House

Florida Senate - 2022 Bill No. CS for SB 228

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Rules (Brandes) recommended the following: Senate Amendment (with title amendment) Delete lines 212 - 303 and insert: records of the county where the property is located. (9) Before entering into <u>an assessment</u> a financing agreement, the local government, or the program administrator <u>acting on its behalf</u>, shall reasonably determine that <u>all of the</u> <u>following conditions are met:</u> <u>(a)</u> All property taxes and any other assessments levied on the same bill as property taxes are current paid and have not

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12 been delinquent for more than 30 days for the preceding 3 years 13 or the property owner's period of ownership, whichever is less.+

14 (b) that There are no involuntary liens greater than \$1,000, including, but not limited to, construction liens on the 15 16 property.+

(c) that No notices of default or other evidence of property-based debt delinquency have been recorded and not 19 released during the preceding 3 years or the property owner's period of ownership, whichever is less.;

(d) The local government or program administrator has asked the property owner whether any other assessments under this section have been recorded or have been funded and not yet recorded on the property. The failure of a property owner to disclose information set forth in this paragraph does not invalidate an assessment financing agreement or any obligation thereunder, even if the total financed amount of the qualifying improvements exceeds the amount that would otherwise be authorized under paragraph (12)(a).

(e) and that The property owner is current on all mortgage debt on the property.

32 (f) The residential property is not subject to an existing 33 home equity conversion mortgage or reverse mortgage product. This paragraph does not apply to nonresidential real properties. (g) The property is not currently a residential property gifted to a homeowner for free by a nonprofit entity as may be 37 disclosed by the property owner. The failure of a property owner 38 to disclose information set forth in this paragraph does not 39 invalidate an assessment financing agreement or any obligation thereunder. This paragraph does not apply to nonresidential real 40

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42 (h) The property owner obtained the approval of any applicable lender, creditor, assignee, or servicer of any 43 44 previously recorded mortgage or other lien on the property. 45 (10) Before final funding may be provided, a qualifying 46 improvement must shall be affixed or planned to be affixed to a 47 nonresidential real property or residential real building or facility that is part of the property and constitutes shall 48 49 constitute an improvement to that property the building or 50 facility or a fixture attached to the building or facility. An 51 assessment financing agreement may between a local government 52 and a qualifying property owner may not cover qualifying wind-53 resistance improvements on nonresidential real property under 54 new construction or residential real property in buildings or 55 facilities under new construction or construction for which a 56 certificate of occupancy or similar evidence of substantial 57 completion of new construction or improvement has not been issued. 58

59 (12) (a) Without the consent of the holders or loan 60 servicers of any mortgage encumbering or otherwise secured by 61 the property, the total amount of any non-ad valorem assessment 62 for a property under this section may not exceed 20 percent of 63 the fair market just value of the real property as determined by the county property appraiser. The combined mortgage-related 64 65 debt and total amount of any non-ad valorem assessments funded 66 under this section for residential real property may not exceed 67 100 percent of the fair market value of the residential real 68 property. However, the failure of a property owner to disclose 69 information set forth in paragraph (9)(d) does not invalidate an

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assessment financing agreement or any obligation thereunder, even if the total financed amount of the qualifying improvements exceeds the amount that would otherwise be authorized under this paragraph. For purposes of this paragraph, fair market value may be determined using reputable third parties.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a non-ad valorem assessment for a qualifying improvement defined in subparagraph (2)(h)1. (2)(b)1. or subparagraph (2)(h)2. which (2)(b)2. that is supported by an energy audit is not subject to the limits in this subsection if the audit demonstrates that the annual energy savings from the qualified improvement equals or exceeds the annual repayment amount of the non-ad valorem assessment.

82 (13) At least 30 days before entering into an assessment a 83 financing agreement, the property owner shall provide to the 84 holders or loan servicers of any existing mortgages encumbering 85 or otherwise secured by the property a notice of the owner's 86 intent to enter into an assessment a financing agreement 87 together with the maximum principal amount to be financed and 88 the maximum annual assessment necessary to repay that amount. A 89 verified copy or other proof of such notice shall be provided to 90 the local government. A provision in any agreement between a 91 mortgagee or other lienholder and a property owner, or otherwise 92 now or hereafter binding upon a property owner, which allows for 93 acceleration of payment of the mortgage, note, or lien or other 94 unilateral modification solely as a result of entering into a 95 financing agreement as provided for in this section is not 96 enforceable. This subsection does not limit the authority 97



99	And the title is amended as follows:
100	Delete line 38
101	and insert:
102	property; providing and revising construction;
103	providing applicability;