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The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation (Flores) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

3 Delete lines 71 - 162

and insert:

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(22) The board of trustees, by an affirmative vote of at least three members, may direct the department to purchase lands on an immediate basis using up to 15 percent of the funds allocated to the department pursuant to s. 259.105 for the acquisition of lands that:

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Government as part of the Resolution Trust Corporation sale of lands from failed savings and loan associations;

- (b) Are listed or placed at auction by the Federal Government as part of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation sale of lands from failed banks; or
- (c) Will be developed or otherwise lost to potential public ownership, or for which federal matching funds will be lost, by the time the land can be purchased under the program within which the land is listed for acquisition; or
- (d) Will prevent or satisfy private property rights claims resulting from limitations imposed by the designation of an area of critical state concern pursuant to chapter 380.

For such acquisitions, the board of trustees may waive or modify all procedures required for land acquisition pursuant to this chapter and all competitive bid procedures required pursuant to chapters 255 and 287. Lands acquired pursuant to this subsection must, at the time of purchase, be on one of the acquisition lists established pursuant to chapter 259, or be essential for water resource development, protection, or restoration, or a significant portion of the lands must contain natural communities or plant or animal species that are listed by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory as critically imperiled, imperiled, or rare, or as excellent quality occurrences of natural communities.

(23) The board of trustees, by an affirmative vote of at least three members, may direct the department to purchase lands on an immediate basis that will prevent or satisfy private property rights claims resulting from limitations imposed by the

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designation of an area of critical state concern pursuant to chapter 380.

- (24) For acquisitions directed pursuant to subsection (22) or subsection (23):
- (a) The board of trustees may waive or modify all procedures required for land acquisition pursuant to this chapter and all competitive bid procedures required pursuant to chapters 255 and 287; and
- (b) If a parcel is estimated to be worth \$500,000 or less and the director of the Division of State Lands finds that the cost of an outside appraisal is not justified, a comparable sales analysis, an appraisal prepared by the division, or other reasonably prudent procedure may be used by the division to estimate the value of the land, provided the public interest is reasonably protected.
- (25) Title to lands to be held jointly by the board of trustees and a water management district and acquired pursuant to s. 373.139 may be deemed to meet the standards necessary for ownership by the board of trustees, notwithstanding this section or related rules.

Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 288.980, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.980 Military base retention; legislative intent; grants program.-

(2)

(c) As used in this subsection, the term "nonconservation lands" means lands acquired for uses other than conservation, outdoor resource-based recreation, or archaeological or historic preservation not subject to acquisition by the Florida Forever



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Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 380.0666, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

380.0666 Powers of land authority.—The land authority shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this act, including the following powers, which are in addition to all other powers granted by other provisions of this act:

(3) To acquire and dispose of real and personal property or any interest therein when such acquisition is necessary or appropriate to protect the natural environment, provide public access or public recreational facilities, preserve wildlife habitat areas, provide affordable housing to families whose income does not exceed 160 percent of the median family income for the area, prevent or satisfy private property rights claims resulting from limitations imposed by the designation of an area of critical state concern, or provide access to management of acquired lands; to acquire interests in land by means of land exchanges; to contribute tourist impact tax revenues received pursuant to s. 125.0108 to the county in which it is located and its most populous municipality or the housing authority of such county or municipality, at the request of the county commission or the commission or council of such municipality, for the construction, redevelopment, or preservation of affordable housing in an area of critical state concern within such municipality or any other area of the county; to contribute funds to the Department of Environmental Protection for the purchase of lands by the department; and to enter into all alternatives to the acquisition of fee interests in land,

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including, but not limited to, the acquisition of easements, development rights, life estates, leases, and leaseback arrangements. However, the land authority shall make an acquisition or contribution only if:

- (a) Such acquisition or contribution is consistent with land development regulations and local comprehensive plans adopted and approved pursuant to this chapter;
- (b) The property acquired is within an area designated as an area of critical state concern at the time of acquisition or is within an area that was designated as an area of critical state concern for at least 20 consecutive years before prior to removal of the designation;
- (c) The property to be acquired has not been selected for purchase through another local, regional, state, or federal public land acquisition program. Such restriction does shall not apply if the land authority cooperates with the other public land acquisition programs which listed the lands for acquisition, to coordinate the acquisition and disposition of such lands. In such cases, the land authority may enter into contractual or other agreements to acquire lands jointly or for eventual resale to other public land acquisition programs; and
- (d) The acquisition or contribution is not used to improve public transportation facilities or otherwise increase road capacity to reduce hurricane evacuation clearance times.
- (e) Land authority funds may be used to pay costs related to the development and construction of affordable housing projects, including but not limited to, site improvements; site amenities; site infrastructure, such as roads, water, wastewater, and utilities; any fees associated with gaining



127 development approval, including but not limited to building permit and impact fees, and utility fees; easements; energy 128 129 efficiency and sustainable design features; environmental 130 mitigation; any related land acquisition, land improvement, 131 design, and engineering costs; and all other professional and 132 related costs required to bring an affordable housing project 133 into service. 134 135 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T ====== 136 And the directory clause is amended as follows: 137 Delete lines 28 - 29 138 and insert: 139 Section 1. Present subsection (23) of section 253.025, 140 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (25), 141 subsections (21) and (22) of that section are amended, and a new 142 subsection (23) and subsection (24) are added to that section, 143 to read: 144 145 ======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== 146 And the title is amended as follows: 147 Delete lines 18 - 24 and insert: 148 149 within areas of critical state concern; authorizing 150 the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement 151 Trust Fund to direct the department to purchase lands 152 on an immediate basis to satisfy private property 153 rights claims resulting from certain limitations; authorizing the board to waive certain procedures; 154 155 providing procedures for estimating the value of lands



under a certain value under certain conditions;
amending s. 288.980, F.S.; redefining the term
"nonconservation lands"; amending s. 380.0666, F.S.;
authorizing land authorities to contribute tourist
impact tax revenues to certain counties for the
construction, redevelopment, and preservation of
certain affordable housing; authorizing land authority
funds to be used to pay costs related to the
development and construction of affordable housing
projects; providing an effective date.