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11	Senator Kurth moved the following amendment:		
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13	<b>Senate Amendment (with title amendment)</b>		
14	On page 3, line 25, delete everything after the		
15	enacting clause,		
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17	and insert:		
18	Section 1. Effective January 1, 2001, subsections (2)		
19	and (3) and paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section		
20	159.805, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:		
21	159.805 Procedures for obtaining allocations;		
22	requirements; limitations on allocations; issuance reports.--		
23	(2) Any written confirmation issued by the director		
24	pursuant to subsection (1) ceases to be effective unless the		
25	bonds to which that confirmation applies have been issued by		
26	the agency and written notice of such issuance has been		
27	provided to the director within <u>155</u> <del>90</del> calendar days after the		
28	date the confirmation was issued or December 29, whichever		
29	occurs first.		
30	(3) Upon the expiration of the confirmation or at any		
31	time the agency decides the allocation is no longer necessary,		

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1 but, in any event, not later than the 160th ~~95th~~ calendar day  
2 after the date the confirmation was issued, the agency shall  
3 notify the division, by overnight common carrier delivery  
4 service, of its failure to issue any bonds pursuant to the  
5 written confirmation. Such notice of failure to issue shall  
6 be filed with the division and the allocation provided in the  
7 expired confirmation shall be made available for reallocation  
8 pursuant to this part. Upon determining that it will not be  
9 using allocation for mortgage credit certificates, the issuer  
10 will notify the division in writing within 5 business days  
11 that such allocation for mortgage credit certificates,  
12 referencing the dollar amount, will not be used, thereby  
13 allowing the division to reallocate such amounts.

14 (5)(a) When bonds with a written confirmation of an  
15 allocation are issued, the agency issuing such bonds, or its  
16 designee, shall provide the division with same-day telephonic  
17 notice of such issuance, the principal amount of bonds issued,  
18 and the availability of any excess unissued allocation. On  
19 the day of issuance of the bonds, the agency, or its designee,  
20 shall send a written issuance report to the division to arrive  
21 no later than the following business day ~~by overnight common~~  
22 ~~carrier delivery service~~ containing the information described  
23 in paragraph (b). At issuance, any excess allocation  
24 unissued, except in the case of a project that received an  
25 allocation of \$50 million or more, immediately reverts to the  
26 pool from which the allocation was made, except that, after  
27 June 30 of such year, it reverts to the state allocation pool  
28 and shall be made available for reallocation. Except for  
29 allocations for which an election has been made to issue  
30 mortgage credit certificates, any allocation made under this  
31 part is contingent upon the filing of the issuance report ~~by~~

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1 ~~overnight common carrier delivery service~~ with the division no  
2 later than the following business day.

3 Section 2. Effective January 1, 2001, subsection (1)  
4 of section 159.806, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

5 159.806 Regional allocation pools.--

6 (1) Each region listed in s. 159.804(2) has an  
7 allocation pool for issuing written confirmations of  
8 allocation for private activity bonds. In issuing such  
9 written confirmations, the division must first use the  
10 allocation pool for the region in which the agency issuing  
11 such bonds or on whose behalf such bonds are being issued is  
12 located, except prior to June ~~April~~ 1, when the state  
13 allocation pool or the Florida First Business allocation pool  
14 must be used to finance priority projects until such  
15 allocation is exhausted ~~unless the agency requests an~~  
16 ~~allocation for a priority project from the regional allocation~~  
17 ~~pool.~~ Unless otherwise agreed to by the affected agencies,  
18 when such bonds are to be issued by an agency whose boundaries  
19 include more than one region, the division must first issue an  
20 allocation from the allocation pool for the region in which  
21 the project is to be located.

22 Section 3. Effective January 1, 2001, subsection (2)  
23 of section 159.807, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

24 159.807 State allocation pool.--

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

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

20 Section 4. Section 159.809, Florida Statutes, is  
21 amended to read:

22 159.809 Recapture of unused amounts.--

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

30 (2) On July 1 of each year, any portion of each  
31 ~~initial~~ allocation made pursuant to s. 159.804(2) ~~or (3)~~ for

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1 which the division has not issued a written confirmation has  
 2 not been issued by the director or for which an issuance  
 3 report for bonds utilizing such an allocation has not been  
 4 received by the division prior to that date shall be added to  
 5 the Florida First Business allocation pool. On July 1 of each  
 6 year, any portion of each allocation made pursuant to s.  
 7 159.804(3) for which the division has not issued a written  
 8 confirmation or has not received an issuance report shall be  
 9 added to the Florida First Business allocation pool. On and  
 10 after July 2 of each year, any portion of such allocations for  
 11 which a written confirmation has been issued and which  
 12 confirmation expires or is relinquished by the agency  
 13 receiving the allocation, shall be added to the state  
 14 allocation pool.

