

HELP PROTECT THE EXISTENCE OF ENTERPRISE FLORIDA, INC. AND VISIT FLORIDA!

CALL Legislators, **E-MAIL** Legislators or **SHOW UP AND SHARE YOUR LOCAL STORY**

(See specific advocacy instructions below)

[HB 7005](#) - Relating to Economic Programs has been scheduled to be heard on **Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.**, in room 212 of the Knott Building at the capitol complex during a meeting of the House Appropriations Committee.

The legislation proposes to eliminate Enterprise Florida, Inc. and Visit Florida.

FAC Contact

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During the development of FAC's 2017 Legislative Priorities, the membership adopted the following with regard to economic development:

The Florida Association of Counties SUPPORTS measures that empower local governments and provides resources to work with community partners towards the creation of quality jobs, more vibrant Florida communities, as well as an enhanced level of national and global competitiveness. Related issues that are of major interest to FAC for the 2017 Legislative session include, but are not limited to:

A. State and Local Economic Development Partnerships

SUPPORT legislation and appropriation that enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of the state and local government partnership in economic development through the greater use of targeted strategic investments in infrastructure (traditional and high-tech); and programmatic enhancements designed to induce sustainable economic activity resulting in a consistent positive return on investment for both state and local governments

The Governor's office has asked that we share our stories of local successes involving the cooperation of local government and Enterprise Florida, Inc. and Visit Florida. Counties can show their support for maintaining these agencies by expressing personal stories of how services and opportunities provided by Enterprise Florida, Inc. and Visit Florida have made a difference in the areas of economic development, tourist attraction, and related local development in their respective jurisdictions.

Your local support and illustration of why these agencies are important to your county can be shared via three methods:

1. **CALL MEMBERS** of the House Appropriations Committee before noon (e.s.t) Tuesday, February 21, 2017 and share your local perspective. *(See info below)*
2. **E-MAIL MEMBERS** of the House Careers and Competition Subcommittee before noon (e.s.t) Tuesday, February 21, 2017 and share your local perspective. *(See info below)*

3. **SHOW UP AND SHARE** your story through public testimony at the scheduled meeting of the House Appropriations Committee on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., in room 212 of the Knott Building at the capitol complex.

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