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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Abruzzo) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (554986) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Before line 5
5 insert:

6 Section 1. Section 377.705, Florida Statutes, is amended to
7 read:

8 377.705 Solar Energy Center; development of solar energy
9 standards.—

10 (1) SHORT TITLE.—This act shall be known and may be cited



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11 as the Solar Energy Standards Act of 1976.

12 (2) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—

13 ~~(a) Because of increases in the cost of conventional fuel,~~
14 ~~certain applications of solar energy are becoming competitive,~~
15 ~~particularly when life-cycle costs are considered. It is the~~
16 ~~intent of the Legislature in formulating a sound and balanced~~
17 ~~energy policy for the state to encourage the development of an~~
18 ~~alternative energy capability in the form of incident solar~~
19 ~~energy.~~

20 ~~(b) Toward this purpose, the Legislature intends to provide~~
21 ~~incentives for the production and sale of, and to set standards~~
22 ~~for, solar energy systems. Such standards shall~~ It is the intent
23 of the Florida Legislature to ensure that solar energy systems
24 manufactured or sold within the state are effective and
25 represent a high level of quality of materials, workmanship, and
26 design.

27 (3) DEFINITIONS.—

28 (a) "Center" is defined as the Florida Solar Energy Center
29 of the Board of Governors.

30 (b) "Solar energy systems" is defined as equipment which
31 provides for the collection and use of incident solar energy for
32 water heating, space heating or cooling, or other applications
33 which normally require or would require a conventional source of
34 energy such as petroleum products, natural gas, or electricity
35 and which performs primarily with solar energy. In such other
36 systems in which solar energy is used in a supplemental way,
37 only those components which collect and transfer solar energy
38 shall be included in this definition.

39 (c) "Recognized certifying entity" is any entity that



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40 certifies equipment that collects and uses incident solar
41 energy, pursuant to standards as established by the National
42 Renewable Energy Laboratory.

43 (4) FLORIDA SOLAR ENERGY CENTER TO SET STANDARDS, REQUIRE
44 DISCLOSURE, SET TESTING FEES.—

45 (a) The center shall develop and promulgate standards for
46 solar energy systems manufactured or sold in this state not
47 certified pursuant to National Renewable Energy Laboratory
48 standards, based on the best currently available information and
49 shall consult with scientists, engineers, or persons in research
50 centers who are engaged in the construction of, experimentation
51 with, and research of solar energy systems to properly identify
52 the most reliable designs and types of solar energy systems.

53 (b) The center shall establish criteria for testing
54 performance of solar energy systems not certified pursuant to
55 National Renewable Energy Laboratory standards, and shall
56 maintain the necessary capability for testing or evaluating
57 performance of solar energy systems. The center may accept
58 results of tests on solar energy systems made by other
59 organizations, companies, or persons when such tests are
60 conducted according to the criteria established by the center
61 and when the testing entity has no vested interest in the
62 manufacture, distribution or sale of solar energy systems.

63 (c) The center shall be entitled to receive a testing fee
64 sufficient to cover the costs of such testing. All testing fees
65 shall be transmitted by the center to the Chief Financial
66 Officer to be deposited in the Solar Energy Center Testing Trust
67 Fund, which is hereby created in the State Treasury, and
68 disbursed for the payment of expenses incurred in testing solar



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69 energy systems.

70 (d) All solar energy systems manufactured or sold in the
71 state must meet the standards established by the center or by a
72 recognized certifying entity pursuant to National Renewable
73 Energy Laboratory standards ~~and shall display accepted results~~
74 ~~of approved performance tests in a manner prescribed by the~~
75 ~~center.~~

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

78 And the title is amended as follows:

79 Between lines 1519 and 1520

80 insert:

81 377.705, F.S.; revising legislative intent; revising
82 definitions; revising the solar energy systems to
83 which specified standards apply; amending s.