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Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (Ring) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 311.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

311.07 Florida seaport transportation and economic development funding.—

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(b) Projects eligible for funding by grants under the



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- 11 program are limited to the following port facilities or port
12 transportation projects:
- 13 1. Transportation facilities within the jurisdiction of the
14 port.
 - 15 2. The dredging or deepening of channels, turning basins,
16 or harbors.
 - 17 3. The construction or rehabilitation of wharves, docks,
18 structures, jetties, piers, storage facilities, cruise
19 terminals, automated people mover systems, or any facilities
20 necessary or useful in connection with any of the foregoing.
 - 21 4. The acquisition of vessel tracking systems, container
22 cranes, or other mechanized equipment used in the movement of
23 cargo or passengers in international commerce.
 - 24 5. The acquisition of land to be used for port purposes.
 - 25 6. The acquisition, improvement, enlargement, or extension
26 of existing port facilities.
 - 27 7. Environmental protection projects which are necessary
28 because of requirements imposed by a state agency as a condition
29 of a permit or other form of state approval; which are necessary
30 for environmental mitigation required as a condition of a state,
31 federal, or local environmental permit; which are necessary for
32 the acquisition of spoil disposal sites and improvements to
33 existing and future spoil sites; or which result from the
34 funding of eligible projects listed in this paragraph.
 - 35 8. Transportation facilities as defined in s. 334.03(30)
36 which are not otherwise part of the Department of
37 Transportation's adopted work program.
 - 38 9. Intermodal access projects.
 - 39 10. Construction or rehabilitation of port facilities as



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40 defined in s. 315.02, excluding any park or recreational
41 facilities, in ports listed in s. 311.09(1) with operating
42 revenues of \$5 million or less, provided that such projects
43 create economic development opportunities, capital improvements,
44 and positive financial returns to such ports.

45 11. Seaport master plan or strategic plan development or
46 updates, including the purchase of data to support such plans,
47 and asset management plans.

48 Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 311.101, Florida
49 Statutes, is amended to read:

50 311.101 Intermodal Logistics Center Infrastructure Support
51 Program.—

52 (7) Beginning in the 2014-2015 fiscal year, at least 2012-
53 2013, up to \$5 million per year shall be made available from the
54 State Transportation Trust Fund for the program. The Department
55 of Transportation shall include projects proposed to be funded
56 under this section in the tentative work program developed
57 pursuant to s. 339.135(4).

58 Section 3. Section 311.103, Florida Statutes, is created to
59 read:

60 311.103 Designation of state freight logistics zones.—

61 (1) As used in this section, the term "freight logistics
62 zone" means a grouping of activities and infrastructure
63 associated with freight transportation and related services
64 within a defined area around an intermodal logistics center as
65 defined in s. 311.101(2).

66 (2) A county, or two or more contiguous counties, may
67 designate a geographic area or areas within its jurisdiction as
68 a freight logistics zone. The designation must be accompanied by



69 a strategic plan adopted by the county or counties. At a
70 minimum, the strategic plan must include, but is not limited to:

71 (a) A map depicting the geographic area or areas to be
72 included within the designation.

73 (b) Identification of the existing or planned freight
74 facilities or logistics clusters located within the designated
75 zone.

76 (c) Identification of existing transportation
77 infrastructure, such as roads, rail, airports, and seaports,
78 within or in close proximity to the proposed freight logistics
79 zone.

80 (d) Identification of existing workforce availability
81 within or in close proximity to the proposed zone.

82 (e) Identification of any existing or planned local, state,
83 or federal workforce training capabilities available for a
84 business seeking to locate or expand within the proposed zone.

85 (f) Identification of any local, state, or federal plans,
86 including transportation, seaport, or airport plans, concerning
87 the movement of freight within or in close proximity to the
88 proposed zone.

89 (g) Identification of financial or other local government
90 incentives to encourage new development, expansion of existing
91 development, or redevelopment within the proposed zone.

92 (h) Documentation that the plan is consistent with
93 applicable local government comprehensive plans and adopted
94 long-range transportation plans of a Metropolitan Planning
95 Organization, where applicable.

96 (3) Projects within freight logistics zones designated
97 pursuant to this section, which are consistent with the Freight



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98 Mobility and Trade Plan developed in accordance with s.
99 334.044(33), may be eligible for priority in state funding and
100 incentive programs relating to freight logistics zones,
101 including applicable programs identified in parts I, III, and V
102 of chapter 288.

103 (4) When evaluating projects within a designated freight
104 logistics zone for purposes of determining funding or incentive
105 program eligibility under this section, consideration must be
106 given to:

107 (a) The presence of an existing or planned intermodal
108 logistics center within the freight logistics zone.

