



CECIL AIRPORT AS SPACEPORT TERRITORY LEGISLATIVE TALKING POINTS

Space Florida Requests the Florida Legislature Pass HB59 and SB110

This bill will add Jacksonville's Cecil Airport as a Spaceport Territory, to allow Florida's aerospace industry to be diversified in different locations across the state

ABOUT CECIL AIRPORT

- In 2010 Cecil Airport was licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a spaceport
 - Cecil Airport's 12,500-foot (3,810 metre) long, 200-foot (61 metre) wide runway -- one of the biggest in Florida
 - This license allows horizontal commercial space launch companies to fly from there
- Spaceport Territory is currently defined in Florida Statute Chapter 331.304 as,
 - Certain real property located in Brevard County that is included within the 1998 boundaries of Patrick Air Force Base, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, or John F. Kennedy Space Center. The territory consisting of areas within the John F. Kennedy Space Center and the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station may be referred to as the "Cape Canaveral Spaceport."
 - Certain real property located in Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Gulf, and Walton Counties which is included within the 1997 boundaries of Eglin Air Force Base.

ABOUT LEGISLATION

- Sponsored by Senator Wise and Representative Ray
- The bill follows up on the action of the Space Florida board and designates Cecil Airport a "spaceport territory" in statute
- Becoming a spaceport territory allows Space Florida to add Cecil Airport to master planning efforts and eventually to make appropriate infrastructure improvements
- Having an additional spaceport territory only aids Florida in competing for spaceflight businesses
- Legislation would aid Space Florida in attracting different types of commercial space companies, specifically horizontal launch companies

RECOMMENDATION

- Space Florida asks that the Florida Legislature pass HB59 & SB110 into law adding Cecil Field as a spaceport territory

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