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The Committee on Appropriations recommends the following:

**Committee Substitute**

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to state reserves; creating s. 258.166, F.S.; establishing the George Kirkpatrick State Reserve; directing the Office of Greenways and Trails of the Department of Environmental Protection to develop multipurpose recreational opportunities and provide supervision of the area; allowing public hunting; authorizing the Division of State Lands to acquire adjacent or contiguous property; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 258.166, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

258.166 George Kirkpatrick State Reserve designated.—There is designated and established a state reserve to be known as George Kirkpatrick State Reserve, in Marion and Putnam Counties, which shall include all state-owned lands within the floodplain of the Oklawaha River and those lands hereafter acquired by the



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29 | state from Eureka Dam in Marion County to Buckman Lock in Putnam  
30 | County. Those lands are deemed and held to be a state reserve,  
31 | under the supervision of the Office of Greenways and Trails of  
32 | the Department of Environmental Protection. The office is  
33 | charged with the duty of providing for the development of  
34 | multipurpose recreational opportunities at this reserve and the  
35 | care, upkeep, maintenance, and beautification of the George  
36 | Kirkpatrick State Reserve, including all those dams, locks, and  
37 | other structures transferred by the Federal Government to the  
38 | state. Any action that would substantially alter the area  
39 | encompassing the reserve as the area existed on January 1, 2003,  
40 | must be approved by general law. However, nothing in this  
41 | section precludes the Office of Greenways and Trails of the  
42 | Department of Environmental Protection from performing necessary  
43 | maintenance and improvements as required for the continued  
44 | operation of the dams, locks, or other structures and facilities  
45 | within the state reserve.

46 | (1) Public hunting is allowed in the state reserve as  
47 | authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

48 | (2) The Division of State Lands of the Department of  
49 | Environmental Protection may acquire in the name of the Board of  
50 | Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund any additional  
51 | property adjacent or contiguous to the George Kirkpatrick State  
52 | Reserve from private owners or from the United States Government  
53 | for improved management and recreational opportunities.

54 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.