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The Committee on Community Affairs (Simpson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 163.3175, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

163.3175 Legislative findings on compatibility of  
development with military installations; exchange of information  
between local governments and military installations.—

~~(9) If a local government, as required under s.~~



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11 ~~163.3177(6)(a), does not adopt criteria and address~~  
12 ~~compatibility of lands adjacent to or closely proximate to~~  
13 ~~existing military installations in its future land use plan~~  
14 ~~element by June 30, 2012, the local government, the military~~  
15 ~~installation, the state land planning agency, and other parties~~  
16 ~~as identified by the regional planning council, including, but~~  
17 ~~not limited to, private landowner representatives, shall enter~~  
18 ~~into mediation conducted pursuant to s. 186.509. If the local~~  
19 ~~government comprehensive plan does not contain criteria~~  
20 ~~addressing compatibility by December 31, 2013, the agency may~~  
21 ~~notify the Administration Commission. The Administration~~  
22 ~~Commission may impose sanctions pursuant to s. 163.3184(8). Any~~  
23 ~~local government that amended its comprehensive plan to address~~  
24 ~~military installation compatibility requirements after 2004 and~~  
25 ~~was found to be in compliance is deemed to be in compliance with~~  
26 ~~this subsection until the local government conducts its~~  
27 ~~evaluation and appraisal review pursuant to s. 163.3191 and~~  
28 ~~determines that amendments are necessary to meet updated general~~  
29 ~~law requirements.~~

30 Section 2. Subsection (11) of section 163.3246, Florida  
31 Statutes, is amended to read:

32 163.3246 Local government comprehensive planning  
33 certification program.—

34 (11) If the local government of an area described in  
35 subsection (10) does not request that the state land planning  
36 agency review the developments of regional impact that are  
37 proposed within the certified area, an application for approval  
38 of a development order within the certified area shall be exempt  
39 from review under s. 380.06, ~~subject to the following:~~



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40           ~~(a) Concurrent with filing an application for development~~  
41 ~~approval with the local government, a developer proposing a~~  
42 ~~project that would have been subject to review pursuant to s.~~  
43 ~~380.06 shall notify in writing the regional planning council~~  
44 ~~with jurisdiction.~~

45           ~~(b) The regional planning council shall coordinate with the~~  
46 ~~developer and the local government to ensure that all~~  
47 ~~concurrency requirements as well as federal, state, and local~~  
48 ~~environmental permit requirements are met.~~

49           Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 163.3248, Florida  
50 Statutes, is amended to read:

51           163.3248 Rural land stewardship areas.—

52           (4) A local government or one or more property owners may  
53 request assistance and participation in the development of a  
54 plan for the rural land stewardship area from the state land  
55 planning agency, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
56 Services, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the  
57 Department of Environmental Protection, the appropriate water  
58 management district, the Department of Transportation, ~~the~~  
59 ~~regional planning council~~, private land owners, and  
60 stakeholders.

61           Section 4. Subsection (22) of section 186.505, Florida  
62 Statutes, is amended to read:

63           186.505 Regional planning councils; powers and duties.—Any  
64 regional planning council created hereunder shall have the  
65 following powers:

66           ~~(22) To establish and conduct a cross-acceptance~~  
67 ~~negotiation process with local governments intended to resolve~~  
68 ~~inconsistencies between applicable local and regional plans,~~



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69 ~~with participation by local governments being voluntary.~~

70 Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 186.506, Florida  
71 Statutes, is amended to read:

72 186.506 Executive Office of the Governor; powers and  
73 duties.—The Executive Office of the Governor, or its designee,  
74 shall:

