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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Lee) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 53 and 54

insert:

Section 2. Section 338.236, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

338.236 Staging areas for emergencies.—The Department of Transportation may plan, design, and construct staging areas to be activated during a declared state of emergency at key geographic locations on the turnpike system. Such staging areas 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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52 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

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