

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 2220
 INTRODUCER: Senator Wise
 SUBJECT: Strategic Intermodal System Plan
 DATE: March 5, 2010

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Eichin	Meyer	TR	Favorable
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I. Summary:

This bill removes provisions creating the Statewide Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council. The council, which has been inactive since December 2004, was created to advise the Legislature and Florida Department of Transportation on intermodal transportation.

This bill substantially amends the following section of the Florida Statutes: 339.64

II. Present Situation:

The Statewide Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council (SITAC) was created by the 2003 Florida Legislature to advise and make recommendations to the Legislature and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on policies, planning, and funding of intermodal transportation projects.

Membership of the SITAC is structured as follows:

Six intermodal industry representatives selected by the Governor:

- One representative from an airport involved in the movement of freight and people from their airport facility to another transportation mode.
- One representative from a fixed-route, local-government transit system.
- One representative from an intercity bus company providing regularly scheduled bus travel.
- One representative from a spaceport.
- One representative from intermodal trucking companies.
- One representative having command responsibilities of a major military installation.

Three intermodal industry representatives selected by the President of the Senate:

- One representative from major-line railroads.
- One representative from seaports listed in s. 311.09(1), F.S., from the Atlantic Coast.
- One representative from an airport involved in the movement of freight and people from their airport facility to another transportation mode.

Three intermodal industry representatives selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

- One representative from short line railroads.
- One representative from seaports listed in s. 311.09(1), F.S., from the Gulf Coast.
- One representative from intermodal trucking companies.

Initial responsibilities of the SITAC were to coordinate with the Florida Transportation Commission on the development of a mandated assessment of regional transportation in Florida, and to provide input on the initial draft strategic plan for the Florida Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). The initial strategic SIS plan has been completed and subsequently updated.

The SITAC has not met since December 2004 and is currently inactive. The terms of office for all original appointees have lapsed and no reappointments of members were made by the Governor or Legislature. However, according to FDOT, as implementation and refinement of the SIS progresses, the department continues to involve the organizations SITAC members would represent.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill effectively dissolves the Statewide Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council (SITAC) by removing the provisions of s. 339.64, F.S., relating to the creation, responsibilities, and membership of the council.

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2010.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

FDOT will experience a negligibly positive fiscal impact due to the bill's removal of the requirement to provide administrative support to the SITAC.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.