75 (4) Conduct an in-depth analysis of the current boundaries  
76 of comprehensive planning districts to ensure that the regional  
77 planning councils working within them together form a workable  
78 system for effective regional planning, and that each council  
79 can adequately perform the tasks assigned to it by law. The  
80 Executive Office of the Governor shall include in its study the  
81 preferences of local general-purpose governments; the effects of  
82 population migration, transportation networks, population  
83 increases and decreases, economic development centers, trade  
84 areas, natural resource systems, federal program requirements,  
85 designated air quality nonattainment areas, economic  
86 relationships among cities and counties, and media markets; and  
87 other data, projections, or studies that it determines to be of  
88 significance in establishing district boundaries. The Executive  
89 Office of the Governor may recommend to the Legislature ~~make~~  
90 such changes in the district boundaries of the regional planning  
91 councils as are found to be feasible and desirable, ~~shall~~  
92 ~~complete a review of existing boundaries by January 1, 1994, and~~  
93 ~~may revise and update the boundaries from time to time~~  
94 ~~thereafter.~~

95 Section 6. Section 186.512, Florida Statutes, is created to  
96 read:

97 186.512 Designation of regional planning councils.—The



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98 territorial area of the state is subdivided into the following  
99 districts for the purpose of regional comprehensive planning.  
100 The name and geographic area of each respective district shall  
101 accord with the following:

102 (1) West Florida Regional Planning Council: Bay, Escambia,  
103 Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington Counties.

104 (2) Apalachee Regional Planning Council: Calhoun, Franklin,  
105 Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla  
106 Counties.

107 (3) North Central Florida Regional Planning Council:  
108 Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton,  
109 Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Marion, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union  
110 Counties.

111 (4) Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council: Baker,  
112 Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties.

113 (5) East Central Florida Regional Planning Council:  
114 Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, and Volusia  
115 Counties.

116 (6) Central Florida Regional Planning Council: DeSoto,  
117 Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk Counties.

118 (7) Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council: Citrus, Hernando,  
119 Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties.

120 (8) Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council: Charlotte,  
121 Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Sarasota Counties.

122 (9) Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council: Indian River,  
123 Martin, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie Counties.

124 (10) South Florida Regional Planning Council: Broward,  
125 Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties.

126 Section 7. Section 186.513, Florida Statutes, is amended to



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127 read:

128 186.513 Reports.—Each regional planning council shall  
129 prepare and furnish an annual report on its activities to the  
130 state land planning agency as defined in s. 163.3164 and the  
131 local general-purpose governments within its boundaries and,  
132 upon payment as may be established by the council, to any  
133 interested person. ~~The regional planning councils shall make a~~  
134 ~~joint report and recommendations to appropriate legislative~~  
135 ~~committees.~~

136 Section 8. Section 253.7828, Florida Statutes, is amended  
137 to read:

138 253.7828 Impairment of use or conservation by agencies  
139 prohibited.—All agencies of the state, ~~regional planning~~  
140 ~~councils~~, water management districts, and local governments  
141 shall recognize the special character of the lands and waters  
142 designated by the state as the Cross Florida Greenways State  
143 Recreation and Conservation Area and shall not take any action  
144 which will impair its use and conservation.

145 Section 9. Paragraph (j) of subsection (4) of section  
146 339.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

147 339.135 Work program; legislative budget request;  
148 definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.—

149 (4) FUNDING AND DEVELOPING A TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM.—

150 ~~(j) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and for the 2014-2015~~  
151 ~~fiscal year only, the department may use up to \$15 million of~~  
152 ~~appropriated funds to pay the costs of strategic and regionally~~  
153 ~~significant transportation projects. Funds may be used to~~  
154 ~~provide up to 75 percent of project costs for production-ready~~  
155 ~~eligible projects. Preference shall be given to projects that~~



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156 ~~support the state's economic regions, or that have been~~  
157 ~~identified as regionally significant in accordance with s.~~  
158 ~~339.155(4) (c), (d), and (e), and that have an increased level of~~  
159 ~~nonstate match. This paragraph expires July 1, 2015.~~

160 Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
161 339.155, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

