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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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02/12/2018	.	
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The Committee on Community Affairs (Perry) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 631 and 632

insert:

Section 5. Section 1004.49, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.49 Florida LAKEWATCH Program.—The Florida LAKEWATCH Program is hereby created within the School of Forest Resources and Conservation's Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Program ~~Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture~~ of the Institute of Food



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11 and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida. The
12 purpose of the program is to provide public education and
13 training with respect to the water quality of Florida's lakes.
14 The Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Program ~~Department of~~
15 ~~Fisheries and Aquaculture~~ may, in implementing the LAKEWATCH
16 Program:

17 (1) Train, supervise, and coordinate volunteers to collect
18 water quality data from Florida's lakes, streams, and estuaries.

19 (2) Compile the data collected by volunteers.

20 (3) Disseminate information to the public about the
21 LAKEWATCH Program.

22 (4) Provide or loan equipment to volunteers in the program.

23 (5) Perform other functions as may be necessary or
24 beneficial in coordinating the LAKEWATCH Program.

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26 Data collected and compiled shall be used to establish trends
27 and provide general background information and may shall in no
28 ~~instance~~ be used by the Department of Environmental Protection
29 and the water management districts if the data collection
30 methods meet sufficient quality assurance and quality control
31 requirements in a regulatory proceeding.

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

34 And the title is amended as follows:

35 Delete line 32

36 and insert:

37 permitting requirements; amending s. 1004.49, F.S.;

38 specifying that the Florida LAKEWATCH Program resides

39 within the School of Forest Resources and



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40 Conservation's Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Program
41 at the University of Florida; revising the duties of
42 the Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Program;
43 authorizing the department and water management
44 districts to use program data under certain
45 circumstances; providing a directive to the