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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
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1 The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation
 2 (Saunders) recommended the following **amendment**:

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 4 **Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

5 Between line(s) 372 and 373

6 insert:

7 Section 5. Florida Springs Stewardship Task Force.--

8 (1) The Department of Environmental Protection is directed
 9 to establish the Florida Springs Stewardship Task Force (task
 10 force) that shall consist of nine members as follows:

11 (a) One representative from the Department of
 12 Environmental Protection, to be appointed by the Secretary of
 13 Environmental Protection, who will serve as chair.

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14 (b) One representative from the Department of Agriculture
15 and Consumer Services to be appointed by the Commissioner of
16 Agriculture.

17 (c) One representative from the Department of Community
18 Affairs to be appointed by the Secretary of Community Affairs.

19 (d) One representative from a water management district
20 with the greatest number of first magnitude springs within its
21 jurisdiction, to be appointed by the Executive Director of that
22 water management district.

23 (e) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate,
24 one of whom shall be a representative of the development
25 community, and one of whom shall be a representative of a local
26 chamber of commerce.

27 (f) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
28 Representatives, one of whom shall be a locally elected official
29 of a county or municipality, and one of whom shall be a
30 representative of the environmental community.

31 (g) One member appointed by the Commissioner of
32 Agriculture who shall be a representative of the agricultural
33 community.

34 (2) Task force members shall be appointed no later than
35 August 1, 2008 and shall serve without compensation.

36 (3) The task force shall:

37 (a) Collect and inventory all existing data identifying
38 zones of influence for the remaining 31 known first magnitude
39 springs and identifying land uses in these areas.



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40 (b) Identify and compile a list of all existing best
41 management practices for the identified land uses and other
42 water pollutant controls.

43 (c) Identify all existing and reasonably expected funding
44 sources available to implement best management practices and
45 other water pollutant controls for the identified land uses and
46 propose a priority list of projects for the funding.

47 (d) Take public input and testimony regarding issues
48 related to spring protection, and restoration.

49 (e) Propose a program of increased emphasis on education
50 and outreach that encourages the implementation of best
51 management practices for agricultural and non-agricultural land
52 uses and other water pollutant controls, including specific
53 provisions for cost-share assistance with the implementation of
54 best management practices as well as recognition of agricultural
55 and nonagricultural landowners who participate in the best
56 management practices program.

57 (4) The task force shall submit a report summarizing the
58 data collected, public input and testimony, and findings and
59 recommendations of the task force to the President of the Senate
60 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than
61 January 31, 2009.

62 (5) All state agencies are directed, and all other
63 agencies and local governments are requested, to render
64 assistance to and cooperate with the task force.

65 (6) The task force shall expire on January 31, 2009.

66 (renumber subsequent sections)

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68 And the title is amended as follows:

69 Delete line(s) 37

70 and insert:

71 date; directing the Department of Environmental Protection
72 to establish the Florida Springs Stewardship Task Force;
73 providing for task force membership and duties; requiring
74 a report to the Legislature by a date certain; providing
75 for assistance and support from state agencies and local
76 governments; providing for expiration of the task force by
77 a date certain; providing an effective date.