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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Bean moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 3885 and 3886

insert:

Section 39. (1) The Legislature finds that draining water from the St. Johns River through surface water withdrawal projects may:

(a) Worsen existing pollution problems;

(b) Increase the frequency of toxic algal blooms;

(c) Further reduce river flow and increase the salinity levels of the river at points further upstream than currently



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12 detected;

13 (d) Adversely impact the fisheries, wildlife, and submerged
14 vegetation in and along the river and its tributaries; and

15 (e) Overall worsen existing pollution problems.

16 (2) Thus, the legislature directs the Office of Program
17 Policy Analysis and Accountability to conduct a study of such
18 surface water removal projects in the St. Johns River Basin.
19 Such study should analyze the environmental and developmental
20 impacts of such projects.

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

23 And the title is amended as follows:

24 Delete line 204

25 and insert:

26 important state interest; making legislative findings;
27 directing the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
28 Accountability to conduct a study; providing an
29 effective date.