15 (3) On October 1 of each year, any portion of the  
 16 allocation made to the Florida First Business allocation pool  
 17 pursuant to s. 159.804(5) or subsection (1) or subsection (2),  
 18 which is eligible for carryforward pursuant to s. 146(f) of  
 19 the Code but which has not been certified for carryforward by  
 20 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, shall  
 21 be returned to the Florida First Business allocation pool.

22 (4)(3) On November 16 of each year, any portion of the  
 23 initial allocation, made pursuant to s. 159.804(1), s.  
 24 159.804(5), or subsection (1), or subsection (2), or  
 25 subsection (3), other than as provided in s. 159.8083, for  
 26 which an issuance report for bonds utilizing such an  
 27 allocation has not been received by the division prior to that  
 28 date shall be added to the state allocation pool.

29 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 159.81, Florida  
 30 Statutes, is amended to read:

31 159.81 Unused allocations; carryforwards.--

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1           (1) The division shall, when requested, provide  
2 carryforwards pursuant to s. 146(f) of the Code for written  
3 confirmations for priority projects which qualify for a  
4 carryforward pursuant to s. 146(f) of the Code, if such  
5 request is accompanied by an opinion of bond counsel to that  
6 effect. In addition, in the case of Florida First Business  
7 projects, the division shall, when requested, grant requests  
8 for carryforward only after receipt of a certification from  
9 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development that  
10 the project has been approved by such office to receive  
11 carryforward.

12           Section 6. Section 159.8083, Florida Statutes, is  
13 amended to read:

14           159.8083 Florida First Business allocation pool.--The  
15 Florida First Business allocation pool is hereby established.  
16 The Florida First Business allocation pool shall be available  
17 solely to provide written confirmation for private activity  
18 bonds to finance Florida First Business projects certified by  
19 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development as  
20 eligible to receive a written confirmation. Allocations from  
21 such pool shall be awarded statewide pursuant to procedures  
22 specified in s. 159.805, except that the provisions of s.  
23 159.805(2), (3), and (6) do not apply. Florida First Business  
24 projects that are eligible for a carryforward shall not lose  
25 their allocation pursuant to s. 159.809(3) on October 1, or  
26 pursuant to s. 159.809(4) on November 16, if they have applied  
27 for and have been granted a carryforward by the division  
28 pursuant to s. 159.81(1). In issuing written confirmations of  
29 allocations for Florida First Business projects, the division  
30 shall use the Florida First Business allocation pool. If  
31 allocation is not available from the Florida First Business

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1 allocation pool, the division shall issue written  
2 confirmations of allocations for Florida First Business  
3 projects pursuant to s. 159.806 or s. 159.807, in such order.  
4 For the purpose of determining priority within a regional  
5 allocation pool or the state allocation pool, notices of  
6 intent to issue bonds for Florida First Business projects to  
7 be issued from a regional allocation pool or the state  
8 allocation pool shall be considered to have been received by  
9 the division at the time it is determined by the division that  
10 the Florida First Business allocation pool is unavailable to  
11 issue confirmation for such Florida First Business project.  
12 If the total amount requested in notices of intent to issue  
13 private activity bonds for Florida First Business projects  
14 exceeds the total amount of the Florida First Business  
15 allocation pool, the director shall forward all timely notices  
16 of intent to issue, which are received by the division for  
17 such projects, to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
18 Development which shall render a decision as to which notices  
19 of intent to issue are to receive written confirmations. The  
20 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, in  
21 consultation with the division, shall develop rules to ensure  
22 that the allocation provided in such pool is available solely  
23 to provide written confirmations for private activity bonds to  
24 finance Florida First Business projects and that such projects  
25 are feasible and financially solvent.

26 Section 7. Effective upon this act becoming a law and  
27 operating retroactively to January 1, 2000, section 196.1978,  
28 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

29 196.1978 Affordable ~~Low-income~~ housing property  
30 exemption.--Property used to provide affordable housing  
31 serving eligible ~~pursuant to any state housing program~~

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1 ~~authorized under chapter 420 to low-income or very-low-income~~  
 2 ~~persons as defined by s. 159.603(7) and persons meeting income~~  
 3 ~~limits specified in s. 420.0004(9), (10), and (14), which~~  
 4 ~~property is owned entirely by a nonprofit entity ~~corporation~~~~  
 5 ~~which is qualified as charitable under s. 501(c)(3) of the~~  
 6 ~~Internal Revenue Code and which complies with Rev. Proc.~~  
 7 ~~96-32, 1996-1 C.B. 717, shall be considered property owned by~~  
 8 ~~an exempt entity and used for a charitable purpose, and those~~  
 9 ~~portions of the affordable housing property which provide~~  
 10 ~~housing to individuals with incomes as defined in s.~~  
 11 ~~420.0004(9) and (14) ~~such property~~ shall be exempt from ad~~  
 12 ~~valorem taxation to the extent authorized in s. 196.196. All~~  
 13 ~~property identified in this section shall comply with the~~  
 14 ~~criteria for determination of exempt status to be applied by~~  
 15 ~~property appraisers on an annual basis as defined in s.~~  
 16 ~~196.195. The Legislature intends that any property owned by a~~  
 17 ~~limited liability company which is disregarded as an entity~~  
 18 ~~for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Treasury~~  
 19 ~~Regulation 301.7701-3(b)(1)(ii) shall be treated as owned by~~  
 20 ~~its sole member.~~

