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The Committee on Judiciary recommended the following amendment:

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Senate Amendment

On page 5, lines 4-31, On page 6, lines 1-31,

On page 7, lines 1-31,

On page 8, lines 1-2, delete those lines

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and insert:

Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 403.412, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:

(5) In any administrative, licensing, or other proceedings authorized by law for the protection of the air, water, or other natural resources of the state from pollution, impairment, or destruction, the Department of Legal Affairs, a political subdivision or municipality of the state, or a citizen of the state shall have standing to intervene as a party on the filing of a verified pleading asserting that the activity, conduct, or product to be licensed or permitted has

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or will have the effect of impairing, polluting, or otherwise injuring the air, water, or other natural resources of the state. As used in this section, the term "intervene" means to join an ongoing proceeding; this section does not authorize a citizen to institute, initiate, petition for, or request a proceeding under s. 120.569 or s. 120.57.

(7) In any administrative action instituted under this section, the administrative law judge may award costs and attorney's fees in its discretion where appropriate.