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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
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1 The Committee on General Government Appropriations (Baker)
2 recommended the following **amendment**:

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4 **Senate Amendment**

5 Delete line(s) 1916 through 1943
6 and insert:

7 (i) Five percent to the Department of Agriculture and
8 Consumer Services for the acquisition of agricultural lands,
9 through perpetual conservation easements and other perpetual
10 less-than-fee techniques, that will achieve the objectives of
11 Florida Forever and s.570.71. Rules concerning the application,
12 acquisition, and priority ranking process for such easements
13 shall be developed pursuant to s. 570.71 (10) and as provided by
14 this paragraph. The board shall ensure that such rules are
15 consistent with the acquisition process provided for in s.
16 259.041. Provisions of the rules developed pursuant to s. 570.71
17 (10), shall also provide for the following:



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18 1. An annual priority list shall be developed pursuant to
19 s. 570.71 (10), submitted to the Acquisition and Restoration
20 Council for review, and approved by the board pursuant to s.
21 259.04.

22 2. Terms of easements and acquisitions proposed pursuant to
23 this paragraph shall be approved by the board and shall not be
24 delegated by the board to any other entity receiving funds under
25 this section.

26 3. All acquisitions pursuant to this paragraph shall
27 contain a clear statement that they are subject to legislative
28 appropriation.

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30 No funds provided under this paragraph shall be expended until
31 final adoption of rules by the board pursuant to 570.71.

32 (j)(i) It is the intent of the Legislature that cash
33 payments or proceeds of Florida Forever bonds distributed under
34 this section shall be expended in an efficient and fiscally
35 responsible manner. An agency that receives proceeds from Florida
36 Forever bonds under this section may not maintain a balance of
37 unencumbered funds in its Florida Forever subaccount beyond 3
38 fiscal years from the date of deposit of funds from each bond
39 issue. Any funds that have not been expended or encumbered after
40 3 fiscal years from the date of deposit shall be distributed by
41 the Legislature at its next regular session for use in the
42 Florida Forever program.

43 (k)(j) For the purposes of paragraphs ~~(d)~~, (e), (f), and
44 (g), and (h) the agencies that ~~which~~ receive the funds shall
45 develop their individual acquisition or restoration lists in
46 accordance with specific criteria and numeric performance
47 measures developed pursuant to s. 259.035 (4). Proposed additions



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48 | may be acquired if they are identified within the original
49 | project boundary, the management plan required pursuant to s.
50 | 253.034(5), or the management prospectus required pursuant to s.
51 | 259.032(9)(d). Proposed additions not meeting the requirements of
52 | this paragraph shall be submitted to the Acquisition and
53 | Restoration Council for approval. The council may only approve
54 | the proposed addition if it meets two or more of the following
55 | criteria: serves as a link or corridor to other publicly owned
56 | property; enhances the protection or management of the property;
57 | would add a desirable resource to the property; would create a
58 | more manageable boundary configuration; has a high resource value
59 | that otherwise would be unprotected; or can be acquired at less
60 | than fair market value.