21 Section 8. Subsections (37) and (38) are added to  
 22 section 420.507, Florida Statutes, to read:

23 420.507 Powers of the corporation.--The corporation  
 24 shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out  
 25 and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this part,  
 26 including the following powers which are in addition to all  
 27 other powers granted by other provisions of this part:

28 (37) To provide by rule, in connection with any  
 29 corporation competitive program, for the reservation of future  
 30 allocation or funding to provide a remedy for a litigant which  
 31 is ultimately successful in its litigation regarding a



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1 competitive application, and to establish a date certain by  
2 which, if litigation is not resolved, the successful litigant  
3 will be funded from a subsequent year's available allocation  
4 or funding.

5 (38) To designate private activity allocation for  
6 tax-exempt bonds received by the corporation pursuant to part  
7 VI of chapter 159 between single-family and multifamily  
8 projects.

9 Section 9. Subsection (3) of section 420.5099, Florida  
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 420.5099 Allocation of the low-income housing tax  
12 credit.--

13 (3) The corporation may request such information from  
14 applicants as will enable it to make the allocations according  
15 to the guidelines set forth in subsection (2), including, but  
16 not limited to, the information required to be provided the  
17 corporation by chapter 67 91-21, Florida Administrative Code.

18 Section 10. Section 420.526, Florida Statutes, is  
19 amended to read:

20 420.526 Predevelopment Loan Program; loans and grants  
21 authorized; activities eligible for support.--

22 (1) The corporation is authorized to ~~underwrite and~~  
23 make loans and grants from the Housing Predevelopment Fund to  
24 eligible sponsors when it determines that:

25 (a) A need for housing for the target population  
26 exists in the area described in the application; and

27 (b) Federal, state, or local public funds or private  
28 funds are available or likely to be available to aid in the  
29 site acquisition, site development, construction,  
30 rehabilitation, maintenance, or support of the housing  
31 proposed in the application.

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1           (2) If a loan is made, the corporation is authorized  
2 to forgive such loan, and thereby make a grant to a sponsor  
3 for any moneys which are unable to be repaid due to the  
4 sponsor's inability to obtain construction or permanent  
5 financing for the development. The corporation shall not  
6 forgive the portion of the loan, if any, which is secured by a  
7 mortgage to the extent such loan could be repaid from the sale  
8 of the mortgaged property shall not award a grant or loan to a  
9 sponsor that is unable to demonstrate the ability to proceed  
10 as verified by a qualified development team.

11           (3) The corporation shall establish rules for the  
12 equitable distribution of the funds in a manner that meets the  
13 need and demand for housing for the target population.  
14 ~~However, during the first 6 months of fund availability, at~~  
15 ~~least 40 percent of the total funds made available under this~~  
16 ~~program shall be reserved for Sponsors of farmworker housing,~~  
17 ~~if any, shall receive first priority under this program, and~~  
18 ~~further priorities shall be as established by rule of the~~  
19 ~~corporation.~~

20           (4) The activities of sponsors which are eligible for  
21 housing predevelopment loans and grants shall include, but not  
22 be limited to:

23           (a) Site acquisition.

24           (b) Site development.

25           (c) Fees for requisite services from architects,  
26 engineers, surveyors, attorneys, and other professionals.

27           (d) Marketing expenses relating to advertisement.

28           ~~(5) The activities of sponsors which are eligible for~~  
29 ~~housing predevelopment grants shall include, but not be~~  
30 ~~limited to:~~

31           (e)(a) Administrative expenses.

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1            ~~(f)(b)~~ Market and feasibility studies.

2            ~~(g)(c)~~ Consulting fees.

3            ~~(5)(6)~~ Any funds paid out of the Housing  
4 Predevelopment Fund for activities under ss. 420.521-420.529  
5 which are reimbursed to the sponsor from another source shall  
6 be repaid to the fund.

7            ~~(7)~~ ~~Sponsors receiving loans for professional fees may~~  
8 ~~receive forgiveness of such loans if it is determined that the~~  
9 ~~proposed project would not be feasible for housing for the~~  
10 ~~target population.~~

11           ~~(6)(8)~~ Terms and conditions of housing predevelopment  
12 loan agreements shall be established by rule and shall  
13 include:

14           (a) Provision for interest, which shall be set at  
15 between 0 and 3 percent per year, as established by the  
16 corporation.

