned or leased by each identified port district and port  
23 authority.

24 (b) The current land use designations and county zoning  
25 designations for such locations and facilities.

26 (c) The current services provided by each of the existing  
27 ports.

28 (d) The conditions and length of each contract or lease for  
29 the use of the existing port facilities, income generated by  
30 each contract or lease, renewal options available, and the  
31 obligations and debts owed to the existing port facilities under  
32 each contract or lease.

33 (e) Contracts and leases with vendors, service providers,  
34 and others.

35 (f) The income and expenses of each port, including, but  
36 not limited to, salaries and benefits, current and projected  
37 pension and other similar retirement obligations, and number,  
38 years of service, and employment status of all employees.

39 (g) The master plan and five-year operational plan of each  
40 of the existing ports, including proposed staffing, building  
41 acquisition or construction, debt issuance, and budget of each  
42 of the existing ports.



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- 43        (h) The fiscal capacity of the existing ports.
- 44        (i) Security plans and costs associated with implementing  
45 the plans, including all contracts for the provision of security  
46 at the existing ports.
- 47        (j) All current, proposed, or anticipated improvements,  
48 development, or construction in the areas under the jurisdiction  
49 of the existing ports.
- 50        (k) All agreements between the existing ports and any  
51 common carrier, and any port terminal operator.
- 52        (l) Any collective bargaining agreements.
- 53        (m) All permits issued by any governmental entity affecting  
54 or related to the existing ports.
- 55        (n) Any pending governmental permits or permit  
56 applications.
- 57        (o) Finance plans, bond obligations, loans, pledges of  
58 revenue, liens, or other financing arrangements related to the  
59 existing ports or the existing ports facilities.
- 60        (p) The feasibility of constructing and managing a new  
61 cruise terminal west of the Skyway Bridge.
- 62        (q) The efficacy of the use of public-private partnerships  
63 and public-private operating partnerships with respect to any  
64 consolidated port district and port authority.
- 65        (4) The final report shall address the matters identified  
66 in this section and any other matters the commission and the  
67 council deem relevant to the creation of one or more  
68 consolidated port authorities. The final report shall be  
69 submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
70 Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31, 2013.  
71 This section is repealed upon submission of the final report



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 4830

and insert:

deceptive trade practice; directing the Florida  
Transportation Commission and the Florida Seaport  
Transportation Economic Development Council to conduct  
a statewide study evaluating the feasibility of  
consolidating any existing port districts and port  
authorities into one or more port districts and port  
authorities; requiring a report; providing effective  
dates.