

HB 1B - Transportation

GENERAL BILL by Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council and Aubuchon

Transportation: Creates Florida Statewide Passenger Rail Commission to monitor passenger rail systems, advise DOT concerning passenger rail service, evaluate passenger rail policies, & provide advice & recommendations to Legislature; provides powers & duties of Florida Rail Enterprise to plan, construct, maintain, repair, operate, & promote high-speed rail system, to acquire corridors, to coordinate development & operation of publicly funded passenger rail systems, & to cooperate, coordinate, partner, & contract with other entities; revises allocation of moneys in State Transportation Trust Fund; provides funding source for allocations to South Florida Regional Transportation Authority & revises provisions relating to that authority; directs DOT to provide assistance to coalition of entities in Central Florida for development of regional rail system plan; provides for DOT to indemnify freight rail operator against loss; authorizes DOT to purchase liability insurance including coverage for any freight rail operator, commuter rail service providers, governmental entities, or ancillary development & establish self-insurance retention fund; requires insureds to make payments for coverage; authorizes DOT to incur certain marketing expenses, complete escrowed closing on Central Florida Rail Corridor acquisition, & fund certain costs of passenger rail capital improvement projects, passenger rail planning & development, high-speed rail system, & other projects; removes provisions relating to Florida High-Speed Rail Authority.

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