

**SB 562** by **Lynn**; (Identical to H 4027) Community-based Development Organizations

**SB 638** by **Hays**; (Identical to H 4073) Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Authority

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION,  
TOURISM, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
APPROPRIATIONS**

**Senator Benacquisto, Chair**  
**Senator Margolis, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, January 25, 2012  
**TIME:** 10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon  
**PLACE:** Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building

**MEMBERS:** Senator Benacquisto, Chair; Senator Margolis, Vice Chair; Senators Alexander, Bennett, Bogdanoff, Bullard, Dean, Diaz de la Portilla, Evers, Fasano, Gaetz, Gibson, Latvala, Norman, Sachs, Smith, and Sobel

| TAB | BILL NO. and INTRODUCER                                     | BILL DESCRIPTION and<br>SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS   | COMMITTEE ACTION            |
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|     | <b>SB 562</b><br>Lynn<br>(Identical H 4027, Compare H 7055) | Community-based Development Organizations; Repealing provisions relating to the Community-Based Development Organization Assistance Act, the eligibility of community-based development organizations and eligible activities for certain grant funding, the award of grants by the former Department of Community Affairs, the reporting of certain information by grant recipients to the former department, and rulemaking authority of the former department, etc.<br><br>CA 12/05/2011 Favorable<br>CM 01/09/2012 Favorable<br>BTA 01/25/2012 Favorable<br>BC | Favorable<br>Yeas 14 Nays 0 |
|     | <b>SB 638</b><br>Hays<br>(Identical H 4073)                 | Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Authority; Repealing provisions relating to the Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Authority; repealing provisions relating to a short title, purpose, definitions, establishment, compensation of members, personnel, powers and duties, and expenditures, etc.<br><br>GO 12/05/2011 Favorable<br>CJ 01/12/2012 Favorable<br>BTA 01/25/2012 Favorable<br>BC  | Favorable<br>Yeas 15 Nays 0 |

Review and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget Issues relating to:

Not Considered

Department of Economic Opportunity  
Florida Housing Finance Corporation  
Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
Department of Military Affairs  
Department of State  
Department of Transportation  
Orlando Orange County Expressway Authority  
Tampa Hillsborough County Expressway Authority  
EOG/Division of Emergency Management

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**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Budget Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations

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BILL: SB 562

INTRODUCER: Senator Lynn

SUBJECT: Community Based Development Organization

DATE: January 17, 2012

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

|    | ANALYST | STAFF DIRECTOR | REFERENCE | ACTION           |
|----|---------|----------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1. | Hinton  | Yeatman        | CA        | <b>Favorable</b> |
| 2. | Tell    | Hrdlicka       | CM        | <b>Favorable</b> |
| 3. | Smith   | Meyer, R.      | BTA       | <b>Favorable</b> |
| 4. |         |                | BC        |                  |
| 5. |         |                |           |                  |
| 6. |         |                |           |                  |

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**I. Summary:**

This bill eliminates the Community-Based Development Organization Assistance Act.

This bill repeals the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 163.455, 163.456, 163.457, 163.458, 163.459, 163.460, 163.461, and 163.462.

**II. Present Situation:**

In 2000,<sup>1</sup> the Legislature established the Community-Based Development Organization Assistance Act for the purpose of providing community-based development organizations (CBDOs) with administrative and operating funds to retain project staff to plan, implement, and manage job-generating and community revitalization developments in distressed neighborhoods.<sup>2</sup> The program has not been funded or implemented since it was created by the Legislature in 2000.<sup>3</sup>

The Community- Based Development Organization Assistance Act authorized the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to award core administrative and operating grants used for staff salaries and administrative expenses for eligible CBDOs selected using a competitive three-tiered process for housing and economic development projects.<sup>4</sup> DCA is required to adopt by

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter 2000-351, L.O.F. codified at ss. 163.455-163.462, F.S.

<sup>2</sup> Section 163.456(2), F.S.

