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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative Kreegel offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 794 and 795, insert:

5 Section 14. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section  
6 220.1845, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2),  
7 (3), and (4), respectively, and a new subsection (1) is added to  
8 that section to read:

9 220.1845 Contaminated site rehabilitation tax credit.—

10 (1) APPLICATION FOR TAX CREDIT.—A site rehabilitation  
11 application must be received by the Division of Waste Management  
12 of the Department of Environmental Protection by January 31 of  
13 the year after the calendar year for which site rehabilitation  
14 costs are being claimed in a tax credit application. All site  
15 rehabilitation costs claimed must have been for work conducted  
16 between January 1 and December 31 of the year for which the

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17 application is being submitted. All payment requests must have  
18 been received and all costs must have been paid prior to  
19 submittal of the tax credit application, but no later than  
20 January 31 of the year after the calendar year for which site  
21 rehabilitation costs are being claimed.

22 Section 15. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5), paragraph (c)  
23 of subsection (6), and subsections (9) and (10) of section  
24 376.30781, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

25 376.30781 Tax credits for rehabilitation of drycleaning-  
26 solvent-contaminated sites and brownfield sites in designated  
27 brownfield areas; application process; rulemaking authority;  
28 revocation authority.-

29 (5) To claim the credit for site rehabilitation or solid  
30 waste removal, each tax credit applicant must apply to the  
31 Department of Environmental Protection for an allocation of the  
32 \$2 million annual credit by filing a tax credit application with  
33 the Division of Waste Management on a form developed by the  
34 Department of Environmental Protection in cooperation with the  
35 Department of Revenue. The form shall include an affidavit from  
36 each tax credit applicant certifying that all information  
37 contained in the application, including all records of costs  
38 incurred and claimed in the tax credit application, are true and  
39 correct. If the application is submitted pursuant to  
40 subparagraph (3)(a)2., the form must include an affidavit signed  
41 by the real property owner stating that it is not, and has never  
42 been, the owner or operator of the drycleaning facility where  
43 the contamination exists. Approval of tax credits must be  
44 accomplished on a first-come, first-served basis based upon the  
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45 date and time complete applications are received by the Division  
46 of Waste Management, subject to the limitations of subsection  
47 (14). To be eligible for a tax credit, the tax credit applicant  
48 must:

49 (a) For site rehabilitation tax credits, have entered into  
50 a voluntary cleanup agreement with the Department of  
51 Environmental Protection for a drycleaning-solvent-contaminated  
52 site or a Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreement, as  
53 applicable, and have paid all deductibles pursuant to s.  
54 376.3078(3)(e) for eligible drycleaning-solvent-cleanup program  
55 sites, as applicable. A site rehabilitation tax credit applicant  
56 must submit only a single completed application per site for  
57 each calendar year's site rehabilitation costs. A site  
58 rehabilitation application must be received by the Division of  
59 Waste Management of the Department of Environmental Protection  
60 by January 31 of the year after the calendar year for which site  
61 rehabilitation costs are being claimed in a tax credit  
62 application. All site rehabilitation costs claimed must have  
63 been for work conducted between January 1 and December 31 of the  
64 year for which the application is being submitted. All payment  
65 requests must have been received and all costs must have been  
66 paid prior to submittal of the tax credit application, but no  
67 later than January 31 of the year after the calendar year for  
68 which site rehabilitation costs are being claimed.

69 (6) To obtain the tax credit certificate, the tax credit  
70 applicant must provide all pertinent information requested on  
71 the tax credit application form, including, at a minimum, the  
72 name and address of the tax credit applicant and the address and  
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73 tracking identification number of the eligible site. Along with  
74 the tax credit application form, the tax credit applicant must  
75 submit the following:

76 (c) Proof that the documentation submitted pursuant to  
77 paragraph (b) has been reviewed and verified by an independent  
78 certified public accountant in accordance with standards  
79 established by the American Institute of Certified Public  
80 Accountants. Specifically, a certified public accountant's  
81 report must be submitted and the certified public accountant  
82 must attest to the accuracy and validity of the costs claimed  
83 ~~incurred and paid during the time period covered~~ in the  
84 application by conducting an independent review of the data  
85 presented by the tax credit applicant. Accuracy and validity of  
86 costs incurred and paid shall be determined after the level of  
87 effort is certified by an appropriate professional registered in  
88 this state in each contributing technical discipline. The  
89 certified public accountant's report must also attest that the  
90 costs included in the application form are not duplicated within  
91 the application, that all payment requests were received and all  
92 costs were paid prior to submittal of the tax credit  
93 application, and, for site rehabilitation tax credits, that all  
94 costs claimed are for work conducted between January 1 and  
95 December 31 of the year for which the application is being  
96 submitted. A copy of the accountant's report shall be submitted  
97 to the Department of Environmental Protection in addition to the  
98 accountant's certification form in the tax credit application;  
99 and

