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The Committee on Appropriations (Lee) recommended the following:

1   **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

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3   Between lines 53 and 54

4 insert:

5   Section 2. Section 338.236, Florida Statutes, is created to

6 read:

7   338.236 Staging areas for emergencies.—The Department of

8 Transportation may plan, design, and construct staging areas to

9 be activated during a declared state of emergency at key

10 geographic locations on the turnpike system. Such staging areas

11 must be used for the staging of emergency supplies, such as

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12 water, fuel, generators, vehicles, equipment, and other related
13 materials, to facilitate the prompt provision of emergency
14 assistance to the public, and to otherwise facilitate emergency
15 response and assistance, including evacuations, deployment of
16 emergency-related supplies and personnel, and restoration of
17 essential services.
18   (1) In selecting a proposed site for a designated staging
19 area under this section, the department, in consultation with
20 the Division of Emergency Management, must consider the extent
21 to which such site:
22   (a) Is located in a geographic area that best facilitates
23 the wide dissemination of emergency-related supplies and
24 equipment;
25   (b) Provides ease of access to major highways and other
26 transportation facilities;
27   (c) Is sufficiently large to accommodate the staging of a
28 significant amount of emergency-related supplies and equipment;
29   (d) Provides space in support of emergency preparedness and
30 evacuation activities, such as fuel reserve capacity;
31   (e) Could be used during nonemergency periods for
32 commercial motor vehicle parking and for other uses; and
33   (f) Is consistent with other state and local emergency
34 management considerations.
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36 The department must give priority consideration to placement of
37 such staging areas in counties with a population of 200,000 or
38 fewer, as determined by the most recent official estimate
39 pursuant to s. 186.901, in which a multiuse corridor of regional
40 economic significance, as provided in s. 338.2278, is located.

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41   (2) The department may acquire property and property rights
42 necessary for such staging areas as provided in s. 338.04.
43   (3) The department may authorize other uses of a staging
44 area as provided in the Florida Transportation Code, including,
45 but not limited to, for commercial motor vehicle parking to
46 comply with federal hours-of-service off-duty requirements or
47 sleeper berth requirements and for other vehicular parking to
48 provide rest for drivers.
49   (4) Staging area projects must be included in the work
50 program developed by the department pursuant to s. 339.135.
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53 And the title is amended as follows:
54   Delete line 6
55 and insert:
56   way; creating s. 338.236, F.S.; authorizing the
57   Department of Transportation to plan, design, and
58   construct staging areas as part of the turnpike system
59   for the intended purpose of staging supplies for
60   prompt provision of assistance to the public in a
61   declared state of emergency; requiring the department,
62   in consultation with the Division of Emergency
63   Management, to select sites for such areas; providing
64   factors to be considered by the department and
65   division in selecting sites; requiring the department
66   to give priority consideration to placement of such
67   staging areas in specified counties; authorizing the
68   department to acquire property necessary for such
69   staging areas; authorizing the department to authorize

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70   certain other uses of staging areas; requiring staging

71   area projects to be included in the department's work

72   program; creating s. 366.945, F.S.; providing

73   legislative

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