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By the Committee on Community Affairs and Representatives Gay, Turnbull, Ritchie, Johnson, Barreiro, Andrews and Arnall

A bill to be entitled An act relating to affordable housing; amending s. 159.804, F.S.; revising allocations of private activity bonds for Florida First Business projects; amending s. 159.805, F.S.; revising procedures for obtaining allocations of private activity bonds; amending s. 159.806, F.S.; specifying use of Florida First Business allocation pool for priority projects before using regional allocation pools; amending s. 159.807, F.S.; requiring availability of the state allocation pool for certain purposes; amending s. 159.8083, F.S.; clarifying availability of allocations from the Florida First Business allocation pool; amending s. 159.809, F.S.; deleting a provision for adding certain unused initial allocations to the Florida First Business allocation pool; amending s. 159.813, F.S.; providing legislative intent relating to construction of certain allocation formula provisions; amending s. 196.1978, F.S.; expanding the classes of certain low-income housing property as property owned by an exempt entity and used for charitable purposes; amending s. 420.507, F.S.; providing special powers of the corporation with respect to reservation of future allocation or funding and designation of private activity bond allocation; amending s. 420.5092, F.S.; increasing the maximum total amount of bonds issued to capitalize the

1 Florida Affordable Housing Guarantee Program; 2 amending s. 420.5099, F.S.; correcting an 3 administrative rule cross reference; creating s. 420.518, F.S.; creating the Florida's Front 4 5 Porch Housing Initiative; providing legislative findings; providing a state policy; providing 6 7 definitions; providing powers of the Florida 8 Housing Finance Corporation; providing duties of the corporation; specifying maturity of 9 certain loans made by the corporation; 10 11 specifying uses of certain loan proceeds; 12 providing for sources of moneys and uses of 13 such moneys in the Florida Front Porch Housing 14 Loan Fund; providing for interfund loans from 15 the State Housing Trust Fund to the Florida 16 Front Porch Housing Loan Fund under certain circumstances; authorizing the corporation to 17 transfer moneys in the Florida Front Porch 18 Housing Loan Fund to the State Apartment 19 20 Incentive Loan Fund for certain purposes under certain circumstances; amending s. 420.526, 21 22 F.S.; revising provisions of the Predevelopment Loan Program to provide for targeting of funds 23 24 and forgiveness of loans under certain 25 circumstances; amending s. 420.609, F.S.; 26 requiring the corporation to assist the 27 Affordable Housing Study Commission for certain 28 purposes; requiring the commission to provide 29 certain commission recommendations to the corporation; changing the date of submittal for 30 31 the commission's report; revising the

1 commission's recommended studies requirements; amending s. 420.9071, F.S.; revising certain 2 3 definitions; amending s. 420.9075, F.S.; 4 revising entities authorized to monitor and 5 determine tenant eligibility under local housing assistance plans; revising criteria for 6 7 eligibility awards under such plans; creating 8 s. 760.26, F.S.; prohibiting discrimination in land use decisions and in permitting of 9 development; establishing the State Farmworker 10 11 Housing Pilot Loan Program; providing for 12 administration by the Florida Housing Finance 13 Corporation; providing sponsor requirements; 14 requiring the corporation to issue a request 15 for proposals for loan applications for certain 16 purposes; requiring the corporation to establish a loan distribution mechanism; 17 providing eligible loan applicant requirements; 18 providing for establishment of an application 19 20 review committee; providing criteria for loan 21 applications; providing duties and 22 responsibilities of the corporation and review committee; providing requirements for such 23 24 loans; providing procedures and requirements 25 for loan defaults; requiring the corporation to 26 contract with the Florida Farmworker Housing 27 Coalition, Inc., for certain purposes; 28 requiring a report to the Governor and 29 Legislature; providing report requirements; amending ss. 220.02 and 220.13, F.S.; deleting 30 31 a cross reference; repealing s. 220.185, F.S.,

relating to the state housing tax credit; repealing s. 420.5093, F.S., relating to the State Housing Tax Credit Program; providing effective dates.

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Section 1. Effective January 1, 2001, paragraph (b) of subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection (2), and subsection (5) of section 159.804, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

159.804 Allocation of state volume limitation.--The division shall annually determine the amount of private activity bonds permitted to be issued in this state under the Code and shall make such information available upon request to any person or agency. The total amount of private activity bonds authorized to be issued in this state pursuant to the Code shall be initially allocated as follows on January 1 of each year:

(1)

(b) If on January 1 of any year, under federal law, bonds for manufacturing facilities no longer require or are eligible for an allocation pursuant to s. 146 of the Code, the allocation of the state volume limitation in the manufacturing facility pool shall be divided among the remaining pools in the following manner: 60 50 percent to be shared by the 17 regions for use in the manner prescribed in subsection (2); 25 percent for use by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation in the manner prescribed in subsection (3); 5 percent for use in the state allocation pool in the manner prescribed in 31 subsection (4); and 10 <del>20</del> percent for use in the Florida First

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Business allocation pool in the manner prescribed in subsection (5).

- (2)(a) Sixty Fifty percent of the state volume limitation remaining after the allocation made pursuant to subsection (1) shall be allocated among the regions established in paragraph (b) for use by all agencies whose boundaries are coterminous with or contained within each region for purposes other than to finance Florida First Business projects prior to June 1 or to issue bonds requiring an allocation under s. 146(m) of the Code. The volume limitation for each regional allocation pool must be an amount that bears the same ratio to 60 50 percent of the state volume limitation remaining after the allocation made pursuant to subsection (1) for such calendar year as the population of the region bears to the population of the entire state.
- Ten Twenty percent of the state volume limitation remaining after the allocation made pursuant to subsection (1) shall be allocated to the Florida First Business allocation pool, to be used as provided in s. 159.8083.

