

2015 Biennial Convention **RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution #12

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF HB 155

WHEREAS: The Public Transit Agencies throughout the State of Florida employ thousands of Union members with good paying jobs and benefits; and

WHEREAS: Public Transit provides essential transportation needs to the most vulnerable and needy citizens of our state who depend upon this essential public service in order to get to and from work, medical appointments, and essential shopping trips for food and necessities of life; and

WHEREAS: The very nature of Public Transit is an essential public service and the use of public funds to support this public service should not be used to create profits for corporations; and

WHEREAS: The workers who supply the labor to these essential services should not be penalized by having their wages reduced, having their pensions stripped, having to pay more out of pocket for medical expenses; all these in order to pay the profit to the corporations in the name of saving money; and

WHEREAS: The filing of HB 155 is an attempt to provide profits to private corporations with the use of public funds with no proof of savings, no proof of increasing greater services, no proof of creating a safer more sustainable public service to the citizens of Orange, Osceola, Seminole counties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all affiliates, affiliate organizations, and affiliate members of the Florida AFL-CIO will vigorously oppose HB 155 and any other proposed or legislative endeavor whether by state or local government, that would seek to privatize or reduce work currently being done by public sector employees in a bargaining unit for the purpose of making those jobs private whereby public funds are used to profit corporations and destroy good jobs.

Respectfully Submitted:
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Amalgamated Transit Union Legislative Conference Board

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Rejected _____
Withdrawn _____