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100 (9) On or before May 1, the Department of Environmental  
101 Protection shall inform each tax credit applicant that is  
102 subject to the January 31 annual application deadline of the  
103 applicant's eligibility status and the amount of any tax credit  
104 due. The department shall provide each eligible tax credit  
105 applicant with a tax credit certificate that must be submitted  
106 with its tax return to the Department of Revenue to claim the  
107 tax credit or be transferred pursuant to s. 220.1845(2)(g) ~~s.~~  
108 ~~220.1845(1)(g)~~. The May 1 deadline for annual site  
109 rehabilitation tax credit certificate awards shall not apply to  
110 any tax credit application for which the department has issued a  
111 notice of deficiency pursuant to subsection (8). The department  
112 shall respond within 90 days after receiving a response from the  
113 tax credit applicant to such a notice of deficiency. Credits may  
114 not result in the payment of refunds if total credits exceed the  
115 amount of tax owed.

116 (10) For solid waste removal, new health care facility or  
117 health care provider, and affordable housing tax credit  
118 applications, the Department of Environmental Protection shall  
119 inform the applicant of the department's determination within 90  
120 days after the application is deemed complete. Each eligible tax  
121 credit applicant shall be informed of the amount of its tax  
122 credit and provided with a tax credit certificate that must be  
123 submitted with its tax return to the Department of Revenue to  
124 claim the tax credit or be transferred pursuant to s.  
125 220.1845(2)(g) ~~s. 220.1845(1)(g)~~. Credits may not result in the  
126 payment of refunds if total credits exceed the amount of tax  
127 owed.

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128 Section 16. Section 376.85, Florida Statutes, is amended  
129 to read:

130 376.85 Annual report.—The Department of Environmental  
131 Protection shall prepare and submit ~~an annual report~~ to the  
132 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
133 Representatives by August 1 of each year a report that includes  
134 ~~Legislature, beginning in December 1998, which shall include,~~  
135 but is not ~~be~~ limited to, the number, size, and locations of  
136 brownfield sites: that have been remediated under the provisions  
137 of this act, + that are currently under rehabilitation pursuant  
138 to a negotiated site rehabilitation agreement with the  
139 department or a delegated local program, + where alternative  
140 cleanup target levels have been established pursuant to s.  
141 376.81(1)(g)3. + and ~~r~~ where engineering and institutional  
142 control strategies are being employed as conditions of a "no  
143 further action order" to maintain the protections provided in s.  
144 376.81(1)(g)1. and 2.

145 Section 17. Section 403.973, Florida Statutes, is amended  
146 to read:

147 403.973 Expedited permitting; amendments to comprehensive  
148 plans ~~plan amendments~~.—

149 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage and  
150 facilitate the location and expansion of those types of economic  
151 development projects which offer job creation and high wages,  
152 strengthen and diversify the state's economy, and have been  
153 thoughtfully planned to take into consideration the protection  
154 of the state's environment. It is also the intent of the

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155 Legislature to provide for an expedited permitting and  
156 comprehensive plan amendment process for such projects.

157 (2) As used in this section, the term:

158 (a) "Duly noticed" means publication in a newspaper of  
159 general circulation in the municipality or county with  
160 jurisdiction. The notice shall appear on at least 2 separate  
161 days, one of which shall be at least 7 days before the meeting.  
162 The notice shall state the date, time, and place of the meeting  
163 scheduled to discuss or enact the memorandum of agreement, and  
164 the places within the municipality or county where such proposed  
165 memorandum of agreement may be inspected by the public. The  
166 notice must be one-eighth of a page in size and must be  
167 published in a portion of the paper other than the legal notices  
168 section. The notice shall also advise that interested parties  
169 may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the  
170 memorandum of agreement.

