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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
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ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	_____	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Transportation & Tourism  
 2 Appropriations Subcommittee  
 3 Representative Drake offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove lines 17-94 and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 339.0801, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.0801 Allocation of increased revenues derived from amendments to s. 319.32(5)(a) by ch. 2012-128.—Funds that result from increased revenues to the State Transportation Trust Fund derived from the amendments to s. 319.32(5)(a) made by this act must be used annually, first as set forth in subsection (1) and then as set forth in subsections (2)-(5), notwithstanding any other provision of law:

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17 (b) Beginning with the 2022-2023 fiscal year and annually  
18 thereafter, \$35 million shall be transferred to Florida's  
19 Turnpike Enterprise, to be used in accordance with s. 338.2278,  
20 with preference to feeder roads, interchanges, and appurtenances  
21 that create or facilitate multiuse corridor access and  
22 connectivity. Of those funds, and to the maximum extent  
23 feasible, up to \$5 million annually may be used for projects  
24 that assist in the development of broadband infrastructure  
25 within or adjacent to a multiuse corridor. The department shall  
26 give priority consideration to broadband infrastructure projects  
27 located in an area designated as a rural area of opportunity  
28 under s. 288.0656 and adjacent to a multiuse corridor.

29 Section 2. Section 364.0135, Florida Statutes, is amended  
30 to read:

31 364.0135 Promotion of broadband adoption; Florida Office  
32 of Broadband.—

33 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.—The Legislature finds that the  
34 sustainable adoption of broadband Internet service is critical  
35 to the economic and business development of the state and is  
36 beneficial for libraries, schools, colleges and universities,  
37 health care providers, and community organizations.

38 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

39 (a) "Department" means the Department of Economic  
40 Opportunity.

41 (b) "Office" means the Florida Office of Broadband.

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42        (c) "Sustainable adoption" means the ability for  
43 communications service providers to offer broadband services in  
44 all areas of the state by encouraging adoption and utilization  
45 levels that allow for these services to be offered in the free  
46 market absent the need for governmental subsidy.

47        (3) ~~(2)~~ STATE AGENCY.—The department is designated as the  
48 lead state agency to facilitate the expansion of broadband  
49 Internet service in the state. The department shall ~~of~~  
50 ~~Management Services~~ is authorized to work collaboratively with  
51 ~~private businesses,~~ and ~~to~~ receive staffing support and other  
52 resources from, Enterprise Florida, Inc., state agencies, local  
53 governments, ~~private businesses,~~ and community organizations.  
54 ~~to:~~

55        (4) FLORIDA OFFICE OF BROADBAND.—The Florida Office of  
56 Broadband is created within the Division of Community  
57 Development in the department for the purpose of developing,  
58 marketing, and promoting broadband Internet services in the  
59 state. The office, in the performance of its duties, shall do  
60 all of the following:

61        (a) ~~Monitor the adoption of broadband Internet service in~~  
62 ~~collaboration with communications service providers, including,~~  
63 ~~but not limited to, wireless and wireline Internet service~~  
64 ~~providers, to develop geographical information system maps at~~  
65 ~~the census tract level that will:~~

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66 ~~1. Identify geographic gaps in broadband services,~~  
67 ~~including areas unserved by any broadband provider and areas~~  
68 ~~served by a single broadband provider;~~

69 ~~2. Identify the download and upload transmission speeds~~  
70 ~~made available to businesses and individuals in the state, at~~  
71 ~~the census tract level of detail, using data rate benchmarks for~~  
72 ~~broadband service used by the Federal Communications Commission~~  
73 ~~to reflect different speed tiers; and~~

74 ~~3. Provide a baseline assessment of statewide broadband~~  
75 ~~deployment in terms of percentage of households with broadband~~  
76 ~~availability.~~

77 ~~(b)~~ Create a strategic plan that has goals and strategies  
78 for increasing the use of broadband Internet service in the  
79 state. The plan must include a process to review and verify  
80 public input regarding transmission speeds and availability of  
81 broadband Internet service throughout the state.

82 (b)-(e) Build and facilitate local technology planning  
83 teams or partnerships with members representing cross-sections  
84 of the community, which may include, but are not limited to,  
85 representatives from the following organizations and industries:  
86 libraries, K-12 education, colleges and universities, local  
87 health care providers, private businesses, community  
88 organizations, economic development organizations, local  
89 governments, tourism, parks and recreation, and agriculture.

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90            ~~(c)-(d)~~ Encourage the use of broadband Internet service,  
91 especially in the rural, unserved, or ~~and~~ underserved  
92 communities of the state through grant programs having effective  
93 strategies to facilitate the statewide deployment of broadband  
94 Internet service. For any grants to be awarded, priority must be  
95 given to projects that:

96            1. Provide access to broadband education, awareness,  
97 training, access, equipment, and support to libraries, schools,  
98 colleges and universities, health care providers, and community  
99 support organizations.

100           2. Encourage the sustainable adoption of broadband in  
101 primarily underserved ~~unserved~~ areas by removing barriers to  
102 entry.

103           3. Work toward encouraging investments in establishing  
104 affordable and sustainable broadband Internet service in  
105 underserved ~~unserved~~ areas of the state.

106           4. Facilitate the development of applications, programs,  
107 and services, including, but not limited to, telework,  
108 telemedicine, and e-learning to increase the usage of, and  
109 demand for, broadband Internet service in the state.

110           (d) Monitor, participate in, and provide input in  
111 proceedings of the Federal Communications Commission and other  
112 federal agencies related to the geographic availability and  
113 deployment of broadband Internet service in the state as  
114 necessary to ensure that this information is accurately

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115 presented and that rural, unserved, and underserved areas of the  
116 state are best positioned to benefit from federal and state  
117 broadband deployment programs.

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Between lines 2 and 3, insert:

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amending s. 339.0801, F.S.; authorizing certain funds

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within the State Transportation Trust Fund to be used

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for certain broadband infrastructure projects within

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or adjacent to multiuse corridors; requiring the

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Department of Transportation to give priority to

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certain projects;