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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Community Affairs (Albritton) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 40 - 81
and insert:
218.67(1), is exempt from the recycling goals set forth in this section and any requirements relating thereto. This subsection expires July 1, 2035.

(24) (a) The Legislature finds that local governments, regional solid waste management authorities, and government-owned and privately owned waste management entities face



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11 significant challenges in meeting this state's waste recycling
12 goals, as provided in subsection (2), due to a variety of
13 factors, including the diversity and magnitude of the waste
14 stream and the ever-changing global demand and market conditions
15 for recyclable materials. These factors make it necessary to
16 investigate other options for the management of recyclable
17 material resources to ensure the protection of the environment
18 and to limit the cost to the residents of this state for solid
19 waste collection and disposal.

20 (b) A recycled materials management pilot project is
21 created for Polk County, in coordination with the University of
22 Florida, to identify sustainable, environmentally responsible,
23 and cost-effective collection, storage, and retention methods
24 for recyclable materials which have limited economic or
25 industrial utility, but retain their potential to be
26 reintroduced into the market through an economically viable
27 recycling process.

28 (c) Polk County may join with one or more counties,
29 municipalities, special districts, publicly owned or privately
30 owned waste utilities, multijurisdictional water management
31 entities, or other entities in carrying out the pilot program
32 and may contract with other entities to finance or otherwise
33 implement the operation and maintenance of the pilot program.
34 The contracts may provide for contributions to be made by each
35 party to the contract for the division and apportionment of
36 resulting costs, including operations and maintenance, benefits,
37 services, and products. The contracts may contain other
38 covenants and agreements necessary and appropriate to accomplish
39 their purposes. The Legislature will not provide any funding



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40 assistance for the pilot program. However, this section may not
41 be construed so as to limit or prevent the University of Florida
42 or any other state entity wishing to participate in the pilot
43 program from providing in-kind services in furtherance of the
44 goals of the pilot program.

45 (d) During the term of the pilot program, Polk County is
46 exempt from the recycling goals set forth in this section and
47 any requirements relating thereto.