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| Senator Dockery moved the following amendment: |
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| Senate Amendment (with title amendment) |
| On page 55, before line 1, |
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| insert: |
| Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 215.5586, Florida |
| Statutes, is amended to read: |
| 215.5586 Florida Comprehensive Hurricane Damage |
| Mitigation ProgramThere is established within the |
| Department of Financial Services the Florida Comprehensive |
| Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program. This section does not |
| create an entitlement for property owners or obligate the |
| state in any way to fund the inspection or retrofitting of |
| residential property in this state. Implementation of this |
| program is subject to annual legislative appropriations. The |
| program shall be administered by an individual with prior |
| executive experience in the private sector in the areas of |
| insurance, business, or construction. The program shall |
| develop and implement a comprehensive and coordinated approach |
| for hurricane damage mitigation that shall include the |
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- (2) GRANTS.--Financial grants shall be used to encourage single-family, site-built, owner-occupied, residential property owners to protect retrofit their properties to make them less vulnerable to hurricane damage.
- (a) To be eligible for a grant, a residential property must:
- 1. Have been granted a homestead exemption under chapter 196.
- 2. Be a dwelling with an insured value of \$500,000 or less.
- 3. Have undergone an acceptable wind certification and hurricane mitigation inspection or use hurricane-protection products tested by the International Hurricane Research Center at Florida International University.

- A residential property which is part of a multifamily residential unit may receive a grant only if all homeowners participate and the total number of units does not exceed four.
- (b) All grants must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis for a total of \$10,000 for the mitigation project with the state's contribution not to exceed \$5,000.
- (c) The program shall create a process in which mitigation contractors agree to participate and seek reimbursement from the state and homeowners select from a list of participating contractors. All mitigation must be based upon the securing of all required local permits and inspections. Mitigation projects are subject to random reinspection of up to at least 10 percent of all projects.
- (d) Matching fund grants shall also be made available 1:57 PM 01/17/07 s0004Ac-15-t01

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| 1 | to local governments and nonprofit entities for projects that |
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| 2 | will reduce hurricane damage to single-family, site-built, |
| 3 | owner-occupied, residential property. |
| 4 | (e) Grants may be used for the following improvements: |
| 5 | 1. Roof deck attachment; |
| 6 | 2. Secondary water barrier; |
| 7 | 3. Roof covering, including a weighted roof-protection |
| 8 | system that may be installed by an approved contractor or |
| 9 | homeowner; |
| 10 | 4. Brace gable ends; |
| 11 | 5. Reinforce roof-to-wall connections; |
| 12 | 6. Opening protection; and |
| 13 | 7. Exterior doors, including garage doors. |
| 14 | (f) Low-income homeowners, as defined in s. |
| 15 | 420.0004(9), who otherwise meet the requirements of paragraphs |
| 16 | (a) and (c) are eligible for a grant of up to \$5,000 and are |
| 17 | not required to provide a matching amount to receive the |
| 18 | grant. Such grants shall be used to retrofit single-family, |
| 19 | site-built, owner-occupied, residential properties in order to |
| 20 | make them less vulnerable to hurricane damage. |
| 21 | Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section |
| 22 | 215.559, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: |
| 23 | 215.559 Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program |
| 24 | (3)(a) Forty percent of the total appropriation in |
| 25 | paragraph (2)(a) shall be used to inspect and improve |
| 26 | tie-downs <u>or other securing fixtures</u> for mobile homes. |
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| 28 | (Redesignate subsequent sections.) |
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| 2 | And the title is amended as follows: |
| 3 | On page 3, line 12, after the first semicolon, |
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| 5 | insert: |
| 6 | amending s. 215.5586, F.S., relating to the |
| 7 | Florida Comprehensive Hurricane Damage |
| 8 | Mitigation Program; providing for grants to |
| 9 | homeowners to protect rather than retrofit |
| 10 | their properties; revising certain other |
| 11 | eligibility criteria for a grant; authorizing |
| 12 | the use of grants for roof-protection systems; |
| 13 | amending s. 215.559, F.S., relating to the |
| 14 | Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program; providing |
| 15 | for a certain portion of the appropriation |
| 16 | under the program to be used for securing |
| 17 | fixtures for mobile homes; |
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