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Representatives Machek and Russell offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause, and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (13) is added to section 163.3167, Florida Statutes, to read:

163.3167 Scope of act.--

(13) Each local government shall address in its comprehensive plan, as enumerated in this chapter, the water supply projects necessary to meet and achieve the existing and projected water use demand for the established planning period, considering the applicable plan developed pursuant to s. 373.0361.

Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 367.081, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

367.081 Rates; procedure for fixing and changing.--

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28 (2)(a)1. The commission shall, either upon request or upon
29 its own motion, fix rates which are just, reasonable,
30 compensatory, and not unfairly discriminatory. In every such
31 proceeding, the commission shall consider the value and quality
32 of the service and the cost of providing the service, which
33 shall include, but not be limited to, debt interest; the
34 requirements of the utility for working capital; maintenance,
35 depreciation, tax, and operating expenses incurred in the
36 operation of all property used and useful in the public service;
37 and a fair return on the investment of the utility in property
38 used and useful in the public service. Pursuant to s.
39 373.1961(2)(1), the commission shall allow recovery of the full,
40 prudently incurred costs of alternative water supply facilities.
41 However, the commission shall not allow the inclusion of
42 contributions-in-aid-of-construction in the rate base of any
43 utility during a rate proceeding, nor shall the commission
44 impute prospective future contributions-in-aid-of-construction
45 against the utility's investment in property used and useful in
46 the public service; and accumulated depreciation on such
47 contributions-in-aid-of-construction shall not be used to reduce
48 the rate base, nor shall depreciation on such contributed assets
49 be considered a cost of providing utility service.

50 2. For purposes of such proceedings, the commission shall
51 consider utility property, including land acquired or facilities
52 constructed or to be constructed within a reasonable time in the
53 future, not to exceed 24 months after the end of the historic
54 base year used to set final rates unless a longer period is
55 approved by the commission, to be used and useful in the public
56 service, if:

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57 a. Such property is needed to serve current customers;

58 b. Such property is needed to serve customers 5 years
59 after the end of the test year used in the commission's final
60 order on a rate request as provided in subsection (6) at a
61 growth rate for equivalent residential connections not to exceed
62 5 percent per year; or

63 c. Such property is needed to serve customers more than 5
64 full years after the end of the test year used in the
65 commission's final order on a rate request as provided in
66 subsection (6) only to the extent that the utility presents
67 clear and convincing evidence to justify such consideration.
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69 Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, the commission
70 shall approve rates for service which allow a utility to recover
71 from customers the full amount of environmental compliance
72 costs. Such rates may not include charges for allowances for
73 funds prudently invested or similar charges. For purposes of
74 this requirement, the term "environmental compliance costs"
75 includes all reasonable expenses and fair return on any prudent
76 investment incurred by a utility in complying with the
77 requirements or conditions contained in any permitting,
78 enforcement, or similar decisions of the United States
79 Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Environmental
80 Protection, a water management district, or any other
81 governmental entity with similar regulatory jurisdiction.

82 (b) In establishing initial rates for a utility, the
83 commission may project the financial and operational data as set
84 out in paragraph (a) to a point in time when the utility is
85 expected to be operating at a reasonable level of capacity.

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86 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 367.0814, Florida
87 Statutes, is amended to read:

88 367.0814 Staff assistance in changing rates and charges;
89 interim rates.--

90 (1) The commission may establish rules by which a water or
91 wastewater utility whose gross annual revenues are \$200,000
92 ~~\$150,000~~ or less may request and obtain staff assistance for the
93 purpose of changing its rates and charges. A utility may request
94 staff assistance by filing an application with the commission.

95 Section 4. Section 373.227, Florida Statutes, is created
96 to read:

97 373.227 Water conservation guidance manual.--

98 (1) The Legislature recognizes that the proper
99 conservation of water is an important means of achieving the
100 economical and efficient utilization of water necessary to
101 constitute a reasonable-beneficial use. The Legislature
102 encourages the development and use of water conservation
103 measures that are effective, flexible, and affordable. In the
104 context of the use of water for public supply provided by a
105 water utility, the Legislature intends for a variety of
106 conservation measures to be available and used to encourage
107 efficient water use. The Legislature finds that the social,
108 economic, and cultural conditions of this state relating to the
109 use of public water supply vary by geographic region, and thus
110 water utilities must have the flexibility to tailor water
111 conservation measures to best suit their individual
112 circumstances. For purposes of this section, the term "public
113 water supply utility" shall include both publicly owned and
114 privately owned public water supply utilities.

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115 (2) In order to implement the findings in subsection (1),
116 the Department of Environmental Protection shall develop a water
117 conservation guidance manual containing a menu of water
118 conservation measures from which public water supply utilities
119 may select in the development of a comprehensive, goal-based
120 water conservation program tailored for their individual service
121 areas that is effective and does not impose undue costs or
122 burdens on customers. The water conservation guidance manual
123 shall promote statewide consistency in the approach to utility
124 conservation while maintaining appropriate flexibility. The
125 manual may contain measures such as: water conservation audits,
126 informative billing practices to educate customers on their
127 patterns of water use, the costs of water, and ways to conserve
128 water; ordinances requiring low-flow plumbing fixtures and
129 efficient landscape irrigation; rebate programs for the
130 installation of water-saving plumbing or appliances; general
131 water conservation educational programs including bill inserts;
132 measures to promote the more effective and efficient reuse of
133 reclaimed water; water conservation or drought rate structures
134 that encourage customers to conserve water through appropriate
135 price signals; and programs to apply utility profits generated
136 through conservation and drought rates to additional water
137 conservation programs or water supply development. The manual
138 shall specifically state that it is the responsibility of the
139 appropriate utility to determine the specific rates it will
140 charge its customers and that the role of the department or
141 water management district is confined to the review of those
142 rate structures to determine whether they encourage water
143 conservation. The water conservation guidance manual shall also

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144 state that a utility need not adopt a water conservation or
145 drought rate structure if the utility employs other measures
146 that are equally or more effective. The manual shall provide for
147 different levels of complexity and expected levels of effort in
148 conservation programs depending on the size of the utility.
149 However, all utilities will be expected to have at least basic
150 programs in each of the following areas:

151 (a) Individual metering, to the extent feasible as
152 determined by the utility.

153 (b) Water accounting and loss control.

