

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
ADOPTED AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
FAILED TO ADOPT \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
WITHDRAWN \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Commerce Committee  
2 Representative Sirois offered the following:

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4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Remove lines 19-162 and insert:

6 **Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 311.14,**  
7 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

8 311.14 Seaport planning.—

9 (4) (a) For purposes of this subsection, the term  
10 "strategic spaceport hub" means spaceport territory located  
11 within 5 miles of a seaport listed in s. 311.09(1) that is used  
12 for deepwater commercial navigation.

13 (b) Prior to making any change to its strategic plan, the  
14 governing board of a seaport located within 5 miles of a  
15 strategic spaceport hub must coordinate with Space Florida to

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16 ensure that the change does not conflict with Space Florida's  
17 business plan created pursuant to s. 331.3051.

18 **Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 331.302, Florida**  
19 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

20 331.302 Space Florida; creation; purpose.—

21 (4) (a) Space Florida is not an agency as defined in ss.  
22 216.011 and 287.012.

23 (b) Space Florida is not an agency as defined in s.  
24 287.055(2)(b) and is not subject to s. 255.20 when it purchases  
25 professional services or construction services, or both, using  
26 nonappropriated state funds. Space Florida must attest in  
27 writing that such funds are nonappropriated.

28 **Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 331.3051, Florida**  
29 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

30 331.3051 Duties of Space Florida.—Space Florida must  
31 ~~shall~~:

32 (1) (a) Create a business plan to foster the growth and  
33 development of the aerospace industry. The business plan must  
34 address business development, finance, spaceport operations,  
35 research and development, workforce development, and education.  
36 The business plan must be revised when determined as necessary  
37 by the board.

38 (b) Employ a full-time business development director for  
39 the spaceport territories identified in s. 331.304(2), (3), (6),  
40 and (7), whose primary focus must be to foster the growth and

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41 development of spaceport activities including, but not limited  
42 to, horizontal launch capability, advanced air mobility, and  
43 unmanned aerial vehicles.

44 **Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section**  
45 **331.3081, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (f) and**  
46 **amended, and paragraph (e) is added to that subsection, to read:**

47 331.3081 Board of directors.—

48 (1) Space Florida shall be governed by an independent  
49 board of directors that consists of the Governor, who shall  
50 serve ex officio, or who may appoint a designee to serve, as the  
51 chair and a voting member of the board, and the following  
52 appointed members:

53 (e) A representative of the Jacksonville Aviation  
54 Authority, appointed by the Governor.

55 (f) A representative of each of the following entities,  
56 who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the board,  
57 appointed by the Governor:

58 1. ~~The Jacksonville Aviation Authority.~~

59 2. The Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority.

60 ~~2.3.~~ An employee or official of a port district or port  
61 authority as defined in s. 315.02(2).

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Remove lines 3-15 and insert:

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Bill No. CS/CS/HB 1177 (2026)

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66 Florida; amending s. 314.14, F.S.; providing a  
67 definition for the term "strategic spaceport hub";  
68 requiring the governing board of certain seaports to  
69 coordinate with Space Florida for specified purposes;  
70 amending s. 331.302, F.S.; providing that Space  
71 Florida is not an agency and is not subject to certain  
72 bidding and contract procedures under certain  
73 conditions; amending s. 331.3051, F.S.; requiring  
74 Space Florida to employ a full-time business  
75 development director for specified purposes; amending  
76 s. 331.3081, F.S.; revising membership on the Space  
77 Florida board of directors; providing an effective  
78 date.