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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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02/29/2016	.	
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Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government (Hays)
recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 32 - 57
and insert:

1. A minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$145 million shall be appropriated annually for Everglades projects that implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project subject to Congressional authorization; the Long-Term Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2); and the Northern Everglades



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

30 2. A minimum of the lesser of 7.6 percent or \$50 million
31 shall be appropriated annually for spring restoration,
32 protection, and management projects. This distribution shall be
33 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to
34 paragraph (a) on bonds financed with distributions under this
35 subparagraph.

36 3. The sum of \$5 million shall be appropriated annually to
37 the St. Johns River Water Management District for projects
38 dedicated to the restoration of Lake Apopka. This distribution
39 shall be reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid



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40 pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds financed with distributions
41 under this subparagraph ~~Then, to pay the debt~~

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44 And the title is amended as follows:

45 Delete lines 5 - 13

46 and insert:

47 amount of funds within the Land Acquisition Trust Fund
48 to be appropriated for Everglades restoration
49 projects; providing a preference in the use of funds
50 to certain projects that reduce harmful discharges to
51 the St. Lucie Estuary and the Caloosahatchee Estuary;
52 requiring the distribution to be reduced by an amount
53 equal to the debt service paid on certain bonds;
54 requiring a minimum specified amount of funds within
55 the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to be appropriated for
56 spring restoration, protection, and management
57 projects; requiring the distribution to be reduced by
58 an amount equal to the debt service paid on certain
59 bonds; requiring a specified appropriation for
60 projects dedicated to the restoration of Lake Apopka;
61 requiring the distribution to be reduced by an amount
62 equal to the debt service paid on certain bonds;
63 deleting an obsolete provision;