<sup>3</sup> Department of Economic Opportunity, *Senate Bill 562 Analysis* (November 2, 2011) (On file with the Budget Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations.)

<sup>4</sup> Section 163.458, F.S.

rule<sup>5</sup> a set of criteria for three-tiered funding that ensures equitable statewide geographic distribution of the funding. The plan must include emerging, intermediate, and mature CBDOs recognizing the varying needs of the three tiers. Each eligible CBDO may apply for a grant of up to \$50,000 per year for a period of 5 years.<sup>6</sup> When the act was created, the Legislature appropriated \$1 million to be distributed as grants to CBDOs. Subsequently, the appropriation<sup>7</sup> was vetoed by the Governor and as a result, no grants were awarded.

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:<sup>8</sup>

- Preparing grant and loan applications, proposals, fundraising letters, and other documents essential to securing additional administrative or project funds.
- Monitoring and administering grants and loans, providing technical assistance to businesses, and any other administrative tasks essential to maintaining funding eligibility or meeting contractual obligations.
- Developing local programs and home ownership housing projects to encourage the participation of financial institutions, insurance companies, attorneys, architects, planners, developers, and other professional firms and individuals providing services beneficial to redevelopment efforts.
- Providing technical, accounting, and financial assistance and information to businesses and entrepreneurs interested in locating, expanding, or operating in the service area.
- Coordinating with state, federal, and local governments and nonprofit organizations to ensure that activities meet local plans and ordinances to avoid duplication of tasks.
- Assisting service area residents in identifying and determining eligibility for state, federal, and local housing programs including rehabilitation, weatherization, home ownership, rental assistance, or public housing programs.
- Developing, selling, owning, and managing subsidized affordable housing designed for persons with very low incomes or low incomes, or for WAGES recipients, or developing, selling, owning, and managing subsidized affordable industrial parks providing jobs to such persons.
- Obtaining technical assistance to build capacity to support community-based development organization projects.

In order to be eligible for assistance, a CBDO must be a nonprofit corporation under state law and s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; maintain a service area in which economic and housing development projects are located; and meet other specific criteria as provided by law. In addition, a majority of the CBDO's board members must be elected by those members of the nonprofit corporation who are stakeholders, comprising a mix of service area residents, area business property owners, area employees, and low-income residents.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> The Department of Community Affairs was granted rulemaking authority for the purposes of administering the Community-Based Development Organization Assistance Act pursuant to s. 163.462, F.S.

<sup>6</sup> See *supra* note 3.

<sup>7</sup> Section 9, ch. 2000-351, L.O.F.

<sup>8</sup> Section 163.459, F.S.

<sup>9</sup> Section 163.457, F.S.

A CBDO applying for a core administrative and operating grant must also submit a proposal to DCA.<sup>10</sup> Those CBDOs receiving funds must submit an annual report providing information specified by law and other information as may be required by DCA.<sup>11</sup>

DCA was abolished by the Legislature during the 2011 legislative session and several of its programs and functions, including the Division of Housing and Community Development, which manages grant programs, were incorporated into the newly created Department of Economic Opportunity.<sup>12</sup>

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill eliminates the Community-Based Development Organization Assistance Act.

#### **Section 1**

This bill repeals ss. 163.455, 163.456, 163.457, 163.458, 163.459, 163.460, 163.461, and 163.462, F.S., relating to the Community-Based Development Organization Assistance Act.

#### **Section 2**

This bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2012.

### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

#### **A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

#### **B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

#### **C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

### **V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

#### **A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

#### **B. Private Sector Impact:**

None.

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<sup>10</sup> Section 163.460, F.S.

<sup>11</sup> Section 163.461, F.S.

