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The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation
(Detert) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. (1) A zoo or aquarium having current accreditation with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and operating a facility in the state may apply to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund for authorization to use state lands, or to the governing board of a water management district for authorization to use district lands, for the purpose of conducting enhanced research in husbandry, reproductive biology, endocrinology, nutrition,



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13 genetics, behavior, health, and ecology of selected populations
14 of ungulate and avian species.

15 (2) The application must:

16 (a) Provide information relating to the principals and
17 sponsors of the project.

18 (b) Provide a description of the funding and sources of
19 funding that will be used to support the project.

20 (c) Identify the size, proximate location, and type of land
21 sought.

22 (d) Provide a detailed description of the proposed project,
23 including a description of the research to be conducted and the
24 animals that will be used in the research. A project involving
25 mammalian species that are carnivores or primates is prohibited.

26 (e) Provide a description of the infrastructure necessary
27 to conduct the research project, including buildings, utilities,
28 roadways, and containment facilities.

29 (f) Provide a description of a plan to ensure timely
30 recovery of animals that have escaped due to natural disasters
31 or other unforeseen events.

32 (3) The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust
33 Fund or the governing board of the water management district may
34 approve the application if it determines that the proposed
35 project is in the best interest of the state. In making its
36 determination, the board of trustees or governing board shall
37 consider:

38 (a) Whether the project is consistent with the state's
39 goals for the lands that will be used for the project, as
40 described in the approved land management plan for those lands,
41 and will not cause harm to the land or the surrounding land.



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42 (b) Whether the project, through alliances and
43 relationships with organizations, universities, federal and
44 state agencies, or other members of the Association of Zoos and
45 Aquariums, or otherwise, will have a positive economic impact on
46 the state and the communities surrounding the project location.

47 (4) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
48 provide technical assistance to the Board of Trustees of the
49 Internal Improvement Trust Fund or to the governing board of the
50 water management district in reviewing each application.

51 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

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54 And the title is amended as follows:

55 Delete everything before the enacting clause
56 and insert:

57 A bill to be entitled
58 An act relating to conservation of wildlife;
59 authorizing certain zoos and aquariums to apply to the
60 Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust
61 Fund or the governing board of a water management
62 district to use state lands or water management
63 district lands for specified purposes; providing
64 application requirements; providing criteria for the
65 approval of such uses; requiring the Fish and Wildlife
66 Conservation Commission to provide technical
67 assistance in reviewing such applications; providing
68 an effective date.