17           (b) Provision of a schedule for the repayment of  
18 principal and interest for a term not to exceed 3 years or  
19 initiation of permanent financing, whichever event occurs  
20 first. However, the corporation may extend the term of a loan  
21 for an additional period ~~not to exceed 1 year~~ if extraordinary  
22 circumstances exist and if such extension would not jeopardize  
23 the corporation's security interest.

24           (c) Provision of reasonable security for the housing  
25 predevelopment loan to ensure the repayment of the principal  
26 and any interest accrued within the term specified.

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

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1           (d) Provisions to ensure that the land acquired will  
2 be used for the development of housing and related services  
3 for the target population.

4           (e) Provisions to ensure, to the extent possible, that  
5 any accrued savings in cost due to the availability of these  
6 funds will be passed on to the target population in the form  
7 of lower land prices. The corporation shall ensure that such  
8 savings in land prices shall be passed on in the form of lower  
9 prices or rents for dwellings constructed on such land.

10           (f) Provisions to ensure that any land acquired  
11 through assistance under ss. 420.521-420.529 for housing for  
12 the target population shall not be disposed of or alienated in  
13 a manner that violates Title VII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act,  
14 which specifically prohibits discrimination based on race,  
15 sex, color, religion, or national origin or that violates  
16 other applicable federal or state laws.

17           ~~(7)(9)~~ No predevelopment loan made under this section  
18 shall exceed the lesser of:

19           (a) The development and acquisition costs for the  
20 project, as determined by rule of the corporation; or

21           (b) Five hundred thousand dollars.

22           ~~(8)(10)~~ Any real property or any portion thereof  
23 purchased or developed under ss. 420.521-420.529 may be  
24 disposed of by the eligible sponsor upon the terms and  
25 conditions established by rule of the corporation and  
26 consistent with ss. 420.521-420.529, at a price not to exceed  
27 the actual prorated land costs, development costs, accrued  
28 taxes, and interest.

29           Section 11. Subsections (3), (5), (7), and (8) of  
30 section 420.609, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

31           420.609 Affordable Housing Study Commission.--Because

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1 the Legislature firmly supports affordable housing in Florida  
2 for all economic classes:

3 (3) The department and the corporation ~~agency~~ shall  
4 supply such information, assistance, and facilities as are  
5 deemed necessary for the commission to carry out its duties  
6 under this section and shall provide such staff assistance as  
7 is necessary for the performance of required clerical and  
8 administrative functions of the commission.

9 (5) The commission shall review, evaluate, and make  
10 recommendations regarding existing and proposed housing  
11 programs and initiatives. The commission shall provide these  
12 and any other housing recommendations to the secretary of the  
13 Department of Community Affairs and the executive director of  
14 the corporation.

15 (7) By July 15 ~~December 31~~ of each year beginning in  
16 2001 ~~1992~~, the commission shall prepare and submit to the  
17 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
18 House of Representatives a report detailing its findings and  
19 making specific program, legislative, and funding  
20 recommendations and any other recommendations it deems  
21 appropriate.

22 (8) The commission shall recommend studies to be  
23 conducted for ~~included in the annual research agenda of the~~  
24 ~~Multidisciplinary Center for affordable housing. These~~  
25 ~~recommendations shall be submitted to the department and the~~  
26 ~~center in order to assist them in establishing an appropriate~~  
27 ~~research agenda for the center.~~

28 Section 12. Subsections (4) and (27) of section  
29 420.9071, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

30 420.9071 Definitions.--As used in ss.  
31 420.907-420.9079, the term:

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1           (4) "Annual gross income" means annual income as  
2 defined under the Section 8 housing assistance payments  
3 programs in 24 C.F.R. part 5; annual income as reported under  
4 the census long form for the recent available decennial  
5 census; or adjusted gross income as defined for purposes of  
6 reporting under Internal Revenue Service Form 1040 for  
7 individual federal annual income tax purposes. Counties and  
8 eligible municipalities shall calculate income by annualizing  
9 verified sources ~~projecting the prevailing annual rate of~~  
10 income for ~~all adults in~~ the household as the amount of income  
11 to be received in a household during the 12 months following  
12 the effective date of the determination.

13           (27) "Sales price" or "value" means, in the case of  
14 acquisition of an existing or newly constructed unit, the  
15 amount on the executed sales contract. For eligible persons  
16 who are building a unit on land that they own, the sales price  
17 is determined by an appraisal performed by a state-certified  
18 appraiser. The appraisal must include the value of the land  
19 and the improvements using the after-construction value of the  
20 property and must be dated within 12 months of the date  
21 construction is to commence. The sales price of any unit must  
22 include the value of the land in order to qualify as eligible  
23 housing as defined in subsection (8). In the case of  
24 rehabilitation or emergency repair of an existing unit that  
25 does not create additional living space, sales price or value  
26 means the value of the real property, as determined by an  
27 appraisal performed by a state-certified appraiser and dated  
28 within 12 months of the date construction is to commence or  
29 the assessed value of the real property as determined by the  
30 county property appraiser, ~~plus the cost of the improvements.~~  
31 In the case of rehabilitation of an existing unit that

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1 includes the addition of new living space, sales price or  
2 value means the value of the real property, as determined by  
3 an appraisal performed by a state-certified appraiser and  
4 dated within 12 months of the date construction is to commence  
5 or the assessed value of the real property as determined by  
6 the county property appraiser, plus the cost of the  
7 improvements in either case.

