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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

1 **Senate Substitute for Amendment (733460) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 30 - 57
5 and insert:

6 under paragraph (a) but before funds may be appropriated,
7 pledged, or dedicated for other uses:

8 1. A minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$145 million
9 shall be appropriated annually for Everglades projects that
10 implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set



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11 forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning
12 Project subject to Congressional authorization; the Long-Term
13 Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2); and the Northern Everglades
14 and Estuaries Protection Program as set forth in s. 373.4595.
15 From these funds, \$32 million shall be distributed each fiscal
16 year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year to the South Florida
17 Water Management District for the Long-Term Plan as defined in
18 s. 373.4592(2). After deducting the \$32 million distributed
19 under this subparagraph, from the funds remaining, a minimum of
20 the lesser of 76.5 percent or \$100 million shall be appropriated
21 each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the
22 planning, design, engineering, and construction of the
23 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s.
24 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project
25 subject to Congressional authorization. The Department of
26 Environmental Protection and the South Florida Water Management
27 District shall give preference to those Everglades restoration
28 projects that reduce harmful discharges of water from Lake
29 Okeechobee to the St. Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in a
30 timely manner. For the purpose of performing the calculation
31 provided in this subparagraph the amount of debt service paid
32 pursuant to paragraph (a) for bonds issued after July 1, 2016,
33 for the purposes set forth under paragraph (b) shall be added to
34 the amount remaining after the payments required under paragraph
35 (a). The amount of the distribution calculated shall then be
36 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to
37 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the
38 purposes set forth under this subparagraph.

39 2. A minimum of the lesser of 7.6 percent or \$50 million



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40 shall be appropriated annually for spring restoration,
41 protection, and management projects. For the purpose of
42 performing the calculation provided in this subparagraph the
43 amount of debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) for bonds
44 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under
45 paragraph (b) shall be added to the amount remaining after the
46 payments required under paragraph (a). The amount of the
47 distribution calculated shall then be reduced by an amount equal
48 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds
49 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this
50 subparagraph.

51 3. The sum of \$5 million shall be appropriated annually to
52 the St. Johns River Water Management District for projects
53 dedicated to the restoration of Lake Apopka. This distribution
54 shall be reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid
55 pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016,
56 for the purposes set forth in this subparagraph ~~Then, to pay the~~
57 ~~debt~~

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

60 And the title is amended as follows:

61 Delete lines 5 - 13

62 and insert:

63 amount of funds within the Land Acquisition Trust Fund
64 to be appropriated for Everglades restoration
65 projects; providing a preference in the use of funds
66 to certain projects that reduce harmful discharges to
67 the St. Lucie Estuary and the Caloosahatchee Estuary;
68 requiring the distribution to be reduced by an amount



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69 equal to the debt service paid on certain bonds;
70 requiring a minimum specified amount of funds within
71 the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to be appropriated for
72 spring restoration, protection, and management
73 projects; requiring the distribution to be reduced by
74 an amount equal to the debt service paid on certain
75 bonds; requiring a specified appropriation for
76 projects dedicated to the restoration of Lake Apopka;
77 requiring the distribution to be reduced by an amount
78 equal to the debt service paid on certain bonds;
79 deleting an obsolete provision;