

COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

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

**Senator Latvala, Chair
Senator Clemens, Vice Chair**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 2015
TIME: 3:00 —5:00 p.m.
PLACE: 301 Senate Office Building

MEMBERS: Senator Latvala, Chair; Senator Clemens, Vice Chair; Senators Brandes, Detert, Diaz de la Portilla, Gibson, Hukill, Sachs, and Thompson

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Review and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Issues Relating to: Department of Economic Opportunity Division of Emergency Management, Executive Office of the Governor Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Department of Military Affairs Department of State Department of Transportation	Discussed	
	Other Related Meeting Documents		

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Dpt Transp. / Comm for the Transp. Disadv.

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

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Topic Grants

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Topic Budget

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Representing Florida Housing Finance Corporation

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

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Topic SHIP / SAIL Amendment Barcode (if applicable) _____

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Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No
Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

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Topic High Skill High Wage Training Program

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Representing Career Source Florida

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

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Topic DEO BUDGET

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Room: SB 301

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Caption: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (Part B) **Judge:**

Started: 3/17/2015 3:00:14 PM

Ends: 3/17/2015 4:49:41 PM

Length: 01:49:28

3:00:35 PM Sen. Latvala (Chair)
3:00:37 PM roll call
3:01:10 PM Sen. Latvala -opening
3:03:17 PM Karen Sommerset, Assistant Director, Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, Department of Transportation
3:03:56 PM Phillip Miller, Staff Director, ATD
3:04:58 PM Sen. Latvala - clarifies budget money
3:05:47 PM Sen. Gibson - is the budget amount taking into account the unmet need of non-Medicaid individuals?
3:07:18 PM K. Sommerset - has not taken in the unmet need at this time; to have documentation to support that
3:07:57 PM Sen. Gibson - why not?
3:08:12 PM K. Sommerset
3:08:25 PM Sen. Gibson - the unmet need was based on the number of calls received and not able to complete; this was tossed out because of not doing Medicaid anymore?
3:08:43 PM K. Sommerset
3:09:10 PM Sen. Latvala - explain how the funding is arrived at
3:09:15 PM K. Sommerset
3:09:38 PM Sen. Latvala - Sen. Gibson is your concern uniformly spread among the counties you are familiar with or do some counties have bigger problems than others?
3:09:52 PM Sen. Gibson - some has to do with the smaller counties
3:11:43 PM Sen. Latvala - we are the appropriators, there are a couple ways to approach it; do they get to month 10 and the money runs out or do counties divide it out throughout the year?
3:12:44 PM K. Sommerset - divide it among the year
3:12:52 PM Sen. Latvala - are there times when someone calls for a trip and there is not one available?
3:13:00 PM K. Sommerset - there could be parts of the state where they have reached their monthly allocation
3:13:06 PM Sen. Latvala - do we know who they are
3:13:08 PM K. Sommerset - we could find out
3:13:13 PM Sen. Latvala - in your opinion - what if we could supplement this category with \$2 million to provide for it to be used outside of the formula for those kind of emergencies, what kind of implementation problem would there be?
3:13:30 PM K. Sommerset
3:13:53 PM Sen. Sachs - it's a big issue in my district, I am glad we are going to tackle it today
3:14:54 PM Sen. Brandes - supplementary funds is a good idea and there is a proposal in a transportation bill to study alternatives
3:15:25 PM Sen. Latvala - other ideas
3:16:20 PM Sen. Gibson - I do appreciate your proposal and I support it; clarifies what TD does.
3:18:40 PM Sen. Latvala - is there any objection
3:19:07 PM Sen. Detert - they are going to up fees, the money has to come from somewhere and I'm for status quo
3:19:46 PM Sen. Latvala - we could take out of the work program, paving streets, airports
3:20:04 PM Sen. Detert - we have a goal of 100,000 visitors, it's a gridlock now to get to Tallahassee
3:20:55 PM Sen. Hukill - I support Sen. Gibson
3:21:01 PM Sen. Brandes - I would like to talk to DOT- to structure this
3:21:32 PM Sen. Latvala - consensus minus 1; let's figure this out - how to do this without it coming from the work program
3:21:46 PM Sen. Latvala - We have a proposal from Sen. Thompson and have some efforts by Sen. Gibson in regards to African - American Cultural tourism programs; a concern is how to administrate it; an idea - take one existing program that already has a list and grant evaluation process and we designate a sub group and fund it, for the coming year to provide for these types of projects; My question is which one of the project list would that go in most appropriately?
3:23:21 PM Kari Post, Deputy Secretary, Department of State, Grants
3:23:23 PM Sen. Latvala - would you like Sen. Thompson to explain what she has in mind
3:23:46 PM Sen. Thompson - invest in our cultural resources; we are calling it Sankofa project; we need to claim our rightful place in civil rights history to attract people interested in this and have it as an economic development tool; we will lose these structures if we do not invest in them; build on what we have done in the past
3:25:50 PM Sen. Latvala - which one of your grant programs would be the closest fit to that?