8           Section 13. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) and  
9 paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 420.9075, Florida  
10 Statutes, are amended to read:

11           420.9075 Local housing assistance plans;  
12 partnerships.--

13           (3) Each local housing assistance plan is governed by  
14 the following criteria and administrative procedures:

15           (e) The staff or entity that has administrative  
16 authority for implementing a local housing assistance plan  
17 assisting rental developments shall annually monitor and  
18 determine tenant eligibility or, to the extent the Florida  
19 Housing Finance Corporation provides the same monitoring and  
20 determination, a municipality, county, or local housing  
21 financing authority may rely on such monitoring and  
22 determination of tenant eligibility.

23           (4) The following criteria apply to awards made to  
24 eligible sponsors or eligible persons for the purpose of  
25 providing eligible housing:

26           (c) The sales price or value of new or existing  
27 eligible housing may not exceed 90 percent of the average  
28 ~~median~~ area purchase price in the statistical area in which  
29 ~~where~~ the eligible housing is located, which housing was  
30 purchased during the most recent 12-month period for which  
31 sufficient statistical information is available or, as

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1 established by the United States Department of Treasury.

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

13 Section 14. Section 760.26, Florida Statutes, is  
14 created to read:

15 760.26 Prohibited discrimination in land use decisions  
16 and in permitting of development.--It is unlawful to  
17 discriminate in land use decisions or in the permitting of  
18 development based on race, color, national origin, sex,  
19 disability, familial status, religion, or, except as otherwise  
20 provided by law, the source of financing of a development or  
21 proposed development.

22 Section 15. State Farmworker Housing Pilot Loan  
23 Program.--The State Farmworker Housing Pilot Loan Program is  
24 created for the purpose of demonstrating the ability to use  
25 state dedicated funds to leverage Federal Government, local  
26 government, and private resources to provide affordable, safe,  
27 and sanitary rental housing units for farmworkers.

28 (1) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated  
29 to fund the State Farmworker Housing Pilot Loan Program, the  
30 Florida Housing Finance Corporation shall have the authority  
31 to make farmworker housing loans to a sponsor, as defined in



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1 s. 420.503(37), Florida Statutes, provided the sponsor:

2 (a) Agrees to:

3 1. Set aside at least 80 percent of the units for  
4 eligible farmworkers, as defined in s. 420.503(18), Florida  
5 Statutes;

6 2. Set aside 100 percent of the units for households  
7 whose family income does not exceed:

8 a. Fifty percent of the adjusted local median income  
9 in areas which are not metropolitan statistical areas; or

10 b. Forty percent of adjusted local median income in  
11 metropolitan statistical areas; and

12 3. Limit rents to no more than 30 percent of the  
13 maximum household income adjusted to unit size; or

14 (b) Uses federal funds provided under section 514 or  
15 section 516 of Title V of the Federal Housing Act of 1949 and  
16 meets maximum rental limits, tenant eligibility, and other  
17 regulatory requirements established pursuant to such programs.

18 (2) The corporation shall issue a request for  
19 proposals to solicit applications for loans offered pursuant  
20 to this section and shall establish a funding cycle to  
21 distribute funds pursuant to this section. The corporation  
22 shall coordinate this cycle with the fiscal year 2001 federal  
23 funding cycle for section 514 or section 516 of Title V of the  
24 Federal Housing Act of 1949. The corporation may distribute  
25 through this funding cycle any additional funds set aside for  
26 farmworker housing under the State Apartment Incentive Loan  
27 Program authorized by s. 420.5087, Florida Statutes, or other  
28 funds appropriated for the State Farmworker Housing Pilot Loan  
29 Program.

30 (3) All eligible applications shall:

31 (a) Demonstrate that the sponsor possesses title to or

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1 firm site control of land and evidences availability of  
2 required infrastructure.

3 (b) Have grants, donations of land, or contributions  
4 from other sources collectively totaling at least 25 percent  
5 of the total development cost. Such grants, donations of land,  
6 or contributions need not be committed at the time of  
7 application. The corporation shall establish a set time for  
8 receipt of such commitments.

9 (c) Have local government contributions and private  
10 agriculture producer funds and other private leveraged funds  
11 totaling no less than 3 percent of the total development cost.

