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Senator Bennett moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 88 and 89
insert:

Section 2. (1) (a) The state land planning agency shall implement an 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 program. The pilot program is intended to
16 cultivate green economic development and further the
17 implementation of 2008 - 191, Laws of Florida, that requires
18 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 is hereby authorized to apply to the
24 state land planning agency to participate in the pilot program
25 based on its record of promoting energy efficient policies and
26 practices; and encouraging green economic development including
27 adoption of a resolution with carbon neutral goals, an
28 established green building and development incentive program,
29 and a voter approved infrastructure surtax with a portion
30 dedicated to economic development. The application shall
31 identify the proposed location of the energy economic zone which
32 shall be within an adopted urban service area and may include
33 the county landfill outside the urban service boundary, present
34 a proposed strategic plan for development and redevelopment in
35 the energy economic zone, demonstrate consistency of the
36 strategic plan with the local comprehensive plan or include
37 proposed plan amendments necessary to achieve consistency, and
38 identify comprehensive plan amendments that will be proposed to
39 implement 2008 - 191, Laws of Florida. The strategic plan must
40 include mixed use and form based standards that integrate
41 multimodal transportation facilities with land use and



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

48 (c) The state land planning agency and the Office of
49 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, within the Executive
50 Office of the Governor shall provide the pilot community
51 including businesses within the energy economic zone with
52 technical assistance in identifying and qualifying for eligible
53 grants and credits in job creation, energy, and other areas.

54 (2) The state land planning agency shall:

55 (a) With the assistance of Office of Tourism, Trade, and
56 Economic Development, submit an interim report by February 15,
57 2010 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
58 Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the status of
59 the pilot program and any recommendations deemed appropriate by
60 the agency for statutory changes to accomplish the goals of the
61 pilot program community, including whether it would be
62 beneficial to provide financial incentives similar to those
63 offered an enterprise zone.

64 (b) After consultation with the Office of Tourism, Trade,
65 and Economic Development, submit a final report to the same
66 officers by February 15, 2012, evaluating whether the pilot
67 program has demonstrated any success in development and
68 redevelopment in the energy economic zone incorporating
69 renewable energy generation systems, low-impact design, and
70 energy-efficient land use and development patterns and building



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71 designs, and shall recommend whether the program should be
72 expanded for use by other local governments and whether state
73 policies should be revised to encourage the goals of the
74 program.

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77 And the title is amended as follows:

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79 Delete line 9

80 and insert:

81 directing the state land planning agency to implement
82 an Energy Economic Zone Pilot Program to develop a
83 model to help communities encourage and attain certain
84 specified conservation goals; requiring the Office of
85 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development and the
86 Florida Energy and Climate Commission to provide
87 technical assistance to the state land planning
88 agency; authorizing Sarasota County to apply to the
89 state land planning agency to participate in the pilot
90 program; requiring the state land planning agency,
91 with the assistance of Office of Tourism, Trade, and
92 Economic Development, to submit an interim report and
93 later a final report, by specified dates; providing an
94 effective date.