Section 2. Effective January 1, 2001, subsections (2) and (3) and paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 159.805, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

159.805 Procedures for obtaining allocations; requirements; limitations on allocations; issuance reports. --

(2) Any written confirmation issued by the director pursuant to subsection (1) ceases to be effective unless the bonds to which that confirmation applies have been issued by the agency and written notice of such issuance has been provided to the director within 155 90 calendar days after the date the confirmation was issued or December 29, whichever 31 occurs first.

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(3) Upon the expiration of the confirmation or at any time the agency decides the allocation is no longer necessary, but, in any event, not later than the 160th 95th calendar day after the date the confirmation was issued, the agency shall notify the division, by overnight common carrier delivery service, of its failure to issue any bonds pursuant to the written confirmation. Such notice of failure to issue shall be filed with the division and the allocation provided in the expired confirmation shall be made available for reallocation pursuant to this part. Upon determining that it will not be using allocation for mortgage credit certificates, the issuer will notify the division in writing within 5 business days that such allocation for mortgage credit certificates, referencing the dollar amount, will not be used, thereby allowing the division to reallocate such amounts.

(5)(a) When bonds with a written confirmation of an allocation are issued, the agency issuing such bonds, or its designee, shall provide the division with same-day telephonic notice of such issuance, the principal amount of bonds issued, and the availability of any excess unissued allocation. On the day of issuance of the bonds, the agency, or its designee, shall send a written issuance report to the division to arrive no later than the following business day by overnight common carrier delivery service containing the information described in paragraph (b). At issuance, any excess allocation unissued, except in the case of a project that received an allocation of \$50 million or more, immediately reverts to the pool from which the allocation was made, except that, after June 30 of such year, it reverts to the state allocation pool and shall be made available for reallocation. Except for 31 allocations for which an election has been made to issue

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mortgage credit certificates, any allocation made under this part is contingent upon the filing of the issuance report by overnight common carrier delivery service with the division no later than the following business day.

Section 3. Effective January 1, 2001, subsection (1) of section 159.806, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 159.806 Regional allocation pools. --

(1) Each region listed in s. 159.804(2) has an allocation pool for issuing written confirmations of allocation for private activity bonds. In issuing such written confirmations, the division must first use the allocation pool for the region in which the agency issuing such bonds or on whose behalf such bonds are being issued is located, except prior to June April 1, when the state allocation pool or the Florida First Business allocation pool must be used to finance priority projects unless the agency requests an allocation for a priority project from the regional allocation pool. Unless otherwise agreed to by the affected agencies, when such bonds are to be issued by an agency whose boundaries include more than one region, the division must first issue an allocation from the allocation pool for the region in which the project is to be located.

Section 4. Effective January 1, 2001, subsection (2) of section 159.807, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 159.807 State allocation pool.--

(2) Except as provided in subsection (1), prior to June April 1 of each year, the state allocation pool shall be available solely to provide written confirmations for private activity bonds to finance priority projects except manufacturing facilities. To obtain a written allocation for 31 private activity bonds to finance a priority project from the

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state allocation pool prior to June April 1 of each year, the notice of intent to issue must be filed with the division no later than May March 1. If the total amount requested in notices of intent to issue for priority projects does not exceed the total amount of the state allocation pool, the director shall issue written confirmation for each notice of intent to issue by May March 15. If the total amount requested in notices of intent to issue private activity bonds for priority projects exceeds the total amount of the state allocation pool, the director shall forward all timely notices of intent to issue received by the division for those projects to the Governor who shall render a decision by June April 1 as to which notices of intent to issue are to receive written confirmations. If additional portions of the state volume limitation of private activity bonds permitted to be issued in the state are subsequently placed into the state allocation pool, the remainder of the timely notices of intent to issue for priority projects shall be provided written confirmations in the order established by the Governor prior to any other notices of intent to issue filed with the division.

Section 5. Effective January 1, 2001, section 159.8083, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

159.8083 Florida First Business allocation pool. -- The Florida First Business allocation pool is hereby established. The Florida First Business allocation pool shall be available solely to provide written confirmation for private activity bonds to finance Florida First Business projects certified by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development as eligible to receive a written confirmation. Allocations from such pool shall be awarded statewide pursuant to procedures 31 specified in s. 159.805, except that the provisions of s.

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159.805(2), (3), and (6) do not apply. Florida First Business projects that are eligible for a carryforward shall not lose their allocation on November 16 if they have applied and have been granted a carryforward. In issuing written confirmations of allocations for Florida First Business projects, the division shall use the Florida First Business allocation pool. If allocation is not available from the Florida First Business allocation pool on or after June 1 of each year, the division shall issue written confirmations of allocations for Florida First Business projects pursuant to s. 159.806 or s. 159.807, 10 11 in such order. For the purpose of determining priority within a regional allocation pool or the state allocation pool, 12 13 notices of intent to issue bonds for Florida First Business projects to be issued from a regional allocation pool or the state allocation pool shall be considered to have been 16 received by the division at the time it is determined by the division that the Florida First Business allocation pool is 17 unavailable to issue confirmation for such Florida First 18 Business project. If the total amount requested in notices of 19 20 intent to issue private activity bonds for Florida First Business projects exceeds the total amount of the Florida 21 First Business allocation pool, the director shall forward all 22 timely notices of intent to issue, which are received by the 23 division for such projects, to the Office of Tourism, Trade, 24 and Economic Development which shall render a decision as to 26 which notices of intent to issue are to receive written 27 confirmations. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic 28 Development, in consultation with the division, shall develop rules to ensure that the allocation provided in such pool is 29 available solely to provide written confirmations for private 30 31

 activity bonds to finance Florida First Business projects and that such projects are feasible and financially solvent.