12 (d) Demonstrate accessibility to commercial businesses  
13 and services needed to serve the needs of the resident  
14 farmworkers or include a viable plan to provide access to  
15 those commercial businesses and services.

16 (e) Limit developer fees to no more than 15 percent of  
17 the total development cost, less developer fees and land cost.

18 (4) The corporation shall establish a review committee  
19 composed of staff of the Department of Community Affairs  
20 selected by the Secretary of Community Affairs and staff of  
21 the corporation and shall establish a scoring system for  
22 evaluation and competitive ranking of applications submitted  
23 in this program.

24 (a) Each application shall address and be evaluated  
25 and ranked based on the following criteria:

26 1. A demonstrated need for farmworker housing:  
27 Proposed developments in a county determined by the Shimberg  
28 Center for Affordable Housing's April 1997 Migrant Farm Worker  
29 Needs Assessment, or any subsequent assessment, to have a  
30 shortage of affordable housing for 3,000 or more farmworkers  
31 shall receive maximum points. Sponsors proposing developments

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1 in other counties and demonstrating a high need for farmworker  
2 housing through other state or local governmental reports or  
3 market studies are eligible for funding under this section,  
4 but shall receive less points.

5 2. Developer fees: Sponsors with developer fees less  
6 than 15 percent shall be awarded additional points. There  
7 shall be no identity of interest between the sponsor,  
8 affiliated entities, and the contractor, and the sponsor or  
9 affiliated entities shall not receive any financial or other  
10 remuneration from the contractor as a condition of the  
11 contractor's selection.

12 3. The project's mix: Applications providing a  
13 set-aside of 20 percent or more units for seasonal, temporary,  
14 or migrant workers, including unaccompanied workers, shall  
15 receive additional points.

16 4. Innovation: Innovative planning concepts such as a  
17 phased development plan for mixed-income or occupational  
18 groups, home ownership, or commercial uses on a nearby parcel  
19 shall receive additional points.

20 5. Innovative building designs: Innovative building  
21 designs, which are targeted to meet the needs of the  
22 hard-to-serve population of migrant, seasonal, and  
23 very-low-income tenants which lower costs and rents while  
24 providing safe, sanitary, and decent housing shall receive  
25 additional points.

26 6. Federal Government contributions: Scoring shall  
27 provide additional points based on the percentage of federal  
28 funds leveraged. Such funds need not be committed to the  
29 proposed project. The corporation shall establish a set time  
30 for receipt of such commitments, taking into consideration the  
31 application deadlines and projected determination periods set

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1 by each of the agencies responsible for the federal funds  
2 proposed as leveraged. The corporation may give more points  
3 to applications with commitments of federal contributions.

4 7. Local government participation: Evidence of local  
5 government participation in project planning demonstrating a  
6 commitment to the project's success, including, but not  
7 limited to, comprehensive planning, letters of support, and  
8 other activities, shall receive additional points.

9 8. A provision for supportive services accessible  
10 onsite or through cooperative agreements with service  
11 providers in the community: Scoring shall provide additional  
12 points to eligible applications that provide one or more  
13 qualified tenant programs to enhance quality of life for  
14 residents. Such programs include, but are not limited to, the  
15 inclusion of a Title XX or Head Start child care facility for  
16 children onsite or within 3 miles of the development, tenant  
17 activities, health care, financial counseling, English as a  
18 Second Language courses, and GED courses.

19 9. The quality of the project's design: All  
20 developments shall include the equivalent of 0.25 full  
21 bathroom facilities per bed or tenant; onsite laundry, laundry  
22 sink, or hookups and space for a washer and dryer inside each  
23 unit; and appropriate minimum storage space. Flexibility shall  
24 be permitted for innovative designs which meet the needs of  
25 the population served.

26 a. The following items are not required and shall  
27 receive no points in the scoring of applications: two full  
28 bathrooms in all three-bedroom units, one and one-half  
29 bathrooms in all two-bedroom units, swimming pool, dishwasher,  
30 garbage disposals, and cable television hookups.

31 b. The following items are not required but shall

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1 receive additional points in the scoring of applications:  
2 window treatments, 30-year roofing on all buildings, gated  
3 community with carded entry or security guard, car care area,  
4 covered picnic area, playground, outdoor recreation area for  
5 older children, two or more parking spaces per unit, large  
6 multipurpose room or clubhouse, air conditioning or  
7 whole-house fan as determined by geographic region or seasonal  
8 occupancy, hurricane shutters or resistant glass, and energy  
9 conservation features.

10 10. The feasibility and economic viability of the  
11 project.

12 11. The sponsor's development experience: Scoring  
13 shall provide the most points to eligible applicants with  
14 successful experience in the development of farmworker housing  
15 commensurate to the size and scope of the proposed  
16 development. Applicants with less development experience or  
17 experience in projects substantially smaller than that  
18 proposed shall receive less points. The experience may be  
19 that of an affiliated or controlling corporation where the  
20 eligible applicant is established to limit liability of the  
21 affiliated group.