171 (b) "Jobs" means permanent, full-time equivalent positions  
172 not including construction jobs.

173 (c) "Office" means the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
174 Economic Development.

175 (d) "Permit applications" means state permits and  
176 licenses, and at the option of a participating local government,  
177 local development permits or orders.

178 (e) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Environmental  
179 Protection or his or her designee.

180 (3) (a) The secretary ~~Governor, through the office,~~ shall  
181 direct the creation of regional permit action teams, for the

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182 purpose of expediting review of permit applications and local  
183 comprehensive plan amendments submitted by:

184 1. Businesses creating at least 50 ~~100~~ jobs; ~~or~~

185 2. Businesses creating at least 25 ~~50~~ jobs if the project  
186 is located in an enterprise zone, or in a county having a  
187 population of fewer ~~less~~ than 75,000 or in a county having a  
188 population of fewer ~~less~~ than 125,000 ~~100,000~~ which is  
189 contiguous to a county having a population of fewer ~~less~~ than  
190 75,000, as determined by the most recent decennial census,  
191 residing in incorporated and unincorporated areas of the  
192 county. ~~or~~

193 (b) On a case-by-case basis and at the request of a county  
194 or municipal government, the office may certify as eligible for  
195 expedited review a project not meeting the minimum job creation  
196 thresholds but creating a minimum of 10 jobs. The recommendation  
197 from the governing body of the county or municipality in which  
198 the project may be located is required in order for the office  
199 to certify that any project is eligible for expedited review  
200 under this paragraph. When considering projects that do not meet  
201 the minimum job creation thresholds but that are recommended by  
202 the governing body in which the project may be located, the  
203 office shall consider economic impact factors that include, but  
204 are not limited to:

205 1. The proposed wage and skill levels relative to those  
206 existing in the area in which the project may be located;

207 2. The project's potential to diversify and strengthen the  
208 area's economy;

209 3. The amount of capital investment; and

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210 4. The number of jobs that will be made available for  
211 persons served by the welfare transition program.

212 (c) At the request of a county or municipal government,  
213 the office or a Quick Permitting County may certify projects  
214 located in counties where the ratio of new jobs per participant  
215 in the welfare transition program, as determined by Workforce  
216 Florida, Inc., is less than one or otherwise critical, as  
217 eligible for the expedited permitting process. Such projects  
218 must meet the numerical job creation criteria of this  
219 subsection, but the jobs created by the project do not have to  
220 be high-wage jobs that diversify the state's economy.

221 (d) Projects located in a designated brownfield area are  
222 eligible for the expedited permitting process.

223 (e) Projects that are part of the state-of-the-art  
224 biomedical research institution and campus to be established in  
225 this state by the grantee under s. 288.955 are eligible for the  
226 expedited permitting process, if the projects are designated as  
227 part of the institution or campus by the board of county  
228 commissioners of the county in which the institution and campus  
229 are established.

230 (f) Projects resulting in the production of biofuels  
231 cultivated on lands that are 1,000 acres or more or in the  
232 construction of a biofuel or biodiesel processing facility or a  
233 facility generating renewable energy, as defined in s.  
234 366.91(2)(d), are eligible for the expedited permitting process.

235 (4) The regional teams shall be established through the  
236 execution of memoranda of agreement developed by the applicant  
237 and the secretary, with input solicited from ~~between~~ the office

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238 and the respective heads of ~~the Department of Environmental~~  
239 ~~Protection~~, the Department of Community Affairs, the Department  
240 of Transportation and its district offices, the Department of  
241 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Fish and Wildlife  
242 Conservation Commission, appropriate regional planning councils,  
243 appropriate water management districts, and voluntarily  
244 participating municipalities and counties. The memoranda of  
245 agreement should also accommodate participation in this  
246 expedited process by other local governments and federal  
247 agencies as circumstances warrant.

248 (5) In order to facilitate local government's option to  
249 participate in this expedited review process, the secretary  
250 ~~office~~ shall, in cooperation with local governments and  
251 participating state agencies, create a standard form memorandum  
252 of agreement. A local government shall hold a duly noticed  
253 public workshop to review and explain to the public the  
254 expedited permitting process and the terms and conditions of the  
255 standard form memorandum of agreement.

