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The Committee on Health Care (Fasano) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 2, lines 24-28, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 2. (1)(a) The Department of Environmental Protection shall conduct a study to determine the various sources of nitrogen input into the Wekiva River and associated springs contributing water to the river. The department shall prepare a report recommending actions to be taken by the department, the Department of Health, and the St. Johns Water Management District which will provide the best use of economic resources to reduce nitrogen inputs into the river and associated springs.

(b) The department shall contract for a study by an independent entity of sources of input of nitrogen from onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems into the Wekiva River and associated springs. The study shall measure the concentration of nitrates in the soil 10 feet and 20 feet

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1 below the drainage field of the onsite sewage treatment and  
 2 disposal systems. The contract shall require the entity to  
 3 submit a report to the department describing the locations of  
 4 such sources and the amounts contributed by such sources and  
 5 containing recommendations to reduce or eliminate nitrogen  
 6 inputs from such sources.

7 (c) The department shall submit copies of the reports  
 8 to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
 9 Representatives before the 2007 regular session of the  
 10 Legislature.

11 (2) The Department of Health shall develop proposed  
 12 rules for a model proposal applying to the operation and  
 13 maintenance of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems  
 14 statewide. At a minimum, the rules shall require each owner of  
 15 an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system to pump out the  
 16 system at least once every 5 years.

17 Section 3. (1) The sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is appropriated  
 18 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Health, of  
 19 which \$ \_\_\_\_\_ shall be used by the department to administer  
 20 the Wekiva Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System  
 21 Compliance Grant Program and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ shall be used to  
 22 provide grants to applicants under the program.

23 (2) The sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is appropriated from the  
 24 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Environmental  
 25 Protection, of which \$ \_\_\_\_\_ shall be used by the department  
 26 to conduct the study required under paragraph (1)(a) of  
 27 Section 2 and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ shall be used for purposes of the  
 28 independent study the department is required to contract for  
 29 under paragraph (1)(b) of Section 2.

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 31 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3            On page 1, lines 13 and 14, delete those lines

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5 and insert:

6            administer the grant program; requiring the  
7            Department of Environmental Protection to  
8            conduct a study and contract for an independent  
9            study of nitrogen inputs into the Wekiva River  
10           and associated springs; requiring reports;  
11           providing report requirements; requiring the  
12           department to submit copies of the reports to  
13           the Legislature; requiring the Department of  
14           Health to develop proposed rules for a model  
15           proposal applying to the operation and  
16           maintenance of onsite sewage treatment and  
17           disposal systems statewide; specifying rule  
18           criterion; providing appropriations; providing  
19           an effective date.

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