22 12. The sponsor's management experience: Scoring shall  
23 provide the most points to eligible applicants with successful  
24 experience in the management of farmworker housing  
25 commensurate to the size and scope of the proposed  
26 development. Applicants with less management experience or  
27 experience in projects substantially smaller than the proposed  
28 development shall receive less points. The experience may be  
29 that of an affiliated or controlling nonprofit corporation  
30 where the eligible applicant is established to limit liability  
31 of the affiliated group.

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1           13. The ability to proceed with construction: Scoring  
2 shall provide the most points to those applicants able to  
3 proceed in a timely manner. In addition to local government  
4 participation as addressed in subparagraph 7., items to be  
5 scored shall include, but not be limited to: environmental  
6 safety, infrastructure availability, schematic site plans and  
7 elevations, and conceptual, preliminary, or final site plan  
8 approval.

9           14. A management plan to attract, serve, and keep  
10 eligible farmworker tenants.

11           (b) The corporation may reject any application.

12           (c) The review committee established by the  
13 corporation shall make recommendations to the board of  
14 directors of the corporation regarding program participation  
15 under the State Farmworker Housing Pilot Loan Program. The  
16 corporation board shall make the final ranking and the  
17 decisions regarding which applicants shall become program  
18 participants based on the scores received in the competitive  
19 ranking, further review of applications, and the  
20 recommendations of the review committee. The corporation  
21 board shall approve or reject applications for loans and shall  
22 determine the tentative loan amount available to each  
23 applicant selected for participation in the program.

24           (5) Loans provided pursuant to this section shall be  
25 nonamortizing. The corporation shall establish interest rates  
26 for loans made pursuant to this section. Loans to  
27 not-for-profit applicants shall have interest rates of zero  
28 percent if no low-income housing tax credits are allocated to  
29 the development. If low-income housing tax credits are  
30 allocated to the development, the interest rate may be  
31 adjusted upward to meet appropriate federal requirements.

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1 Loans to for-profit applicants shall have interest rates of 3  
2 percent if no low-income housing tax credits are allocated to  
3 the development. If low-income housing tax credits are  
4 allocated to the development, the interest rate may be  
5 adjusted upward to meet appropriate federal requirements.  
6 Loans shall not exceed \$5 million. The following provisions  
7 shall apply to all loans provided under this section:

8 (a) No loan combined with any other mortgage in a  
9 superior position shall exceed the development cost or the  
10 value of security, whichever is less.

11 (b) The loan term shall be for a period of not less  
12 than 20 years. The corporation may renegotiate and extend the  
13 loan in order to extend the availability of housing for  
14 farmworkers. The term of a loan may not extend beyond the  
15 period for which the sponsor agrees to provide housing for  
16 farmworkers as provided in subsection (1). Payment on the  
17 loans shall be based on the actual development cash flow and  
18 principal and interest may be deferred without constituting a  
19 default on the loan. The corporation may defer repayment of  
20 loans made under this section until the end of the loan  
21 period, including any extension, or until the housing no  
22 longer meets the requirements of subsection (1), whichever  
23 occurs first.

24 (c) The discrimination provisions of s. 420.516,  
25 Florida Statutes, shall apply to all loans.

26 (d) The proceeds of all loans shall be used for new  
27 construction or substantial rehabilitation which creates  
28 affordable, safe, and sanitary housing units.

29 (e) Sponsors shall annually certify the eligibility  
30 status and adjusted gross income of all persons or families  
31 qualified under subsection (1) who are residing in a project

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1 funded by this program. For monitoring purposes, the  
2 corporation may rely on a federal governmental entity which is  
3 also required to monitor and determine tenant eligibility.

4 (f) If agricultural and market conditions change  
5 substantially in a market area in which a project is located,  
6 the sponsor may request approval from the corporation for  
7 changes in the occupational or income set-aside requirements.  
8 The sponsor shall submit evidence of such market changes,  
9 including, but not limited to, a market study and statements  
10 from agricultural producers and agricultural labor  
11 representatives. The board of directors of the corporation  
12 may amend set-aside requirements; however, such changes shall  
13 preserve the maximum percentage of units for eligible  
14 farmworkers as market conditions permit.

