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Senator Latvala moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 2, line 8,

insert:

Section 1. Effective July 1, 2002, subsection (3) of section 259.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

259.101 Florida Preservation 2000 Act.--

(3) LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAMS SUPPLEMENTED.--Less the costs of issuance, the costs of funding reserve accounts, and other costs with respect to the bonds, the proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this act shall be deposited into the Florida Preservation 2000 Trust Fund created by s. 375.045. Beginning in fiscal year 2002-2003, funds from the unencumbered cash balance less approved commitments remaining in the agency subaccounts in the Preservation 2000 Trust Fund may be used by those agencies to fund projects described in paragraphs (3)(a)-(h) of s. 259.105 which meet the criteria for funding pursuant to the Florida Forever Program or the Florida Preservation 2000 Program. Starting in fiscal year

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1 2001-2002, from the cash balance less approved commitments
2 encumbered that is remaining in the Florida Preservation 2000
3 Trust Fund, the Legislature shall appropriate up to \$75
4 million from the Florida Preservation 2000 Trust Fund to the
5 Save Our Everglades Trust Fund to be used for the acquisition
6 of lands needed for restoration of the Florida Everglades
7 pursuant to s. 373.470. Furthermore, the remaining cash
8 balances available for the Preservation 2000 programs
9 described in paragraphs (a)-(g) shall be adjusted pro rata for
10 the amount appropriated by the Legislature. Additionally, any
11 cash balances less approved commitments encumbered available
12 to the programs described in paragraphs (a)-(g) at the time
13 the first series of Florida Forever Program bonds is issued
14 and proceeds are deposited into the Florida Forever Trust Fund
15 shall be reserved and remain unavailable for expenditure for
16 projects pursuant to the Florida Preservation 2000 Program
17 until and unless the programs receiving an allocation under
18 the Florida Forever Program described in paragraphs (3)(a)-(h)
19 of s. 259.105, respectively, have encumbered all funds
20 available from the first Florida Forever Program bond issue.
21 To the extent that projects eligible for Preservation 2000
22 funds can also be eligible for Florida Forever funds, the
23 proceeds from Florida Forever bonds may be used to complete
24 transactions begun with Preservation 2000 funds or meet cash
25 needs for property transactions begun in fiscal year
26 2000-2001. The remaining proceeds shall be distributed by the
27 Department of Environmental Protection in the following
28 manner:

29 (a) Fifty percent to the Department of Environmental
30 Protection for the purchase of public lands as described in s.
31 259.032. Of this 50 percent, at least one-fifth shall be used

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1 for the acquisition of coastal lands.

2 (b) Thirty percent to the Department of Environmental
3 Protection for the purchase of water management lands pursuant
4 to s. 373.59, to be distributed among the water management
5 districts as provided in that section. Funds received by each
6 district may also be used for acquisition of lands necessary
7 to implement surface water improvement and management plans
8 approved in accordance with s. 373.456 or for acquisition of
9 lands necessary to implement the Everglades Construction
10 Project authorized by s. 373.4592.

11 (c) Ten percent to the Department of Community Affairs
12 to provide land acquisition grants and loans to local
13 governments through the Florida Communities Trust pursuant to
14 part III of chapter 380. From funds allocated to the trust,
15 \$3 million annually shall be used by the Division of State
16 Lands within the Department of Environmental Protection to
17 implement the Green Swamp Land Protection Initiative
18 specifically for the purchase of conservation easements, as
19 defined in s. 380.0677(4), of lands, or severable interests or
20 rights in lands, in the Green Swamp Area of Critical State
21 Concern. From funds allocated to the trust, \$3 million
22 annually shall be used by the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan
23 Land Authority specifically for the purchase of any real
24 property interest in either those lands subject to the Rate of
25 Growth Ordinances adopted by local governments in Monroe
26 County or those lands within the boundary of an approved
27 Conservation and Recreation Lands project located within the
28 Florida Keys or Key West Areas of Critical State Concern;
29 however, title to lands acquired within the boundary of an
30 approved Conservation and Recreation Lands project may, in
31 accordance with an approved joint acquisition agreement, vest

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1 in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust
2 Fund. Of the remaining funds allocated to the trust after the
3 above transfers occur, one-half shall be matched by local
4 governments on a dollar-for-dollar basis. To the extent
5 allowed by federal requirements for the use of bond proceeds,
6 the trust shall expend Preservation 2000 funds to carry out
7 the purposes of part III of chapter 380.

8 (d) Two and nine-tenths percent to the Department of
9 Environmental Protection for the purchase of inholdings and
10 additions to state parks. For the purposes of this paragraph,
11 "state park" means all real property in the state under the
12 jurisdiction of the Division of Recreation and Parks of the
13 department, or which may come under its jurisdiction.

14 (e) Two and nine-tenths percent to the Division of
15 Forestry of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
16 Services to fund the acquisition of state forest inholdings
17 and additions pursuant to s. 589.07.

18 (f) Two and nine-tenths percent to the Fish and
19 Wildlife Conservation Commission to fund the acquisition of
20 inholdings and additions to lands managed by the commission
21 which are important to the conservation of fish and wildlife.

22 (g) One and three-tenths percent to the Department of
23 Environmental Protection for the Florida Greenways and Trails
24 Program, to acquire greenways and trails or greenways and
25 trails systems pursuant to chapter 260, including, but not
26 limited to, abandoned railroad rights-of-way and the Florida
27 National Scenic Trail.

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29 Local governments may use federal grants or loans, private
30 donations, or environmental mitigation funds, including
31 environmental mitigation funds required pursuant to s.

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1 338.250, for any part or all of any local match required for
2 the purposes described in this subsection. Bond proceeds
3 allocated pursuant to paragraph (c) may be used to purchase
4 lands on the priority lists developed pursuant to s. 259.035.
5 Title to lands purchased pursuant to paragraphs (a), (d), (e),
6 (f), and (g) shall be vested in the Board of Trustees of the
7 Internal Improvement Trust Fund. Title to lands purchased
8 pursuant to paragraph (c) may be vested in the Board of
9 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. The board of
10 trustees shall hold title to land protection agreements and
11 conservation easements that were or will be acquired pursuant
12 to s. 380.0677, and the Southwest Florida Water Management
13 District and the St. Johns River Water Management District
14 shall monitor such agreements and easements within their
15 respective districts until the state assumes this
16 responsibility.

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18 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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22 And the title is amended as follows:

23 On page 1, line 2, after the semicolon

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25 insert:

26 providing for the funding of projects under the

27 Florida Forever Program and the Florida

28 Preservation 2000 Program;

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