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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Stargel moved the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (673118) (with title amendment)

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Delete lines 5 - 10
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and insert:

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10 11 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (f) is added to that subsection, present paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of that section is redesignated as paragraph (d), present paragraph (d) of that subsection is amended, and a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, to read:

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12 125.0104 Tourist development tax; procedure for levying; 13 authorized uses; referendum; enforcement.-

(4) ORDINANCE LEVY TAX; PROCEDURE.-

15 (e) The governing board of each county which levies and 16 imposes a tourist development tax under this section shall 17 appoint an advisory council to be known as the "... (name of 18 county)... Tourist Development Council." The council shall be 19 established by ordinance and composed of nine members who shall 20 be appointed by the governing board as provided in this 21 paragraph. The chair of the governing board of the county or any 22 other member of the governing board as designated by the chair 23 shall serve on the council. Two members of the council shall be 24 elected municipal officials, at least one of whom shall be from the most populous municipality in the county or subcounty 25 26 special taxing district in which the tax is levied. Six members 27 of the council shall be persons who are involved in the tourist 28 industry and who have demonstrated an interest in tourist 29 development, of which members, not less than three nor more than 30 four shall be owners or operators of motels, hotels, 31 recreational vehicle parks, or other tourist accommodations in 32 the county and subject to the tax, provided, however, that no 33 fewer than four members of the council shall be owner/operators 34 of the property or properties located in the county that 35 collected the highest annual tourist development tax revenue by 36 ownership in the year immediately preceding the appointment. All 37 members of the council shall be electors of the county. The 38 members of governing board of the county shall have the option 39 of designating the chair of the council or allowing the council to shall annually elect a chair from among those owner/operators 40

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41 on the council. The chair shall be appointed or elected annually 42 and may be reelected or reappointed for one additional 1-year term. The members of the council shall serve for staggered terms 43 44 of 4 years. The terms of office of the original members shall be prescribed in the resolution required under paragraph (b), 45 46 provided, however, that the resolution required under paragraph 47 (b) must be amended to comply with this paragraph. The council shall meet at least once each quarter and, from time to time, 48 49 shall make recommendations to the county governing board for the effective operation of the special projects or for uses of the 50 51 tourist development tax revenue and perform such other duties as 52 may be prescribed by county ordinance or resolution. The council 53 shall continuously review expenditures of revenues from the 54 tourist development trust fund and shall receive, at least 55 quarterly, expenditure reports from the county governing board 56 or its designee. Expenditures which the council believes to be 57 unauthorized shall be reported to the county governing board and 58 the Department of Revenue. The governing board and the 59 department shall review the findings of the council and take 60 appropriate administrative or judicial action to ensure 61 compliance with this section. The changes in the composition of 62 the membership of the tourist development council mandated by 63 chapter 86-4, Laws of Florida, and this act shall not cause the 64 interruption of the current term of any person who is a member 65 of a council on October 1, 2016 1996.

66 (f) Before expending any tourist development tax revenue on 67 a specific project or special use under paragraph (5) (a) or 68 (5) (b), the governing board of the county shall obtain a return-69 on-investment analysis for the proposed specific project or

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70	special use. The return-on-investment analysis shall be
71	performed by a certified public accountant as defined in s.
72	473.302 or by an individual who has received a Ph.D. in
73	economics from an accredited university, and must include the
74	anticipated tourist development tax revenue that will directly
75	result from the proposed project or use. Return on investment
76	analyses shall be included in the quarterly expenditure reports
77	submitted by the county to the council.
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80	And the title is amended as follows:
81	Delete line 1289
82	and insert:
83	F.S.; revising requirements for the composition of the
84	Tourist Development Council that is appointed by the
85	governing board of each county and levies and imposes
86	a tourist development tax; requiring members of the
87	council to annually elect a chair from certain
88	persons; limiting reelection or reappointment of the
89	chair to a specified term; requiring that a certain
90	resolution by the governing board be amended to comply
91	with certain provisions; revising applicability;
92	requiring the governing board to obtain a specified
93	return-on-investment analysis before expending tourist
94	development tax revenue for certain purposes;
95	requiring that the analysis be performed by specified
96	persons; specifying additional uses for revenues
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