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CS for SB's 1338 & 1794

 ${\bf By}$ the Committee on Environmental Preservation; and Senators Constantine and Baker

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Wekiva Onsite Sewage
3	Treatment and Disposal System Compliance Grant
4	Program; creating the program in the Department
5	of Health; providing purposes; authorizing
6	certain property owners in certain areas of the
7	Wekiva basin to apply for grants for certain
8	purposes; providing grant limitations;
9	providing for the grant as a rebate of costs
10	incurred; requiring documentation of costs;
11	requiring the department to adopt rules to
12	administer the grant program; providing an
13	effective date.
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15	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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17	Section 1. <u>Wekiva Onsite sewage treatment and disposal</u>
18	system Compliance Grant Program
19	(1) The Wekiva Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal
20	System Compliance Grant Program is established in the
21	Department of Health, to be administered by the department.
22	The purpose of the program is to provide grants to low-income
23	property owners in the Wekiva Study Area or the Wekiva River
24	Protection Area using onsite disposal systems to assist the
25	property owners in complying with rules for onsite sewage
26	treatment and disposal systems developed by the Department of
27	Health, the Department of Environmental Protection, or the St.
28	Johns River Water Management District to enforce compliance
29	with onsite sewage treatment and disposal system standards.
30	The grant program shall become effective upon final adoption
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1 of department rules and shall apply to costs incurred on or 2 after such date. (2) Any property owner in the Wekiva Study Area or the 3 4 Wekiva River Protection Area having an income less than or 5 equal to 200 percent of the federal poverty level who is 6 required by rule of the Department of Health, the Department 7 of Environmental Protection, or the St. Johns River Water 8 Management District to alter, repair, or modify any existing onsite sewage treatment and disposal system to a 9 10 nitrogen-reducing performance-based treatment system on such property may apply to the Department of Health for a grant to 11 12 assist such owner with the cost of compliance. 13 (3) The amount of the grant is limited to the cost differential between the replacement of a comparable existing 14 onsite sewage treatment and disposal system and that of an 15 16 upgraded nitrogen-reducing performance-based treatment system, 17 but may not exceed \$10,000 per property. 18 (4) The grant shall be in the form of a rebate to the property owner for costs incurred in complying with 19 20 requirements for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems. 21 The property owner shall provide to the Department of Health 2.2 in the grant application documentation of costs incurred in 23 complying with requirements for such system. (5) The Department of Health shall adopt rules 2.4 providing forms, procedures, and requirements for applying for 25 and disbursing grants including bid requirements and for 26 documenting compliance costs incurred. 27 2.8 (6) The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Environmental Protection and the St. Johns River 29 Water Management District, shall continue to evaluate, by any 30 means the department deems appropriate, the level of nitrogen 31

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1	deposited in the Wekiva Study Area caused by onsite sewage
2	treatment and disposal systems.
3	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
4	law.
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6	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
7	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR Senate Bills 1338 and 1794
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9 10 11 12	The committee substitute combines SB 1338 and SB 1794 and establishes a Wekiva Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Compliance Grant Program in the the Department of Health. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to low-income property owners in the Wekiva Study Area or the Wekiva River Protection Area to assist the property owners in complying with rules for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems developed by the Department of Health.
13	The amount of the grant is limited and may not exceed \$10,000
14 15	per property. The grant is in the form of a rebate to the property owner for certain costs incurred in complying with requirements for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems.
16 17 18	The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Environmental Protection and the St. Johns River Water Management District, shall continue to evaluate the level of nitrogen deposited in the Wekiva Study Area caused by onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems.
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