<sup>12</sup> See s. 3, Ch. 2011-142, L.O.F.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Additional Information:**

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

By Senator Lynn

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to community-based development organizations; repealing ss. 163.455, 163.456, 163.457, 163.458, 163.459, 163.460, 163.461, and 163.462, F.S., relating to the Community-Based Development Organization Assistance Act, the eligibility of community-based development organizations and eligible activities for certain grant funding, the award of grants by the former Department of Community Affairs, the reporting of certain information by grant recipients to the former department, and rulemaking authority of the former department; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Sections 163.455, 163.456, 163.457, 163.458, 163.459, 163.460, 163.461, and 163.462, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.



S0562  
GENERAL BILL by Lynn; (Identical H 4027, Compare H 7055)  
Community-based Development Organizations. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2012.  
01/20/12 S On Committee agenda-- Budget Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic  
Development Appropriations, 01/25/12, 10:30 am, 110 Senate Office Building  
01/25/12 S Favorable by Budget Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development  
Appropriations; YEAS 14 NAYS 0; Now in Budget

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Budget Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic  
Development Appropriations

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BILL: SB 638

INTRODUCER: Senator Hays

SUBJECT: Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Authority

DATE: January 17, 2012

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

|    | ANALYST     | STAFF DIRECTOR | REFERENCE | ACTION           |
|----|-------------|----------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1. | Jenkins     | Roberts        | GO        | <b>Favorable</b> |
| 2. | Cellon      | Cannon         | CJ        | <b>Favorable</b> |
| 3. | Carey/Smith | Meyer, R.      | BTA       | <b>Favorable</b> |
| 4. |             |                | BC        |                  |
| 5. |             |                |           |                  |
| 6. |             |                |           |                  |

**I. Summary:**

This bill repeals the following sections of the Florida Statutes relating to the Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Authority:

- Section 860.151, F.S., (Short title);
- Section 860.152, F.S., (Purpose);
- Section 860.153, F.S., (Definitions);
- Section 860.154, F.S., (Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Authority);
- Section 860.155, F.S., (Compensation of members);
- Section 860.156, F.S., (Personnel);
- Section 860.157, F.S., (Powers and duties of the authority); and
- Section 860.158, F.S., (Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Authority Expenditures).

The bill also amends s. 713.78, F.S., (Liens for recovering, towing, or storing vehicles and vessels) to remove a reference to the Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Authority.

**II. Present Situation:**

In 1992, the Legislature created the Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act (the Act).<sup>1</sup> The purpose of the Act was to prevent, combat, and reduce motor vehicle theft in Florida, and to improve and support the law enforcement, prosecution, and administration of motor vehicle theft

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter 1992-145, L.O.F.

laws.<sup>2</sup> The Act also established the Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Authority (the Authority), within the Department of Legal Affairs.<sup>3</sup>

### **Powers and Duties of the Authority**

The powers and duties of the Authority include:

- Applying for, soliciting, receiving, establishing priorities for, allocating, disbursing, contracting for, and spending funds that are made available to the Authority from any source to effectuate the purposes of the Act;
- Assessing the scope of the problem of motor vehicle theft;
- Developing and sponsoring the implementation of statewide plans and strategies to combat motor vehicle theft and to improve the administration of the motor vehicle theft laws and provide an effective forum for identification of critical problems associated with motor vehicle theft;
- Coordinating the development, adoption, and implementation of plans and strategies relating to interagency or intergovernmental cooperation with respect to motor vehicle theft law enforcement; and
- Providing an annual report on the activities of the Authority to specified entities.<sup>4</sup>

### **Membership of the Authority**

The powers and duties of the Authority are vested in and exercised by a Board of Directors (Board), established within the Authority, which includes the following members:

- The Chief Financial Officer or his or her designee;
- The executive director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles;
- The executive director of the Department of Law Enforcement; and
- Six additional members, each of whom are appointed by the Attorney General as follows: a state attorney or city or county executive, a chief executive law enforcement official, a sheriff, one representative of companies authorized to sell motor vehicle insurance, one representative of insurers authorized to write motor vehicle insurance in this state, and one representative of purchasers of motor vehicle insurance in this state who is not employed by or connected with the business of insurance.<sup>5</sup>

### **Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund**

In addition to the Authority, the Act created the Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund (Trust Fund).<sup>6</sup> The Trust Fund was funded pursuant to s. 320.08046, F.S., which appropriated 18 percent of a \$1 license tax<sup>7</sup> surcharge (vehicle registration fee) to the Trust Fund.<sup>8</sup> Trust Fund dollars were required to be used to:

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<sup>2</sup> Section 860.152, F.S.