256 (6) The local government shall hold a duly noticed public  
257 hearing to execute a memorandum of agreement for each qualified  
258 project. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and at the  
259 option of the local government, the workshop provided for in  
260 subsection (5) may be conducted on the same date as the public  
261 hearing held under this subsection. The memorandum of agreement  
262 that a local government signs shall include a provision  
263 identifying necessary local government procedures and time  
264 limits that will be modified to allow for the local government  
265 decision on the project within 90 days. The memorandum of

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266 agreement applies to projects, on a case-by-case basis, that  
267 qualify for special review and approval as specified in this  
268 section. The memorandum of agreement must make it clear that  
269 this expedited permitting and review process does not modify,  
270 qualify, or otherwise alter existing local government  
271 nonprocedural standards for permit applications, unless  
272 expressly authorized by law.

273 ~~(7) At the option of the participating local government,~~  
274 Appeals of local government comprehensive plan approvals ~~its~~  
275 ~~final approval~~ for a project shall ~~may~~ be pursuant to the  
276 summary hearing provisions of s. 120.574, pursuant to subsection  
277 (14), and consolidated with the challenge of any applicable  
278 state agency actions ~~or pursuant to other appellate processes~~  
279 ~~available to the local government. The local government's~~  
280 ~~decision to enter into a summary hearing must be made as~~  
281 ~~provided in s. 120.574 or in the memorandum of agreement.~~

282 (8) Each memorandum of agreement shall include a process  
283 for final agency action on permit applications and local  
284 comprehensive plan amendment approvals within 90 days after  
285 receipt of a completed application, unless the applicant agrees  
286 to a longer time period or the secretary ~~office~~ determines that  
287 unforeseen or uncontrollable circumstances preclude final agency  
288 action within the 90-day timeframe. Permit applications governed  
289 by federally delegated or approved permitting programs whose  
290 requirements would prohibit or be inconsistent with the 90-day  
291 timeframe are exempt from this provision, but must be processed  
292 by the agency with federally delegated or approved program  
293 responsibility as expeditiously as possible.

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294 (9) The secretary office shall inform the Legislature by  
295 October 1 of each year which agencies have not entered into or  
296 implemented an agreement and identify any barriers to achieving  
297 success of the program.

298 (10) The memoranda of agreement may provide for the waiver  
299 or modification of procedural rules prescribing forms, fees,  
300 procedures, or time limits for the review or processing of  
301 permit applications under the jurisdiction of those agencies  
302 that are party to the memoranda of agreement. Notwithstanding  
303 any other provision of law to the contrary, a memorandum of  
304 agreement must to the extent feasible provide for proceedings  
305 and hearings otherwise held separately by the parties to the  
306 memorandum of agreement to be combined into one proceeding or  
307 held jointly and at one location. Such waivers or modifications  
308 shall not be available for permit applications governed by  
309 federally delegated or approved permitting programs, the  
310 requirements of which would prohibit, or be inconsistent with,  
311 such a waiver or modification.

312 (11) The standard form for memoranda of agreement shall  
313 include guidelines to be used in working with state, regional,  
314 and local permitting authorities. Guidelines may include, but  
315 are not limited to, the following:

316 (a) A central contact point for filing permit applications  
317 and local comprehensive plan amendments and for obtaining  
318 information on permit and local comprehensive plan amendment  
319 requirements;

320 (b) Identification of the individual or individuals within  
321 each respective agency who will be responsible for processing

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322 the expedited permit application or local comprehensive plan  
323 amendment for that agency;

324 (c) A mandatory preapplication review process to reduce  
325 permitting conflicts by providing guidance to applicants  
326 regarding the permits needed from each agency and governmental  
327 entity, site planning and development, site suitability and  
328 limitations, facility design, and steps the applicant can take  
329 to ensure expeditious permit application and local comprehensive  
330 plan amendment review. As a part of this process, the first  
331 interagency meeting to discuss a project shall be held within 14  
332 days after the secretary's ~~office's~~ determination that the  
333 project is eligible for expedited review. Subsequent interagency  
334 meetings may be scheduled to accommodate the needs of  
335 participating local governments that are unable to meet public  
336 notice requirements for executing a memorandum of agreement  
337 within this timeframe. This accommodation may not exceed 45 days  
338 from the secretary's ~~office's~~ determination that the project is  
339 eligible for expedited review;

340 (d) The preparation of a single coordinated project  
341 description form and checklist and an agreement by state and  
342 regional agencies to reduce the burden on an applicant to  
343 provide duplicate information to multiple agencies;

344 (e) Establishment of a process for the adoption and review  
345 of any comprehensive plan amendment needed by any certified  
346 project within 90 days after the submission of an application  
347 for a comprehensive plan amendment. However, the memorandum of  
348 agreement may not prevent affected persons as defined in s.  
349 163.3184 from appealing or participating in this expedited plan  
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350 amendment process and any review or appeals of decisions made  
351 under this paragraph; and

352 (f) Additional incentives for an applicant who proposes a  
353 project that provides a net ecosystem benefit.