Section 6. Effective January 1, 2001, section 159.809, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

159.809 Recapture of unused amounts.--

(1) On April 1 of each year, any portion of each initial allocation made pursuant to s. 159.804(4) for which a written confirmation has not been issued by the director or for which an issuance report for bonds utilizing such an allocation has not been received by the division prior to such date shall be added to the Florida First Business allocation pool.

(1)(2) On and after July 1 of each year, any portion of each initial allocation made pursuant to s. 159.804(2),or (3), or (4)for which a written confirmation has not been issued by the director or for which an issuance report for bonds utilizing such an allocation has not been received by the division prior to that date shall be added to the Florida First Business allocation pool. On and after July 2 of each year, any portion of such allocations for which a written confirmation has been issued and which confirmation expires or is relinquished by the agency receiving the allocation, shall be added to the state allocation pool.

(2)(3) On November 16 of each year, any portion of the initial allocation, made pursuant to s. 159.804(1), s. 159.804(5), or subsection (1) or subsection (2), other than as provided in s. 159.8083, for which an issuance report for bonds utilizing such an allocation has not been received by the division prior to that date shall be added to the state allocation pool.

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Section 7. Effective January 1, 2001, section 159.813, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

159.813 Future federal amendments. -- In the event that the Code is amended or replaced, or amendments or successor provisions to the Code are proposed which are or would be inconsistent with this part or which would have the effect of impeding the purposes of this part or the purposes for which bonds are authorized to be issued under the laws of this state, the Governor may issue an executive order that shall revise the allocation system provided in this part to be consistent with the Code as amended or as proposed to be amended or replaced. The authority granted to the Governor under this section may be exercised for allocation of any volume limitation imposed by any enacted or proposed federal law or regulation upon bonds authorized to be issued in this state. If such executive order is issued, the division shall notify the President of the Senate and Minority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives in writing of such an order and the reasons such order was issued, within 10 days of the issuance of the order. Any such order shall remain effective until this part is amended to be consistent with federal law or the regulations issued thereunder. If any such order is issued based upon proposed amendments or successor provisions to the Code, the allocation system provided in this part and the system provided under any such order shall be administered concurrent with one another, to the extent feasible, as long as may be required due to the pendency of any proposed amendments or successor provisions to the Code. It is the intent of the Legislature that the provisions of this section be construed and applied so as to give effect to

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the framework for the relative allocations of state volume limitation in accordance with the various formulas set forth in this part, and nothing in this section shall be construed or applied so as to have the effect of altering the percentages set forth in this part unless and until the categories of private activity bonds requiring an allocation of such volume limitation are substantially restricted, altered, or deleted under the Code.

Section 8. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2000, section 196.1978, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

196.1978 Affordable Low-income housing property exemption. -- Property used to provide affordable housing serving eligible pursuant to any state housing program authorized under chapter 420 to low-income or very-low-income persons as defined by s. 159.603(7) and persons meeting income limits specified in s. 420.0004(9), (10), and (14), which property is owned entirely by a nonprofit entity corporation which is qualified as charitable under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and which complies with Rev. Proc. 96-32, 1996-1 C.B. 717, shall be considered property owned by an exempt entity and used for a charitable purpose, and such property shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation to the extent authorized in s. 196.196. All property identified in this section shall comply with the criteria for determination of exempt status to be applied by property appraisers on an annual basis as defined in s. 196.195. The Legislature intends that any property owned by a limited liability company which is disregarded as an entity for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Treasury Regulation 301.7701-3(b)(1)(ii) shall be treated as owned by its sole member.

1 Section 9. Subsections (37) and (38) are added to 2 section 420.507, Florida Statutes, to read: 3 420.507 Powers of the corporation. -- The corporation 4 shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out 5 and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this part, 6 including the following powers which are in addition to all 7 other powers granted by other provisions of this part: 8 (37) To provide by rule, in connection with any 9 corporation competitive program, for the reservation of future 10 allocation or funding to provide a remedy for a litigant which 11 is ultimately successful in its litigation regarding a 12 competitive application, and to establish a date certain by 13 which, if litigation is not resolved, the successful litigant 14 will be funded from a subsequent year's available allocation 15 or funding. 16 (38) To designate private activity allocation for 17 tax-exempt bonds received by the corporation pursuant to part VI of chapter 159 between single-family and multifamily 18 19 projects. 20 Section 10. Subsection (11) of section 420.5092, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 21 22 420.5092 Florida Affordable Housing Guarantee 23 Program. --(11) The maximum total amount of revenue bonds that 24 25 may be issued by the corporation pursuant to subsection (5) is 26 \$300<del>\$200</del> million. 27 Section 11. Subsection (3) of section 420.5099, 28 Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 29 420.5099 Allocation of the low-income housing tax 30 credit.--31

1	(3) The corporation may request such information from
2	applicants as will enable it to make the allocations according
3	to the guidelines set forth in subsection (2), including, but
4	not limited to, the information required to be provided the
5	corporation by chapter $67  ext{ } 91-21$ , Florida Administrative Code.
6	Section 12. Section 420.518, Florida Statutes, is
7	created to read:
8	420.518 Florida's Front Porch Housing Initiative
9	(1) This section may be cited as the "Florida's Front
10	Porch Housing Initiative."
11	(2) The Legislature finds that:
12	(a) There exist within urban areas of the state
13	conditions of blight evidenced by extensive deterioration of
14	public and private facilities, abandonment of sound
15	structures, and high unemployment, and these conditions impede
16	the conservation and development of healthy, safe, and
17	economically viable communities.
18	(b) Deterioration of housing and industrial,
19	commercial, and public facilities:
20	1. Contributes to the decline of neighborhoods and
21	communities and leads to the loss of their historic character
22	and the sense of community which this inspires.
23	2. Reduces the value of property comprising the tax
24	base of local communities.
25	3. Discourages private investment.
26	4. Requires a disproportionate expenditure of public
27	funds for the social services, unemployment benefits, and

(c) In order to ultimately restore social and economic

31 viability to urban areas, it is necessary to acquire urban

police protection required to combat the social and economic

problems found in urban communities.

