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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Transportation & Economic  
2 Development Budget Subcommittee

3 Representative Spencer offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 **Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section**

8 **255.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

9 255.065 Public-private partnerships.—

10 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

11 (i) "Qualifying project" means:

12 1. A facility or project that serves a public purpose,  
13 including, but not limited to, any ferry or mass transit  
14 facility, vehicle parking facility, airport or seaport facility,  
15 rail facility or project, fuel supply facility, oil or gas  
16 pipeline, medical or nursing care facility, recreational

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17 facility, sporting or cultural facility, or educational facility  
18 or other building or facility that is used or will be used by a  
19 public educational institution, or any other public facility or  
20 infrastructure that is used or will be used by the public at  
21 large or in support of an accepted public purpose or activity;

22 2. An improvement, including equipment, of a building that  
23 will be principally used by a public entity or the public at  
24 large or that supports a service delivery system in the public  
25 sector;

26 3. A water, wastewater, or surface water management  
27 facility or other related infrastructure; ~~or~~

28 4. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, for  
29 projects that involve a facility owned or operated by the  
30 governing board of a county, district, or municipal hospital or  
31 health care system, or projects that involve a facility owned or  
32 operated by a municipal electric utility, only those projects  
33 that the governing board designates as qualifying projects  
34 pursuant to this section; or

35 5. Vertiports and charging systems.

36 **Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
37 332.007, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is  
38 added to subsection (6) of that section, to read:**

39 332.007 Administration and financing of aviation and  
40 airport programs and projects; state plan.—

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42       (c) Each commercial service airport as defined in s.  
43 332.0075 shall establish and maintain a comprehensive airport  
44 infrastructure program to ensure the ongoing preservation of  
45 airport infrastructure and facilities in safe and serviceable  
46 condition. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "airport  
47 infrastructure" means the facilities, systems, and structural  
48 components of an airport necessary for the safe and efficient  
49 movement of people and goods. The term includes vertiport pads,  
50 safety zones, charging systems, grid upgrades, and resilience  
51 energy systems. Beginning November 1, 2025, and annually  
52 thereafter, each commercial service airport shall provide a  
53 certification to the department, in a manner prescribed by the  
54 department, that it has established and maintains a  
55 comprehensive airport infrastructure program. The comprehensive  
56 airport infrastructure program report, and related documents and  
57 records, must be open to inspection by the department and  
58 maintained by the airport for at least 5 years. The  
59 comprehensive airport infrastructure program must, at a minimum,  
60 include all of the following:

61       1. Identification of airport infrastructure subject to  
62 inspection and the schedule for the completion of such  
63 inspections, taking into consideration the age, type, intended  
64 use, and criticality of the infrastructure to undisrupted  
65 commercial or cargo operations.

66       2. A preventative maintenance program for routine

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67 maintenance of airport infrastructure, for both commercial and  
68 cargo operations.

69 3. A plan to complete any necessary repairs to, or  
70 rehabilitation or reconstruction of, airport infrastructure,  
71 including prioritization and anticipated timeframe for  
72 completion of the work.

73 4. A progress report of inspections and their outcomes,  
74 preventative maintenance, and previously identified repair to,  
75 or rehabilitation or reconstruction of, airport infrastructure.  
76 The progress report must include any changes in timeline for  
77 completion, changes in cost estimates, and reasons any  
78 inspection, preventative maintenance, or repair or  
79 rehabilitation did not take place.

80 (6) Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, the  
81 department may participate in the capital cost of eligible  
82 public-use airport and aviation development projects in  
83 accordance with the following rates, unless otherwise provided  
84 in the General Appropriations Act or the substantive bill  
85 implementing the General Appropriations Act:

86 (e) When federal funds are not available, the department  
87 may fund up to 100 percent of the project costs of a public  
88 vertiport. If federal funds are available, the department may  
89 fund up to 80 percent of the nonfederal share of such project  
90 costs.

91 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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94 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

95 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

96 A bill to be entitled

97 An act relating to vertiports; amending s. 255.065,  
98 F.S.; revising the definition of the term "qualifying  
99 project"; amending s. 332.007, F.S.; revising the  
100 definition of the term "airport infrastructure";  
101 authorizing the Department of Transportation to fund  
102 up to specified percentages of public vertiport  
103 project costs; providing an effective date.