154 (c) Cost of service accounting.

155 (d) Information programs on water conservation.

156 (e) Landscaping water efficiency programs.

157 (3) The Department of Environmental Protection shall
158 develop the water conservation guidance manual no later than
159 June 15, 2004. The department shall develop the manual in
160 consultation with interested parties, which, at a minimum, shall
161 include representatives from the water management districts,
162 three utilities that are members of the American Water Works
163 Association, two utilities that are members of the Florida Water
164 Environment Association, a representative of the Florida Chamber
165 of Commerce, representatives of counties and municipalities, and
166 representatives of environmental organizations. By December 15,
167 2004, the department shall adopt the water conservation guidance
168 manual by rule. Once the department adopts the water
169 conservation guidance manual by rule, the water management
170 districts may apply the manual and any revisions thereto in the
171 review of water conservation requirements for obtaining a permit
172 pursuant to part II without the need to adopt the manual

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173 pursuant to s. 120.54. Once the water conservation guidance
174 manual is adopted by rule, a public water supply utility may
175 choose to comply with the standard water conservation
176 requirements adopted by the appropriate water management
177 district for obtaining a consumptive use permit from that
178 district, or may choose to develop a comprehensive, goal-based
179 water conservation program from the options contained in the
180 manual. If the utility chooses to design a comprehensive water
181 conservation program based on the water conservation guidance
182 manual, the proposed program must include the following:

183 (a) An inventory of water system characteristics and
184 conservation opportunities.

185 (b) Demand forecasts.

186 (c) An explanation of the proposed program.

187 (d) Specific numeric water conservation targets for the
188 utility as a whole and for appropriate customer classes, with a
189 justification of why the numeric targets are appropriate based
190 on that utility's particular customer characteristics and
191 conservation opportunities.

192 (e) A demonstration that the program will promote
193 effective water conservation at least as well as standard water
194 use conservation requirements adopted by the appropriate water
195 management district.

196 (f) A timetable for the utility and the water management
197 district to evaluate progress in meeting the water conservation
198 targets and making needed program modifications.

199 (4) If the utility provides reasonable assurance that the
200 proposed conservation program is consistent with the water
201 conservation guidance manual and contains the elements specified

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202 in subsection (3), then the water management district shall
203 approve the proposed program and the program shall satisfy water
204 conservation requirements imposed as a condition of obtaining a
205 permit under part II. The department, in consultation with the
206 parties specified in subsection (3), may periodically amend or
207 revise the water conservation guidance manual rule as
208 appropriate to reflect changed circumstances or new technologies
209 or approaches. The findings and provisions in this section shall
210 not be construed to apply to users of water other than public
211 and private water supply utilities.

212 Section 5. Subsections (1), (2), (5), and (6) of section
213 373.0361, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

214 373.0361 Regional water supply planning.--

215 (1) By October 1, 1998, the governing board shall initiate
216 water supply planning for each water supply planning region
217 identified in the district water management plan under s.
218 373.036, where it determines that sources of water are not
219 adequate for the planning period to supply water for all
220 existing and projected reasonable-beneficial uses and to sustain
221 the water resources and related natural systems. The planning
222 must be conducted in an open public process, in coordination and
223 cooperation with local governments, regional water supply
224 authorities, government-owned and privately owned water
225 utilities, self-suppliers, and other affected and interested
226 parties. During development but prior to completion of the
227 regional water supply plan, the district must conduct at least
228 one public workshop to discuss the technical data and modeling
229 tools anticipated to be used to support the plan. A
230 determination by the governing board that initiation of a

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231 regional water supply plan for a specific planning region is not
232 needed pursuant to this section shall be subject to s. 120.569.
233 The governing board shall reevaluate such a determination at
234 least once every 5 years and shall initiate a regional water
235 supply plan, if needed, pursuant to this subsection.

236 (2) Each regional water supply plan shall be based on at
237 least a 20-year planning period and shall include, but not be
238 limited to:

239 (a) A water supply development component that includes:

240 1. A quantification of the water supply needs for all
241 existing and reasonably projected future uses within the
242 planning horizon. The level-of-certainty planning goal
243 associated with identifying the water supply needs of existing
244 and future reasonable-beneficial uses shall be based upon
245 meeting those needs for a 1-in-10-year drought event. Population
246 projections used for determining public water supply needs shall
247 be based upon the best available data. In determining the best
248 available data, the district shall consider the University of
249 Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) medium
250 population projections and any population projection data and
251 analysis submitted by a local government pursuant to the public
252 workshop described in subsection (1) when such data and analysis
253 support the local government's comprehensive plan. Any
254 adjustment of or deviation from the BEBR projections shall be
255 fully described and the original BEBR data shall be presented
256 along with the adjusted data.

257 2. A list of water source options ~~for water supply~~
258 ~~development~~, including traditional and alternative source
259 options ~~sources~~, from which local government, government-owned

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260 and privately owned utilities, self-suppliers, and others may
261 choose, for water supply development, the total capacity of
262 which will, in conjunction with water conservation and other
263 demand management measures, exceed the needs identified in
264 subparagraph 1.

265 3. For each option listed in subparagraph 2., the
266 estimated amount of water available for use and the estimated
267 costs of and potential sources of funding for water supply
268 development.

269 4. A list of water supply development projects that meet
270 the criteria in s. 373.0831(4).

271 (b) A water resource development component that includes:

272 1. A listing of those water resource development projects
273 that support water supply development.

274 2. For each water resource development project listed:

275 a. An estimate of the amount of water to become available
276 through the project.

277 b. The timetable for implementing or constructing the
278 project and the estimated costs for implementing, operating, and
279 maintaining the project.

280 c. Sources of funding and funding needs.

281 d. Who will implement the project and how it will be
282 implemented.

283 (c) The recovery and prevention strategy described in s.
284 373.0421(2).

285 (d) A funding strategy for water resource development
286 projects, which shall be reasonable and sufficient to pay the
287 cost of constructing or implementing all of the listed projects.

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288 (e) Consideration of how the options addressed in
289 paragraphs (a) and (b) serve the public interest or save costs
290 overall by preventing the loss of natural resources or avoiding
291 greater future expenditures for water resource development or
292 water supply development. However, unless adopted by rule, these
293 considerations do not constitute final agency action.

