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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Appropriations (Grimsley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 123 and 124

insert:

Section 2. Subsection (7) is added to section 339.2818, Florida Statutes, to read:

339.2818 Small County Outreach Program.—

(1) There is created within the Department of Transportation the Small County Outreach Program. The purpose of this program is to assist small county governments in repairing



11 or rehabilitating county bridges, paving unpaved roads,
12 addressing road-related drainage improvements, resurfacing or
13 reconstructing county roads, or constructing capacity or safety
14 improvements to county roads.

15 (2) For the purposes of this section, the term "small
16 county" means any county that has a population of 150,000 or
17 less as determined by the most recent official estimate pursuant
18 to s. 186.901.

19 (3) Funds allocated under this program, pursuant to s. 4,
20 ch. 2000-257, Laws of Florida, are in addition to any funds
21 provided pursuant to s. 339.2816, for the Small County Road
22 Assistance Program.

23 (4) (a) Small counties shall be eligible to compete for
24 funds that have been designated for the Small County Outreach
25 Program for projects on county roads. The department shall fund
26 75 percent of the cost of projects on county roads funded under
27 the program.

28 (b) In determining a county's eligibility for assistance
29 under this program, the department may consider whether the
30 county has attempted to keep county roads in satisfactory
31 condition, which may be evidenced through an established
32 pavement management plan.

33 (c) The following criteria shall be used to prioritize road
34 projects for funding under the program:

35 1. The primary criterion is the physical condition of the
36 road as measured by the department.

37 2. As secondary criteria the department may consider:

38 a. Whether a road is used as an evacuation route.

39 b. Whether a road has high levels of agricultural travel.



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- 40 c. Whether a road is considered a major arterial route.
- 41 d. Whether a road is considered a feeder road.
- 42 e. Information as evidenced to the department through an
- 43 established pavement management plan.
- 44 f. Other criteria related to the impact of a project on the
- 45 public road system or on the state or local economy as
- 46 determined by the department.
- 47 (5) The department is authorized to administer contracts on
- 48 behalf of a county selected to receive funding for a project
- 49 under this section. All projects funded under this section shall
- 50 be included in the department's work program developed pursuant
- 51 to s. 339.135.
- 52 (6) Funds paid into the State Transportation Trust Fund
- 53 pursuant to s. 201.15 for the purposes of the Small County
- 54 Outreach Program are hereby annually appropriated for
- 55 expenditure to support the Small County Outreach Program.
- 56 (7) Subject to a specific appropriation in addition to
- 57 funds annually appropriated for projects under this section, a
- 58 municipality within a rural area of critical economic concern or
- 59 a rural area of critical economic concern community designated
- 60 under s. 288.0656(7)(a) may compete for the additional project
- 61 funding using the criteria listed in subsection (4) at up to
- 62 100% of project costs, excluding capacity improvement projects.

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66 And the title is amended as follows:

67 Delete line 9

68 and insert:



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69 under certain circumstances; authorizing a
70 municipality with in a rural area of critical economic
71 concern or a rural area of critical economic concern
72 community to compete for project funding using Small
73 County Outreach Program criteria, subject to an
74 appropriation in addition to funds annually
75 appropriated to the Small County Outreach Program,
76 excluding capacity improvement projects; amending s.
77 479.16, F.S.;