354 (12) The applicant, the regional permit action team, and  
355 participating local governments may agree to incorporate into a  
356 single document the permits, licenses, and approvals that are  
357 obtained through the expedited permit process. This consolidated  
358 permit is subject to the summary hearing provisions set forth in  
359 subsection (14).

360 (13) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law:

361 (a) Local comprehensive plan amendments for projects  
362 qualified under this section are exempt from the twice-a-year  
363 limits provision in s. 163.3187; and

364 (b) Projects qualified under this section are not subject  
365 to interstate highway level-of-service standards adopted by the  
366 Department of Transportation for concurrency purposes. The  
367 memorandum of agreement specified in subsection (5) must include  
368 a process by which the applicant will be assessed a fair share  
369 of the cost of mitigating the project's significant traffic  
370 impacts, as defined in chapter 380 and related rules. The  
371 agreement must also specify whether the significant traffic  
372 impacts on the interstate system will be mitigated through the  
373 implementation of a project or payment of funds to the  
374 Department of Transportation. Where funds are paid, the  
375 Department of Transportation must include in the 5-year work  
376 program transportation projects or project phases, in an amount

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377 equal to the funds received, to mitigate the traffic impacts  
378 associated with the proposed project.

379 (14) (a) Challenges to state agency action in the expedited  
380 permitting process for projects processed under this section are  
381 subject to the summary hearing provisions of s. 120.574, except  
382 that the administrative law judge's decision, as provided in s.  
383 120.574(2) (f), shall be in the form of a recommended order and  
384 shall not constitute the final action of the state agency. In  
385 those proceedings where the action of only one agency of the  
386 state other than the Department of Environmental Protection is  
387 challenged, the agency of the state shall issue the final order  
388 within 45 ~~10~~ working days after ~~of~~ receipt of the administrative  
389 law judge's recommended order, and the recommended order shall  
390 inform the parties of their right to file exceptions or  
391 responses to the recommended order in accordance with the  
392 uniform rules of procedure pursuant to s. 120.54. In those  
393 proceedings where the actions of more than one agency of the  
394 state are challenged, the Governor shall issue the final order  
395 within 45 ~~10~~ working days after ~~of~~ receipt of the administrative  
396 law judge's recommended order, and the recommended order shall  
397 inform the parties of their right to file exceptions or  
398 responses to the recommended order in accordance with the  
399 uniform rules of procedure pursuant to s. 120.54. This paragraph  
400 does not apply to the issuance of department licenses required  
401 under any federally delegated or approved permit program. In  
402 such instances, the department shall enter the final order. The  
403 participating agencies of the state may opt at the preliminary  
404 hearing conference to allow the administrative law judge's

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405 decision to constitute the final agency action. If a  
406 participating local government agrees to participate in the  
407 summary hearing provisions of s. 120.574 for purposes of review  
408 of local government comprehensive plan amendments, s.  
409 163.3184(9) and (10) apply.

410 (b) Projects identified in paragraph (3)(f) or challenges  
411 to state agency action in the expedited permitting process for  
412 establishment of a state-of-the-art biomedical research  
413 institution and campus in this state by the grantee under s.  
414 288.955 are subject to the same requirements as challenges  
415 brought under paragraph (a), except that, notwithstanding s.  
416 120.574, summary proceedings must be conducted within 30 days  
417 after a party files the motion for summary hearing, regardless  
418 of whether the parties agree to the summary proceeding.

