

HOUSE RULE

5.14—Appropriations Projects

(a)(1) For purposes of these rules, the term "appropriations project" means a specific appropriation, proviso, or item on a conference committee spreadsheet agreed to by House and Senate conferees providing funding for:

a. A local government, private entity, or privately operated program, wherein the specific appropriation, proviso, or item on a conference committee spreadsheet specifically names the local government, private entity, or privately operated program or the appropriation, proviso, or item is written in such a manner as to describe a particular local government, private entity, or privately operated program;

b. A specific transportation facility that was not part of the Department of Transportation's 5-year work program submitted pursuant to s. 339.135, Florida Statutes;

c. An education fixed capital outlay project that was not submitted pursuant to s. 1013.60 or s. 1013.64, Florida Statutes, unless funds for the specific project were appropriated by the Legislature in a prior year and additional funds are needed to complete the project as originally proposed;

d. A specified program, research initiative, institute, center, or similar entity at a specific state college or university, unless recommended by the Board of Governors or the State Board of Education in their Legislative Budget Request; or

e. A local water project.

(2) The term does not include an appropriation that:

a. Is specifically authorized by statute;

b. Is part of a statewide distribution to local governments; or

c. Was recommended by a commission, council, or other similar entity created in statute to make annual funding recommendations, provided that such appropriation does not exceed the amount of funding recommended by the commission, council, or other similar entity.

(b) Before an appropriations project may be included in the House General Appropriations Act, an appropriations project request form and an attestation form must be completed, electronically submitted, and published online in the manner and by the dates prescribed by the Speaker.

(1) An appropriations project request may be for nonrecurring funds only and may not include more than one appropriations project.

(2) The attestation must include verification under penalty of perjury by the organization or entity for which the appropriations project request was submitted that the information in the published appropriations project request form is true and accurate, that any inaccuracies will be promptly

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corrected, and that the organization or entity consents to investigation of such information and any matter relevant thereto.

(c) Except as provided in Joint Rule 2, a House bill is out of order if it funds an appropriations project for which an appropriations project request form and attestation form were not submitted and published online pursuant to this rule.

(d) A House bill is out of order if a recurring appropriation is used to fund an appropriations project.

(e) A House bill is out of order if it funds an appropriations project that is not clearly identified.

(f) A House bill is out of order if it funds an appropriations project in an amount less than 50 percent of the amount of funding proposed in the published appropriations project request form.

(g) The portion of an appropriations project which was funded with recurring funds in the fiscal year 2016-2017 General Appropriations Act as approved by the Governor and funded at the same or lesser amount in subsequent fiscal years is exempt from the requirements of subsections (c) and (d). If recurring funding for an appropriations project is reduced in a conference report on the General Appropriations Act in any fiscal year, the appropriations project may receive no more than the reduced amount of recurring funding in any subsequent fiscal year. If in any year the recurring funds are eliminated in the conference report on the General Appropriations Act as approved by the Governor, the appropriations project may not receive any recurring funding in any subsequent fiscal year.