



GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL

SB2000

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Amendment</u>
BTA	31

Senator(s) **Montford** moved the following amendment:

<p>Section: 06</p> <p>On Page: 281</p> <p>Spec App: 2304A</p>	<p><u>EXPLANATION:</u></p> <p>Provides that up to \$150,000 from the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund in the Department of Economic Opportunity may be used for a study to identify strategies for expanding the economic activity of each rural area of the state. These funds are earmarked from the lump sum appropriated for Economic Development Tools.</p>
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<u>NET IMPACT ON:</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>General Revenue</u>	<u>Trust Funds</u>
Recurring -	0	0	0
Non-Recurring -	0	0	0

Positions & Amount	Positions & Amount
DELETE	INSERT

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, DEPARTMENT OF
 Program: Strategic Business Development
 Strategic Business Development 40400100

In Section 06 On Page 281

2304A Lump Sum 098019
 Economic Development Tools IOEA

At the end of existing proviso language, immediately following Specific Appropriation 2304A, INSERT:

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2304A from the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund, Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI), in conjunction with the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and Workforce Florida, Inc., may use up to \$150,000 to conduct a study to identify innovative strategies for expanding the economic activity of each rural area in the state. Expanding economic activity includes increasing employment through: existing businesses and through new businesses locating to the area; increasing the total production of goods and services; and increasing the need for expanded infrastructure due to increasing population in that area. The rural areas to be included in the strategies shall be all those counties and municipalities defined as rural for the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) in section 288.0656, Florida Statutes, as well as any

other counties or municipalities included in any of the designated Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC). The study shall create strategies for providing small business assistance as well as proactively recruiting new businesses to locate in rural areas. The study shall provide recommendations for strategies specific to each rural community. Besides employing the existing statutory incentive programs and the statutorily authorized criteria waivers for those programs in rural areas, the study shall identify alternative means of enticing businesses to locate or expand in rural areas. Alternative means may include increased incentive amounts, reduced incentive performance metrics, newly proposed incentives, and newly proposed ways to eliminate non-financial barriers to business expansion in rural areas, such as permitting barriers, workforce needs or needed transportation improvements. The study shall take into account local incentive programs as well as the existing state statutory incentive programs. EFI may use the annual data reported to the Office of Economic and Demographic research pursuant to sections 125.045 and 166.021, Florida Statutes, related to incentives given to businesses, and the information reported directly to EFI related to the community inventory under section 288.912, Florida Statutes. The strategies developed shall include the most effective and efficient methods of coordinating and employing the resources and planning efforts of all of the entities identified in section 288.0656(6)(a), Florida Statutes, as Rural Economic Development Initiative agencies. The study shall specifically identify and rank both the impediments deemed most problematic and the inducements deemed most effective as they relate to promoting economic growth in each rural community. The study should also recommend the types and characteristics of businesses that should be priority targets for economic development in each rural community. EFI shall submit the study and recommendations no later than December 1, 2012, to the chair of the Senate Budget Committee and the chair of the House Appropriations Committee. The DEO shall also include in the annual incentives report required pursuant to section 288.907, Florida Statutes, on December 30, 2012, detailed information showing geographic distribution of incentive contracts, specifically showing the difference between rural and non rural communities and the industry type for such projects.

Line item amendments are accepted as part of the amendatory process. However, due to the necessity of using computerized systems this may entail a different placement within a budget entity or the renumbering of the specific appropriation items.