162 339.155 Transportation planning.—

163 (4) ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS.—

164 (b) Each regional planning council, as provided for in s.  
165 186.504, or any successor agency thereto, shall develop, as an  
166 element of its strategic regional policy plan, transportation  
167 goals and policies. The transportation goals and policies must  
168 be prioritized to comply with the prevailing principles provided  
169 in subsection (1) and s. 334.046(1). The transportation goals  
170 and policies shall be consistent, to the maximum extent  
171 feasible, with the goals and policies of the metropolitan  
172 planning organization and the Florida Transportation Plan. The  
173 transportation goals and policies of the regional planning  
174 council will be advisory only and shall be submitted to the  
175 department and any affected metropolitan planning organization  
176 for their consideration and comments. Metropolitan planning  
177 organization plans and other local transportation plans shall be  
178 developed consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with the  
179 regional transportation goals and policies. ~~The regional~~  
180 ~~planning council shall review urbanized area transportation~~  
181 ~~plans and any other planning products stipulated in s. 339.175~~  
182 ~~and provide the department and respective metropolitan planning~~  
183 ~~organizations with written recommendations, which the department~~  
184 ~~and the metropolitan planning organizations shall take under~~



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185 ~~advisement. Further, the regional planning councils shall~~  
186 ~~directly assist local governments that are not part of a~~  
187 ~~metropolitan area transportation planning process in the~~  
188 ~~development of the transportation element of their comprehensive~~  
189 ~~plans as required by s. 163.3177.~~

190 Section 11. Subsection (18) of section 380.06, Florida  
191 Statutes, is amended to read:

192 380.06 Developments of regional impact.—

193 (18) BIENNIAL REPORTS.—The developer shall submit a  
194 biennial report on the development of regional impact to the  
195 local government, the regional planning agency, the state land  
196 planning agency, and all affected permit agencies in alternate  
197 years on the date specified in the development order, unless the  
198 development order by its terms requires more frequent  
199 monitoring. If the report is not received, ~~the regional planning~~  
200 ~~agency or~~ the state land planning agency shall notify the local  
201 government. If the local government does not receive the report  
202 or receives notification that ~~the regional planning agency or~~  
203 the state land planning agency has not received the report, the  
204 local government shall request in writing that the developer  
205 submit the report within 30 days. The failure to submit the  
206 report after 30 days shall result in the temporary suspension of  
207 the development order by the local government. If no additional  
208 development pursuant to the development order has occurred since  
209 the submission of the previous report, then a letter from the  
210 developer stating that no development has occurred shall satisfy  
211 the requirement for a report. Development orders that require  
212 annual reports may be amended to require biennial reports at the  
213 option of the local government.



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214 Section 12. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 403.50663,  
215 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

216 403.50663 Informational public meetings.—

217 (2) Informational public meetings shall be held solely at  
218 the option of each local government ~~or regional planning council~~  
219 ~~if a public meeting is not held by the local government~~. It is  
220 the legislative intent that local governments ~~or regional~~  
221 ~~planning councils~~ attempt to hold such public meetings. Parties  
222 to the proceedings under this act shall be encouraged to attend;  
223 however, no party other than the applicant and the department  
224 shall be required to attend such informational public meetings.

225 (3) A local government ~~or regional planning council~~ that  
226 intends to conduct an informational public meeting must provide  
227 notice of the meeting to all parties not less than 5 days prior  
228 to the meeting and to the general public in accordance with s.  
229 403.5115(5). The expense for such notice is eligible for  
230 reimbursement under s. 403.518(2)(c)1.

231 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
232 403.507, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

233 403.507 Preliminary statements of issues, reports, project  
234 analyses, and studies.—

235 (2)(a) No later than 100 days after the certification  
236 application has been determined complete, the following agencies  
237 shall prepare reports as provided below and shall submit them to  
238 the department and the applicant, unless a final order denying  
239 the determination of need has been issued under s. 403.519:

240 1. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall prepare a  
241 report containing recommendations which address the impact upon  
242 the public of the proposed electrical power plant, based on the



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243 degree to which the electrical power plant is consistent with  
244 the applicable portions of the state comprehensive plan,  
245 emergency management, and other such matters within its  
246 jurisdiction. The Department of Economic Opportunity may also  
247 comment on the consistency of the proposed electrical power  
248 plant with applicable strategic regional policy plans or local  
249 comprehensive plans and land development regulations.