294 (f) The technical data and information applicable to the
295 planning region which are contained in the district water
296 management plan and are necessary to support the regional water
297 supply plan.

298 (g) The minimum flows and levels established for water
299 resources within the planning region.

300 (h) Reservations of water adopted by rule pursuant to s.
301 373.223(4).

302 (i) An analysis, developed in cooperation with the
303 department, of areas or instances in which the variance
304 provisions of s. 378.212(1)(g) or s. 378.404(9) may be used to
305 create water supply development or water resource development
306 projects.

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308 Within boundaries of a regional water supply authority, those
309 parts of the water supply development component of the regional
310 water supply plan which deal with or affect public utilities and
311 public water supply shall be developed jointly by such authority
312 and the district for those areas served by the authority and its
313 member governments.

314 ~~(5) By November 15, 1997, and Annually~~ and in conjunction
315 with the reporting requirements of s. 373.536(6)(a)4.

316 ~~thereafter~~, the department shall submit to the Governor and the

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317 Legislature a report on the status of regional water supply
318 planning in each district. The report shall include:

319 (a) A compilation of the estimated costs of and potential
320 sources of funding for water resource development and water
321 supply development projects, as identified in the water
322 management district regional water supply plans.

323 (b) A description of each district's progress toward
324 achieving its water resource development objectives, as directed
325 by s. 373.0831(3), including the district's implementation of
326 its 5-year water resource development work program.

327 (c) An assessment of the overall progress being made to
328 develop water supply that is consistent with regional water
329 supply plans to meet existing and future reasonable-beneficial
330 needs during a 1-in-10-year drought.

331 (6) Nothing contained in the water supply development
332 component of the district water management plan shall be
333 construed to require local governments, government-owned or
334 privately owned water utilities, self-suppliers, or other water
335 suppliers to select a water supply development option identified
336 in the component merely because it is identified in the plan,
337 nor may the plan be used in the review of permits under part II
338 unless the plan, or an applicable portion thereof, has been
339 adopted by rule. However, this subsection does not prohibit a
340 water management district from employing the data or other
341 information used to establish the plan in reviewing permits
342 under part II, nor shall it ~~not~~ be construed to limit the
343 authority of the department or governing board under part II.

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344 Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 373.0831, Florida
345 Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added to subsection
346 (4) of said section, to read:

347 373.0831 Water resource development; water supply
348 development.--

349 (3) The water management districts shall fund and
350 implement water resource development as defined in s. 373.019.
351 The water management districts are encouraged to implement water
352 resource development as expeditiously as possible in areas
353 subject to regional water supply plans. Each governing board
354 shall include in its annual budget the amount needed for the
355 fiscal year to implement water resource development projects, as
356 prioritized in its regional water supply plans.

357 (4)

358 (c) If a proposed alternative water supply development
359 project is identified in the relevant approved regional water
360 supply plan, the project shall receive:

361 1. A 20-year consumptive use permit, if it otherwise meets
362 the permit requirements under ss. 373.223 and 373.236 and rules
363 adopted thereunder.

364 2. Priority funding pursuant to s. 373.1961(2) if the
365 project meets one of two criteria in s. 373.0831(4).

366 Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 373.1961, Florida
367 Statutes, is amended to read:

368 373.1961 Water production.--

369 (2) The Legislature finds that, due to a combination of
370 factors, vastly increased demands have been placed on natural
371 supplies of fresh water, and that, absent increased development
372 of alternative water supplies, such demands may increase in the

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373 future. The Legislature also finds that potential exists in the
374 state for the production of significant quantities of
375 alternative water supplies, including reclaimed water, and that
376 water production includes the development of alternative water
377 supplies, including reclaimed water, for appropriate uses. It is
378 the intent of the Legislature that utilities develop reclaimed
379 water systems, where reclaimed water is the most appropriate
380 alternative water supply option, to deliver reclaimed water to
381 as many users as possible through the most cost-effective means,
382 and to construct reclaimed water system infrastructure to their
383 owned or operated properties and facilities where they have
384 reclamation capability. It is also the intent of the Legislature
385 that the water management districts which levy ad valorem taxes
386 for water management purposes should share a percentage of those
387 tax revenues with water providers and users, including local
388 governments, water, wastewater, and reuse utilities, municipal,
389 industrial, and agricultural water users, and other public and
390 private water users, to be used to supplement other funding
391 sources in the development of alternative water supplies. The
392 Legislature finds that public moneys or services provided to
393 private entities for such uses constitute public purposes which
394 are in the public interest. In order to further the development
395 and use of alternative water supply systems, including reclaimed
396 water systems, the Legislature provides the following:

397 (a) The governing boards of the water management districts
398 where water resource caution areas have been designated shall
399 include in their annual budgets an amount for the development of
400 alternative water supply systems, including reclaimed water
401 systems, pursuant to the requirements of this subsection.

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402 Beginning in 1996, such amounts shall be made available to water
403 providers and users no later than December 31 of each year,
404 through grants, matching grants, revolving loans, or the use of
405 district lands or facilities pursuant to the requirements of
406 this subsection and guidelines established by the districts. In
407 making grants or loans, funding priority shall be given to
408 projects in accordance with s. 373.0831(4). Without diminishing
409 amounts available through other means described in this
410 paragraph, the governing boards are encouraged to consider
411 establishing revolving loan funds to expand the total funds
412 available to accomplish the objectives of this section. A
413 revolving loan fund created pursuant to this paragraph shall be
414 a nonlapsing fund from which the water management district may
415 make loans with interest rates below prevailing market rates to
416 public or private entities for the purposes described in this
417 section. The governing board may adopt resolutions to establish
418 revolving loan funds which shall specify the details of the
419 administration of the fund, the procedures for applying for
420 loans from the fund, the criteria for awarding loans from the
421 fund, the initial capitalization of the fund, and the goals for
422 future capitalization of the fund in subsequent budget years.
423 Revolving loan funds created pursuant to this paragraph shall be
424 used to expand the total sums and sources of cooperative funding
425 available for the development of alternative water supplies. The
426 Legislature does not intend for the creation of revolving loan
427 trust funds to supplant or otherwise reduce existing sources or
428 amounts of funds currently available through other means.

