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The Committee on Transportation (Bennett) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 18, lines 23 through 31, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 10. Section 260.021, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

260.021 Recreational opportunities on mined lands.--The Florida Wildlife Federation, Audubon Florida, and Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, in partnership with the phosphate industry and other mining companies, are encouraged to continue the operation of the nonprofit corporation, Florida Mining-Recreation, Inc., for the purpose of working with industry, government, and private landowners to create plans and assist in the development of recreational opportunities on mined lands in the state. These opportunities should include walking, hiking, off-highway vehicle, canoeing, bicycling, equestrian, wildlife viewing, and other trails areas along with developing fishing and hunting lands. The board of

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1 directors of the corporation is encouraged to be composed of a
 2 member, or members, from the companies mining in the state; a
 3 member, or members, chosen by the Florida Wildlife Federation,
 4 Audubon Florida, and Rails-to-Trails Conservancy; and others
 5 chosen by agreement of the partners.

6 Section 11. Section 335.067, Florida Statutes, is
 7 created to read:

8 335.067 Conserve by Bicycle Program.--There is created
 9 within the Department of Transportation the Conserve by
 10 Bicycle Program.

11 (1) The purposes of the Conserve by Bicycle Program
 12 are to:

13 (a) Save energy by increasing the number of miles
 14 ridden on bicycles, thereby reducing the usage of
 15 petroleum-based fuels.

16 (b) Increase efficiency of cycling as a transportation
 17 mode by improving interconnectivity.

18 (c) Reduce traffic congestion on existing roads.

19 (d) Provide recreational opportunities for Florida
 20 residents and visitors.

21 (e) Provide healthy alternatives to help reduce the
 22 trend toward obesity and reduce long-term health costs.

23 (f) Provide safe ways for children to travel from
 24 their homes to their schools by supporting the Safe Paths to
 25 Schools Program.

26 (2) In order to help accomplish these goals, the
 27 department shall conduct a Conserve by Bicycle study, which
 28 shall include a determination of the following:

29 (a) Where energy savings can be realized when more and
 30 safer bicycle facilities, such as bicycle paths, bicycle
 31 lanes, and other safe locations for bicycle use, are created

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1 which reduce the use of motor vehicles in the area.

2 (b) Where the use of education and marketing programs
3 can convert motor vehicle trips into bicycle trips.

4 (c) How and under what circumstances the construction
5 of bicycling facilities can provide more opportunities for
6 recreation and how exercise can lead to a reduction of health
7 risks associated with a sedentary lifestyle.

8 (d) How the Safe Paths to Schools Program and other
9 similar programs can reduce school-related commuter traffic,
10 which will result in energy and roadway savings as well as
11 improve the health of children throughout the state.

12 (e) How partnerships can be created among interested
13 parties in the fields of transportation, law enforcement,
14 education, public health, environmental restoration and
15 conservation, and energy conservation to achieve a better
16 possibility of success for the program.

17 (3) The study shall produce measurable criteria that
18 can be used by the department to determine where and under
19 what circumstances the construction of bicycling facilities
20 will reduce energy consumption and the need for and cost of
21 roadway capacity, as well as realizing the associated health
22 benefits.

23 (4) The department shall conduct the study with the
24 assistance of the State Pedestrian/Bicycle Coordinator,
25 metropolitan planning organizations, the Office of Greenways
26 and Trails of the Department of Environmental Protection, and
27 the Department of Health.

28 (5) By July 1, 2007, if sufficient funds are available
29 in the department's budget or from the Federal Government, the
30 study shall be completed and shall be submitted to the
31 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the

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1 House of Representatives, the Secretary of Transportation, the
2 Secretary of Environmental Protection, and the Secretary of
3 Health.

4 Section 12. Paragraph (k) of subsection (4) of section
5 373.199, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

6 373.199 Florida Forever Water Management District Work
7 Plan.--

8 (4) The list submitted by the districts shall include,
9 where applicable, the following information for each project:

10 (k) An identification of the proposed public access
11 for projects with land acquisition components, including the
12 Florida National Scenic Trail.

13 Section 13. Subsection (6) of section 378.036, Florida
14 Statutes, is repealed.

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16 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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20 And the title is amended as follows:

21 On page 2, lines 5 through 8, delete those lines

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23 and insert:

24 trail; creating s. 260.021, F.S.; encouraging a
25 partnership between various organizations and
26 mining interests to develop recreational
27 opportunities on mined lands; creating s.
28 335.067, F.S.; creating the Conserve by Bicycle
29 Program in the Department of Transportation;
30 providing purposes of the program; directing
31 the department to conduct a study; directing

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1 the State Pedestrian/Bicycle Coordinator,
2 metropolitan planning organizations, the Office
3 of Greenways and Trails of the Department of
4 Environmental Protection, and the Department of
5 Health to assist with the study; amending s.
6 373.199, F.S.; requiring the water management
7 districts to include information about the
8 Florida National Scenic Trail in the 5-year
9 work plans; repealing s. 378.036(6), F.S.,
10 relating to the formation and operation of a
11 nonprofit corporation to develop recreational
12 opportunities on mined lands; amending s.

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