250 2. The water management district shall prepare a report as  
251 to matters within its jurisdiction, including but not limited  
252 to, the impact of the proposed electrical power plant on water  
253 resources, regional water supply planning, and district-owned  
254 lands and works.

255 3. Each local government in whose jurisdiction the proposed  
256 electrical power plant is to be located shall prepare a report  
257 as to the consistency of the proposed electrical power plant  
258 with all applicable local ordinances, regulations, standards, or  
259 criteria that apply to the proposed electrical power plant,  
260 including any applicable local environmental regulations adopted  
261 pursuant to s. 403.182 or by other means.

262 4. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall  
263 prepare a report as to matters within its jurisdiction.

264 ~~5. Each regional planning council shall prepare a report~~  
265 ~~containing recommendations that address the impact upon the~~  
266 ~~public of the proposed electrical power plant, based on the~~  
267 ~~degree to which the electrical power plant is consistent with~~  
268 ~~the applicable provisions of the strategic regional policy plan~~  
269 ~~adopted pursuant to chapter 186 and other matters within its~~  
270 ~~jurisdiction.~~

271 ~~5.6.~~ The Department of Transportation shall address the



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272 impact of the proposed electrical power plant on matters within  
273 its jurisdiction.

274 Section 14. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and paragraph  
275 (a) of subsection (4) of section 403.508, Florida Statutes, are  
276 amended to read:

277 403.508 Land use and certification hearings, parties,  
278 participants.-

279 (3) (a) Parties to the proceeding shall include:

- 280 1. The applicant.
- 281 2. The Public Service Commission.
- 282 3. The Department of Economic Opportunity.
- 283 4. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- 284 5. The water management district.
- 285 6. The department.
- 286 ~~7. The regional planning council.~~
- 287 ~~7.8.~~ The local government.
- 288 ~~8.9.~~ The Department of Transportation.

289 (4) (a) The order of presentation at the certification  
290 hearing, unless otherwise changed by the administrative law  
291 judge to ensure the orderly presentation of witnesses and  
292 evidence, shall be:

- 293 1. The applicant.
- 294 2. The department.
- 295 3. State agencies.
- 296 4. Regional agencies, including ~~regional planning councils~~  
297 ~~and~~ water management districts.
- 298 5. Local governments.
- 299 6. Other parties.

300 Section 15. Subsection (5) of section 403.5115, Florida



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301 Statutes, is amended to read:

302 403.5115 Public notice.—

303 (5) A local government ~~or regional planning council~~ that  
304 proposes to conduct an informational public meeting pursuant to  
305 s. 403.50663 must publish notice of the meeting in a newspaper  
306 of general circulation within the county or counties in which  
307 the proposed electrical power plant will be located no later  
308 than 7 days prior to the meeting. A newspaper of general  
309 circulation shall be the newspaper that has the largest daily  
310 circulation in that county and has its principal office in that  
311 county. If the newspaper with the largest daily circulation has  
312 its principal office outside the county, the notices shall  
313 appear in both the newspaper having the largest circulation in  
314 that county and in a newspaper authorized to publish legal  
315 notices in that county.

316 Section 16. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
317 403.526, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

318 403.526 Preliminary statements of issues, reports, and  
319 project analyses; studies.—

320 (2) (a) No later than 90 days after the filing of the  
321 application, the following agencies shall prepare reports as  
322 provided below, unless a final order denying the determination  
323 of need has been issued under s. 403.537:

324 1. The department shall prepare a report as to the impact  
325 of each proposed transmission line or corridor as it relates to  
326 matters within its jurisdiction.

327 2. Each water management district in the jurisdiction of  
328 which a proposed transmission line or corridor is to be located  
329 shall prepare a report as to the impact on water resources and



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330 other matters within its jurisdiction.

