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Representative(s) Machek offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 25, between lines 21 and 22,

insert:

Section 13. Section 373.2515, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

373.2515 Permitting requirements for alternative water facilities and electric power plants.--

(1) The Legislature finds that the recent increase in proposed electric power plants that are not subject to the regulatory review requirements of the Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act creates both potential problems and water supply opportunities. The continued proliferation of inland plants may result in environmental and growth management problems for the counties in which they are located and can affect the patterns of urban development and the demands on water resources if improperly located and inadequately regulated.

(2)(a) Electric power plants of any generating

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1 technology are encouraged to locate in coastal counties where  
2 they can be colocated with reverse osmosis facilities or other  
3 similar technologies to desalinate water resources to help  
4 meet potable water supply needs. Entities with existing  
5 electric power plant sites located in coastal counties are  
6 encouraged to evaluate modifications, expansions, or additions  
7 that would allow the colocation of reverse osmosis or other  
8 similar technologies to desalinate water resources to help  
9 meet potable water supply needs.

10 (b) Reverse osmosis facilities or other similar  
11 desalination technologies that are proposed to be colocated  
12 with electric power plants are eligible to receive cooperative  
13 funding assistance from water management districts created  
14 under chapter 373 that have cooperative funding assistance  
15 programs for activities designed to promote alternative water  
16 supplies. The processing of all necessary permits, licenses,  
17 or other approvals for such colocated facilities by all local  
18 governments, water management districts, agencies, boards, or  
19 commissions with regulatory jurisdiction over the project  
20 shall be afforded priority and handled in an expedited manner.  
21 Such colocated facilities shall be deemed to be in the public  
22 interest and consistent with any adopted local government  
23 comprehensive plan, regional policy plan, and state  
24 comprehensive plan.

25 (3) Notwithstanding other permitting requirements  
26 required by law, construction permit applications for a new  
27 simple cycle turbine electric plant unrelated to an existing  
28 electric power plant site located anywhere within the interior  
29 counties immediately contiguous to the most impacted area  
30 within the Eastern Tampa Bay water caution area must  
31 demonstrate that the sole source of its cooling water will be

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1 provided by the reuse of reclaimed wastewater or other  
 2 nonpotable water source in order to ensure protection of  
 3 groundwater and surface water resources.

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7 And the title is amended as follows:

8            On page 2, line 4, after the semicolon,

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10 insert:

11            creating s. 373.2515, F.S.; establishing  
 12            permitting requirements for alternative water  
 13            facilities and electric power plants;

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