

By the Committee on Rules; and Senators Calatayud and Trumbull

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to spaceport territory; amending s.  
3       331.303, F.S.; revising the definition of "spaceport  
4       discretionary capacity improvement projects"; s.  
5       331.304, F.S.; revising spaceport territory to include  
6       certain property; amending s. 331.371, F.S.;  
7       authorizing the Department of Transportation to fund  
8       spaceport discretionary capacity improvement projects  
9       if important access and on-spaceport-territory space  
10      transportation capacity improvements are provided;  
11      providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15       Section 1. Subsection (18) of section 331.303, Florida  
16       Statutes, is amended to read:

17       331.303 Definitions.—

18       (18) "Spaceport discretionary capacity improvement  
19       projects" means capacity improvements that enhance space  
20       transportation capacity at spaceports or on spaceport territory  
21       ~~that have had one or more orbital or suborbital flights during~~  
22       ~~the previous calendar year or have an agreement in writing for~~  
23       ~~installation of one or more regularly scheduled orbital or~~  
24       ~~suborbital flights upon the commitment of funds for stipulated~~  
25       ~~spaceport capital improvements.~~

26       Section 2. Subsections (6) and (7) are added to section  
27       331.304, Florida Statutes, to read:

28       331.304 Spaceport territory.—The following property shall  
29       constitute spaceport territory:

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30 (6) Certain real property located in Miami-Dade County  
31 which was formerly included within the boundaries of Homestead  
32 Air Force Base and is included within the boundaries of  
33 Homestead Air Reserve Base or deeded to Miami-Dade County or the  
34 City of Homestead. Homestead Air Force Base refers to and  
35 includes:

36 (a) Federal property that is part of Homestead Air Reserve  
37 Base; and

38 (b) Former federal property that was previously part of  
39 Homestead Air Force Base and, as of July 1, 2024, or any time  
40 thereafter, is deeded to Miami-Dade County or the City of  
41 Homestead.

42 (7) Certain real property located in Bay County which is  
43 included within the boundaries of Tyndall Air Force Base.

44 Section 3. Section 331.371, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
45 read:

46 331.371 Strategic space infrastructure investment.—In  
47 consultation with Space Florida, the Department of  
48 Transportation may fund spaceport discretionary capacity  
49 improvement ~~strategic spaceport launch support facilities~~  
50 ~~investment~~ projects, as defined in s. 331.303, at up to 100  
51 percent of the project's cost if:

52 (1) Important access and on-spaceport-territory space  
53 transportation and commercial launch facility capacity  
54 improvements are provided;

55 (2) Capital improvements that strategically position the  
56 state to maximize opportunities in international trade are  
57 achieved;

58 (3) Goals of an integrated intermodal transportation system

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59 for the state are achieved; and

60 (4) Feasibility and availability of matching funds through  
61 federal, local, or private partners are demonstrated.

62 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.