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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government (Simpson)
recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 119 and 120

insert:

Section 6. Present subsection (5) of section 373.227,
Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), and a new
subsection (5) and a subsection (6) are added to that section,
to read:

373.227 Water conservation; legislative findings and
intent; objectives; comprehensive statewide water conservation



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11 program requirements.-

12 (5) In order to incentivize water conservation, if actual
13 water use is less than permitted water use due to documented
14 implementation of water conservation measures beyond those
15 required in the consumptive use permit, including, but not
16 limited to, those measures identified in best management
17 practices pursuant to s. 570.93, the permitted allocation may
18 not be modified solely due to such water conservation during the
19 term of the permit. In order to promote water conservation and
20 the implementation of measures that produce significant water
21 savings beyond what is required in a consumptive use permit,
22 each water management district shall adopt rules providing water
23 conservation incentives, which may include permit extensions.

24 (6) For consumptive use permits for agricultural
25 irrigation, if actual water use is less than permitted water use
26 due to weather events, crop diseases, nursery stock
27 availability, market conditions, or changes in crop type, a
28 district may not, as a result, reduce permitted allocation
29 amounts during the term of the permit.

30 Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
31 373.323, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

32 373.323 Licensure of water well contractors; application,
33 qualifications, and examinations; equipment identification.-

34 (3) An applicant who meets the following requirements shall
35 be entitled to take the water well contractor licensure
36 examination:

37 (b) Has at least 2 years of experience in constructing,
38 repairing, or abandoning water wells. Satisfactory proof of such
39 experience shall be demonstrated by providing:



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40 1. Evidence of the length of time the applicant has been
41 engaged in the business of the construction, repair, or
42 abandonment of water wells as a major activity, as attested to
43 by a letter from a water well contractor or ~~and~~ a letter from a
44 water well inspector employed by a governmental agency.

45 2. A list of at least 10 water wells that the applicant has
46 constructed, repaired, or abandoned within the preceding 5
47 years. Of these wells, at least seven must have been
48 constructed, as defined in s. 373.303(2), by the applicant. The
49 list shall also include:

50 a. The name and address of the owner or owners of each
51 well.

52 b. The location, primary use, and approximate depth and
53 diameter of each well that the applicant has constructed,
54 repaired, or abandoned.

55 c. The approximate date the construction, repair, or
56 abandonment of each well was completed.

57 Section 8. Subsection (5) is added to section 373.705,
58 Florida Statutes, to read:

59 373.705 Water resource development; water supply
60 development.—

61 (5) The water management districts shall promote expanded
62 cost-share criteria for additional conservation practices, such
63 as soil and moisture sensors and other irrigation improvements,
64 water-saving equipment, water-saving household fixtures, and
65 software technologies that can achieve verifiable water
66 conservation by providing water use information to utility
67 customers.

68 Section 9. Subsection (4) is added to section 378.209,



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69 Florida Statutes, to read:

70 378.209 Timing of reclamation.—

71 (4) The rate of reclamation requirements in paragraphs
72 (1)(a)-(e) and the requirements of s. 378.208 do not apply to
73 constructed clay settling areas where its beneficial use has
74 been extended.

75 Section 10. For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the sum of
76 \$2,339,764 in nonrecurring funds from the Solid Waste Management
77 Trust Fund in the Fixed Capital Outlay-Agency Managed-Closing
78 and Long-Term Care of Solid Waste Management Facilities
79 appropriation category is appropriated to the Department of
80 Environmental Protection for the closing and long-term care of
81 solid waste management facilities pursuant to s. 403.709(2),
82 Florida Statutes.

83 Section 11. Subsection (3) is added to section 403.713,
84 Florida Statutes, to read:

85 403.713 Ownership and control of solid waste and recovered
86 materials.—

87 (3) For the purposes of exercising flow control authority
88 under this section, a resource recovery facility does not
89 include a landfill gas-to-energy system or facility.

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

92 And the title is amended as follows:

93 Delete line 21

94 and insert:

95 amendment made to s. 403.201, F.S., in a reference
96 thereto; amending s. 373.227, F.S.; prohibiting water
97 management districts from modifying permitted



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98 allocation amounts under certain circumstances;
99 requiring water management districts to adopt rules to
100 promote water conservation incentives; amending s.
101 373.323, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for
102 taking the water well contractor licensure
103 examination; amending s. 373.705, F.S.; requiring
104 water management districts to promote expanded cost-
105 share criteria for additional conservation practices;
106 amending s. 378.209, F.S.; excluding clay settling
107 areas from reclamation rate requirements under certain
108 circumstances; providing an appropriation; amending s.
109 403.713, F.S.; providing a limit on the exercise of
110 flow control authority for landfill gas-to-energy
111 facilities; providing an