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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (Polsky) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 380.093, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is added to that subsection, to read:

380.093 Resilient Florida Grant Program; comprehensive statewide flood vulnerability and sea level rise data set and assessment; Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience



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11 Plan; regional resilience entities.-

12 (3) RESILIENT FLORIDA GRANT PROGRAM.-

13 (b) Subject to appropriation, the department may provide
14 grants to a county or municipality to fund the costs of
15 community resilience planning and necessary data collection for
16 such planning, including comprehensive plan amendments and
17 necessary corresponding analyses that address the requirements
18 of s. 163.3178(2)(f); vulnerability assessments that identify or
19 address risks of flooding and sea level rise; the development of
20 projects, plans, and policies that allow communities to prepare
21 for threats from flooding and sea level rise; saltwater
22 intrusion vulnerability assessments for coastal counties
23 pursuant to paragraph (e); and projects to adapt critical assets
24 to the effects of flooding and sea level rise.

25 (e) Within the Resilient Florida Grant Program, beginning
26 July 1, 2023, the department may provide grants to coastal
27 counties to conduct vulnerability assessments analyzing the
28 effects of saltwater intrusion on the county's water supply and
29 the preparedness of the county to respond to such a threat,
30 including water utility infrastructure, wellfield protection,
31 and freshwater supply management.

32 1. Each saltwater vulnerability assessment must include all
33 of the following information:

34 a. The county's primary water utilities.

35 b. Current maps of the county's freshwater wellfields and
36 latest saltwater intrusion impact lines.

37 c. Projections of saltwater intrusion over the next decade,
38 including specific wells that may be impacted during that
39 timeframe.



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40 d. An analysis of the costs necessary to relocate
41 freshwater wellfields that are anticipated to be impacted,
42 including current projects that are underway to relocate the
43 freshwater wellfields.

44 2. The department shall use the information contained
45 within the county's vulnerability assessment to update its
46 comprehensive statewide flood vulnerability and sea level rise
47 data set under subsection (4).

48 3. The department must make any appropriate information
49 from the vulnerability assessment it receives from coastal
50 counties pursuant to this paragraph available to the public on
51 the department's website.

52 4. The department shall provide 50 percent cost-share
53 funding, up to \$250,000, for each grant awarded under this
54 paragraph. A county with a population of 50,000 or less is not
55 required to contribute to the cost share.

56 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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

59 And the title is amended as follows:

60 Delete everything before the enacting clause
61 and insert:

62 A bill to be entitled
63 An act relating to saltwater intrusion vulnerability
64 assessments; amending s. 380.093, F.S.; authorizing
65 the Department of Environmental Protection to provide
66 grants for saltwater intrusion vulnerability
67 assessments; specifying the purpose of and
68 requirements for the assessments; requiring the



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69 department to update the comprehensive statewide flood
70 vulnerability and sea level rise data set and make
71 certain information received from the saltwater
72 intrusion vulnerability assessments available on its
73 website; requiring the department to provide cost-
74 share funding up to a specified amount for awarded
75 grants; providing an effective date.