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Senator Bennett moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 539 and 540
insert:

Section 8. (1) (a) The state land planning agency shall implement the Energy Economic Zone Pilot Program to develop a model to help communities encourage and attain renewable electric energy generation, the manufacture of products that contribute to energy conservation, green jobs, and energy-efficient land use and development patterns and building designs. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, within the Executive Office of the Governor and the Florida



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13 Energy and Climate Commission shall provide technical assistance
14 to the state land planning agency in developing and
15 administering the pilot program. The pilot program is intended
16 to cultivate green economic development and further the
17 implementation of chapter 2008-191, Laws of Florida, which
18 requires that future land use elements within local government
19 comprehensive plans are to be based on the discouragement of
20 urban sprawl, energy-efficient land use patterns accounting for
21 existing and future electric power generation and transmission
22 systems, and greenhouse gas reduction strategies.

23 (b) Sarasota County may apply to the state land planning
24 agency to participate in the pilot program based on its record
25 of promoting energy efficient policies and practices; and
26 encouraging green economic development including adoption of a
27 resolution with carbon neutral goals, an established green
28 building and development incentive program, and a voter approved
29 infrastructure surtax with a portion dedicated to economic
30 development. The application shall identify the proposed
31 location of the energy economic zone which shall be within an
32 adopted urban service area and may include the county landfill
33 outside the urban service boundary, present a proposed strategic
34 plan for development and redevelopment in the energy economic
35 zone, demonstrate consistency of the strategic plan with the
36 local comprehensive plan or include proposed plan amendments
37 necessary to achieve consistency, and identify comprehensive
38 plan amendments that will be proposed to implement chapter 2008-
39 191, Laws of Florida. The strategic plan must include mixed-use
40 and form-based standards that integrate multimodal
41 transportation facilities with land use and development patterns



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42 to reduce reliance on automobiles, encourage certified green
43 building developments and renewable energy systems, encourage
44 the creation of green jobs, and demonstrate how local financial
45 and regulatory incentives will be used in the energy economic
46 zone. The state land planning agency shall grant the application
47 if it meets the requirements of this section.

48 (c) The state land planning agency and the office shall
49 provide the pilot program community and businesses in the energy
50 economic zone with technical assistance in identifying and
51 qualifying for eligible grants and credits in job creation,
52 energy, and other areas.

53 (2) (a) The state land planning agency with the assistance
54 of the office shall submit an interim report by February. 15,
55 2010, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
56 Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the status of
57 the pilot program and any recommendations for statutory changes
58 to accomplish the goals of the pilot program community,
59 including whether it would be beneficial to provide financial
60 incentives similar to those offered an enterprise zone.

61 (b) The state land planning agency, after consultation with
62 the office, shall submit a final report to the same officers by
63 February 15, 2012, evaluating whether the pilot program has
64 demonstrated any success in development and redevelopment in the
65 energy economic zone incorporating renewable energy generation
66 systems, low-impact design, and energy-efficient land use and
67 development patterns and building designs, and shall recommend
68 whether the program should be expanded for use by other local
69 governments and whether state policies should be revised to
70 encourage the goals of the program.



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 43

and insert:

requiring the state land planning agency to implement the Energy Economic Zone Pilot Program; requiring the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development and the Florida Energy and Climate Commission to provide technical support; providing powers and duties of the office relating to the pilot program; authorizing a specified county to apply to the state land planning agency to participate in the pilot program; requiring the state land planning agency and the office to provide the pilot community with technical assistance; providing for reports by the state land planning agency; providing an effective date.