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land and to renovate or construct new infrastructure and housing, including housing specifically targeted for the elderly, and to specifically provide mechanisms to attract and encourage private economic activity.

- (d) The various local governments and other redevelopment organizations now undertaking physical revitalization projects and new housing developments in urban areas are limited by tightly constrained budgets and inadequate resources.
- (e) In order to significantly improve revitalization efforts by local governments and community development organizations and to retain as much of the historic character of our communities as possible, it is necessary to provide additional resources, and the participation of private enterprise in revitalization efforts is an effective means for accomplishing that goal.
- (3) It is the policy of this state to encourage the participation of private corporations in revitalization projects within urban areas. The purpose of this section is to provide an additional funding mechanism for the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of qualified urban housing developments, including, but not limited to, housing specifically designed for the elderly, and to specifically address the difficulty in acquiring urban land for such developments. The Legislature therefore declares this to be a public purpose for which public money may be borrowed, expended, loaned, and granted.
  - (4) As used in this section:
- 29 <u>(a) "Front Porch community" means a community</u>
  30 <u>designated as a Front Porch community by the Executive Office</u>
  31 of the Governor.

- (b) "Front Porch loan" means a loan by the corporation for the acquisition of land for use in a qualified urban housing development or for the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of a qualified urban housing development, or a combination of such purposes.
- (c) "Land" means the parcel or parcels of land included in a qualified urban housing development.
- (d) "Qualified urban housing development" means that portion of an urban housing development designated by the corporation for funding from a Front Porch loan pursuant to the provisions of this section. Any portion of an urban housing development consisting of a commercial facility shall not be eligible for a Front Porch loan.
- (e) "Urban housing development" means a development located in a Front Porch community or in an urban infill and redevelopment area, as defined in s. 163.2514(2), at least 50 percent of which consists of:
- 1. Multifamily rental housing units available for lease to persons designated by rule of the corporation; or
- 2. Residential single-family developments available for purchase by persons designated by rule of the corporation,

and the remainder of which constitutes commercial development, such multifamily rental housing, or such residential single-family developments.

(5) The corporation shall have the power to underwrite and make loans for qualified urban housing developments. The corporation shall establish by rule the procedure and criteria for receiving, evaluating, and designating for funding qualified urban housing developments. The corporation shall also establish criteria for any commercial component of an

 urban housing development not eligible to be financed from a Front Porch loan. The corporation shall adopt allocation procedures which will encourage maximum production of urban housing developments in Front Porch communities, taking into account the timeliness of the application, the location of the proposed development, the relative need in the area of revitalization, the availability of affordable housing in the area, the economic feasibility of the development, and the ability of the applicant to proceed to completion of the development. Priority in allocation shall be established by rule of the corporation.

- established by rule of the corporation, not to exceed 40 years. As provided by rule of the corporation, Front Porch loans may be interest-only or interest-deferred during the period prior to construction and lease-up or sale of the qualified urban housing development and may be payable as interest-only to the extent of available cash flow of the development.
- establish all terms and conditions of Front Porch loans, including, but not limited to, the establishment of provisions with respect to foreclosure or other reversion to the corporation if the development fails to proceed after a designated period of time and the establishment of provisions relating to forgiveness of Front Porch loans.
- (8) If an applicant receives a Front Porch loan for land acquisition in a Front Porch community and subsequently determines to use such land for purposes other than a qualified urban housing development, the corporation shall

have the right to demand repayment of the Front Porch loan, 1 foreclose on the property, or consent to such use of the land. 2 3 (9) Eligible costs for use of proceeds of a Front 4 Porch loan include land acquisition, site preparation, costs 5 for appraisals, environmental reviews and feasibility studies, 6 costs of acquisition and construction of infrastructure or 7 relocation of infrastructure, costs of enhanced security 8 features for urban developments, costs of construction and 9 rehabilitation, and such other costs established by the 10 corporation. 11 (10) Moneys appropriated to fund the Florida Front 12 Porch Housing Initiative shall be deposited by the corporation 13 into an account with a qualified public depository meeting the 14 requirements of chapter 280. All amounts received by the corporation as budget allocation or appropriation for the 15 16 Florida Front Porch Housing Initiative, including all amounts 17 allocated pursuant to chapter 99-378, Laws of Florida, shall be deposited into such account. There shall also be deposited 18 19 into such account moneys received from any source for the 20 purpose of such program and all proceeds derived from the use of such moneys, including any repayment of Front Porch loans. 21 22 All unencumbered funds, proceeds from the sale of any property, and any other proceeds that would otherwise accrue 23 24 pursuant to the activities of the program described in this section shall be transferred to such account. In addition, 25 26 all loan repayments, proceeds from the sale of any property,

and any other proceeds that would otherwise accrue pursuant to

the activities conducted under the provisions of Florida's

Front Porch Housing Initiative shall be deposited into such account and shall not revert to the General Revenue Fund.

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shall not be required to be included in the corporation's budget request or be subject to appropriation by the Legislature.

- an interfund loan from amounts deposited to the State Housing Trust Fund on behalf of the corporation pursuant to s.

  201.15(7)(a) to the account established under subsection (10) for purposes of advance funding of Front Porch loans. Any such interfund loan may be repaid from moneys subsequently deposited into such account.
- deposit in the account established under subsection (10) are unlikely to be able to be used for making Front Porch loans, the corporation may transfer amounts on deposit in such account to the State Apartment Incentive Loan Fund for use for the purposes of such fund.

Section 13. Section 420.526, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 420.526 Predevelopment Loan Program; loans and grants authorized; activities eligible for support.--
- (1) The corporation is authorized to underwrite and make loans and grants from the Housing Predevelopment Fund to eligible sponsors when it determines that:
- (a) A need for housing for the target population exists in the area described in the application; and
- (b) Federal, state, or local public funds or private funds are available or likely to be available to aid in the site acquisition, site development, construction, rehabilitation, maintenance, or support of the housing proposed in the application.