429 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that for each
430 reclaimed water utility, or any other utility, which receives

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431 funds pursuant to this subsection, the appropriate rate-setting
432 authorities should develop rate structures for all water,
433 wastewater, and reclaimed water and other alternative water
434 supply utilities in the service area of the funded utility,
435 which accomplish the following:

436 1. Provide meaningful progress toward the development and
437 implementation of alternative water supply systems, including
438 reclaimed water systems;

439 2. Promote the conservation of fresh water withdrawn from
440 natural systems;

441 3. Provide for an appropriate distribution of costs for
442 all water, wastewater, and alternative water supply utilities,
443 including reclaimed water utilities, among all of the users of
444 those utilities; and

445 4. Prohibit rate discrimination within classes of utility
446 users.

447 (c) Funding assistance provided by the water management
448 districts for a water reuse system project shall include the
449 following grant or loan conditions for that project when the
450 water management district determines such conditions will
451 encourage water use efficiency:

452 1. Metering of reclaimed water use for the following
453 activities: residential irrigation, agricultural irrigation,
454 industrial uses except for electric utilities as defined in s.
455 366.02(2), golf course irrigation, landscape irrigation,
456 irrigation of other public access areas, commercial and
457 institutional uses such as toilet flushing, and transfers to
458 other reclaimed water utilities.

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459 2. Implementation of reclaimed water rate structures based
460 on actual use of reclaimed water for the types of reuse
461 activities listed in subparagraph 1.

462 3. Implementation of education programs to inform the
463 public about water issues, water conservation, and the
464 importance and proper use of reclaimed water.

465 4. Development of location data for key reuse facilities.

466 (d)(e) In order to be eligible for funding pursuant to
467 this subsection, a project must be consistent with a local
468 government comprehensive plan and the governing body of the
469 local government must require all appropriate new facilities
470 within the project's service area to connect to and use the
471 project's alternative water supplies. The appropriate local
472 government must provide written notification to the appropriate
473 district that the proposed project is consistent with the local
474 government comprehensive plan.

475 (e)(d) Any and all revenues disbursed pursuant to this
476 subsection shall be applied only for the payment of capital or
477 infrastructure costs for the construction of alternative water
478 supply systems that provide alternative water supplies.

479 (f)(e) By January 1 of each year, the governing boards
480 shall make available written guidelines for the disbursement of
481 revenues pursuant to this subsection. Such guidelines shall
482 include at minimum:

483 1. An application process and a deadline for filing
484 applications annually.

485 2. A process for determining project eligibility pursuant
486 to the requirements of paragraphs (d) ~~(e)~~ and (e) ~~(d)~~.

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487 3. A process and criteria for funding projects pursuant to
488 this subsection that cross district boundaries or that serve
489 more than one district.

490 (g)~~(f)~~ The governing board of each water management
491 district shall establish an alternative water supplies grants
492 advisory committee to recommend to the governing board projects
493 for funding pursuant to this subsection. The advisory committee
494 members shall include, but not be limited to, one or more
495 representatives of county, municipal, and investor-owned private
496 utilities, and may include, but not be limited to,
497 representatives of agricultural interests and environmental
498 interests. Each committee member shall represent his or her
499 interest group as a whole and shall not represent any specific
500 entity. The committee shall apply the guidelines and project
501 eligibility criteria established by the governing board in
502 reviewing proposed projects. After one or more hearings to
503 solicit public input on eligible projects, the committee shall
504 rank the eligible projects and shall submit them to the
505 governing board for final funding approval. The advisory
506 committee may submit to the governing board more projects than
507 the available grant money would fund.

508 (h)~~(g)~~ All revenues made available annually pursuant to
509 this subsection must be encumbered annually by the governing
510 board if it approves projects sufficient to expend the available
511 revenues. Funds must be disbursed within 36 months after
512 encumbrance.

513 (i)~~(h)~~ For purposes of this subsection, alternative water
514 supplies are supplies of water that have been reclaimed after
515 one or more public supply, municipal, industrial, commercial, or

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516 agricultural uses, or are supplies of stormwater, or brackish or
517 salt water, that have been treated in accordance with applicable
518 rules and standards sufficient to supply the intended use.

519 ~~(j)(i)~~ This subsection shall not be subject to the
520 rulemaking requirements of chapter 120.

521 ~~(k)(j)~~ By January 30 of each year, each water management
522 district shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the
523 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
524 Representatives which accounts for the disbursement of all budgeted
525 amounts pursuant to this subsection. Such report shall describe
526 all projects funded and shall account separately for moneys
527 provided through grants, matching grants, revolving loans, and
528 the use of district lands or facilities.

529 ~~(l)(k)~~ The Florida Public Service Commission shall allow
530 entities under its jurisdiction constructing alternative water
531 supply facilities, including but not limited to aquifer storage
532 and recovery wells, to recover the full, prudently incurred cost
533 of such facilities through their rate structure. Every component
534 of an alternative water supply facility constructed by an
535 investor-owned utility shall be recovered in current rates.

536 Section 8. Subsection (9) is added to section 373.1963,
537 Florida Statutes, to read:

538 373.1963 Assistance to West Coast Regional Water Supply
539 Authority.--

540 (9) It is the intent of the Legislature that wetland areas
541 in northeastern Hillsborough County which have not yet been
542 adversely impacted by groundwater withdrawals for consumptive
543 use not be subject to groundwater withdrawals by the development
544 of wellfields by the authority. In order to protect the

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545 wetlands in this area, the authority is hereby prohibited from
546 seeking permits from the Southwest Florida Water Management
547 District for the consumptive use of water from groundwater in
548 northeastern Hillsborough County north of Knights Griffin Road
549 and east of State Road 39.

550 Section 9. Subsection (5) is added to section 373.223,
551 Florida Statutes, to read:

552 373.223 Conditions for a permit.--

553 (5) The Legislature finds that the issuance of consumptive
554 use permits has a direct relation to efficient and effective
555 water resource development. The Legislature further finds that
556 the management of consumptive use permits has a direct relation
557 to efficient and effective water supply development. To help
558 identify the changes necessary to better utilize these permits,
559 the Legislature directs that the Department of Environmental
560 Protection and each water management district submit
561 recommendations to the appropriate substantive committees of
562 each house of the Legislature by December 1, 2003. The
563 recommendations shall identify alternative methods of extending
564 the use of existing water resources, including, but not limited
565 to, the potential rights of existing permitholders to share
566 water allocated under a consumptive use permit. The department
567 and the districts are encouraged to use public hearings to
568 gather information and shall include information provided by
569 basin boards and regional water supply authorities.

