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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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03/29/2021	.	
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The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (Rodriguez) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 14 - 21

and insert:

(17) The board of trustees may authorize leases for seagrass mitigation banks under s. 373.4136 to ensure the preservation and regeneration of seagrass, as defined in s. 253.04(3)(a), and to offset the unavoidable impacts of projects when seagrass banks meet the public interest criteria under chapters 253 and 258. This subsection does not prohibit



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11 mitigation for impacts to seagrass or other habitats on
12 sovereignty submerged lands, upon approval of the board of
13 trustees.

14 Section 2. The Department of Environmental Protection shall
15 modify rules adopted pursuant to s. 373.4136, Florida Statutes,
16 to remove any duplicative financial assurance requirements and
17 to ensure that permitted seagrass mitigation banks comply with
18 the federal mitigation banking rules.

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21 And the title is amended as follows:

22 Delete lines 4 - 6

23 and insert:

24 the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to authorize
25 leases for seagrass mitigation banks under certain
26 conditions; providing construction; requiring the
27 Department of Environmental Protection to modify
28 specified mitigation banking rules for specified
29 purposes; providing an effective date.