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Amendment No.

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Senator Forman moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 101, between lines 7 and 8,

insert:

Section 50. Subsection (18) is added to section 373.414, Florida Statutes, to read:

373.414 Additional criteria for activities in surface waters and wetlands.--

(18) MITIGATION STUDIES.--

(a) For impacts resulting from activities regulated under part IV of chapter 373, the Legislature finds that successful mitigation performed by the public and private sectors has helped to preserve the state's natural resources.

(b) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall study the mitigation options as defined by s. 373.414(1)(b), implemented from 1994 to the present, and issue a report by January 31, 2000. The study shall consider the effectiveness and costs of the current mitigation options in offsetting adverse effects to wetlands

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1 and wetland functions, including the application of cumulative
2 impact considerations, and identify, as appropriate,
3 recommendations for statutory or rule changes to increase the
4 effectiveness of mitigation strategies.

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8 And the title is amended as follows:

9 On page 5, line 25, after the first semicolon

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11 insert:

12 amending s. 373.414, F.S.; providing for an
13 OPPAGA mitigation study;

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