570 Section 10. Section 373.2231, Florida Statutes, is created
571 to read:

572 373.2231 Peace River comprehensive study.--The Legislature
573 acknowledges that there are many and varied demands on the

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574 available water supplies on the Peace River watershed from
575 industry, agriculture, and commercial and residential
576 development. The cumulative impact of all these demands has the
577 potential to significantly reduce the fresh water flows and
578 levels in the Peace River. Accordingly, the Legislature hereby
579 directs the Southwest Florida Water Management District to
580 conduct a comprehensive study of the cumulative impacts of the
581 existing and projected demands on the water resources of the
582 Peace River watershed. The study shall be completed and a report
583 of the study submitted to the Governor, the President of the
584 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by June
585 1, 2004.

586 Section 11. Section 373.2234, Florida Statutes, is created
587 to read:

588 373.2234 Preferred water supply sources.--The governing
589 board of the district is authorized to adopt rules identifying
590 preferred water supply sources for which there is sufficient
591 data to establish that the source can be used to provide a
592 substantial new water supply to meet existing and reasonably
593 anticipated water needs in a water supply planning region
594 identified pursuant to s. 373.0361(1) while sustaining the water
595 resources and related natural systems. Such rules shall, at a
596 minimum, contain a description of the source and an assessment
597 of the water the source is projected to produce. If a
598 consumptive use permit applicant proposes to use such a source
599 consistent with the assessment, the proposed use shall be
600 subject to the provisions of s. 373.223(1), but such proposed
601 use shall be a factor deemed to be consistent with the public
602 interest pursuant to s. 373.223(1)(c). A consumptive use permit

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603 issued approving the use of such a source shall be for at least
604 20 years and may be subject to the provisions of s. 373.226(3).
605 However, nothing in this section shall be construed to provide
606 that the use of nonpreferred sources must receive a permit
607 duration of less than 20 years or that such nonpreferred sources
608 are not consistent with the public interest.

609 Section 12. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2) of
610 section 373.250, Florida Statutes, to read:

611 373.250 Reuse of reclaimed water.--

612 (2)

613 (c) A water management district may require the use of
614 reclaimed water in lieu of surface water or groundwater when the
615 use of uncommitted reclaimed water is environmentally,
616 economically, and technically feasible. However, while
617 recognizing that the state's surface water and groundwater are
618 public resources, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed
619 to give a water management district the authority to require a
620 provider of reclaimed water to redirect reclaimed water from one
621 user to another or to provide uncommitted water to a specific
622 user if such water is anticipated to be used by the provider, or
623 a different user selected by the provider, within a reasonable
624 amount of time.

625 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section
626 373.536, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627 373.536 District budget and hearing thereon.--

628 (6) FINAL BUDGET; ANNUAL AUDIT; CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN;
629 WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT WORK PROGRAM.--

630 (a) Each district must, by the date specified for each
631 item, furnish copies of the following documents to the Governor,

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632 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
633 Representatives, the chairs of all legislative committees and
634 subcommittees having substantive or fiscal jurisdiction over the
635 districts, as determined by the President of the Senate or the
636 Speaker of the House of Representatives as applicable, the
637 secretary of the department, and the governing board of each
638 county in which the district has jurisdiction or derives any
639 funds for the operations of the district:

640 1. The adopted budget, to be furnished within 10 days
641 after its adoption.

642 2. A financial audit of its accounts and records, to be
643 furnished within 10 days after its acceptance by the governing
644 board. The audit must be conducted in accordance with the
645 provisions of s. 11.45 and the rules adopted thereunder. In
646 addition to the entities named above, the district must provide
647 a copy of the audit to the Auditor General within 10 days after
648 its acceptance by the governing board.

649 3. A 5-year capital improvements plan, to be furnished
650 within 45 days after the adoption of the final budget. The plan
651 must include expected sources of revenue for planned
652 improvements and must be prepared in a manner comparable to the
653 fixed capital outlay format set forth in s. 216.043.

654 4. A 5-year water resource development work program to be
655 furnished within 45 days after the adoption of the final budget.
656 The program must describe the district's implementation strategy
657 for the water resource development component of each approved
658 regional water supply plan developed or revised under s.
659 373.0361. The work program must address all the elements of the
660 water resource development component in the district's approved

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661 regional water supply plans and must identify which projects in
662 the work program will provide water, explain how each water
663 resource development project will produce additional water
664 available for consumptive uses, estimate the quantity of water
665 to be produced by each project, and provide an assessment of the
666 contribution of the district's regional water supply plans in
667 providing sufficient water to meet the water supply needs of
668 existing and future reasonable-beneficial uses for a 1-in-10-
669 year drought event. Within 45 days after its submittal, the
670 department shall review the proposed work program and submit its
671 findings, questions, and comments to the district. The review
672 must include a written evaluation of the program's consistency
673 with the furtherance of the district's approved regional water
674 supply plans, and the adequacy of proposed expenditures. As part
675 of the review, the department shall give interested parties the
676 opportunity to provide written comments on each district's
677 proposed work program. Within 60 days after receipt of the
678 department's evaluation, the governing board shall state in
679 writing to the department which changes recommended in the
680 evaluation it will incorporate into its work program or specify
681 the reasons for not incorporating the changes. The department
682 shall include the district's responses in a final evaluation
683 report and shall submit a copy of the report to the Governor,
684 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
685 Representatives.

686 (b) If any entity listed in paragraph (a) provides written
687 comments to the district regarding any document furnished under
688 this subsection, the district must respond to the comments in

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689 writing and furnish copies of the comments and written responses
690 to the other entities.

691 Section 14. Landscape irrigation design.--

692 (1) The Legislature finds that multiple areas throughout
693 the state have been identified by water management districts as
694 water resource caution areas, which indicates that in the near
695 future water demand in those areas will exceed the current
696 available water supply and that conservation is one of the
697 mechanisms by which future water demand will be met.

698 (2) The Legislature finds that landscape irrigation
699 comprises a significant portion of water use and that the
700 current typical landscape irrigation system and xeriscape
701 designs offer significant potential water conservation benefits.

702 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature to improve
703 landscape irrigation water use efficiency by ensuring landscape
704 irrigation systems meet or exceed minimum design criteria.

