

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2022 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Appropriations

SB 2512 — Aircraft

by Appropriations Committee

The bill, relating to Aircraft, conforms statutes to the funding decisions in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, which appropriates \$25 million from the General Revenue Fund and \$5.8 million in recurring funds from the Department of Management Services' (department) Operating Trust Fund for the purpose of implementing and administering the executive aircraft pool.

The bill creates an executive aircraft pool within the department for the purpose of furnishing executive air travel.

The bill designates and assigns each aircraft in the executive aircraft pool to a tier of traveler and a priority ranking is assigned for both aircrafts. Trip requests must be scheduled on a first-call, first-served basis, except in the event of a scheduling conflict, when the priority order applies.

The bill provides the executive aircraft pool be operated on a full cost recovery basis, less available funds. The department must charge all users established rates for travel. The department's Operating Trust Fund is to be used as the depository for fee collections for persons traveling on an executive aircraft and for expenditures associated with the costs incurred to operate aircraft management activities of the department.

The bill revises provisions, relating to the list of approved manufacturers from which governmental agencies may purchase drones, to prohibit manufacturers located in or substantially owned, controlled, sponsored, commanded, managed, or dominated by a foreign country of concern. In addition, the bill authorizes the department to update the list of approved manufacturers annually and to provide waivers to governmental agencies overseeing the Florida Forest Service.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 32-1; House 95-11