

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Judiciary (Baker) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

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Delete lines 161 - 171 and insert:

- 1. Continue to work closely with all affected communities, including, but not limited to, the City of Lakeland, the City of Plant City, and Polk County, to identify and address anticipated impacts associated with an increase in freight rail traffic;
- 2. In coordination with the affected local governments and CSX Transportation, Incorporated, finalize all viable alternatives from the department's Rail Traffic Evaluation Study to identify and develop an alternative route for through freight

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rail traffic moving through Central Florida, including Polk and Hillsborough counties. Following the completion of the department's alternative rail traffic evaluation, the department shall begin a project development and environmental study that must be reviewed and approved by appropriate federal agencies so that a preferred alternative can be identified which minimizes the impacts associated with freight rail movements along the corridor. This preferred alternative shall become the basis for future development of this freight rail corridor and shall be prioritized for funding in the department's work program no later than 10 years from commencement of construction of the CSX Integrated Logistics Center; and

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