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The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation (Latvala) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 148 - 173

and insert:

(4) (a) In evaluating an application for the consumptive use of water, other than for an agricultural use on land that has been classified as agricultural pursuant to s. 193.461, a water management district shall recognize a mandatory reuse zone that is created by the local government or a special district pursuant to applicable law and that requires persons specified by the local government or special district to connect to a reclaimed water system for irrigation and other non-potable Florida Senate - 2011 Bill No. SB 1514

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13	uses, as follows:
14	1. Where reclaimed water is available and technically and
15	environmentally feasible for the proposed use, the water
16	management district shall presume that reclaimed water is
17	economically feasible in a mandatory reuse zone, and an
18	applicant bears the burden of overcoming the presumption;
19	2 Any applicant in a mandatory reuse zone seeking
20	authorization for a nonpotable use shall consider the
21	feasibility of using available reclaimed water. This requirement
22	applies to all regulated water uses, regardless of type of
23	permit or authorization, excluding exemptions from permitting;
24	and
25	3. In a mandatory reuse zone, the use of reclaimed water
26	shall be prioritized over other water sources for nonpotable
27	uses and shall be required if determined to be technically,
28	environmentally, and economically feasible.
29	(b) This subsection does not limit the ability of a reuse
30	utility, the local government, or a special district to restrict
31	the use of potable water supplied by the potable water
32	distribution system serving its customers for the purposes of
33	irrigation or other nonpotable uses that may be met by reclaimed
34	water. This subsection does not affect the authority of a water
35	management district to consider the feasibility of using
36	reclaimed water in any permit application for the agricultural
37	use of water.