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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Transportation (Altman) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 17 - 32
and insert:

Section 2. Subsection (18) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (70) is added to that section, to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

(18) SEA TURTLE LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a Sea Turtle license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, the words "Helping Sea Turtles Survive"



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13 must appear at the bottom of the plate, and the image of a sea
14 turtle must appear in the center of the plate.

15 (b) The first \$500,000 of annual use fees shall be
16 deposited in the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund in the
17 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and shall be used by
18 the Florida Marine Turtle Protection Program to conduct sea
19 turtle protection, research, and recovery programs. The next
20 \$215,000 in annual use fees shall be distributed to the
21 Caribbean Conservation Corporation to fund sea turtle research
22 and education programs. The Caribbean Conservation Corporation
23 shall annually distribute assigned funds through a Sea Turtle
24 Grants Program that supports sea turtle research and education
25 activities of Florida-based nonprofit groups, education and
26 research institutions, and coastal counties in this state. The
27 Caribbean Conservation Corporation shall write and publish
28 procedures for submitting grant applications and criteria for
29 allocating available funds, and shall appoint a technical
30 advisory committee, composed of at least five members, including
31 two representatives from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
32 Commission, to establish funding priorities and select grant
33 recipients from proposals submitted by eligible entities. Two of
34 the members shall be selected from the Fish and Wildlife
35 Conservation Commission; one member shall be selected on a
36 rotating biennial basis from a county bordering on the Atlantic
37 Coast with sea turtle nesting sites; one member shall be
38 selected on a rotating biennial basis from a county bordering on
39 the Gulf Coast with sea turtle nesting sites; one member shall
40 be the executive director of the Caribbean Conservation
41 Corporation; and two members shall be selected at large. Any



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42 additional annual revenue shall be distributed as follows: 70
43 percent shall be deposited in the Marine Resources Conservation
44 Trust Fund and used by the Florida Marine Turtle Protection
45 Program for sea turtle conservation activities and 30 percent
46 shall be assigned to the Caribbean Conservation Corporation for
47 distribution through the Sea Turtle Grants Program. From the
48 funds distributed to the Caribbean Conservation Corporation, an
49 amount not to exceed 10 percent of annual turtle tag revenue may
50 be used for marketing the Sea Turtle license plate and for
51 administrative costs directly associated with the grants
52 program. A maximum of 15 percent of the funds distributed to the
53 Caribbean Conservation Corporation may be expended for
54 administrative costs directly associated with the grants
55 program, and a maximum of 10 percent may be used to promote and
56 market the Sea Turtle license plate. Funds received by the
57 Caribbean Conservation Corporation from the Sea Turtle license
58 plate or the Sea Turtle Grants Program and funds received by any
59 grant recipient of the Sea Turtle Grants Program may not be used
60 for litigation.

61 (70) GO GREEN LICENSE PLATES.—

62 (a) The department shall develop a Go Green license plate
63 as provided in this section. The plates must bear the colors and
64 design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must
65 appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Go Green" must
66 appear at the bottom of the plate.

67 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the
68 Coalition for Renewable Energy Solutions, Inc., which shall
69 administer the fees as follows:

70 1. The coalition may retain all revenue from the annual use



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71 fees until all startup costs for developing and establishing the
72 plate have been recovered. Thereafter, up to 10 percent of the

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75 And the title is amended as follows:

76 Delete line 3

77 and insert:

78 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; revising authorized
79 uses of revenue received from the sale of the Sea
80 Turtle license plate; creating the Go Green