- to forgive such loan, and thereby make a grant to a sponsor for any moneys which are unable to be repaid due to the sponsor's inability to obtain construction or permanent financing for the development. The corporation shall not forgive the portion of the loan, if any, which is secured by a mortgage to the extent such loan could be repaid from the sale of the mortgaged property shall not award a grant or loan to a sponsor that is unable to demonstrate the ability to proceed as verified by a qualified development team.
- equitable distribution of the funds in a manner that meets the need and demand for housing for the target population.

  However, during the first 6 months of fund availability, at least 40 percent of the total funds made available under this program shall be reserved for Sponsors of farmworker housing, if any, shall receive first priority under this program, and further priorities shall be as established by rule of the corporation.
- (4) The activities of sponsors which are eligible for housing predevelopment loans <u>and grants</u> shall include, but not be limited to:
  - (a) Site acquisition.
  - (b) Site development.
- (c) Fees for requisite services from architects, engineers, surveyors, attorneys, and other professionals.
  - (d) Marketing expenses relating to advertisement.
- (5) The activities of sponsors which are eligible for housing predevelopment grants shall include, but not be limited to:
  - (e) (a) Administrative expenses.

(f)<del>(b)</del> Market and feasibility studies.

(g)<del>(c)</del> Consulting fees.

- (5) (6) Any funds paid out of the Housing Predevelopment Fund for activities under ss. 420.521-420.529 which are reimbursed to the sponsor from another source shall be repaid to the fund.
- (7) Sponsors receiving loans for professional fees may receive forgiveness of such loans if it is determined that the proposed project would not be feasible for housing for the target population.
- (6)(8) Terms and conditions of housing predevelopment loan agreements shall be established by rule and shall include:
- (a) Provision for interest, which shall be set at between 0 and 3 percent per year, as established by the corporation.
- (b) Provision of a schedule for the repayment of principal and interest for a term not to exceed 3 years or initiation of permanent financing, whichever event occurs first. However, the corporation may extend the term of a loan for an additional period not to exceed 1 year if extraordinary circumstances exist and if such extension would not jeopardize the corporation's security interest.

(c) Provision of reasonable security for the housing

predevelopment loan to ensure the repayment of the principal and any interest accrued within the term specified.

Reasonable security shall be a promissory note secured by a mortgage from the sponsor on the property to be purchased, improved, or purchased and improved with the proceeds of the housing predevelopment loan or other collateral acceptable to the corporation.

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- (d) Provisions to ensure that the land acquired will be used for the development of housing and related services for the target population.
- (e) Provisions to ensure, to the extent possible, that any accrued savings in cost due to the availability of these funds will be passed on to the target population in the form of lower land prices. The corporation shall ensure that such savings in land prices shall be passed on in the form of lower prices or rents for dwellings constructed on such land.
- (f) Provisions to ensure that any land acquired through assistance under ss. 420.521-420.529 for housing for the target population shall not be disposed of or alienated in a manner that violates Title VII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act, which specifically prohibits discrimination based on race, sex, color, religion, or national origin or that violates other applicable federal or state laws.
- (7)<del>(9)</del> No predevelopment loan made under this section shall exceed the lesser of:
- (a) The development and acquisition costs for the development project, as determined by rule of the corporation; or
  - (b) Five hundred thousand dollars.
- (8) (10) Any real property or any portion thereof purchased or developed under ss. 420.521-420.529 may be disposed of by the eligible sponsor upon the terms and conditions established by rule of the corporation and consistent with ss. 420.521-420.529, at a price not to exceed the actual prorated land costs, development costs, accrued taxes, and interest.
- Section 14. Subsections (3), (5), (7), and (8) of 31 | section 420.609, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

420.609 Affordable Housing Study Commission.--Because the Legislature firmly supports affordable housing in Florida for all economic classes:

- (3) The department and the <u>corporation</u> agency shall supply such information, assistance, and facilities as are deemed necessary for the commission to carry out its duties under this section and shall provide such staff assistance as is necessary for the performance of required clerical and administrative functions of the commission.
- (5) The commission shall review, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding existing and proposed housing programs and initiatives. The commission shall provide these and any other housing recommendations to the secretary of the Department of Community Affairs and the executive director of the corporation.
- (7) By <u>July 15</u> December 31 of each year beginning in 2001 1992, the commission shall prepare and submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report detailing its findings and making specific program, legislative, and funding recommendations and any other recommendations it deems appropriate.
- (8) The commission shall recommend studies to be conducted for included in the annual research agenda of the Multidisciplinary Center for affordable housing. These recommendations shall be submitted to the department and the center in order to assist them in establishing an appropriate research agenda for the center.

Section 15. Subsections (4) and (27) of section 420.9071, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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420.9071 Definitions.--As used in ss. 420.907-420.9079, the term:

- "Annual gross income" means annual income as defined under the Section 8 housing assistance payments programs in 24 C.F.R. part 5; annual income as reported under the census long form for the recent available decennial census; or adjusted gross income as defined for purposes of reporting under Internal Revenue Service Form 1040 for individual federal annual income tax purposes. Counties and eligible municipalities shall calculate income by annualizing verified sources projecting the prevailing annual rate of income for all adults in the household as the amount of income to be received in a household during the 12 months following the effective date of the determination.
- (27) "Sales price" or "value" means, in the case of acquisition of an existing or newly constructed unit, the amount on the executed sales contract. For eligible persons who are building a unit on land that they own, the sales price is determined by an appraisal performed by a state-certified appraiser. The appraisal must include the value of the land and the improvements using the after-construction value of the property and must be dated within 12 months of the date construction is to commence. The sales price of any unit must include the value of the land in order to qualify as eligible housing as defined in subsection (8). In the case of rehabilitation or emergency repair of an existing unit that does not create additional living space, sales price or value means the value of the real property, as determined by an appraisal performed by a state-certified appraiser and dated within 12 months of the date construction is to commence or 31 the assessed value of the real property as determined by the

county property appraiser, plus the cost of the improvements.