705 (4) The water management districts shall develop and adopt
706 by rule landscape irrigation and xeriscape design standards for
707 new construction that incorporate a landscape irrigation system.
708 The standards shall be based on the irrigation code defined in
709 the Florida Building Code, Plumber's Volume, Appendix F. Such
710 design standards should promote the effective and efficient use
711 of irrigation water and include a consideration of local
712 demographic, hydrologic, and other considerations as they apply
713 to landscape irrigation water use. When adopting an ordinance or
714 regulation, local governments shall use these approved
715 irrigation design standards.

716 (5) The water management districts shall work with the
717 Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects,

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718 the Florida Irrigation Society, the Florida Nurserymen and
719 Growers Association, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
720 Services, the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the
721 Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida League of
722 Cities, and the Florida Association of Counties to develop
723 scientifically-based model guidelines for urban, commercial, and
724 residential landscape irrigation, including drip irrigation, for
725 plants, trees, sod, and other landscaping. Local governments
726 shall use the scientific information when developing landscape
727 irrigation ordinances or guidelines. Every 3 years, the
728 agencies and entities specified in this subsection shall review
729 the model guidelines to determine whether new research findings
730 require a change or modification of the guidelines.

731 Section 15. Water metering.--Where economically and
732 logistically feasible, individual water meters shall be required
733 for each new separate occupancy unit of commercial
734 establishments; multifamily residential buildings; condominiums
735 and cooperatives; marinas; and trailer, mobile home, and
736 recreational vehicle parks for which construction is commenced
737 after July 1, 2003. The applicable water utility is not required
738 to assume ownership, maintenance, or billing responsibility for
739 any submeters resulting from such individual metering. A utility
740 may require a master meter at such establishments for purposes
741 of billing a single entity, whereupon the entity may in turn
742 bill the owners of the individual submeters. Individual water
743 meters shall not be required:

744 (1) In those portions of a commercial establishment where
745 the floor space dimensions or physical configuration of the
746 units is subject to alteration as evidenced by nonstructural

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747 element partition walls, unless the utility determines that
748 adequate provisions can be made to modify the metering to
749 accurately reflect such alterations.

750 (2) For water used in specialized-use housing such as
751 hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities,
752 convalescent homes, facilities certified under chapter 651,
753 Florida Statutes, government financed or subsidized housing for
754 the elderly or disabled, college dormitories, convents, sorority
755 houses, fraternity houses, motels, hotels, or similar
756 facilities.

757 (3) For separate specifically designated areas for
758 overnight occupancy at trailer, mobile home, and recreational
759 vehicle parks where permanent residency is not established and
760 for marinas where living on board is prohibited by ordinance,
761 deed restriction, or other permanent means.

762 (4) For sites in mobile home parks that were permitted for
763 occupancy by the Department of Health prior to July 1, 2003.

764 (5) For timeshare developments, provided that all of the
765 occupancy units are committed to a timeshare plan as defined in
766 and regulated by chapter 721, Florida Statutes, and none of the
767 occupancy units is used for permanent occupancy.

768 Section 16. Paragraph (g) is added to subsection (1) of
769 section 378.212, Florida Statutes, to read:

770 378.212 Variances.--

771 (1) Upon application, the secretary may grant a variance
772 from the provisions of this part or the rules adopted pursuant
773 thereto. Variances and renewals thereof may be granted for any
774 one of the following reasons:

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775 (g) To accommodate reclamation that provides water supply
776 development or water resource development not inconsistent with
777 the applicable regional water supply plan approved pursuant to
778 s. 373.0361, provided adverse impacts are not caused to the
779 water resources in the basin. A variance may also be granted
780 from the requirements of part IV of chapter 373, or the rules
781 adopted thereunder, when a project provides an improvement in
782 water availability in the basin and does not cause adverse
783 impacts to water resources in the basin.

784 Section 17. Subsection (9) is added to section 378.404,
785 Florida Statutes, to read:

786 378.404 Department of Environmental Protection; powers and
787 duties.--The department shall have the following powers and
788 duties:

789 (9) To grant variances from the provisions of this part to
790 accommodate reclamation that provides for water supply
791 development or water resource development not inconsistent with
792 the applicable regional water supply plan approved pursuant to
793 s. 373.0361, appropriate stormwater management, improved
794 wildlife habitat, recreation, or a mixture thereof, provided
795 adverse impacts are not caused to the water resources in the
796 basin and public health and safety are not adversely affected.

797 Section 18. Subsections (1) and (6) of section 403.064,
798 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (16) is added to
799 said section, to read:

800 403.064 Reuse of reclaimed water.--

801 (1) The encouragement and promotion of water conservation,
802 and reuse of reclaimed water, as defined by the department, are
803 state objectives and are considered to be in the public

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804 interest. The Legislature finds that the reuse of reclaimed
805 water is a critical component of meeting the state's existing
806 and future water supply needs while sustaining natural systems.
807 The Legislature further finds that for those wastewater
808 treatment plants permitted and operated under an approved reuse
809 program by the department, the reclaimed water shall be
810 considered environmentally acceptable and not a threat to public
811 health and safety. The Legislature encourages the development of
812 incentive-based programs for reuse implementation.

813 (6) A reuse feasibility study prepared under subsection
814 (2) satisfies a water management district requirement to conduct
815 a reuse feasibility study imposed on a local government or
816 utility that has responsibility for wastewater management. The
817 data included in the study and the study's conclusions shall be
818 given significant consideration by the applicant and the
819 appropriate water management district in an analysis of the
820 economic, environmental, and technical feasibility of providing
821 reclaimed water for reuse under part II of chapter 373, and
822 shall be presumed relevant to the determination of feasibility.
823 A water management district shall not require a separate study
824 when a reuse feasibility study has been completed under
825 subsection (2).

826 (16) Utilities implementing reuse projects are encouraged,
827 except in the case of use by electric utilities as defined in s.
828 366.02(2), to meter use of reclaimed water by all end users and,
829 to charge for the use of reclaimed water based on the actual
830 volume used when such metering and charges can be shown to
831 encourage water conservation. Metering and the use of volume-
832 based rates are effective water management tools for the

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833 following reuse activities: residential irrigation, agricultural
834 irrigation, industrial uses, golf course irrigation, landscape
835 irrigation, irrigation of other public access areas, commercial
836 and institutional uses such as toilet flushing, and transfers to
837 other reclaimed water utilities. Beginning with the submittal
838 due on January 1, 2004, each domestic wastewater utility that
839 provides reclaimed water for the reuse activities listed in this
840 section shall include a summary of its metering and rate
841 structure as part of its annual reuse report to the department.

