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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
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3/26/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on General Government Appropriations (Aronberg)
2 recommended the following **amendment**:

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4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between line(s) 351 and 352
6 insert:

7 Section 8. The Legislature finds that encouragement and
8 promotion of reuse of reclaimed water, as defined by the
9 Department of Environmental Protection, are state objectives and
10 considered to be in the public interest. The Legislature finds
11 that the implementation of this policy has been hampered by a
12 lack of clear understanding concerning the role of local
13 governments that produce and distribute reclaimed water, and
14 water management districts that regulate reclaimed water use. The
15 Legislature finds that the Department of Environmental Protection
16 and water management districts do not have a common policy as to
17 consideration of reclaimed water in the water use permitting and



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18 water shortage processes. The Legislature finds that a clear and
19 consistent policy regarding reclaimed water use is required in
20 order to achieve the most efficient and beneficial use of this
21 resource.

22 (1) The Reclaimed Water Coordination Task Force is created
23 to recommend clear direction concerning the relative roles of
24 local governments and water management districts with regard to
25 the regulation of reclaimed water use and to propose a statewide
26 uniform approach to consideration of reclaimed water use in the
27 water use permitting and water shortage processes. The task force
28 shall review the rules, programs, and policies of the five water
29 management districts relating to consideration of reclaimed water
30 use in water use permitting, water shortages, and related
31 actions, activities, or programs in preparing its
32 recommendations.

33 (2) The task force shall be composed of the following 17
34 members:

35 (a) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
36 House of Representatives shall each appoint a member from their
37 respective chambers, who shall co-chair the task force.

38 (b) The Secretary of Environmental Protection or designee.

39 (c) The Commissioner of Agriculture or designee.

40 (d) The executive director of the South Florida Water
41 Management District or designee.

42 (e) The executive director of the Southwest Florida Water
43 Management District or designee.

44 (f) The eExecutive director of the St. Johns River Water
45 Management District or designee.

46 (g) The executive director of the Florida Nursery Growers
47 and Landscape Association or designee.



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48 (h) The executive director of the Florida Sugar Cane League
49 or designee.

50 (i) Two members, one each appointed by the President of
51 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who
52 shall be employees of a local government that produces reclaimed
53 water for reuse by the public, as follows:

54 1. A representative of a not-for-profit environmental
55 advocacy organization; and

56 2. A representative of a company that is a self-supplier of
57 water.

58 (3) Task force members shall be appointed by August 1,
59 2008.

60 (4) The clerical and professional staff of the Department
61 of Environmental Protection shall provide administrative support
62 to the task force. The task force may request the clerical and
63 professional staffs of the standing committees of the Senate and
64 the House of Representatives to provide such support, if the task
65 force finds it appropriate to do so.

66 (5) The task force shall:

67 (a) Determine how reclaimed water use should be taken into
68 account in the water use permitting and water shortage processes.

69 (b) Assess the proper roles of local governments and water
70 management districts in regulating reclaimed water use.

71 (c) Consider how the reuse of reclaimed water could be
72 promoted in areas where new or increased water withdrawals have
73 been limited by law through the use of offsets or other similar
74 incentives.

75 (d) Evaluate how to best supplement reclaimed water
76 supplies during peak demands periods in order to improve
77 reliability and promote widespread adoption of this resource.



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78 (e) Consider how to best incorporate any recommended policy
79 changes in a unified approach that is applicable statewide.

80 (6) While the task force deliberates, the Department of
81 Environmental Protection and the water management districts shall
82 encourage the use of pilot projects for the purpose of obtaining
83 data and operating experience through the use of various types of
84 reuse and irrigation systems.

85 (7) The task force shall submit a report to the Governor,
86 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
87 Representatives which summarizes its findings and recommendations
88 by January 31, 2009.

89 (8) The Department of Environmental Protection and the
90 water management districts are directed, and all other agencies
91 and local governments are requested, to render assistance to and
92 cooperate with the task force.

93 (9) Members shall serve without compensation. Members are
94 entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses as
95 provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

96 (10) The task force is dissolved on January 31, 2009.

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99 And the title is amended as follows:

100 On line(s) 42, after the semicolon,
101 insert:
102 creating the Reclaimed Water Coordination Task Force;
103 providing legislative findings; providing for task force
104 membership and duties; requiring a report to the Governor
105 and Legislature; providing for assistance and cooperation
106 from state agencies and local governments; providing for



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107 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses; providing
108 for expiration of the task force;