<sup>3</sup> Section 860.154, F.S.

<sup>4</sup> Section 860.157, F.S.

<sup>5</sup> Section 860.154, F.S.

<sup>6</sup> Chapter 1992-145, L.O.F.

<sup>7</sup> See section 320.08, F.S.

<sup>8</sup> In 1992, s. 320.08045, F.S., imposed a 50 cent surcharge on each license tax, which was deposited into the Trust Fund. This statute was repealed in 1995. That same year, s. 320.08046, F.S., was amended to revise the surcharge on license taxes and to provide guidelines for surcharge distribution to the Trust Fund. See ch. 1992-145, L.O.F., and ch. 1995-267, L.O.F.

- Pay the Authority's cost to administer the Board and the Trust Fund; and
- Achieve the purposes and objectives of the Act.<sup>9</sup>

In 2003, the Legislature terminated the Trust Fund and amended s. 320.08046, F.S., to remove the language appropriating 18 percent of the \$1 license tax surcharge to the Trust Fund.<sup>10</sup> As a result, the Authority has not been funded since 2003.<sup>11</sup> According to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), the OAG has not administered the Authority since funding was eliminated. However, statutes relating to the Authority still exist, despite the program not being operational.

Auto theft is much less prevalent today than it was in 1992 when the Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Authority was established.<sup>12</sup> In fact, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement reports that the occurrence of auto theft in Florida has decreased by nearly fifty percent since 2003 when the Authority stopped operating.<sup>13</sup>

### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill repeals statutes relating to the Authority. Specifically, the bill repeals the following provisions:

- Section 860.151, F.S., (Short title);
- Section 860.152, F.S., (Purpose);
- Section 860.153, F.S., (Definitions);
- Section 860.154, F.S., (Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Authority);
- Section 860.155, F.S., (Compensation of members);
- Section 860.156, F.S., (Personnel);
- Section 860.157, F.S., (Powers and duties of the authority); and
- Section 860.158, F.S., (Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Authority Expenditures).

The bill also makes a conforming change to s. 713.78, F.S., (Liens for recovering, towing, or storing vehicles and vessels), to delete a reference to s. 860.158, F.S.

### IV. Constitutional Issues:

#### A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

#### B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

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<sup>9</sup> Chapter 1992-145, L.O.F.

<sup>10</sup> Chapter 2003-179, L.O.F.

<sup>11</sup> Verified by Senate Budget Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations.

<sup>12</sup> There were 105,553 auto theft incidents reported in 1992, compared to 41,433 in 2010. *See* Florida Statistical Analysis Center: FDLE (1989-2010), Crime in Florida, Florida Uniform Crime Report.

