

Seaport-Related Legislation Filed as of February 9, 2009 – 2009 Florida Legislative Session

HB 73 Relating to Expedited Permitting Process for Economic Development Projects

Representative Robert Schenck

The legislation will designate the “Mike McHugh Act” creating an expedited permitting process for economic development projects. Department of Environmental Protection along with water management districts will adopt programs to expedite the permitting process for certain economic development projects providing application denial or approval within the timeframes set forth through the legislation.

SB 284 Relating to Department of Transportation

Senator Larcina Bullard

Senate bill 284 amends, and deletes several items currently in law including:

- Directing the DOT to maintain specific training programs for employees and perspective employees
- Eliminates the annual requirement for annual updating of the Florida Transition Plan
- Amends parts of provisions relating to proposed turnpike projects, Transportation Regional Incentive Programs, and the Enhanced Bridge Program for Sustainable Transportation
- Deletes the requirement to develop a short-range plan for the Florida Transition Plan

HB 309 Relating to Detention by Security Personnel

Representative Priscilla Taylor

Security personnel will be granted the ability through a specified license to temporarily detain a person under circumstances which reasonably indicated that the person has committed, is committing, or are able to commit a criminal violation. The security personnel are required to contact a law enforcement agency promptly. The legislation will outline the duration and location of the detention, requirement for a limited search, and revises disciplinary grounds for use of force or violence in the process of a lawful detention and holding a suspect for law enforcement.

HB 441 Relating to Coastal Management

Representative Ronald Reagan

As filled the legislation will include specified port-related industries or commercial project facilities within a list of facilities that are not developments of regional impact.

This House bill is identical to the legislation that was proposed by Senator Michael Bennett through SB 856.

SB Relating to Florida Transportation Revenue Study Commission

Senator Carey Baker

The Florida Transportation Revenue Study Commission will be created to study the state's transportation needs and develop recommendations. The commission will provide legislative findings relating to the need to preserve investments in transportation infrastructure and reduce congestion.

HB 611 Relating to Public Construction Projects

Representative Dorothy Hukill

Revises exceptions when awarding public projects that are competitively awarded. If a local government decides to do the project in house they must report factual findings that they will be able to complete the project for the same price or less than the lowest bid received. When a local contractor that maintains a local presence is involved in the bidding process, in certain circumstances, that contractor will receive the project.

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SB 616 Relating to Public Construction Projects

Senator Mike Haridopolos

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This Senate bill is identical to the legislation that was proposed by Representative Dorothy Hukill through HB 611.

SB 856 Relating to Coastal Management

Senator Michael Bennett

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This Senate bill is identical to the legislation that was proposed by Representative Ronald Reagan through HB 441.

SB 932 Relating to Transportation

Transportation Committee

The proposed committee bill will require the Department of Transportation to conduct a study of alternative for the Interstate 95 corridor. The executive director of the Florida Transportation Commission will be set in accordance with Senior Management Service, and it provides that certain

port-related facilities may not be designated as developments of regional impact under certain situations.

SB 1308 Relating to Baseball Spring Training Facilities

The provision that funds facilities for spring training franchises will be deleted, and the distribution of certain tax proceeds through the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development will be amended. The legislation will authorize certain units of local government to apply for certification to receive funding for a spring training franchise, and creates a criteria to competitively evaluate the applications for certification.

SB 7014 Relating to Department of Transportation

Transportation Committee

SB 7014 will create a study that will be conducted by the Department of Transportation to study transportation alternatives for the Interstate 95 corridor. The legislation also provides that certain port-related facilities may not be designated as developments of regional impact under certain circumstances.

SB 7018 Relating to Department of Transportation

Transportation Committee

The Statewide Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council will be abolished and the legislation will create a new council called the Freight Infrastructure Resource Steering Council. The Department of Transportation will submit a tentative work program to the council. The council will advise the legislature and the department on policies, planning, and the funding of certain transportation projects.