331         3. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall prepare a  
332 report containing recommendations which address the impact upon  
333 the public of the proposed transmission line or corridor, based  
334 on the degree to which the proposed transmission line or  
335 corridor is consistent with the applicable portions of the state  
336 comprehensive plan, emergency management, and other matters  
337 within its jurisdiction. The Department of Economic Opportunity  
338 may also comment on the consistency of the proposed transmission  
339 line or corridor with applicable strategic regional policy plans  
340 or local comprehensive plans and land development regulations.

341         4. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall  
342 prepare a report as to the impact of each proposed transmission  
343 line or corridor on fish and wildlife resources and other  
344 matters within its jurisdiction.

345         5. Each local government shall prepare a report as to the  
346 impact of each proposed transmission line or corridor on matters  
347 within its jurisdiction, including the consistency of the  
348 proposed transmission line or corridor with all applicable local  
349 ordinances, regulations, standards, or criteria that apply to  
350 the proposed transmission line or corridor, including local  
351 comprehensive plans, zoning regulations, land development  
352 regulations, and any applicable local environmental regulations  
353 adopted pursuant to s. 403.182 or by other means. A change by  
354 the responsible local government or local agency in local  
355 comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, or other regulations  
356 made after the date required for the filing of the local  
357 government's report required by this section is not applicable  
358 to the certification of the proposed transmission line or



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359 corridor unless the certification is denied or the application  
360 is withdrawn.

361 ~~6. Each regional planning council shall present a report~~  
362 ~~containing recommendations that address the impact upon the~~  
363 ~~public of the proposed transmission line or corridor based on~~  
364 ~~the degree to which the transmission line or corridor is~~  
365 ~~consistent with the applicable provisions of the strategic~~  
366 ~~regional policy plan adopted under chapter 186 and other impacts~~  
367 ~~of each proposed transmission line or corridor on matters within~~  
368 ~~its jurisdiction.~~

369 ~~6.7.~~ The Department of Transportation shall prepare a  
370 report as to the impact of the proposed transmission line or  
371 corridor on state roads, railroads, airports, aeronautics,  
372 seaports, and other matters within its jurisdiction.

373 ~~7.8.~~ The commission shall prepare a report containing its  
374 determination under s. 403.537, and the report may include the  
375 comments from the commission with respect to any other subject  
376 within its jurisdiction.

377 ~~8.9.~~ Any other agency, if requested by the department,  
378 shall also perform studies or prepare reports as to subjects  
379 within the jurisdiction of the agency which may potentially be  
380 affected by the proposed transmission line.

381 Section 17. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph  
382 (a) of subsection (3) of section 403.527, Florida Statutes, are  
383 amended to read:

384 403.527 Certification hearing, parties, participants.—

385 (2)(a) Parties to the proceeding shall be:

386 1. The applicant.

387 2. The department.



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388           3. The commission.  
389           4. The Department of Economic Opportunity.  
390           5. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.  
391           6. The Department of Transportation.  
392           7. Each water management district in the jurisdiction of  
393 which the proposed transmission line or corridor is to be  
394 located.  
395           8. The local government.  
396           ~~9. The regional planning council.~~  
397           (3) (a) The order of presentation at the certification  
398 hearing, unless otherwise changed by the administrative law  
399 judge to ensure the orderly presentation of witnesses and  
400 evidence, shall be:  
401           1. The applicant.  
402           2. The department.  
403           3. State agencies.  
404           4. Regional agencies, including ~~regional planning councils~~  
405 ~~and~~ water management districts.  
406           5. Local governments.  
407           6. Other parties.  
408           Section 18. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 403.5272,  
409 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:  
410           403.5272 Informational public meetings.—  
411           (2) Informational public meetings shall be held solely at  
412 the option of each local government ~~or regional planning~~  
413 ~~council~~. It is the legislative intent that local governments ~~or~~  
414 ~~regional planning councils~~ attempt to hold such public meetings.  
415 Parties to the proceedings under this act shall be encouraged to  
416 attend; however, a party other than the applicant and the



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417 department is not required to attend the informational public  
418 meetings.