In the case of rehabilitation of an existing unit that includes the addition of new living space, sales price or value means the value of the real property, as determined by an appraisal performed by a state-certified appraiser and dated within 12 months of the date construction is to commence or the assessed value of the real property as determined by the county property appraiser, plus the cost of the improvements in either case.

Section 16. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) and paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 420.9075, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

420.9075 Local housing assistance plans; partnerships.--

- (3) Each local housing assistance plan is governed by the following criteria and administrative procedures:
- (e) The staff or entity that has administrative authority for implementing a local housing assistance plan assisting rental developments shall annually monitor and determine tenant eligibility or may rely on another governmental entity which is also required to monitor and determine tenant eligibility.
- (4) The following criteria apply to awards made to eligible sponsors or eligible persons for the purpose of providing eligible housing:
- (c) The sales price or value of new or existing eligible housing may not exceed 90 percent of the <u>average</u> median area purchase price in the <u>statistical</u> area <u>in which</u> where the eligible housing is located, which housing was <u>purchased</u> during the most recent 12-month period for which

<u>sufficient statistical information is available or</u>, as established by the United States Department of Treasury.

If both an award under the local housing assistance plan and federal low-income housing tax credits are used to assist a project and there is a conflict between the criteria prescribed in this subsection and the requirements of s. 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the county or eligible municipality may resolve the conflict by giving precedence to the requirements of s. 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, in lieu of following the criteria prescribed in this subsection with the exception of paragraphs (a) and (d) of this subsection.

Section 17. Section 760.26, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

760.26 Prohibited discrimination in land use decisions and in permitting of development.--It is unlawful to discriminate in land use decisions or in the permitting of development based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, familial status, religion, or, except as otherwise provided by law, the source of financing of a development or proposed development.

Section 18. State Farmworker Housing Pilot Loan

Program. -- The State Farmworker Housing Pilot Loan Program is

created for the purpose of demonstrating the ability to use

state dedicated funds to leverage Federal Government, local

government, and private resources to provide affordable, safe,
and sanitary rental housing units for farmworkers.

(1) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated to fund the State Farmworker Housing Pilot Loan Program, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation shall have the authority

to make farmworker housing loans to a sponsor, as defined in s. 420.503(37), Florida Statutes, provided the sponsor:

(a) Agrees to:

- 1. Set aside at least 80 percent of the units for eligible farmworkers, as defined in s. 420.503(18), Florida Statutes;
- 2. Set aside 100 percent of the units for households whose family income does not exceed:
- a. Fifty percent of the adjusted local median income in areas which are not metropolitan statistical areas; or
- b. Forty percent of adjusted local median income in metropolitan statistical areas; and
- 3. Limit rents to no more than 30 percent of the maximum household income adjusted to unit size; or
- (b) Uses federal funds provided under section 514 or section 516 of Title V of the Federal Housing Act of 1949 and meets maximum rental limits, tenant eligibility, and other regulatory requirements established pursuant to such programs.
- (2) The corporation shall issue a request for proposals to solicit applications for loans offered pursuant to this section and shall establish a funding cycle to distribute funds pursuant to this section. The corporation shall coordinate this cycle with the fiscal year 2001 federal funding cycle for section 514 or section 516 of Title V of the Federal Housing Act of 1949. The corporation may distribute through this funding cycle any additional funds set aside for farmworker housing under the State Apartment Incentive Loan Program authorized by s. 420.5087, Florida Statutes, the HOME Investment Partnership Program authorized by s. 420.5089, Florida Statutes, the low-income housing tax credit authorized by s. 420.5099, Florida Statutes, or other appropriated funds.

- (3) All eligible applications shall:
- (a) Demonstrate that the sponsor possesses title to or firm site control of land and evidences availability of required infrastructure.
- (b) Have grants, donations of land, or contributions from other sources collectively totaling at least 25 percent of the total development cost. Such grants, donations of land, or contributions need not be committed at the time of application. The corporation shall establish a set time for receipt of such commitments.
- (c) Have local government contributions and private agriculture producer funds and other private leveraged funds totaling no less than 3 percent of the total development cost.
- (d) Demonstrate accessibility to commercial businesses and services needed to serve the needs of the resident farmworkers or include a viable plan to provide access to those commercial businesses and services.
- (e) Limit developer fees to no more than 15 percent of the total development cost, less developer fees and land cost.
- (4) The corporation shall establish a review committee composed of staff of the Department of Community Affairs selected by the Secretary of Community Affairs and staff of the corporation and shall establish a scoring system for evaluation and competitive ranking of applications submitted in this program.
- (a) Each application shall address and be evaluated and ranked based on the following criteria:
- 1. A demonstrated need for farmworker housing:

  Proposed developments in a county determined by the Shimberg

  Center for Affordable Housing's April 1997 Migrant Farm Worker

  Needs Assessment, or any subsequent assessment, to have a

 shortage of affordable housing for 3,000 or more farmworkers shall receive maximum points. Sponsors proposing developments in other counties and demonstrating a high need for farmworker housing through other state or local governmental reports or market studies are eligible for funding under this section, but shall receive less points.

