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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Plakon offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 4031 and 4032, insert:

Section 45. Subsection (2) of section 369.318, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

369.318 Studies.—

(2) The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Environmental Protection, shall study the efficacy and applicability of onsite disposal system standards needed to achieve nitrogen reductions protective of groundwater quality within the Wekiva Study Area including publicly owned lands ~~and report to the Governor and the Department of Community Affairs no later than December 1, 2004. Based on the December 2004 report, the Department of Health shall, if appropriate, by March 1, 2005, initiate rulemaking to achieve nitrogen reductions~~

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17 ~~protective of water quality or recommend legislation for any~~
18 ~~additional statutory authority needed to implement the report~~
19 ~~recommendations. Upon completion of Phase 3 of the Florida~~
20 ~~Onsite Nitrogen Reduction Strategies Study pursuant to the terms~~
21 ~~and scope of the contract for the project which was let in~~
22 ~~February 2009, the department and the Department of~~
23 ~~Environmental Protection shall submit a final joint report to~~
24 ~~the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of~~
25 ~~the House of Representatives regarding whether new passive~~
26 ~~technologies and strategies for integrating nitrogen reduction~~
27 ~~retrofits to conventional systems are technically feasible and~~
28 ~~cost-effective for homeowners and how the cost-effectiveness of~~
29 ~~such passive technologies and strategies compare to performance-~~
30 ~~based systems based upon the Florida Onsite Nitrogen Reduction~~
31 ~~Strategies Study. The report shall also recommend how best to~~
32 ~~make such passive technologies and strategies, including those~~
33 ~~products that are nonpatentable, available to homeowners and the~~
34 ~~role of the state in encouraging and removing any regulatory~~
35 ~~impediments to the production and manufacture of passive~~
36 ~~technologies by the private sector. The study shall consider:~~

37 ~~(a) For new developments within the Wekiva Study Area and~~
38 ~~any existing development within the Wekiva River Protection Area~~
39 ~~using onsite disposal systems, a more stringent level of~~
40 ~~wastewater treatment, including, but not limited to, the use of~~
41 ~~multiple tanks to combine aerobic and anaerobic treatment to~~
42 ~~reduce the level of nitrates.~~

43 ~~(b) The implementation of a septic tank maintenance and~~
44 ~~inspection program which includes upgrading certain onsite~~

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45 ~~disposal systems permitted prior to 1982 to meet minimum~~
46 ~~Department of Health standards; replacement of failing systems~~
47 ~~and systems not meeting current standards; and providing funding~~
48 ~~mechanisms for supporting a septic tank inspection and~~
49 ~~maintenance program.~~

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Remove line 188 and insert:

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mitigation offsets in the Wekiva Study Area; amending s.

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369.318, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the Wekiva

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Study Area; requiring the Department of Health, in

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coordination with the Department of Environmental

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Protection, to submit a report to the Governor and the

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Legislature; providing report requirements; amending