3:26:13 PM Kari Post - funds could go in cultural facilities

3:27:07 PM Sen. Sachs - which is better to use a fund for cultural sites or historical sites

3:27:20 PM K. Post - there is overlap

3:27:50 PM Sen. Sachs - I want them in one fund to use to preserve, recognize and to educate our children on these sites

3:29:58 PM K. Post

3:29:58 PM Sen. Gibson - I don't want to lose what we have had funded; by putting the funds in the cultural facilities they would still be available to the African- American Heritage Network - how would that work?

3:31:02 PM K. Post - it could go two ways

3:31:59 PM Sen. Hukill (Chair)

3:32:06 PM Sen. Gibson - if Clara White in Jacksonville wanted an intern or technical assistance, to whom would they make that request?

3:32:47 PM K. Post

3:33:27 PM Sen. Gibson - we could mix the two and people would still have access, either or?

3:33:30 PM K. Post - yes

3:33:36 PM Sen. Latvala - Kristin do you have a way we might want this handled; appropriate this money out of Economic Opportunity then have some proviso language to the Department of State on how to administrate it

3:34:16 PM Sen. Thompson - the facilities really need attention; if we don't have the facilities there will be no product; we need to invest the product

3:35:18 PM Sen. Sachs - this need is present and not addressed welcome your for attention

3:35:37 PM Sen. Latvala - so that is so ordered

3:35:44 PM Sen. Latvala - I have raised the issue on the split on housing money; SAIL programs - projects that administered by the Florida Financing Corporation and SHIP - money distributed to the counties; now statutorily split at 60/40 - SHIP/SAIL; asking to provide for this year from 60/40 to something closer, maybe 50/50

3:37:39 PM Sen Detert - isn't SHIP for housing and SAIL for rental; for discussion purposes I support the down payment programs for housing and gives reasons why; do we have a ratio now ?

3:39:25 PM Sen. Latvala - 60 SHIP /40 SAIL; some people in response to your comments was that it was people that had down payment assistance that couldn't make their payments that got us into some of the problems we had in 2007 - 2008

3:40:01 PM Sen. Detert -It was more like the high end people that were flipping more than the person that owned one small home

3:40:14 PM Sen. Latvala - the concern I have is we have inconsistencies in the programs; some counties use it different ways; there are counties that use SHIP for multifamily projects not just single family housing

3:40:37 PM Sen. Detert - I do too; these are Federal programs correct?

3:40:44 PM Sen. Latvala - it's all state funding

3:40:46 PM Sen. Detert - if we are to have a ration, I would say SHIP 60/SAIL 40; SHIP is for single family, SAIL is for rental?

3:41:21 PM Sen. Latvala - not entirely

3:41:42 PM Sen. Detert - There has been federal programs that offer people very cheap interest if a portion of your apartment building is for low income; the rest pay the full amount; you could do that with SAIL

3:42:06 PM Sen. Latvala - Would you give us information on the difference in the two programs the kinds of things done in the SHIP program

3:42:12 PM Steve Auger - Executive Director, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, budget

3:43:29 PM Sen. Latvala - SHIP programs 65% on home ownership, the remaining 35% is split how?

3:43:37 PM S. Auger - 10% on administration, 25% could be used for rental; statewide the average is 89% is used for home ownership

3:44:12 PM Sen. Detert - The Governor wants it to be 100%; his is higher than what we are discussing

3:44:39 PM S. Auger - the Governors recommendation - SHIP for home down payment and owner occupied rehab.

