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1 Representative Holder offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Amendment (439445) (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 2834 and 2835, insert:

5 Section 57. (1)(a) The Department of Community Affairs  
6 shall implement the Energy Economic Zone Pilot Program for the  
7 purpose of developing a model to help communities encourage and  
8 attain renewable electric energy generation; manufacture  
9 products that contribute to energy conservation, green jobs, and  
10 energy-efficient land use; and develop patterns and building  
11 designs. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development  
12 and the Florida Energy and Climate Commission shall provide  
13 technical assistance to the department in developing and  
14 administering the program. The pilot program is intended to  
15 cultivate green economic development and further the  
16 implementation of chapter 2008-191, Laws of Florida, which

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17 requires that future land use elements within local government  
18 comprehensive plans be based on the discouragement of urban  
19 sprawl, the development of energy-efficient land use patterns  
20 accounting for existing and future electric power generation and  
21 transmission systems, and greenhouse gas reduction strategies.

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

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45 be used in the energy economic zone. The department shall grant  
46 the application if the application meets the requirements of  
47 this paragraph.

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

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

62 (b) The department, after consultation with the office,  
63 shall submit a final report to the Governor, the President of  
64 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
65 February 15, 2012, evaluating whether the pilot program has  
66 demonstrated success in development and redevelopment in the  
67 energy economic zone, including incorporating renewable energy  
68 generation systems, low-impact design, and energy-efficient land  
69 use and development patterns or building designs. The report  
70 shall contain recommendations with regard to whether the program  
71 should be expanded for use by other local governments and

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72 whether state policies should be revised to encourage the goals  
73 of the program.

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Between lines 3107 and 3108, insert:

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requiring that the Department of Community Affairs implement the

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Energy Economic Zone Pilot Program for specified purposes;

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requiring that the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic

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Development and the Florida Energy and Climate Commission

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provide technical assistance to the department in developing and

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administering the program; specifying intended goals of the

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program; authorizing Sarasota County to apply to the program;

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requiring that the application provide certain information;

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requiring that the department and the office provide the pilot

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community with certain assistance; requiring that the department

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submit certain reports to the Governor, the President of the

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Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by

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specified deadlines; requiring that such reports contain certain

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information and make certain recommendations;