419 (3) A local government ~~or regional planning council~~ that  
420 intends to conduct an informational public meeting must provide  
421 notice of the meeting, with notice sent to all parties listed in  
422 s. 403.527(2) (a), not less than 15 days before the meeting and  
423 to the general public in accordance with s. 403.5363(4).

424 Section 19. Subsection (4) of section 403.7264, Florida  
425 Statutes, is amended to read:

426 403.7264 Amnesty days for purging small quantities of  
427 hazardous wastes.—Amnesty days are authorized by the state for  
428 the purpose of purging small quantities of hazardous waste, free  
429 of charge, from the possession of homeowners, farmers, schools,  
430 state agencies, and small businesses. These entities have no  
431 appropriate economically feasible mechanism for disposing of  
432 their hazardous wastes at the present time. In order to raise  
433 public awareness on this issue, provide an educational process,  
434 accommodate those entities which have a need to dispose of small  
435 quantities of hazardous waste, and preserve the waters of the  
436 state, amnesty days shall be carried out in the following  
437 manner:

438 ~~(4) Regional planning councils shall assist the department~~  
439 ~~in site selection, public awareness, and program coordination.~~  
440 ~~However, the department shall retain full responsibility for the~~  
441 ~~state amnesty days program.~~

442 Section 20. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
443 403.941, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

444 403.941 Preliminary statements of issues, reports, and  
445 studies.—



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446           (2) (a) The affected agencies shall prepare reports as  
447 provided in this paragraph and shall submit them to the  
448 department and the applicant within 60 days after the  
449 application is determined sufficient:

450           1. The department shall prepare a report as to the impact  
451 of each proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor  
452 as it relates to matters within its jurisdiction.

453           2. Each water management district in the jurisdiction of  
454 which a proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor  
455 is to be located shall prepare a report as to the impact on  
456 water resources and other matters within its jurisdiction.

457           3. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall prepare a  
458 report containing recommendations which address the impact upon  
459 the public of the proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or  
460 corridor, based on the degree to which the proposed natural gas  
461 transmission pipeline or corridor is consistent with the  
462 applicable portions of the state comprehensive plan and other  
463 matters within its jurisdiction. The Department of Economic  
464 Opportunity may also comment on the consistency of the proposed  
465 natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor with applicable  
466 strategic regional policy plans or local comprehensive plans and  
467 land development regulations.

468           4. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall  
469 prepare a report as to the impact of each proposed natural gas  
470 transmission pipeline or corridor on fish and wildlife resources  
471 and other matters within its jurisdiction.

472           5. Each local government in which the natural gas  
473 transmission pipeline or natural gas transmission pipeline  
474 corridor will be located shall prepare a report as to the impact



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475 of each proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor  
476 on matters within its jurisdiction, including the consistency of  
477 the proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor with  
478 all applicable local ordinances, regulations, standards, or  
479 criteria that apply to the proposed natural gas transmission  
480 pipeline or corridor, including local comprehensive plans,  
481 zoning regulations, land development regulations, and any  
482 applicable local environmental regulations adopted pursuant to  
483 s. 403.182 or by other means. No change by the responsible local  
484 government or local agency in local comprehensive plans, zoning  
485 ordinances, or other regulations made after the date required  
486 for the filing of the local government's report required by this  
487 section shall be applicable to the certification of the proposed  
488 natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor unless the  
489 certification is denied or the application is withdrawn.