3:44:55 PM Sen. Gibson - The Governor recommendation provides for 30 million for SHIP and 165.3 million for GR

3:45:17 PM Sen. Latvala - what we are talking about is the money that will be there, we will know tomorrow

3:45:48 PM Sen. Gibson - SHIP - rehabilitation to owned homes not so much down payments; my area runs out of rehabilitative money quickly; SAIL - financing rental, is that building or can repairs be made to existing multi - family units where low income live

3:47:17 PM S. Auger - SAIL - can do new construction or acquisition rehabilitation; often do rehabilitation of older existing complexes

3:47:39 PM Sen. Gibson - can you talk about your awareness of counties with long waiting lists for SHIP services

3:47:46 PM S. Auger - SHIP - 65% to be tied to an income eligible homeowner

3:48:47 PM Sen. Brandes - can we do it via proviso, to move that 65% number

3:48:56 PM S. Auger

3:49:04 PM Sen. Brandes how long has it been 65%

3:49:11 PM S. Auger - there is a couple of percentages let me make clear

3:50:05 PM Sen. Brandes - 65% is going toward home ownership assistance, right?

3:50:14 PM S. Auger
3:50:20 PM Sen. Brandes - can we lower the 65% to be flexibility when rental assistance is needed but not available but home ownership money is available
3:51:06 PM S. Auger - the Chair has sponsored a bill around homelessness that addresses some of those issues
3:51:21 PM Sen Detert - you would the locals to be able to shift the money between SHIP and SAIL; then we do not have to have a percentage can we do that? It's county control and county decision; is that legal?
3:51:52 PM S. Auger - SAIL program is administered by Florida Housing and other federal resources, we administer
3:52:18 PM Sen. Detert - the needs of my community is to get peoples in houses; they are lower middle class, their jobs don't pay as much as they should and the cost of housing is very expensive
3:53:40 PM S. Auger
3:53:54 PM Sen. Detert - it would be nice if the people that build houses could own one, I think that should be the goal
3:54:10 PM Sen. Gibson - If you dictate to the cities and counties 65% for homeownership what happens to the rehabilitation part?
3:55:02 PM S. Auger
3:55:49 PM Sen. Gibson - where are we today, in terms of need for financing and building more rentals
3:56:30 PM S. Auger
3:57:21 PM Sen. Latvala - more capacity of affordable housing through SAIL program
3:58:17 PM Sen. Brandes - more flexibility inside of SHIP than change the allocation between SHIP and SAIL
3:59:22 PM S. Auger
3:59:34 PM Sen. Latvala - 2014 - 2015 SAIL program - 67 million dollars; SHIP - 100 million dollars; an additional 16 million to spend on those programs, how many projects
4:00:01 PM S. Auger - 4 - 5 projects
4:00:03 PM Sen. Brandes - let them determine how to best serve their constituents
4:00:06 PM Sen. Latvala - with the leveraging of the tax credits
4:00:12 PM Sen. Brandes - so 5 projects statewide
4:00:15 PM Sen. Latvala - provide more flexibility in the SHIP program; maybe the counties might not have to spend so much on home ownership and spend more on rental programs
4:00:29 PM Sen. Brandes - let them determine how to best serve their constituents
4:01:03 PM Chris Doolin - Small County Coalition, SHIP/SAIL
4:01:06 PM C. Doolin - our counties would like flexibility
4:01:40 PM Sen. Detert - the percentage under the affordable housing program is \$70,000,816,000, is that the number we need to use?
4:02:03 PM Sen. Latvala - depends what our allocation is for housing; do you want to answer
4:02:18 PM Phillip Miller - line 42 on page 7 and line; 43 on page 8 - the SHIP program
4:02:39 PM Sen. Detert - 70 million is real other things and SAIL; 166 million is SHIP
4:02:49 PM Sen. Latvala - we have a smaller sheet that is just affordable housing; goes back the last 5 years; current law pre-amendment 1
4:03:23 PM Sen. Latvala - Department of Economic Opportunity, Mr. Hart, item on page 9 line 49; a new item for 30 million, we need more explanation; turn chair over to Sen. Detert
4:04:14 PM Mr. Hart, CEO/President, Career Source, High Skill High Wage Training Program
4:06:46 PM Sen. Sachs - what industries do we have in Florida that qualifies for this funding?
4:07:39 PM C. Hart - high skill high wage occupations
4:08:59 PM Sen. Detert (Chair) - we have STEM training; why put funds into Career Source and have you do it too?
4:09:32 PM C. Hart - putting the \$30 million in STEM occupations
4:10:02 PM Sen. Deter - we give you 30 million and you give it to the universities; where does the training take place
4:10:14 PM C. Hart
4:11:18 PM Sen. Detert - since you are Career Source shouldn't you being doing this for free
4:11:50 PM C. Hart - 2 ways work with the business or provide scholarships to develop the skills needed for the occupation
4:14:01 PM Sen. Detert - pay the business owner to conduct the training?
4:14:08 PM C. Hart - yes, offset the cost of training
4:14:25 PM Sen. Detert - break down the \$30 Million
4:14:40 PM C. Hart
4:15:48 PM Sen. Gibson - have we restored the 15 million in TANF funds that was taken out in 2013
4:16:29 PM C. Hart
4:18:14 PM Sen. Gibson - quit their job, the scholarship will cover their wages until they get the skills needed for the other job?
4:18:48 PM C. Hart
4:20:55 PM Sen. Thompson - someone signs up for training, does not complete it, what happens to the tax payer dollars
4:21:24 PM C. Hart - we need to work on guidelines on the scholarship side