842 Section 19. Section 403.0645, Florida Statutes, is created
843 to read:

844 403.0645 Reclaimed water use at state facilities.--

845 (1) The encouragement and promotion of reuse of reclaimed
846 water has been established as a state objective in ss. 373.250
847 and 403.064. Reuse has become an integral part of water and
848 wastewater management in Florida, and Florida is recognized as a
849 national leader in water reuse.

850 (2) The state and various state agencies and water
851 management districts should take a leadership role in using
852 reclaimed water in lieu of other water sources. Use of reclaimed
853 water by state agencies and facilities will conserve potable
854 water and will serve an important public education function.

855 (3) All state agencies and water management districts are
856 directed to use reclaimed water to the greatest extent
857 practicable for landscape irrigation, toilet flushing, aesthetic
858 features such as decorative ponds and fountains, cooling water,
859 and other useful purposes allowed by department rules at state
860 facilities, including, but not limited to, parks, rest areas,

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861 visitor welcome centers, buildings, college campuses, and other
862 facilities.

863 (4) Each state agency and water management district shall
864 submit to the Secretary of Environmental Protection by February
865 1 of each year a summary of activities designed to utilize
866 reclaimed water at its facilities along with a summary of the
867 amounts of reclaimed water actually used for beneficial
868 purposes.

869 Section 20. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
870 403.1835, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (12) is
871 added to said section, to read:

872 403.1835 Water pollution control financial assistance.--

873 (3) The department may provide financial assistance
874 through any program authorized under s. 603 of the Federal Water
875 Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act), Pub. L. No. 92-500, as
876 amended, including, but not limited to, making grants and loans,
877 providing loan guarantees, purchasing loan insurance or other
878 credit enhancements, and buying or refinancing local debt. This
879 financial assistance must be administered in accordance with
880 this section and applicable federal authorities. The department
881 shall administer all programs operated from funds secured
882 through the activities of the Florida Water Pollution Control
883 Financing Corporation under s. 403.1837, to fulfill the purposes
884 of this section.

885 (b) The department may make or request the corporation to
886 make loans, grants, and deposits to other entities eligible to
887 participate in the financial assistance programs authorized
888 under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, or as a result of
889 other federal action, which entities may pledge any revenue

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890 available to them to repay any funds borrowed. Notwithstanding
891 s. 18.10, the department may make deposits to financial
892 institutions that earn less than the prevailing rate for United
893 States Treasury securities with corresponding maturities for the
894 purpose of enabling such financial institutions to make below-
895 market interest rate loans to entities qualified to receive
896 loans under this section and the rules of the department.

897 (12)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that for each
898 reclaimed water utility or any other utility that receives funds
899 pursuant to this subsection, the appropriate rate-setting
900 authorities should develop rate structures for all water,
901 wastewater, and reclaimed water and other alternative water
902 supply utilities in the service area of the funded utility which
903 accomplish the following:

904 1. Provide meaningful progress toward the development and
905 implementation of alternative water supply systems, including
906 reclaimed water systems.

907 2. Promote the conservation of fresh water withdrawn from
908 natural systems.

909 3. Provide for an appropriate distribution of costs for
910 all water, wastewater, and alternative water supply utilities,
911 including reclaimed water utilities, among all of the users of
912 those utilities.

913 (b) Funding assistance provided for a water reuse system
914 project shall include the following loan conditions for that
915 project where such conditions will encourage water use
916 efficiency:

917 1. Metering of reclaimed water use for the following
918 activities: residential irrigation, agricultural irrigation,

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919 industrial uses except for electric utilities as defined in s.
920 366.02(2), golf course irrigation, landscape irrigation,
921 irrigation of other public access areas, and commercial uses.

922 2. Implementation of reclaimed water rate structures based
923 on actual use of reclaimed water for the reuse types listed in
924 subparagraph 1.

925 3. Implementation of education programs to inform the
926 public about water issues, water conservation, and the
927 importance and proper use of reclaimed water.

928 Section 21. Subsection (6) of section 403.1837, Florida
929 Statutes, is amended to read:

930 403.1837 Florida Water Pollution Control Financing
931 Corporation.--

932 (6) The corporation may issue and incur notes, bonds,
933 certificates of indebtedness, or other obligations or evidences
934 of indebtedness payable from and secured by amounts received
935 from payment of loans and other moneys received by the
936 corporation, including, but not limited to, amounts payable to
937 the corporation by the department under a service contract
938 entered into under subsection (5). ~~The corporation may not issue~~
939 ~~bonds in excess of an amount authorized by general law or an~~
940 ~~appropriations act except to refund previously issued bonds. The~~
941 ~~corporation may issue bonds in amounts not exceeding \$50 million~~
942 ~~in fiscal year 2000-2001, \$75 million in fiscal year 2001-2002,~~
943 ~~and \$100 million in fiscal year 2002-2003.~~ The proceeds of the
944 bonds may be used for the purpose of providing funds for
945 projects and activities provided for in subsection (1) or for
946 refunding bonds previously issued by the corporation. The
947 corporation may select a financing team and issue obligations

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948 through competitive bidding or negotiated contracts, whichever
949 is most cost-effective. Any such indebtedness of the corporation
950 does not constitute a debt or obligation of the state or a
951 pledge of the faith and credit or taxing power of the state.