109 (b) Whether the project serves a strategic state interest.

110 (c) Whether the project facilitates the cost-effective and
111 efficient movement of goods.

112 (d) The extent to which the project contributes to economic
113 activity, including job creation, increased wages, and revenues.

114 (e) The extent to which the project efficiently interacts
115 with and supports the existing or planned transportation
116 network.

117 (f) The amount of investment or commitments made by the
118 owner or developer of the existing or proposed facility.

119 (g) The extent to which the county or counties have
120 commitments with private sector businesses planning to locate
121 operations within the freight logistics zone.

122 (h) Demonstrated local financial support and commitment to
123 the project, including in-kind contributions.

124 Section 4. Section 311.141, Florida Statutes, is created to
125 read:

126 311.141 Florida seaports all-hazards economic recovery and



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127 resumption of trade plan; asset management plan.-

128 (1) The Department of Transportation, in consultation with
129 the Division of Emergency Management, the Florida Seaport
130 Transportation and Economic Development Council, and other
131 appropriate partners, shall review the need for and, if needed,
132 develop a statewide all-hazards economic recovery and resumption
133 of trade plan for Florida's ports, as identified in s. 311.09.
134 The review shall examine existing continuity of operations plans
135 at the seaports and at other appropriate agencies and shall
136 identify any gaps or needed linkages to ensure expedited
137 resumption of business operations following a major incident at
138 a Florida port. The review shall also examine current procedures
139 and planning developed pursuant to s. 252.35 to identify any
140 changes needed to ensure integration of the plan into statewide
141 emergency management plans.

142 (2) The Department of Transportation, in consultation with
143 the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development
144 Council, shall examine the need for, and possible benefits from,
145 implementation of a consistent asset management plan at each of
146 Florida's ports. For the purpose of achieving statewide
147 transportation and economic development goals and goals of the
148 seaport's strategic plan, any asset management plan developed
149 must identify systematic and coordinated activities and
150 practices to optimally and sustainably manage assets and asset
151 systems, and must identify the associated performance, risks,
152 and expenditures of such activities over their lifecycles.

153 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 320.525, Florida
154 Statutes, is amended to read:

155 320.525 Port vehicles and equipment; definition;



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156 exemption.-

157 (2) Port vehicles and equipment shall be exempt from the
158 provisions of this chapter which require the registration of
159 motor vehicles, the payment of license taxes, and the display of
160 license plates when operated or used within the port facility of
161 any deepwater port of this state, as listed in s. 403.021(9)(b),
162 for the purpose of transporting cargo, containers, or other
163 equipment:

164 (a) From wharves to storage areas or terminals and return
165 to wharves within the port; ~~and~~

166 (b) From such storage areas or terminals to other storage
167 areas or terminals within the port; and

168 (c) On public roads connecting port facilities of a single
169 deepwater port, as specified in s. 403.021(9)(b), which are
170 designated as port district roads for the purpose of
171 transporting cargo, containers, and other equipment. The
172 Department of Transportation shall designate port district roads
173 with appropriate signage.

174 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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177 And the title is amended as follows:

178 Delete everything before the enacting clause
179 and insert:

180 A bill to be entitled
181 An act relating to freight and trade; amending s.
182 311.07, F.S.; providing that seaport asset management
183 plans are eligible for funding from the Florida
184 Seaport Transportation and Economic Development



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185 Program; amending s. 311.101, F.S.; revising the
186 amount of funds to be made available annually from the
187 State Transportation Trust Fund for the Intermodal
188 Logistics Center Infrastructure Support Program;
189 creating s. 311.103, F.S.; defining the term "freight
190 logistics zone"; authorizing a county, or two or more
191 contiguous counties, to designate a geographic area or
192 areas within its jurisdiction as a freight logistics
193 zone; requiring the adoption of a strategic plan which
194 must include certain information; providing that
195 certain projects within freight logistics zones may be
196 eligible for priority in state funding and certain
197 incentive programs; providing evaluation criteria for
198 freight logistics zones; creating s. 311.141, F.S.;
199 requiring certain entities to conduct a review of
200 continuity of operations plans; authorizing such
201 entities to develop an all-hazards economic recovery
202 and resumption of trade plan for seaports; requiring
203 certain entities to review the need for consistent
204 asset management plans for seaports; specifying
205 requirements for such plans; amending s. 320.525,
206 F.S.; providing that certain public roads may be
207 designated as port district roads; requiring the
208 Department of Transportation to designate such roads
209 with appropriate signage; providing an effective date.