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1       (1) The Energy Policy Governance Task Force is created  
2 to recommend a unified approach to state energy policy  
3 including energy conservation and research, development, and  
4 the deployment of alternative and renewable energy technology.  
5 The task force shall review the programs and policies of the  
6 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the  
7 Department of Environmental Protection, the State University  
8 System, the Public Service Commission, and other relevant  
9 public and private-sector entities in preparing its  
10 recommendations.

11       (2) The task force shall be composed of the following  
12 members:

13       (a) two members appointed by the President of the  
14 Senate;

15       (b) two members appointed by the Speaker of the House  
16 of Representative;

17       (c) two members appointed by the Governor;

18       (d) the Commissioner of Agriculture or a designee;

19       (e) the Secretary of the Department of Environmental  
20 Protection or a designee;

21       (f) a vice-president for research designated by the  
22 Council of Vice-Presidents for State University Research;

23       (g) the Chair of the Florida Energy Commission or a  
24 designee;

25       (h) the Public Counsel.

26       (3) Task force members shall be appointed no later  
27 than August 1, 2007. Members shall choose a chair and  
28 vice-chair from the membership of the task force.

29       (4) In developing its recommendations, the task force  
30 shall determine the appropriate approach to provide a  
31 coordinated statewide effort to:

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1       (a) Promote the state as a leader in new and  
 2 innovative technologies and, in cooperation with Enterprise  
 3 Florida, Inc., as a location for businesses having operations  
 4 related to alternative and renewable energy technologies;

5       (b) Promote alternative and renewable energy  
 6 technologies, including alternative fuels and technologies for  
 7 electric power plants and motor vehicles, energy conservation,  
 8 distributed generation, advance transmission methods, and  
 9 pollution and greenhouse gas control.

10       (c) Administer funding of matching grants for  
 11 demonstration, commercialization, research, and development of  
 12 projects relating to bioenergy and renewable energy  
 13 technologies;

14       (d) Assist the state universities and the private  
 15 sector in determining the areas on which to focus research in  
 16 alternative and renewable energy technology and assist in  
 17 coordinating research projects among the universities and  
 18 relevant private-sector entities; and

19       (e) Assist universities, other state entities, and  
 20 private-sector entities in raising funds from all available  
 21 public or private-sector sources for projects concerning  
 22 research, development, or deployment of alternative and  
 23 renewable energy technology, including projects that involve  
 24 the production of, improvements in, or use of alternative and  
 25 renewable energy technology in this state.

26       (5) The task force shall be jointly staffed by staff  
 27 assigned by the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
 28 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

29       (6) No later than February 1, 2008, the task force  
 30 shall submit its recommendations to the Governor, the  
 31 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of

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1 Representatives.

2       (7) The task force shall expire on June 30, 2008.

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4 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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7 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

8 And the title is amended as follows:

9       On page 1, line 2, after the first semicolon,

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11 insert:

12       creating the Energy Policy Governance Task  
13       Force; providing for appointment of members,  
14       for responsibilities, and for operations;  
15       providing that the task force expires June 30,  
16       2008;

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