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The Committee on Business Regulation recommends the following:

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Committee Substitute

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Remove the entire bill and insert:

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An act relating to real property reform; requiring the

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Accountability to review and evaluate changes to the laws

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homeowners' associations and disclosure laws related to

adult and residential subdivisions; requiring the office

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to consult with the Department of Business and

Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government

affecting land sales, exemptions, and mandatory

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Professional Regulation, homeowners and homeowners'

19 20 associations, and developers and to hold hearings; requiring a report; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. (1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall review and recommend appropriate changes to the laws of this state affecting land sales, exemptions, and mandatory homeowners' and disclosure laws related to adult and residential subdivisions. In conducting the



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review, the office shall consider input from a variety of sources, including, but not limited to, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, homeowners and homeowners' associations, and developers. The office shall hold public meetings in South Florida, Central Florida, and Jacksonville to obtain input.

- (2) The review shall evaluate the need for any changes and additions to those laws which may be appropriate to protect the interests of consumers and property owners on matters, including, but not limited to, control of the homeowners' association's operations, management and maintenance, disclosure of financial reports by developers or owners, disclosure of all governing documents governing real property, penalties for noncompliance, oversight and funding for such protection of interests, alternative dispute resolution, and assistance in the formulation of rules to implement enforcement.
- (3) By February 1, 2004, the office shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.