- 2. Developer fees: Sponsors with developer fees less than 15 percent shall be awarded additional points. There shall be no identity of interest between the sponsor, affiliated entities, and the contractor, and the sponsor or affiliated entities shall not receive any financial or other remuneration from the contractor as a condition of the contractor's selection.
- 3. The project's mix: Applications providing a set-aside of 20 percent or more units for seasonal, temporary, or migrant workers, including unaccompanied workers, shall receive additional points.
- 4. Innovation: Innovative planning concepts such as a phased development plan for mixed-income or occupational groups, home ownership, or commercial uses on a nearby parcel shall receive additional points.
- 5. Federal Government contributions: Scoring shall provide additional points based on the percentage of federal funds leveraged. Such funds need not be committed to the proposed project. The corporation shall establish a set time for receipt of such commitments, taking into consideration the application deadlines and projected determination periods set by each of the agencies responsible for the federal funds proposed as leveraged. The corporation may give more points to applications with commitments of federal contributions.

- 6. Local government participation: Evidence of local government participation in project planning demonstrating a commitment to the project's success, including, but not limited to, comprehensive planning, letters of support, and other activities, shall receive additional points.
- 7. A provision for supportive services accessible onsite or through cooperative agreements with service providers in the community: Scoring shall provide additional points to eligible applications that provide one or more qualified tenant programs to enhance quality of life for residents. Such programs include, but are not limited to, the inclusion of a Title XX or Head Start child care facility for children onsite or within 3 miles of the development, tenant activities, health care, financial counseling, English as a Second Language courses, and GED courses.
- 8. The quality of the project's design: All developments shall include two full bathrooms in all four-bedroom or larger units; onsite laundromat or laundry hookups and space for washer and dryer inside each unit; and exterior storage rooms of a minimum 35 square feet interior area for duplex or detached units and 28 square feet for multifamily or townhouse units.
- a. The following items are not required and shall receive no points in the scoring of applications: two full bathrooms in all three-bedroom units, one and one-half bathrooms in all two-bedroom units, swimming pool, dishwasher, garbage disposals, and cable television hookups.
- b. The following items are not required but shall receive additional points in the scoring of applications:
  window treatments, 30-year roofing on all buildings, gated community with carded entry or security guard, pantry in or

adjacent to kitchen area, car care area, covered picnic area, playground, outdoor recreation area for older children, two or more parking spaces per unit, large multipurpose room or clubhouse, air conditioning or whole-house fan as determined by geographic region, hurricane shutters or resistant glass, and energy conservation features.

- 9. The feasibility and economic viability of the project.
- 10. The sponsor's development experience: Scoring shall provide the most points to eligible applicants with successful experience in the development of farmworker housing commensurate to the size and scope of the proposed development. Applicants with less development experience or experience in projects substantially smaller than that proposed shall receive less points. The experience may be that of an affiliated or controlling corporation where the eligible applicant is established to limit liability of the affiliated group.
- 11. The sponsor's management experience: Scoring shall provide the most points to eligible applicants with successful experience in the management of farmworker housing commensurate to the size and scope of the proposed development. Applicants with less management experience or experience in projects substantially smaller than the proposed development shall receive less points. The experience may be that of an affiliated or controlling nonprofit corporation where the eligible applicant is established to limit liability of the affiliated group.
- 12. The ability to proceed with construction: Scoring shall provide the most points to those applicants able to proceed in a timely manner. In addition to local government

participation as addressed in subparagraph 7., items to be 1 2 scored shall include, but not be limited to: environmental safety, infrastructure availability, schematic site plans and 3 elevations, and conceptual, preliminary, or final site plan 4 5 approval. 6 13. A management plan to attract, serve, and keep 7 eligible farmworker tenants. 8 (b) The corporation may reject any application. 9 (c) The review committee established by the corporation shall make recommendations to the board of 10 directors of the corporation regarding program participation 11 12 under the State Farmworker Housing Pilot Loan Program. 13 corporation board shall make the final ranking and the 14 decisions regarding which applicants shall become program 15 participants based on the scores received in the competitive ranking, further review of applications, and the 16 recommendations of the review committee. The corporation 17 board shall approve or reject applications for loans and shall 18 19 determine the tentative loan amount available to each 20 applicant selected for participation in the program. (5) Loans provided pursuant to this section shall be 21 22 nonamortizing. The corporation shall establish interest rates 23 for loans made pursuant to this section. Loans to 24 not-for-profit applicants shall have interest rates of zero 25 percent if no low-income housing tax credits are allocated to 26 the development. If low-income housing tax credits are allocated to the development, the interest rate may be 27 28 adjusted upward to meet appropriate federal requirements. Loans to for-profit applicants shall have interest rates of 3 29 percent if no low-income housing tax credits are allocated to 30

the development. If low-income housing tax credits are

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allocated to the development, the interest rate may be adjusted upward to meet appropriate federal requirements. Loans shall not exceed \$5 million. The following provisions shall apply to all loans provided under this section:

- (a) No loan combined with any other mortgage in a superior position shall exceed the development cost or the value of security, whichever is less.
- (b) The loan term shall be for a period of not less than 20 years. The corporation may renegotiate and extend the loan in order to extend the availability of housing for farmworkers. The term of a loan may not extend beyond the 11 12 period for which the sponsor agrees to provide housing for 13 farmworkers as provided in subsection (1). Payment on the 14 loans shall be based on the actual development cash flow and principal and interest may be deferred without constituting a default on the loan. The corporation may defer repayment of 16 loans made under this section until the end of the loan period, including any extension, or until the housing no 18 longer meets the requirements of subsection (1), whichever occurs first.
  - (c) The discrimination provisions of s. 420.516, Florida Statutes, shall apply to all loans.
  - (d) The proceeds of all loans shall be used for new construction or substantial rehabilitation which creates affordable, safe, and sanitary housing units.
  - (e) Sponsors shall annually certify the eligibility status and adjusted gross income of all persons or families qualified under subsection (1) who are residing in a project funded by this program. For monitoring purposes, the corporation may rely on a federal governmental entity which is also required to monitor and determine tenant eligibility.

