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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 02/21/2024 House

The Committee on Rules (Calatayud) recommended the following: Senate Amendment (with title amendment) Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Subsection (18) of section 331.303, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 331.303 Definitions.-(18) "Spaceport discretionary capacity improvement projects" means capacity improvements that enhance space transportation capacity at spaceports <u>or on spaceport territory</u> that have had one or more orbital or suborbital flights during

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12	the previous calendar year or have an agreement in writing for
13	installation of one or more regularly scheduled orbital or
14	suborbital flights upon the commitment of funds for stipulated
15	spaceport capital improvements.
16	Section 2. Subsections (6) and (7) are added to section
17	331.304, Florida Statutes, to read:
18	331.304 Spaceport territory.—The following property shall
19	constitute spaceport territory:
20	(6) Certain real property located in Miami-Dade County
21	which was formerly included within the boundaries of Homestead
22	Air Force Base and is included within the boundaries of
23	Homestead Air Reserve Base or deeded to Miami-Dade County or the
24	City of Homestead. Homestead Air Force Base refers to and
25	includes:
26	(a) Federal property that is part of Homestead Air Reserve
27	Base; and
28	(b) Former federal property that was previously part of
29	Homestead Air Force Base and, as of July 1, 2024, or any time
30	thereafter, is deeded to Miami-Dade County or the City of
31	Homestead.
32	(7) Certain real property located in Bay County which is
33	included within the boundaries of Tyndall Air Force Base.
34	Section 3. Section 331.371, Florida Statutes, is amended to
35	read:
36	331.371 Strategic space infrastructure investmentIn
37	consultation with Space Florida, the Department of
38	Transportation may fund spaceport discretionary capacity
39	improvement strategic spaceport launch support facilities
40	investment projects, as defined in s. 331.303, at up to 100

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41	percent of the project's cost if:
42	(1) Important access and on-spaceport <u>-territory space</u>
43	transportation and commercial launch facility capacity
44	improvements are provided;
45	(2) Capital improvements that strategically position the
46	state to maximize opportunities in international trade are
47	achieved;
48	(3) Goals of an integrated intermodal transportation system
49	for the state are achieved; and
50	(4) Feasibility and availability of matching funds through
51	federal, local, or private partners are demonstrated.
52	Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.
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54	========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =============
55	And the title is amended as follows:
56	Delete everything before the enacting clause
57	and insert:
58	A bill to be entitled
59	An act relating to spaceport territory; amending s.
60	331.303, F.S.; revising the definition of "spaceport
61	discretionary capacity improvement projects"; s.
62	331.304, F.S.; revising spaceport territory to include
63	certain property; amending s. 331.371, F.S.;
64	authorizing the Department of Transportation to fund
65	spaceport discretionary capacity improvement projects
66	if important access and on-spaceport-territory space
67	transportation capacity improvements are provided;
68	providing an effective date.