

Bill No. CS for SB 1468

Amendment No. Barcode 191604

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Senator Garcia moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 16, between lines 12 & 13,

insert:

Section 6. Section 369.255, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

369.255 Green utility ordinances for funding greenspace management and exotic plant control.--

(1) LEGISLATIVE FINDING.--The Legislature finds that the proper management of greenspace areas, including, without limitation, the urban forest, greenways, private and public forest preserves, wetlands, and aquatic zones, is essential to the state's environment and economy and to the health and safety of its residents and visitors. The Legislature also finds that the limitation and control of nonindigenous plants and tree replacement and maintenance are vital to achieving the natural systems and recreational lands goals and policies of the state pursuant to s. 187.201(10), the State Comprehensive Plan. It is the intent of this section to

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1 enable local governments to establish a mechanism to provide
2 dedicated funding for the aforementioned activities, when
3 deemed necessary by a ~~that~~ county or municipality.

4 (2) In addition to any other funding mechanisms
5 legally available to counties and municipalities to control
6 invasive, nonindigenous aquatic or upland plants and manage
7 urban forest resources, a county or municipality may create
8 one or more green utilities or adopt fees sufficient to plan,
9 restore, and manage urban forest resources, greenways, forest
10 preserves, wetlands, and other aquatic zones and create a
11 stewardship grant program for private natural areas. Counties
12 or municipalities may create, alone or in cooperation with
13 other counties or municipalities pursuant to the Florida
14 Interlocal Cooperation Act, s. 163.01, one or more greenspace
15 management districts to fund the planning, management,
16 operation, and administration of a greenspace management
17 program. The fees shall be collected on a voluntary basis as
18 set forth by the county or municipality and calculated to
19 generate sufficient funds to plan, manage, operate, and
20 administer a greenspace management program. Private natural
21 areas assessed according to s. 193.501 would qualify for
22 stewardship grants.

23 (3) This section shall only apply to counties with a
24 population of 500,000 or more and municipalities with a
25 population of 200,000 or more.

26 (4) Nothing in this section shall authorize counties
27 or municipalities to require any nongovernmental entity to
28 collect the fee described in subsection (2) on their behalf.

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30 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3 On page 1, line 27, after the semicolon

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5 insert:

6 amending s. 369.255, F.S.; authorizing
7 specified municipalities to create green
8 utilities or adopt fees to fund greenspace
9 management programs;

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