

Committee on Budget

SB 2152 — Transportation

by Budget Committee

The bill provides for the following:

- Clarifies that the Florida Department of Transportation is authorized to adjust toll rates by rule and is not subject to the provisions of ss. 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541., F.S.;
- Authorizes the use of excess toll revenues from the Alligator Alley Toll Road to develop and operate a fire station at mile marker 63 on Alligator Alley to provide, fire, rescue, and emergency management services to the adjacent counties along Alligator Alley;
- Repeals the Brevard County Expressway Authority, Broward County Expressway Authority, Pasco County Expressway Authority, St. Lucie County Expressway Authority, Seminole County Expressway Authority, and Southwest Florida Expressway Authority;
- Repeals various sections of law relating to and authorizing lease purchase agreements between certain transportation authorities and FDOT;
- Clarifies that an airport providing communications services within its own confines is exempt from the definition of telecommunications company;
- Corrects cross references in various sections of law to conform to changes made in this amendment; and
- Directs state agencies to develop and adopt assessment protocols for evaluating damaged equipment before a request for purchase is approved.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 2, 2011.

Vote: Senate 33-5; House 85-33