<sup>13</sup> There were 81,536 auto theft incidents reported in 2003. *Id.*

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Additional Information:**

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

By Senator Hays

20-00644-12

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1 A bill to be entitled  
 2 An act relating to the Florida Motor Vehicle Theft  
 3 Prevention Authority; repealing ss. 860.151, 860.152,  
 4 860.153, 860.154, 860.155, 860.156, 860.157, and  
 5 860.158, F.S., relating to the Florida Motor Vehicle  
 6 Theft Prevention Authority; repealing provisions  
 7 relating to a short title, purpose, definitions,  
 8 establishment, compensation of members, personnel,  
 9 powers and duties, and expenditures; amending s.  
 10 713.78, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing  
 11 an effective date.  
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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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 15 Section 1. Sections 860.151, 860.152, 860.153, 860.154,  
 16 860.155, 860.156, 860.157, and 860.158, Florida Statutes, are  
 17 repealed.  
 18 Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (13) of section  
 19 713.78, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:  
 20 713.78 Liens for recovering, towing, or storing vehicles  
 21 and vessels.—  
 22 (13)  
 23 (e) When a wrecker operator files a notice of wrecker  
 24 operator's lien under this subsection, the department shall  
 25 charge the wrecker operator a fee of \$2, which shall be  
 26 deposited into the General Revenue Fund ~~established under s.~~  
 27 ~~860.158~~. A service charge of \$2.50 shall be collected and  
 28 retained by the tax collector who processes a notice of wrecker  
 29 operator's lien.

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30 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

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S0638

GENERAL BILL by Hays; (Identical H 4073)

Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Authority. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2012.

01/20/12 S On Committee agenda-- Budget Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations, 01/25/12, 10:30 am, 110 Senate Office Building

01/25/12 S Favorable by Budget Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations; YEAS 15 NAYS 0; Now in Budget

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
**APPEARANCE RECORD**

(Deliver BOTH copies of this form to the Senator or Senate Professional Staff conducting the meeting)

1/25/12  
Meeting Date

Topic Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention

Bill Number 638  
(if applicable)

Name Andrew Ray

Amendment Barcode \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

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Speaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Representing Office of the Attorney General

Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

*While it is a Senate tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.*

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S-001 (10/20/11)



# CourtSmart Tag Report

**Room:** EL 110

**Case:**

**Type:**

**Caption:** Budget Subcommittee on Transportation, tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations **Judge:**

**Started:** 1/25/2012 10:32:55 AM

**Ends:** 1/25/2012 10:37:41 AM **Length:** 00:04:47

**10:32:59 AM** Meeting called to order and roll called.

**10:33:51 AM** Opening remarks by chairman Benacquisto.

**10:33:52 AM** SB 562 by Senator Lynn relating to Community-based Development Organizations. Bill was presented by Charlyn Thompson, Legislative Assistant to Senator Lynn.

**10:34:57 AM**

**10:35:08 AM** SB 562 passed favorable with 14 yeas and 0 nays.

**10:35:45 AM** SB 638 by Senator Hays relating to Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Authority. Bill was presented by Paul Runk, Legislative Assistant to Senator Hays.

**10:36:18 AM** Public appearance record: Mr. Faye waved his time in an support of the bill.

**10:36:26 AM**

**10:36:37 AM** SB 638 passed favorable with 15 yeas and 0 nays.

**10:37:09 AM** Senator Smith requested motion to show him voting on 'yea' on SB 562 after roll call.

**10:37:27 AM** Senator Gaetz moves we rise. Meeting adjourned.



## THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

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### SENATOR JD ALEXANDER

17th District

January 24, 2012

Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto, Chair  
Committee on Budget Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development  
Appropriations  
326 Senate Office Building  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Senator Benacquisto,

I respectfully request permission to be absent from the Committee on Budget Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations, tomorrow, January 25, 2012. I will not be able to attend this meeting.

Thank you for your approval in this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JD Alexander".

A circular stamp or seal, possibly a notary or official seal, with some illegible text inside.

JD Alexander  
Senator, District 17

Xc: Reynold Meyer

### REPLY TO:

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## THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

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**SENATOR LARCENIA J. BULLARD**

39th District

January 25, 2012

The Honorable LizBeth Benaquisto  
Chair  
Transportation, Tourism & Economic  
Development Appropriations Committee  
201 The Capitol  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Dear Senator Benaquisto:

I humbly request an excused absence from today's Transportation, Tourism & Economic Development Appropriations Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Handwritten initials "LJB" inside a circle.

Handwritten signature of Larcenia Bullard.

Larcenia Bullard  
39<sup>th</sup> District

LJB/al

Cc: Reynold Meyer, Staff Director  
Joyce Randall, Committee Administrative Assistant

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