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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
03/11/2011	.	
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The Committee on Budget (Gaetz) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 304 - 363
and insert:

Section 8. (1) For purposes of this section, the term "Disproportionally Affected County" means Bay County, Escambia County, Franklin County, Gulf County, Okaloosa County, Santa Rosa County, or Walton County.

(2) There is appropriated for the 2011-2012 fiscal year the sum of \$10 million in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall use these funds to execute a \$10 million contract with Florida's



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14 Great Northwest, Inc., or with an affiliated entity established
15 to support oil spill recovery efforts in the seven
16 Disproportionally Affected Counties, for the charitable purpose
17 of developing and implementing an innovative economic
18 development program for promoting research and development,
19 commercialization of research, economic diversification, and job
20 creation in a Disproportionally Affected County.

21 (3) The contract between the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
22 Economic Development and Florida's Great Northwest, Inc., or
23 such affiliated entity shall, at a minimum, require Florida's
24 Great Northwest Inc., or such affiliated entity to report
25 quarterly to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
26 Development and to collaborate with educational entities,
27 economic development organizations, local governments, and
28 relevant state agencies to create a program framework and
29 strategy, including specific criteria governing the expenditure
30 of funds. The criteria for the expenditure of funds shall, at a
31 minimum, require a funding preference for any Disproportionally
32 Affected County and any municipality within a Disproportionally
33 Affected County which provides for expedited permitting in order
34 to promote research and development, commercialization of
35 research, economic diversification, and job creation within
36 their respective jurisdictions. The criteria for the expenditure
37 of funds shall, at a minimum, also require a funding preference
38 for any Disproportionally Affected County and any municipality
39 within a Disproportionally Affected County which combines its
40 permitting processes and expedites permitting in order to
41 promote research and development, commercialization of research,
42 economic diversification, and job creation within their



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43 respective jurisdictions.

44 (4) None of the funds appropriated in this section may be
45 used for administrative costs of Florida's Great Northwest,
46 Inc., or such affiliated entity.

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50 And the title is amended as follows:

51 Delete lines 41 - 47

52 and insert:

53 for future expiration;