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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (Harrell) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section  
255.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

255.065 Public-private partnerships.—

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

(i) "Qualifying project" means:

1. A facility or project that serves a public purpose,



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11 including, but not limited to, any ferry or mass transit  
12 facility, vehicle parking facility, airport or seaport facility,  
13 rail facility or project, fuel supply facility, oil or gas  
14 pipeline, medical or nursing care facility, recreational  
15 facility, sporting or cultural facility, or educational facility  
16 or other building or facility that is used or will be used by a  
17 public educational institution, or any other public facility or  
18 infrastructure that is used or will be used by the public at  
19 large or in support of an accepted public purpose or activity;

20 2. An improvement, including equipment, of a building that  
21 will be principally used by a public entity or the public at  
22 large or that supports a service delivery system in the public  
23 sector;

24 3. A water, wastewater, or surface water management  
25 facility or other related infrastructure; ~~or~~

26 4. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, for  
27 projects that involve a facility owned or operated by the  
28 governing board of a county, district, or municipal hospital or  
29 health care system, or projects that involve a facility owned or  
30 operated by a municipal electric utility, only those projects  
31 that the governing board designates as qualifying projects  
32 pursuant to this section; or

33 5. Vertiports and charging systems.

34 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
35 332.007, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is  
36 added to subsection (6) of that section, to read:

37 332.007 Administration and financing of aviation and  
38 airport programs and projects; state plan.-

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40 (c) Each commercial service airport as defined in s.  
41 332.0075 shall establish and maintain a comprehensive airport  
42 infrastructure program to ensure the ongoing preservation of  
43 airport infrastructure and facilities in safe and serviceable  
44 condition. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "airport  
45 infrastructure" means the facilities, systems, and structural  
46 components of an airport necessary for the safe and efficient  
47 movement of people and goods. The term includes vertiport pads,  
48 safety zones, charging systems, grid upgrades, and resilience  
49 energy systems. Beginning November 1, 2025, and annually  
50 thereafter, each commercial service airport shall provide a  
51 certification to the department, in a manner prescribed by the  
52 department, that it has established and maintains a  
53 comprehensive airport infrastructure program. The comprehensive  
54 airport infrastructure program report, and related documents and  
55 records, must be open to inspection by the department and  
56 maintained by the airport for at least 5 years. The  
57 comprehensive airport infrastructure program must, at a minimum,  
58 include all of the following:

59 1. Identification of airport infrastructure subject to  
60 inspection and the schedule for the completion of such  
61 inspections, taking into consideration the age, type, intended  
62 use, and criticality of the infrastructure to uninterrupted  
63 commercial or cargo operations.

64 2. A preventative maintenance program for routine  
65 maintenance of airport infrastructure, for both commercial and  
66 cargo operations.

67 3. A plan to complete any necessary repairs to, or  
68 rehabilitation or reconstruction of, airport infrastructure,



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69 including prioritization and anticipated timeframe for  
70 completion of the work.

71 4. A progress report of inspections and their outcomes,  
72 preventative maintenance, and previously identified repair to,  
73 or rehabilitation or reconstruction of, airport infrastructure.  
74 The progress report must include any changes in timeline for  
75 completion, changes in cost estimates, and reasons any  
76 inspection, preventative maintenance, or repair or  
77 rehabilitation did not take place.

78 (6) Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, the  
79 department may participate in the capital cost of eligible  
80 public-use airport and aviation development projects in  
81 accordance with the following rates, unless otherwise provided  
82 in the General Appropriations Act or the substantive bill  
83 implementing the General Appropriations Act:

84 (e) When federal funds are not available, the department  
85 may fund up to 100 percent of the project costs of a public  
86 vertiport. If federal funds are available, the department may  
87 fund up to 80 percent of the nonfederal share of such project  
88 costs.

89 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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91 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

92 And the title is amended as follows:

93 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
94 and insert:

95 A bill to be entitled  
96 An act relating to vertiports; amending s. 255.065,  
97 F.S.; revising the definition of the term "qualifying



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98 project"; amending s. 332.007, F.S.; revising the  
99 definition of the term "airport infrastructure";  
100 authorizing the Department of Transportation to fund  
101 up to specified percentages of public vertiport  
102 project costs; providing an effective date.