490 ~~6. Each regional planning council in which the natural gas~~  
491 ~~transmission pipeline or natural gas transmission pipeline~~  
492 ~~corridor will be located shall present a report containing~~  
493 ~~recommendations that address the impact upon the public of the~~  
494 ~~proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor, based on~~  
495 ~~the degree to which the natural gas transmission pipeline or~~  
496 ~~corridor is consistent with the applicable provisions of the~~  
497 ~~strategic regional policy plan adopted pursuant to chapter 186~~  
498 ~~and other impacts of each proposed natural gas transmission~~  
499 ~~pipeline or corridor on matters within its jurisdiction.~~

500 6.7. The Department of Transportation shall prepare a  
501 report on the effect of the natural gas transmission pipeline or  
502 natural gas transmission pipeline corridor on matters within its  
503 jurisdiction, including roadway crossings by the pipeline. The



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504 report shall contain at a minimum:

505 a. A report by the applicant to the department stating that  
506 all requirements of the department's utilities accommodation  
507 guide have been or will be met in regard to the proposed  
508 pipeline or pipeline corridor; and

509 b. A statement by the department as to the adequacy of the  
510 report to the department by the applicant.

511 ~~7.8.~~ The Department of State, Division of Historical  
512 Resources, shall prepare a report on the impact of the natural  
513 gas transmission pipeline or natural gas transmission pipeline  
514 corridor on matters within its jurisdiction.

515 ~~8.9.~~ The commission shall prepare a report addressing  
516 matters within its jurisdiction. The commission's report shall  
517 include its determination of need issued pursuant to s.  
518 403.9422.

519 Section 21. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and subsection  
520 (6) of section 403.9411, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

521 403.9411 Notice; proceedings; parties and participants.—

522 (4) (a) Parties to the proceeding shall be:

523 1. The applicant.

524 2. The department.

525 3. The commission.

526 4. The Department of Economic Opportunity.

527 5. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

528 6. Each water management district in the jurisdiction of  
529 which the proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor  
530 is to be located.

531 7. The local government.

532 ~~8. The regional planning council.~~



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533           ~~8.9.~~ The Department of Transportation.

534           ~~9.10.~~ The Department of State, Division of Historical  
535 Resources.

536           (6) The order of presentation at the certification hearing,  
537 unless otherwise changed by the administrative law judge to  
538 ensure the orderly presentation of witnesses and evidence, shall  
539 be:

540           (a) The applicant.

541           (b) The department.

542           (c) State agencies.

543           (d) Regional agencies, including ~~regional planning councils~~  
544 ~~and~~ water management districts.

545           (e) Local governments.

546           (f) Other parties.

547           Section 22. Subsection (6) of section 419.001, Florida  
548 Statutes, is amended to read:

549           419.001 Site selection of community residential homes.—

550           (6) If agreed to by both the local government and the  
551 sponsoring agency, a conflict may be resolved through informal  
552 mediation. The local government shall arrange for the services  
553 of an independent mediator ~~or may utilize the dispute resolution~~  
554 ~~process established by a regional planning council pursuant to~~  
555 ~~s. 186.509~~. Mediation shall be concluded within 45 days of a  
556 request therefor. The resolution of any issue through the  
557 mediation process shall not alter any person's right to a  
558 judicial determination of any issue if that person is entitled  
559 to such a determination under statutory or common law.

560           Section 23. Subsection (4) of section 985.682, Florida  
561 Statutes, is amended to read:



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562 985.682 Siting of facilities; criteria.-

563 (4) When the department requests such a modification and it  
564 is denied by the local government, the local government or the  
565 department shall initiate the dispute resolution process  
566 ~~established under s. 186.509~~ to reconcile differences on the  
567 siting of correctional facilities between the department, local  
568 governments, and private citizens. ~~If the regional planning~~  
569 ~~council has not established a dispute resolution process~~  
570 ~~pursuant to s. 186.509~~, The department shall establish, by rule,  
571 procedures for dispute resolution. The dispute resolution  
572 process shall require the parties to commence meetings to  
573 reconcile their differences. If the parties fail to resolve  
574 their differences within 30 days after the denial, the parties  
575 shall engage in voluntary mediation or similar process. If the  
576 parties fail to resolve their differences by mediation within 60  
577 days after the denial, or if no action is taken on the  
578 department's request within 90 days after the request, the  
579 department must appeal the decision of the local government on  
580 the requested modification of local plans, ordinances, or  
581 regulations to the Governor and Cabinet. Any dispute resolution  
582 process initiated under this section must conform to the time  
583 limitations set forth herein. However, upon agreement of all  
584 parties, the time limits may be extended, but in no event may  
585 the dispute resolution process extend over 180 days.

