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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (612098) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 879 and 880
5 insert:

6 Section 14. Present subsection (5) of section 373.227,
7 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), and new
8 subsections (5) and (6) are added to that section, to read:

9 373.227 Water conservation; legislative findings and
10 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, including, but
15 not limited to, those measures identified in best management
16 practices pursuant to s. 570.93, the permitted allocation may
17 not be modified due to such water conservation during the term
18 of the permit. In order to promote water conservation and the
19 implementation of measures that produce significant water
20 savings beyond that required in a consumptive use permit, each
21 water management district shall adopt rules providing water
22 conservation incentives, including permit extensions.

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

29 Section 15. Subsection (5) is added to section 373.705,
30 Florida Statutes, to read:

31 373.705 Water resource development; water supply
32 development.-

33 (5) The water management districts shall promote expanded
34 cost-share criteria for additional conservation practices, such
35 as soil and moisture sensors and other irrigation improvements,
36 water-saving equipment, and water-saving household fixtures.

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39 And the title is amended as follows:



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40 Delete line 3366
41 and insert:
42 certain water users; amending s. 373.227, F.S.;
43 prohibiting water management districts from modifying
44 permitted allocation amounts under certain
45 circumstances; requiring the water management
46 districts to adopt rules to promote water conservation
47 incentives; amending s. 373.705, F.S.; requiring water
48 management districts to promote expanded cost-share
49 criteria for additional conservation practices;
50 amending s. 373.233, F.S.;