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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Transportation (Baker) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 8 - 9

and insert:

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Section 1. Subsection (7) is amended, and subsections (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), and (15) of section 337.11, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (15), and (16), respectively, and subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:

10 337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids; emergency repairs, supplemental agreements, and change orders; combined

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12 design and construction contracts; progress payments; records; 13 requirements of vehicle registration.-

14 (7) (a) If the head of the department determines that it is 15 in the best interests of the public, the department may combine the design and construction phases of a building, a major 16 bridge, a limited access facility, or a rail corridor project 17 into a single contract. Such contract is referred to as a 18 design-build contract. Design-build contracts may be advertised 19 20 and awarded notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph 21 (3) (c). However, construction activities may not begin on any 22 portion of such projects for which the department has not yet 23 obtained title to the necessary rights-of-way and easements for the construction of that portion of the project has vested in 24 25 the state or a local governmental entity and all railroad crossing and utility agreements have been executed. Title to 26 rights-of-way shall be deemed to have vested in the state when 27 28 the title has been dedicated to the public or acquired by 29 prescription.

30 (b) The department shall adopt by rule procedures for 31 administering design-build contracts. Such procedures shall 32 include, but not be limited to:

33	1. Prequalification requirements.
34	2. Public announcement procedures.
35	3. Scope of service requirements.
36	4. Letters of interest requirements.
37	5. Short-listing criteria and procedures.
38	6. Bid proposal requirements.
39	7. Technical review committee.
40	8. Selection and award processes.
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9. Stipend requirements.

42 (c) The department must receive at least three letters of 43 interest in order to proceed with a request for proposals. The department shall request proposals from no fewer than three of 44 45 the design-build firms submitting letters of interest. If a design-build firm withdraws from consideration after the 46 47 department requests proposals, the department may continue if at least two proposals are received. 48

49 (8) If the department determines that it is in the best interest of the public, the department may pay a stipend to non-50 51 selected design-build firms who have submitted responsive 52 proposals for construction contracts. The decision and amount of 53 a stipend will be based upon department analysis of the 54 estimated proposal development costs and the anticipated degree of engineering design during the procurement process. The 55 56 department will retain the right to use those designs from 57 responsive non-selected design-build firms that accept a 58 stipend. 59

60 And the title is amended as follows: 61

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Delete lines 2 - 4
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and insert: 63

64 An act relating to transportation; ; amending s. 337.11, F.S.; 65

providing for the department to pay a portion of certain

- 66 proposal development costs; requiring the department to 67
- advertise certain contracts as design-build contracts; providing an effective date. 68