586 Section 24. Section 186.0201, Florida Statutes, is  
587 repealed.

588 Section 25. Section 260.018, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

589 Section 26. For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the sum of \$2.5  
590 million in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is



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591 appropriated to the regional planning councils, 75 percent of  
592 which must be divided equally among the councils and 25 percent  
593 must be allocated according to population. The funds must be  
594 used to implement the statutory requirements of chapter 163,  
595 Florida Statutes, and the Florida Five-Year Strategic Plan for  
596 Economic Development and to address problems of greater than  
597 local government concern and provide technical assistance to  
598 local governments, economic development organizations, and other  
599 stakeholders.

600 Section 27. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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

603 And the title is amended as follows:

604 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
605 and insert:

606 A bill to be entitled

607 An act relating to regional planning councils;  
608 amending s. 163.3175, F.S.; deleting obsolete  
609 provisions; amending s. 163.3246, F.S.; removing  
610 restrictions on certain exemptions; amending s.  
611 163.3248, F.S.; removing the requirement that regional  
612 planning councils provide assistance in developing a  
613 plan for a rural land stewardship area; amending s.  
614 186.505, F.S.; removing the power of regional planning  
615 councils to establish and conduct cross-acceptance  
616 negotiation processes; amending s. 186.506, F.S.;  
617 removing the Governor's authority to revise regional  
618 planning council district boundaries; creating s.  
619 186.512, F.S.; subdividing the state into specified



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620 geographic regions for the purpose of regional  
621 comprehensive planning; amending s. 186.513, F.S.;  
622 deleting the requirement that regional planning  
623 councils make joint reports and recommendations;  
624 amending s. 253.7828, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
625 changes made by the act; amending s. 339.135, F.S.;  
626 deleting obsolete provisions; amending s. 339.155,  
627 F.S.; removing certain duties of regional planning  
628 councils; amending s. 380.06, F.S.; removing the  
629 requirement that certain developers submit biennial  
630 reports to regional planning agencies; amending s.  
631 403.50663, F.S.; removing requirements relating to  
632 certain informational public meetings; amending s.  
633 403.507, F.S.; removing the requirement that regional  
634 planning councils prepare reports addressing the  
635 impact of proposed electrical power plants; amending  
636 s. 403.508, F.S.; removing the requirement that  
637 regional planning councils participate in certain  
638 proceedings; amending s. 403.5115, F.S.; conforming  
639 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.  
640 403.526, F.S.; removing the requirement that regional  
641 planning councils prepare reports addressing the  
642 impact of proposed transmission lines or corridors;  
643 amending s. 403.527, F.S.; removing the requirement  
644 that regional planning councils parties participate in  
645 certain proceedings; amending s. 403.5272, F.S.;  
646 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
647 amending s. 403.7264, F.S.; removing the requirement  
648 that regional planning councils assist with amnesty



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649 days for purging small quantities of hazardous wastes;  
650 amending s. 403.941, F.S.; removing the requirement  
651 that regional planning councils prepare reports  
652 addressing the impact of proposed natural gas  
653 transmission lines or corridors; amending s. 403.9411,  
654 F.S.; removing the requirement that regional planning  
655 councils participate in certain proceedings; amending  
656 ss. 419.001 and 985.682, F.S.; removing provisions  
657 relating to the use of a certain dispute resolution  
658 process; repealing s. 186.0201, F.S., relating to  
659 electric substation planning; repealing s. 260.018,  
660 F.S., relating to agency recognition of certain  
661 publicly owned lands and waters; providing an  
662 appropriation; providing an effective date.