952 Section 22. The Legislature finds that, within the area
953 identified in the Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan
954 approved by the South Florida Water Management District pursuant
955 to s. 373.0361, Florida Statutes, the groundwater levels can
956 benefit from augmentation. The Legislature finds that the direct
957 or indirect discharge of reclaimed water into canals and the
958 aquifer system for transport and subsequent reuse may provide an
959 environmentally acceptable means to augment water supplies and
960 enhance natural systems; however, the Legislature also
961 recognizes that there are water quality and water quantity
962 issues that must be better understood and resolved. In addition,
963 there are cost savings possible by collocating enclosed conduits
964 for conveyance of water for reuse in this area within canal
965 rights-of-way that should be investigated. Toward that end, the
966 Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the
967 South Florida Water Management District, Southeast Florida
968 utilities, affected local governments, including local
969 governments with principal responsibility for the operation and
970 maintenance of a water control system capable of conveying
971 reclaimed wastewater for reuse, representatives of the
972 environmental and engineering communities, public health
973 professionals, and individuals having expertise in water
974 quality, shall conduct a study to investigate the feasibility of
975 discharging reclaimed wastewater into canals and the aquifer
976 system as an environmentally acceptable means of augmenting

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977 groundwater supplies, enhancing natural systems, and conveying
 978 reuse water within enclosed conduits within the canal right-of-
 979 way. The study shall include an assessment of the water quality,
 980 water supply, public health, technical, and legal implications
 981 related to the canal discharge and collocation concepts. The
 982 department shall issue a preliminary written report containing
 983 draft findings and recommendations for public comment by
 984 November 1, 2003. The department shall provide a written report
 985 on the results of its study to the Governor and the relevant
 986 substantive committees of the House of Representatives and the
 987 Senate by January 31, 2004. Nothing in this section shall be
 988 used to alter the purpose of the Comprehensive Everglades
 989 Restoration Plan or the implementation of the Water Resources
 990 Development Act of 2000.

991 Section 23. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
 992 law.

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 994 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

995 Remove the entire title, and insert:

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 997 A bill to be entitled
 998 An act relating to water resources; amending s. 163.3167,
 999 F.S.; requiring local governments to include projected
 1000 water use in comprehensive plans; amending s. 367.081,
 1001 F.S.; revising procedure for fixing and changing rates to
 1002 include the recovery of costs of alternative water supply
 1003 facilities; amending s. 367.0814, F.S.; revising limit on
 1004 the amount of revenues received by a utility to qualify
 1005 for staff assistance in changing rates or charges;

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1006 creating s. 373.227, F.S.; providing for the development
1007 of a water conservation guidance manual by the Department
1008 of Environmental Protection; providing for purpose and
1009 contents of the manual and requirements with respect
1010 thereto; requiring the Department of Environmental
1011 Protection to adopt the manual by rule by a specified
1012 date; providing program requirements for public water
1013 supply utilities that choose to design a comprehensive
1014 water conservation program based on the water conservation
1015 guidance manual; amending s. 373.0361, F.S.; providing for
1016 a public workshop on the development of regional water
1017 supply plans that include the consideration of population
1018 projections; providing for a list of water source options
1019 in regional water supply plans; providing additional
1020 regional water supply plan components; including
1021 conservation measures in regional water supply plans;
1022 revising specified reporting requirements of the
1023 Department of Environmental Protection; providing that a
1024 district water management plan may not be used as criteria
1025 for the review of permits for consumptive uses of water
1026 unless the plan or applicable portion thereof has been
1027 adopted by rule; providing construction; amending s.
1028 373.0831, F.S.; revising the criteria by which water
1029 supply development projects may receive priority
1030 consideration for funding assistance; providing for
1031 permitting and funding of a proposed alternative water
1032 supply project identified in the relevant approved
1033 regional water supply plan; amending s. 373.1961, F.S. ;
1034 providing funding priority; providing for the

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1035 establishment of a revolving loan fund for alternative
1036 water supply projects; providing conditions for certain
1037 projects to receive funding assistance; amending s.
1038 373.1963, F.S.; prohibiting the West Coast Regional Water
1039 Supply Authority from seeking permits from the South
1040 Florida Water Management District for the consumptive use
1041 of water from groundwater in a specified area; amending s.
1042 373.223, F.S.; requiring the Department of Environmental
1043 Protection and the water management districts to submit
1044 specified recommendations to the Legislature; creating s.
1045 373.2231, F.S.; directing the Southwest Florida Water
1046 Management District to conduct a comprehensive study of
1047 the cumulative impacts of the existing and projected
1048 demands on the water resources of the Peace River
1049 watershed; providing for a report; creating s. 373.2234,
1050 F.S.; authorizing the governing board of a water
1051 management district to adopt rules identifying certain
1052 preferred water supply sources; providing requirements
1053 with respect to such rules; providing construction;
1054 amending s. 373.250, F.S.; authorizing water management
1055 districts to require the use of reclaimed water in lieu of
1056 surface or groundwater when the use of uncommitted
1057 reclaimed water is environmentally, economically, and
1058 technically feasible; providing construction with respect
1059 to such authority; amending s. 373.536, F.S.; expanding
1060 requirements of the 5-year water resource development work
1061 program for water management districts; providing
1062 legislative findings and intent with regard to landscape
1063 irrigation design; requiring water management districts to

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1064 develop landscape irrigation and xeriscape design
1065 standards; providing for individual water meters in
1066 certain establishments; providing exceptions; amending s.
1067 378.212, F.S.; providing for the granting of a variance
1068 from pt. III of ch. 378, F.S., relating to phosphate land
1069 reclamation, for specified reclamation, and from pt. IV of
1070 ch. 373, for certain projects under described
1071 circumstances; amending s. 378.404, F.S.; authorizing the
1072 department to grant variances from the provisions of part
1073 IV of chapter 378 to accommodate reclamation that provides
1074 for water supply development or water resource development
1075 under specified circumstances; amending s. 403.064, F.S.;
1076 revising provisions relating to reuse feasibility studies;
1077 providing for metering use of reclaimed water and volume-
1078 based rates therefor; requiring wastewater utilities to
1079 submit plans for metering use and volume-based rate
1080 structures to the department; creating s. 403.0645, F.S.;
1081 providing for reclaimed water use at state facilities;
1082 requiring reports; amending s. 403.1835, F.S.; authorizing
1083 the Department of Environmental Protection to make
1084 specified deposits for the purpose of enabling below-
1085 market interest rate loans for treatment of polluted
1086 water; providing for development of rate structures for
1087 alternative water supply systems; providing criteria;
1088 amending s. 403.1837, F.S.; deleting certain restrictions
1089 on the issuance of bonds by the Florida Water Pollution
1090 Control Financing Corporation; providing for a study of
1091 the feasibility of discharging reclaimed wastewater into
1092 canals and the aquifer system in a specified area as an

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1093 | environmentally acceptable means of accomplishing
1094 | described objectives; requiring reports; providing an
1095 | effective date.