419 (15) The office, working with the agencies providing  
420 cooperative assistance and input regarding ~~participating in~~ the  
421 memoranda of agreement, shall review sites proposed for the  
422 location of facilities eligible for the Innovation Incentive  
423 Program under s. 288.1089. Within 20 days after the request for  
424 the review by the office, the agencies shall provide to the  
425 office a statement as to each site's necessary permits under  
426 local, state, and federal law and an identification of  
427 significant permitting issues, which if unresolved, may result  
428 in the denial of an agency permit or approval or any significant  
429 delay caused by the permitting process.

430 (16) This expedited permitting process shall not modify,  
431 qualify, or otherwise alter existing agency nonprocedural  
432 standards for permit applications or local comprehensive plan  
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433 amendments, unless expressly authorized by law. If it is  
434 determined that the applicant is not eligible to use this  
435 process, the applicant may apply for permitting of the project  
436 through the normal permitting processes.

437 (17) The office shall be responsible for certifying a  
438 business as eligible for undergoing expedited review under this  
439 section. Enterprise Florida, Inc., a county or municipal  
440 government, or the Rural Economic Development Initiative may  
441 recommend to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
442 Development that a project meeting the minimum job creation  
443 threshold undergo expedited review.

444 (18) The office, working with the Rural Economic  
445 Development Initiative and the agencies participating in the  
446 memoranda of agreement, shall provide technical assistance in  
447 preparing permit applications and local comprehensive plan  
448 amendments for counties having a population of fewer ~~less~~ than  
449 75,000 residents, or counties having fewer than 125,000 ~~100,000~~  
450 residents which are contiguous to counties having fewer than  
451 75,000 residents. Additional assistance may include, but not be  
452 limited to, guidance in land development regulations and  
453 permitting processes, working cooperatively with state,  
454 regional, and local entities to identify areas within these  
455 counties which may be suitable or adaptable for preclearance  
456 review of specified types of land uses and other activities  
457 requiring permits.

458 (19) The following projects are ineligible for review  
459 under this part:

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460 (a) A project funded and operated by a local government,  
461 as defined in s. 377.709, and located within that government's  
462 jurisdiction.

463 (b) A project, the primary purpose of which is to:

464 1. Effect the final disposal of solid waste, biomedical  
465 waste, or hazardous waste in this state.

466 2. Produce electrical power, unless the production of  
467 electricity is incidental and not the primary function of the  
468 project or the electrical power is derived from a fuel source  
469 for renewable energy as defined in s. 366.91(2)(d).

470 3. Extract natural resources.

471 4. Produce oil.

472 5. Construct, maintain, or operate an oil, petroleum,  
473 natural gas, or sewage pipeline.

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476 Remove line 72 and insert:

477 composting and the use of recyclable materials; amending  
478 ss. 220.1845 and 376.30781, F.S.; providing requirements  
479 for claiming certain site rehabilitation costs in  
480 applications for contaminated site rehabilitation tax  
481 credits; conforming cross-references; amending s. 376.85,  
482 F.S.; revising requirements for the Department of  
483 Environmental Protection's annual report to the  
484 Legislature regarding site rehabilitation; amending s.  
485 403.973, F.S.; transferring certain authority over the  
486 expedited permitting and comprehensive plan amendment  
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488 process from the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
489 Development to the Secretary of Environmental Protection;  
490 revising job-creation criteria for businesses to qualify  
491 to submit permit applications and local comprehensive plan  
492 amendments for expedited review; providing that permit  
493 applications and local comprehensive plan amendments for  
494 specified renewable energy projects are eligible for the  
495 expedited permitting process; providing for the  
496 establishment of regional permit action teams through the  
497 execution of memoranda of agreement developed by permit  
498 applicants and the secretary; revising provisions relating  
499 to the memoranda of agreement developed by the secretary;  
500 providing for the appeal of local government comprehensive  
501 plan approvals for projects and requiring such appeals to  
502 be consolidated with challenges to state agency actions;  
503 requiring recommended orders relating to challenges to  
504 state agency actions pursuant to summary hearing  
505 provisions to include certain information; extending the  
506 deadline for issuance of final orders relating to such  
507 challenges; providing for challenges to state agency  
508 action related to expedited permitting for specified  
509 renewable energy projects; revising provisions relating to  
510 the review of sites proposed for the location of  
511 facilities eligible for the Innovation Incentive Program;  
512 revising criteria for counties eligible to receive  
513 technical assistance in preparing permit applications and  
514 local comprehensive plan amendments; specifying expedited

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515 review eligibility for certain electrical power projects;  
516 repealing