

**The Florida Senate**  
**PROFESSIONAL STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee

BILL: SB 2446

INTRODUCER: Senator Saunders

SUBJECT: Florida Climate Action Partnership/Global Warming

DATE: April 12, 2007                      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Branning	Kiger	EP	<b>Favorable</b>
2.	Stuart	Caldwell	CU	<b>Favorable</b>
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**I. Summary:**

This bill creates the Florida Climate Action Partnership for the purpose of making policy recommendations concerning global warming. This bill outlines the subject matter of the partnership, provides for the membership and staffing of the partnership, requires the partnership to make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature and submit a final report, provides for the expiration of the partnership, and provides an appropriation.

**II. Present Situation:**

In 2006, the Legislature enacted s. 377.901, F.S., which created the Florida Energy Commission. The commission must file an annual report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. In its initial report due December 31, 2007, the commission must, among other things:

- Recommend consensus-based public-involvement processes that evaluate greenhouse gas emissions in this state and make recommendations regarding related economic, energy, and environmental benefits.
- Recommend steps and a schedule for the development of a comprehensive state climate action plan with greenhouse gas reduction through a public-involvement process, including transportation and land use; power generation; residential, commercial, and industrial activities; waste management; agriculture and forestry; emissions- reporting systems; and public education.

The United States Climate Action Partnership, formed in 2006, is an alliance of major businesses and leading climate and environmental groups that have come together to call on the federal

government to enact legislation requiring significant reductions of greenhouse gas emissions.<sup>1</sup> The group produced a set of principles and recommendations to guide the formulation of a regulated economy-wide, market-driven approach to climate protection. The alliance includes the following:

- Alcoa
- BP America
- Caterpillar Inc.
- Duke Energy
- DuPont
- FPL Group
- General Electric
- Lehman Brothers
- PG&E Corporation
- PNM Resources
- Environmental Defense
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Pew Center on Global Climate Change
- World Resources Institute

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The goal of the partnership is to develop a comprehensive Florida Climate Mitigation Action Plan that includes a full range of policy recommendations addressing all state economic sectors, as well as make recommendations for meeting short- and long-term greenhouse gas-reduction goals. The plan must be fact based and developed through a statewide stakeholder consensus process. In developing plan recommendations, the partnership shall consider the findings of a statewide inventory and forecast energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, by sector, from all sources.

The partnership must hold a minimum of four public meetings throughout the state and provide a list of policy recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by February 1, 2008. A final report which includes the Florida Climate Mitigation Action Plan shall be submitted no later than October 1, 2008.

The partnership is to be composed of 25 members:

- The Governor, who shall serve as the chair;
- The President of the Senate;
- The Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- The Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
- The Chief Financial Officer;
- Eight members appointed by the Governor;
- Five members appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom shall be the Chair of the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation;

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.us-cap.org/about/index.asp>

- Five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be the Chair of the House Committee on Environmental Preservation; and
- Two members appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Members appointed to the partnership must occupy positions of leadership within their respective fields. Partnership members serve without compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses. The expenses of the Governor's representatives and nonlegislative members shall be borne by the Executive Office of the Governor. The partnership is to be staffed by the Executive Office of the Governor.

Unless renewed by the Legislature, the partnership is dissolved December 31, 2008.

The bill appropriates \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund to fund the activities of the Florida Climate Action Partnership.

#### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

#### **V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

There are no immediate private sector impacts. The results of FCAP recommendations could have significant private sector economic impacts but a specific dollar amount is currently undeterminable.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill appropriates \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund to support the activities of the Florida Climate Action Partnership. The Executive Office of the Governor is responsible for staffing the partnership and supporting the expenses of the Governor's appointees and other nonlegislative members.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

The bill provides an appropriation but does not specify where the funds are to be deposited.

**VII. Related Issues:**

The Florida Climate Action Partnership's responsibilities to make policy recommendations concerning global warming are very similar to last year's determination that the Florida Energy Commission must develop policy recommendations and produce a comprehensive climate action plan considering the reduction of greenhouse emissions.

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## **VIII. Summary of Amendments:**

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