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substantially in a market area in which a project is located, the sponsor may request approval from the corporation for changes in the occupational or income set-aside requirements. The sponsor shall submit evidence of such market changes, including, but not limited to, a market study and statements from agricultural producers and agricultural labor representatives. The board of directors of the corporation may amend set-aside requirements; however, such changes shall preserve the maximum percentage of units for eligible farmworkers as market conditions permit.

(6) If a default on a loan occurs, the corporation may foreclose on any mortgage or security interest or commence any legal action to protect the interest of the corporation and recover the amount of the unpaid principal, accrued interest, and fees. The corporation may acquire real or personal property or any interest in such property when that acquisition is necessary or appropriate to: protect any loan; sell, transfer, and convey any such property to a buyer without regard to the provisions of chapters 253 and 270, Florida Statutes; and, if that sale, transfer, or conveyance cannot be effected within a reasonable time, lease such property for occupancy by eligible persons. All sums recovered from the sale, transfer, conveyance, or lease of such property shall be deposited into an account established by the corporation in a qualified public depository meeting the requirements of chapter 280, Florida Statutes, for purposes of expending moneys appropriated to fund the State Farmworker Housing Pilot Loan Program as provided in subsection (1). (7) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated

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Florida Housing Finance Corporation shall contract with the
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   Florida Farmworker Housing Coalition, Inc., a nonprofit
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   corporation established under chapter 617, Florida Statutes,
   and qualified under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,
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   State Farmworker Housing Pilot Loan Program, and to prepare a
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   research report that includes a needs assessment and strategic
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   research report shall be submitted to the Governor, the
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- (a) Identify localities throughout this state having the greatest need for newly-constructed or rehabilitated agricultural labor housing.
- (b) Identify successful project prototypes to provide safe, decent, and affordable agricultural housing.
- (c) Provide an analysis of state and local barriers to the development of agricultural housing.
- (d) Profile successful state and local government programs within and without this state that address agricultural housing needs.

Section 19. Subsection (10) of section 220.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

220.02 Legislative intent.--

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(10) It is the intent of the Legislature that credits against either the corporate income tax or the franchise tax be applied in the following order: those enumerated in s. 220.18, those enumerated in s. 631.828, those enumerated in s. 220.191, those enumerated in s. 220.181, those enumerated in s. 220.183, those enumerated in s. 220.182, those enumerated 31 | in s. 220.1895, those enumerated in s. 221.02, those

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enumerated in s. 220.184, those enumerated in s. 220.186, those enumerated in s. 220.188, those enumerated in s. 220.1845, and those enumerated in s. 220.19, and those enumerated in s. 220.185.

Section 20. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 220.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

220.13 "Adjusted federal income" defined .--

- (1) The term "adjusted federal income" means an amount equal to the taxpayer's taxable income as defined in subsection (2), or such taxable income of more than one taxpayer as provided in s. 220.131, for the taxable year, adjusted as follows:
- (a) Additions.--There shall be added to such taxable income:
- The amount of any tax upon or measured by income, excluding taxes based on gross receipts or revenues, paid or accrued as a liability to the District of Columbia or any state of the United States which is deductible from gross income in the computation of taxable income for the taxable year.
- The amount of interest which is excluded from taxable income under s. 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or any other federal law, less the associated expenses disallowed in the computation of taxable income under s. 265 of the Internal Revenue Code or any other law, excluding 60 percent of any amounts included in alternative minimum taxable income, as defined in s. 55(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, if the taxpayer pays tax under s. 220.11(3).
- 3. In the case of a regulated investment company or real estate investment trust, an amount equal to the excess of 31 the net long-term capital gain for the taxable year over the

amount of the capital gain dividends attributable to the taxable year.

- 4. That portion of the wages or salaries paid or incurred for the taxable year which is equal to the amount of the credit allowable for the taxable year under s. 220.181. The provisions of this subparagraph shall expire and be void on June 30, 2005.
- 5. That portion of the ad valorem school taxes paid or incurred for the taxable year which is equal to the amount of the credit allowable for the taxable year under s. 220.182. The provisions of this subparagraph shall expire and be void on June 30, 2005.
- 6. The amount of emergency excise tax paid or accrued as a liability to this state under chapter 221 which tax is deductible from gross income in the computation of taxable income for the taxable year.
- 7. That portion of assessments to fund a guaranty association incurred for the taxable year which is equal to the amount of the credit allowable for the taxable year.
- 8. In the case of a nonprofit corporation which holds a pari-mutuel permit and which is exempt from federal income tax as a farmers' cooperative, an amount equal to the excess of the gross income attributable to the pari-mutuel operations over the attributable expenses for the taxable year.
- 9. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year under  $s.\ 220.1895.$
- 10. Up to nine percent of the eligible basis of any designated project which is equal to the credit allowable for the taxable year under s. 220.185.
- Section 21. Sections 220.185 and 420.5093, Florida
  Statutes, are repealed.

Section 22. Except as otherwise provided herein, this act shall take effect July 1, 2000. HOUSE SUMMARY Revises provisions relating to allocations of private activity bonds for Florida First Business projects. Revises provisions relating to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation with respect to private activity bond allocations. Creates the Florida's Front Porch Housing Initiative and provides powers of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to make loans under the initiative. Provides for sources of moneys and uses of such moneys in the Florida Front Porch Housing Loan Fund, for interfund loans from the State Housing Trust Fund to the Florida Front Porch Housing Loan Fund, and for transfers of moneys in the Florida Front Porch Housing Loan Fund. Revises provisions relating to the Affordable Housing Study Commission. Repeals the state housing tax credit and the State Housing Tax Credit Program. Prohibits discrimination in land use decisions and in permitting of development. Creates the State Farmworker Housing Pilot Loan Program to demonstrate the ability to use state dedicated funds to leverage Federal Government, local government, and private resources to provide affordable, safe, and sanitary rental housing units for farmworkers. Provides for administration of the program by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. See bill for details.