4:22:07 PM Sen. Thompson - you said it could work you give the money to the business
4:22:12 PM C. Hart
4:22:29 PM Sen. Thompson - the business has the money, the person doesn't complete the training, what happens to the money
4:22:39 PM C Hart - we reimburse after the training is complete
4:23:12 PM Sen. Latvala (Chair) - with the allocation this subcommittee received, probably not going to look real favorable on the first pass; we need more understanding on what you are trying to accomplish
4:24:03 PM Sen. Brandes - a smaller allocation; a piloted program in a community and see what we are able to work out
4:24:34 PM Sen. Latvala
4:24:57 PM Sen. Sachs - I want to hear more about this; not enough companies in Florida for all this training
4:25:33 PM C. Hart - would that help if we make some rounds
4:25:50 PM Sen. Latvala - last 2 items: Technical Planning and Assistance/Competitive Florida Partnership Program and Project Connect Implementation and Reemployment Assistance Program Additional Funding
4:26:36 PM Jessie Panuccio, Executive Director, Department Economic Opportunity, Budget
4:27:47 PM Sen. Latvala - give us examples of the kinds of projects you anticipate
4:27:58 PM J. Panuccio
4:28:28 PM Bill Kingsworth, Director Community Development, Department of Economic Development
4:28:32 PM B. Killingsworth - 4 communities: White Springs, Port St. Joe, Desoto County, Newberry
4:28:47 PM Sen. Latvala - how were they picked?
4:28:50 PM B. Killingsworth - applications; 17 communities applied
4:30:48 PM Sen. Latvala - the additional 2 million is to take in more communities or implement the exiting communities
4:30:56 PM B. Killingsworth - help implement
4:31:01 PM Sen. Brandes - like shark tank principalities
4:31:03 PM B. Killingsworth
4:31:46 PM Sen. Brandes - no legislative oversight of those funds
4:32:00 PM B. Killingsworth
4:32:19 PM Sen. Gibson - are we helping counties build from the ground or are we in-filling
4:32:50 PM B. Killingsworth
4:33:29 PM Sen. Gibson - is that a report on paper strategies, in-fill, or build-out leverage?
4:34:12 PM B. Killingsworth
4:34:47 PM Sen. Latvala - funding requested for the Project Connect Implementation and Reemployment Assistance Program
4:35:07 PM J. Panuccio
4:35:36 PM Sen. Latvala - increase funding is going to allow you to decrease staffing
4:35:36 PM J. Panuccio
4:36:30 PM Sen. Gibson - increase funding, decrease staff
4:36:45 PM J. Panuccio
4:37:53 PM Sen. Gibson - I have hesitation relying on a system and cutting back on staff
4:38:38 PM J. Panuccio
4:40:50 PM Sen. Gibson - you need an increase in order to decrease staff, when?
4:40:56 PM J. Panuccio
4:42:04 PM Sen. Latvala - more issues, go ahead
4:43:03 PM J. Panuccio
4:44:10 PM Sen. Sachs - how much did you want for that
4:44:35 PM J. Panuccio
4:44:58 PM Sen. Latvala - what is the last issue
4:45:01 PM J. Panuccio
4:47:13 PM Sen. Latvala - any questions on this issue
4:47:27 PM Sen. Gibson - restore the \$15 million to our Career Source board in our local communities
4:48:27 PM Sen. Latvala - closing remarks
4:49:23 PM Sen Detert moves we rise



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SENATOR MIGUEL DIAZ de la PORTILLA
40th District

March 16, 2015

The Honorable Jack Latvala
Chair
Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism,
And Economic Development

Via email

Dear Chair Latvala:

I respectfully request that I be excused from the TED Committee meetings today, March 16, and tomorrow, March 17. I need to remain in Miami due to a law firm business obligation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Miguel Diaz de la Portilla
Senator, District 40

Cc: Mr. Philip Miller, Staff Director; Ms. Elizabeth Wells, Committee Administrative Assistant

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