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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Hays) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 3002 - 3187

and insert:

Statutes, is amended to read:

373.703 Water production; general powers and duties.—In the performance of, and in conjunction with, its other powers and duties, the governing board of a water management district existing pursuant to this chapter:

(9) May join with one or more other water management



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11 districts, counties, municipalities, special districts, publicly
12 owned or privately owned water utilities, multijurisdictional
13 water supply entities, regional water supply authorities,
14 private landowners, or self-suppliers for the purpose of
15 carrying out its powers, and may contract with such other
16 entities to finance acquisitions, construction, operation, and
17 maintenance, provided that such contracts are consistent with
18 the public interest. The contract may provide for contributions
19 to be made by each party to the contract for the division and
20 apportionment of the expenses of acquisitions, construction,
21 operation, and maintenance, and for the division and
22 apportionment of resulting benefits, services, and products. The
23 contracts may contain other covenants and agreements necessary
24 and appropriate to accomplish their purposes.

25 Section 24. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2), subsection
26 (3), and paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 373.705,
27 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is added to
28 that section, to read:

29 373.705 Water resource development; water supply
30 development.—

31 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that:

32 (b) Water management districts take the lead in identifying
33 and implementing water resource development projects, and be
34 responsible for securing necessary funding for regionally
35 significant water resource development projects, including
36 regionally significant projects that prevent or limit adverse
37 water resource impacts, avoid competition among water users, or
38 support the provision of new water supplies in order to meet a
39 minimum flow or minimum water level or to implement a recovery



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40 or prevention strategy or water reservation.

41 (3) (a) The water management districts shall fund and
42 implement water resource development as defined in s. 373.019.
43 The water management districts are encouraged to implement water
44 resource development as expeditiously as possible in areas
45 subject to regional water supply plans.

46 (b) Each governing board shall include in its annual budget
47 submittals required under this chapter:

48 1. The amount of funds for each project in the annual
49 funding plan developed pursuant to s. 373.536(6)(a)4.;

50 2. The total amount needed for the fiscal year to implement
51 water resource development projects, as prioritized in its
52 regional water supply plans; and

53 3. The amount of funds requested for each project submitted
54 for consideration for state funding pursuant to s. 403.0616.

55 (4)

56 (b) Water supply development projects that meet the
57 criteria in paragraph (a) and that meet one or more of the
58 following additional criteria shall be given first consideration
59 for state or water management district funding assistance:

60 1. The project brings about replacement of existing sources
61 in order to help implement a minimum flow or minimum water
62 level; ~~or~~

63 2. The project implements reuse that assists in the
64 elimination of domestic wastewater ocean outfalls as provided in
65 s. 403.086(9); or

66 3. The project reduces or eliminates the adverse effects of
67 competition between legal users and the natural system.

68 (5) The water management districts shall promote expanded



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69 cost-share criteria for additional conservation practices, such
70 as soil and moisture sensors and other irrigation improvements,
71 water-saving equipment and water-saving household fixtures, and
72 software technologies that can achieve verifiable water
73 conservation by providing water use information to utility
74 customers.

75 Section 25. Paragraph (f) of subsection (3), paragraph (a)
76 of subsection (6), and paragraph (e) of subsection (8) of
77 section 373.707, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

78 373.707 Alternative water supply development.—

79 (3) The primary roles of the water management districts in
80 water resource development as it relates to supporting
81 alternative water supply development are:

82 (f) The provision of technical and financial assistance to
83 local governments and publicly owned and privately owned water
84 utilities for alternative water supply projects and for self-
85 suppliers for alternative water supply projects to the extent
86 assistance for self-suppliers promotes the policies in paragraph
87 (1) (f).

88 (6) (a) If state ~~The statewide~~ funds are provided through
89 specific appropriation for a priority project of the water
90 resources work program pursuant to s. 403.0616, or pursuant to
91 the Water Protection and Sustainability Program, such funds
92 serve to supplement existing water management district or basin
93 board funding for alternative water supply development
94 assistance and should not result in a reduction of such funding.
95 For each project identified in the annual funding plans prepared
96 pursuant to s. 373.536(6) (a)4. Therefore, the water management
97 districts shall include in the annual tentative and adopted



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98 budget submittals required under this chapter the amount of
99 funds allocated for water resource development that supports
100 alternative water supply development and the funds allocated for
101 alternative water supply projects ~~selected for inclusion in the~~
102 ~~Water Protection and Sustainability Program~~. It shall be the
103 goal of each water management district and basin boards that the
104 combined funds allocated annually for these purposes be, at a
105 minimum, the equivalent of 100 percent of the state funding
106 provided to the water management district for alternative water
107 supply development. If this goal is not achieved, the water
108 management district shall provide in the budget submittal an
109 explanation of the reasons or constraints that prevent this goal
110 from being met, an explanation of how the goal will be met in
111 future years, and affirmation of match is required during the
112 budget review process as established under s. 373.536(5). The
113 Suwannee River Water Management District and the Northwest
114 Florida Water Management District shall not be required to meet
115 the match requirements of this paragraph; however, they shall
116 try to achieve the match requirement to the greatest extent
117 practicable.

118 (8)

119 (e) Applicants for projects that may receive funding
120 assistance pursuant to the Water Protection and Sustainability
121 Program shall, at a minimum, be required to pay 60 percent of
122 the project's construction costs. The water management districts
123 may, at their discretion, totally or partially waive this
124 requirement for projects sponsored by:

125 1. Financially disadvantaged small local governments as
126 defined in former s. 403.885(5); or



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127 2. Water users for projects determined by a water
128 management district governing board to be in the public interest
129 pursuant to paragraph (1)(f), if the projects are not otherwise
130 financially feasible.

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132 The water management districts or basin boards may, at their
133 discretion, use ad valorem or federal revenues to assist a
134 project applicant in meeting the requirements of this paragraph.

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

137 And the title is amended as follows:

138 Delete lines 133 - 149

139 and insert:

140 for the purpose of carrying out its powers; amending
141 s. 373.705, F.S.; revising legislative intent;
142 requiring water management district governing boards
143 to include certain information in their annual budget
144 submittals; requiring water management districts to
145 promote expanded cost-share criteria for additional
146 conservation practices; amending s. 373.707, F.S.;
147 authorizing water management districts to provide
148 technical and financial assistance to certain self-
149 suppliers and to waive certain construction costs of
150 alternative water supply development projects
151 sponsored by certain water users; amending s.