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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
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3/27/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation  
2 (Dockery) recommended the following **amendment**:

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

Between lines 37 and 38

insert:

7 Section 2. 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 serve the public interest. The Legislature finds that the  
11 implementation of this policy has been hampered by a lack of  
12 clear understanding as to the role of local governments producing  
13 and distributing reclaimed water and water management districts  
14 as to the regulation of the use of reclaimed water. The  
15 Legislature further finds that the Department of Environmental  
16 Protection and water management districts do not have a common  
17 policy regarding reclaimed water as applied to processes related



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

22 (1) The Reclaimed Water Coordination Task Force is created  
23 for the purposes of recommending clear direction as to the  
24 relative roles of local governments and water management  
25 districts with regard to the regulation of the use of reclaimed  
26 water and proposing a statewide uniform approach to consideration  
27 of use of reclaimed water as applied to processes related to  
28 water-use permitting and water shortages. When preparing its  
29 recommendations, the task force shall review the rules, programs,  
30 and policies of the five water management districts in this state  
31 as such rules, programs, and policies relate to considerations  
32 involving the use of reclaimed water with respect to water-use  
33 permitting, water shortages, and related actions, activities, or  
34 programs.

35 (2) The task force shall consist of the following members:

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

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

40 (c) The Commissioner of Agriculture, or his or her  
41 designee.

42 (d) The executive director of the South Florida Water  
43 Management District, or his or her designee.

44 (e) The executive director of the Southwest Florida Water  
45 Management District, or his or her designee.

46 (f) The executive director of the St. Johns River Water  
47 Management District, or his or her designee.



48 (g) The executive director of the Suwannee River Water  
49 Management District, or his or her designee.

50 (h) The executive director of the Northwest Florida Water  
51 Management District, or his or her designee.

52 (i) The executive director of the Florida Nursery Growers  
53 and Landscape Association, or his or her designee.

54 (j) The executive director of the Florida Sugar Cane  
55 League, or his or her designee.

56 (k) In addition to the appointments in paragraph (a), the  
57 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
58 Representatives shall each appoint:

59 1. Three members who are employees of a local government  
60 producing reclaimed water for reuse by the public.

61 2. A representative of a not-for-profit environmental  
62 advocacy organization.

63 3. A representative from a company that is a self-supplier  
64 of water.

65 (3) Members of the task force shall be appointed on or  
66 before August 1, 2008.

67 (4) The clerical and professional staff of the Department  
68 of Environmental Protection shall provide administrative support  
69 to the task force. The task force may request support from the  
70 clerical and professional staff of the standing committees of the  
71 Senate and the House of Representatives.

72 (5) The task force shall:

73 (a) Determine the role of the use of reclaimed water as  
74 applied to processes related to water-use permitting and water  
75 shortage.



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76 (b) Assess the appropriate roles of local governments and  
77 water management districts in regulating the use of reclaimed  
78 water.

79 (c) Consider how the use of reclaimed water could be  
80 promoted in areas in which new or increased water withdrawals  
81 have been limited by law through the use of offsets or other  
82 similar incentives.

83 (d) Evaluate the most effective means of supplementing  
84 reclaimed water supplies during peak demands in order to improve  
85 reliability and promote widespread adoption of reclaimed water.

86 (e) Consider the most effective means of incorporating any  
87 recommended statewide policy changes.

88 (6) The Department of Environmental Protection and each  
89 water management district shall encourage the use of pilot  
90 projects for the purpose of obtaining data and operating  
91 experience regarding various types of reuse and irrigation  
92 systems.

93 (7) The task force shall submit a report to the Governor,  
94 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
95 Representatives summarizing its findings and recommendations on  
96 or before January 31, 2009.

97 (8) The Department of Environmental Protection and the  
98 water management districts are directed, and all other agencies  
99 and local governments are requested, to render assistance to and  
100 cooperate with the task force.

101 (9) The task force shall dissolve on January 31, 2009.

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

104 And the title is amended as follows:

105 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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106 and insert:

107                                   A bill to be entitled  
108       An act relating to water management; providing  
109       legislative intent; directing the Secretary of  
110       Environmental Protection to coordinate with the water  
111       management districts to conduct a study of certain  
112       desalination technologies; providing study  
113       requirements; requiring the secretary to report to the  
114       Governor and the Legislature by a specified date;  
115       creating the Reclaimed Water Coordination Task Force;  
116       providing legislative findings; providing purposes;  
117       requiring that the task force review certain rules,  
118       programs, and policies when preparing its  
119       recommendations; providing for membership of the task  
120       force; requiring that members be appointed on or before  
121       a specified date; providing for administrative support  
122       for the task force; providing duties of the task force;  
123       requiring that the Department of Environmental  
124       Protection and each water management district encourage  
125       the use of pilot projects for certain purposes;  
126       providing an effective date.