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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability
(Hays) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 156 and 157
insert:

Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 1004.56, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.56 Florida Museum of Natural History; functions.—

(1) The functions of the Florida Museum of Natural History,
located at the University of Florida, are to make scientific
investigations toward the sustained development of natural
resources and a greater appreciation of human cultural heritage,
including, but not limited to, biological surveys, ecological



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13 studies, environmental impact assessments, in-depth
14 archaeological research, and ethnological analyses, and to
15 collect and maintain a depository of biological, archaeological,
16 and ethnographic specimens and materials in sufficient numbers
17 and quantities to provide within the state and region a base for
18 research on the variety, evolution, and conservation of wild
19 species; the composition, distribution, importance, and
20 functioning of natural ecosystems; and the distribution of
21 prehistoric and historic archaeological sites and an
22 understanding of the aboriginal and early European cultures that
23 occupied them. State institutions, departments, and agencies may
24 deposit type collections from archaeological sites in the
25 museum, and it shall be the duty of each state institution,
26 department, and agency to cooperate by depositing in the museum
27 voucher and type biological specimens collected as part of the
28 normal research and monitoring duties of its staff and to
29 transfer to the museum those biological specimens and
30 collections in its possession but not actively being curated or
31 used in the research or teaching of that institution,
32 department, or agency. The Florida Museum of Natural History is
33 empowered to accept, preserve, maintain, or dispose of these
34 specimens and materials in a manner which makes each collection
35 and its accompanying data available for research and use by the
36 staff of the museum and by cooperating institutions,
37 departments, agencies, and qualified independent researchers.
38 The biological, archaeological, and ethnographic collections
39 shall belong to the state with the title vested in the Florida
40 Museum of Natural History, except as provided in s. 267.12(4)
41 ~~267.12(3)~~. In collecting or otherwise acquiring these



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42 collections, the museum shall comply with pertinent state
43 wildlife, archaeological, and agricultural laws and rules.
44 However, all collecting, quarantine, and accreditation permits
45 issued by other institutions, departments, and agencies shall be
46 granted routinely for said museum research study or collecting
47 effort on state lands or within state jurisdiction which does
48 not pose a significant threat to the survival of endangered wild
49 species, habitats, or ecosystems. In addition, the museum shall
50 develop exhibitions and conduct programs which illustrate,
51 interpret, and explain the natural history of the state and
52 region and shall maintain a library of publications pertaining
53 to the work as herein provided. The exhibitions, collections,
54 and library of the museum shall be open, free to the public,
55 under suitable rules to be promulgated by the director of the
56 museum and approved by the University of Florida.

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58 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

59 And the title is amended as follows:

60 Delete line 13

61 and insert:

62 entities; amending s. 1004.56, F.S.; correcting a
63 cross-reference; providing an effective date.