15 (6) If a default on a loan occurs, the corporation may  
16 foreclose on any mortgage or security interest or commence any  
17 legal action to protect the interest of the corporation and  
18 recover the amount of the unpaid principal, accrued interest,  
19 and fees. The corporation may acquire real or personal  
20 property or any interest in such property when that  
21 acquisition is necessary or appropriate to: protect any loan;  
22 sell, transfer, and convey any such property to a buyer  
23 without regard to the provisions of chapters 253 and 270,  
24 Florida Statutes; and, if that sale, transfer, or conveyance  
25 cannot be effected within a reasonable time, lease such  
26 property for occupancy by eligible persons. All sums recovered  
27 from the sale, transfer, conveyance, or lease of such property  
28 shall be deposited into an account established by the  
29 corporation in a qualified public depository meeting the  
30 requirements of chapter 280, Florida Statutes, for purposes of  
31 expending moneys appropriated to fund the State Farmworker



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1 Housing Pilot Loan Program as provided in subsection (1).  
2 (7) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated  
3 to fund the State Farmworker Housing Pilot Loan Program, the  
4 Florida Housing Finance Corporation shall contract with a  
5 nonprofit corporation, qualified under s. 501(c)(3) of the  
6 Internal Revenue Code, representing a mix of stakeholders  
7 concerned with housing conditions faced by migrant and  
8 seasonal farmworkers with demonstrated expertise in housing  
9 issues. The corporation shall select such contractor within 90  
10 days after the effective date of this section to assist the  
11 corporation in establishing and implementing the State  
12 Farmworker Housing Pilot Loan Program, and to prepare a  
13 research report that includes a needs assessment and strategic  
14 plan for agricultural labor housing in this state. The  
15 research report shall be submitted to the Governor, the  
16 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
17 Representatives. The report shall:  
18 (a) Identify localities throughout this state having  
19 the greatest need for newly-constructed or rehabilitated  
20 agricultural labor housing.  
21 (b) Identify successful project prototypes to provide  
22 safe, decent, and affordable agricultural housing.  
23 (c) Provide an analysis of state and local barriers to  
24 the development of agricultural housing.  
25 (d) Profile successful state and local government  
26 programs within and without this state that address  
27 agricultural housing needs.  
28 Section 16. Except as otherwise provided herein, this  
29 act shall take effect July 1, 2000.  
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1 ===== T I T L E    A M E N D M E N T =====

2 And the title is amended as follows:

3            On page 1, line 3, through page 3, line 22, delete all  
4 of said lines,

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6 and insert:

7            s. 159.805, F.S.; revising procedures for  
8            obtaining allocations of private activity  
9            bonds; amending s. 159.806, F.S.; specifying  
10           use of Florida First Business allocation pool  
11           for priority projects before using regional  
12           allocation pools; amending s. 159.807, F.S.;  
13           requiring availability of the state allocation  
14           pool for certain purposes; amending s.  
15           159.8083, F.S.; clarifying preservation of  
16           allocations for certain Florida First Business  
17           projects; amending s. 159.809, F.S.; clarifying  
18           recapture by the Florida First Business  
19           allocation pool of portions of certain unused  
20           allocations; amending s. 159.81, F.S.;  
21           providing for granting requests for  
22           carryforward of certain allocations relating to  
23           Florida First Business projects under certain  
24           circumstances; amending s. 196.1978, F.S.;  
25           expanding the classes of certain low-income  
26           housing property as property owned by an exempt  
27           entity and used for charitable purposes;  
28           amending s. 420.507, F.S.; providing special  
29           powers of the corporation with respect to  
30           reservation of future allocation or funding and  
31           designation of private activity bond

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1 allocation; amending s. 420.5099, F.S.;

2 correcting an administrative rule cross

3 reference; amending s. 420.526, F.S.; revising

4 provisions of the Predevelopment Loan Program

5 to provide for targeting of funds and

6 forgiveness of loans under certain

7 circumstances; amending s. 420.609, F.S.;

8 requiring the corporation to assist the

9 Affordable Housing Study Commission for certain

10 purposes; requiring the commission to provide

11 certain commission recommendations to the

12 corporation; changing the date of submittal for

13 the commission's report; revising the

14 commission's recommended studies requirements;

15 amending s. 420.9071, F.S.; revising certain

16 definitions; amending s. 420.9075, F.S.;

17 revising entities authorized to monitor and

18 determine tenant eligibility under local

19 housing assistance plans; revising criteria for

20 eligibility awards under such plans; creating

21 s. 760.26, F.S.; prohibiting discrimination in

22 land use decisions and in permitting of

23 development; establishing the State Farmworker

24 Housing Pilot Loan Program; providing for

25 administration by the Florida Housing Finance

26 Corporation; providing sponsor requirements;

27 requiring the corporation to issue a request

28 for proposals for loan applications for certain

29 purposes; requiring the corporation to

30 establish a loan distribution mechanism;

31 providing eligible loan applicant requirements;

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1 providing for establishment of an application  
2 review committee; providing criteria for loan  
3 applications; providing duties and  
4 responsibilities of the corporation and review  
5 committee; providing requirements for such  
6 loans; providing procedures and requirements  
7 for loan defaults; requiring the corporation to  
8 contract with the Florida Farmworker Housing  
9 Coalition, Inc., for certain purposes;  
10 requiring a report to the Governor and  
11 Legislature; providing report requirements;  
12 providing effective dates.

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