

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2018-19  
TO THE PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE**

**SECTION 50 - P320 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**50.13 AMEND** (Regional Economic Development Organizations) Designates funding for Regional Economic Development Organizations and provides a mechanism by which the funds should be distributed.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference from “2017-18” to “2018-19.”

**50.13.** (CMRC: Regional Economic Development Organizations) The Department of Commerce shall utilize \$5,000,000 appropriated in Fiscal Year ~~2017-18~~ 2018-19 for Regional Economic Development Organizations to provide funds to the following economic development organizations and must be disbursed as follows:

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| (1) Upstate Alliance                         | \$ 750,000;     |
| (2) Central SC Economic Development Alliance | \$ 750,000;     |
| (3) North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESAs) | \$ 745,000;     |
| (4) Charleston Regional Development Alliance | \$ 660,000;     |
| (5) I-77 Alliance                            | \$ 600,000;     |
| (6) Economic Development Partnership         | \$ 450,000;     |
| (7) Southern Carolina Alliance               | \$ 460,000; and |
| (8) The LINK Economic Alliance               | \$ 385,000.     |

Each dollar of state funds must be matched with one dollar of private funds. The organization receiving state funds must certify that the private funds are new dollars specifically designated for the purpose of matching state funds and have not been previously allocated or designated for economic development. No funds appropriated in this proviso may be used for routine operating costs of the organization as defined by the Department of Commerce.

The remaining \$200,000 shall be provided to counties as follows, provided they meet the requirements established above:

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| (1) Beaufort County  | \$ 140,000; and |
| (2) Lancaster County | \$ 60,000.      |

Upon receipt of the request for the funds and certification of the matching funds, the Department of Commerce shall disburse the funds to the requesting organization.

Funds recipients shall provide an annual report by November first, to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee and the Secretary of Commerce on the expenditure of the funds and on the outcome measures.

Any unexpended, unallocated, or undistributed funds appropriated in prior fiscal years for Regional Economic Development Organizations shall first be made available to Regional Economic Development Organizations and any remainder shall be transferred to the Rural Infrastructure Fund at the Department of Commerce. If more than one alliance applies for the same funds, the funds will be distributed pro-rata.

**50.fri ADD** (Funding for Rail Infrastructure) **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to allow the Secretary of Commerce to use Rural Infrastructure Fund grants authorized for the Coordinating Council for Economic Development towards state-owned rail infrastructure projects.

*50.fri. (CMRC: Funding for Rail Infrastructure) Of the funds authorized for the Coordinating Council for Economic Development under Section 12-10-85 (B) of the 1976 Code, the Secretary of Commerce may utilize these funds toward state-owned rail infrastructure projects.*

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**SECTION 51 -P340 - JOBS-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

- 51.1 DELETE** (Bonds Interest Rate) Directs that interest rates of bonds issued by JEDA are not subject to approval by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.  
**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** DELETE proviso. *Act 80 of 2017 corrected the scrivener's error in the Restructuring Act which had necessitated this provision.* Requested by Jobs Economic Development Authority.

~~**51.1.** (JEDA: Bonds Interest Rates) Pursuant to Sections 41-43-100 and 41-43-110(A) of the 1976 Code, the interest rate of bonds issued by the authority are not subject to approval by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.~~

**SECTION 88 - Y140 - STATE PORTS AUTHORITY**

- 88.1 AMEND** (Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project) Directs the State Ports Authority to pay the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank \$1,000,000 before June 30, 2018 to continue the Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project.  
**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** AMEND proviso to update fiscal year references from "2017" to "2018" and from "2018" to "2019." *Meets the obligations of the State Ports Authority and the State Infrastructure Bank's financial agreement.* Fiscal Impact: No impact on the General Fund. The funds used to pay the Transportation Infrastructure Bank are operating funds of the Ports Authority, none of which are state appropriated funds. Generates \$1,000,000 for the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank. Per the Ports Authority, the commitment of the agency is to provide \$1,000,000 per year for 25 years, until 2027. Requested by State Ports Authority.

**88.1.** (SPA: Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project) The State Ports Authority shall, from other general fund or operating fund surplus available and any funds appropriated to the authority in prior fiscal years and left unexpended as of July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018, pay to the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank one million dollars before June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019, to continue the Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project.

- 88.5 DELETE** (Jasper Ocean Terminal Permitting) Designates \$1,000,000 of the funds allocated in FY 2016-17 for the Jasper Ocean Terminal Permitting for a contract for the permitting process that the Corps of Engineers were previously scheduled to handle. Prohibits the Ports Authority from spending these funds until a contract is executed. Requires funds not committed by the contract to be returned to the General Fund at the end of FY 2017-18.  
**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** DELETE proviso.

~~**88.5.** (SPA: Jasper Ocean Terminal Permitting) Of the funds allocated to the Ports Authority in Fiscal Year 2016-17 for the Jasper Ocean Terminal Permitting, \$1,000,000 is designated for a contract for the permitting process that was previously scheduled to be handled by the Corps of Engineers. This funding may not be expended by the Ports Authority until a contract is executed. Additionally, any funds not committed by this contract must be returned to the General Fund at the end of Fiscal Year 2017-18.~~

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**SECTION 117 - X900 - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**117.106 AMEND** (State Ports Authority Property) Directs that if the Authority has not sold its real property on Daniel and Thomas Islands, with certain exceptions, by June 30, 2018, it must transfer the property to the Department of Administration.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** AMEND proviso to delete Thomas (St. Thomas) Island and to change “2018” to “2019.”

**117.106.** (GP: State Ports Authority Property) If the State Ports Authority has not completed the sale of its real property on Daniel Island ~~and Thomas (St. Thomas) Island~~, except for the dredge disposal cells that are needed in connection with the construction of the North Charleston terminal on the Charleston Naval Complex and for harbor deepening and for channel and berth maintenance, by June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019, the authority must transfer the property to the Department of Administration. The authority shall sell the real property under terms and conditions it considers most advantageous to the authority and the State of South Carolina.

**117.134 AMEND** (Catastrophic Weather Event) Directs (A) that improvements to real or personal property used as a residence, such as a mobile home or manufactured housing unit, resulting from damage caused by the catastrophic weather event in October 2015 or Hurricane Matthew of 2016, made after the event and before July 1, 2018, is not considered an improvement and does not require a re-appraisal under certain funding conditions; and (B) directs that for the current fiscal year an eligible property’s tax value shall remain the same unless an assessable transfer of interest occurs.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference from June 30, “2018” to “2019.”

**117.134.** (GP: Catastrophic Weather Event) (A) Any improvements made to real property or personal property used as a residence, such as a mobile home or manufactured housing unit, damaged during the catastrophic weather event in October 2015 or Hurricane Matthew of 2016, after the event and before June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019, is not considered an improvement and does not require a re-appraisal. This provision only applies if as a result of the catastrophic weather event, the improvements made to the property were funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery program. This provision also applies if, at the discretion of the county and using qualifications determined by the county, the improvements were made with the assistance of a volunteer organization active in disaster, or a similar volunteer organization.

(B) During the current fiscal year, the property tax value of an eligible property shall remain the same unless an assessable transfer of interest occurs. No refund is allowed on account of values adjusted as provided in this provision.