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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Commerce Committee  
 2 Representative Shoaf offered the following:

**Amendment**

Remove lines 176-332 and insert:

6 (c) Public infrastructure projects for construction,  
 7 expansion, or maintenance which are shown to enhance economic  
 8 recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the  
 9 disproportionately affected counties. Such public infrastructure  
 10 projects may include public infrastructure support for  
 11 construction or expansion of workforce housing properties owned  
 12 by a local government located in a disproportionately affected  
 13 county. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term:

14 1. "Infrastructure support" means site improvements.

15 2. "Workforce housing" means rented or leased housing for  
 16 residents of the eight disproportionately affected counties who

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17 are employed full-time or who are active duty servicemembers of  
18 a branch of the United States Armed Forces. Local governments,  
19 or their agents, may rent or lease housing to persons or  
20 families who have household incomes that do not exceed 150  
21 percent of the local median income. Renters or lessors are  
22 required to provide documentation of full-time employment, or  
23 full-time status for self-employed individuals, of 35 hours or  
24 more per week.

25 (d) Grants to local governments in the disproportionately  
26 affected counties to establish and maintain equipment and  
27 trained personnel for local action plans of response to respond  
28 to disasters, such as plans created for the Coastal Impacts  
29 Assistance Program.†

30 (e) Grants to support programs that prepare students for  
31 future occupations and careers at K-20 institutions that have  
32 campuses in the disproportionately affected counties. Eligible  
33 programs include those that increase students' technology skills  
34 and knowledge; encourage industry certifications; provide  
35 rigorous, alternative pathways for students to meet high school  
36 graduation requirements; strengthen career readiness  
37 initiatives; fund high-demand programs of emphasis at the  
38 bachelor's and master's level designated by the Board of  
39 Governors; and, similar to or the same as talent retention  
40 programs created by the Chancellor of the State University  
41 System and the Commission of Education, encourage students with

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42 interest or aptitude for science, technology, engineering,  
43 mathematics, and medical disciplines to pursue postsecondary  
44 education at a state university or a Florida College System  
45 institution within the disproportionately affected counties.~~†~~

46 (f) Grants to support programs that provide participants  
47 in the disproportionately affected counties with transferable,  
48 sustainable workforce skills that are not confined to a single  
49 employer.~~†~~ and

50 (g) Grants to the tourism entity created under s. 288.1226  
51 for the purpose of advertising and promoting tourism and Fresh  
52 From Florida, and grants to promote workforce and  
53 infrastructure, on behalf of all of the disproportionately  
54 affected counties.

55 Section 5. Section 446.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
56 read:

57 446.71 Everglades Restoration Agricultural Community  
58 Employment Training Program.—

59 (1) The Department of Economic Opportunity, in cooperation  
60 with the state board as defined in s. 445.002, shall establish  
61 the Everglades Restoration Agricultural Community Employment  
62 Training Program within the Department of Economic Opportunity.  
63 The Department of Economic Opportunity shall use funds  
64 appropriated to the program by the Legislature to provide grants  
65 to stimulate and support training and employment programs that  
66 seek to match persons who complete such training programs to

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67 nonagricultural employment opportunities in the Everglades  
68 Agricultural Area as defined in s. 373.4592(2) and rural areas  
69 of opportunity as defined in s. 288.0656(2) ~~areas of high~~  
70 ~~agricultural unemployment~~, and to provide other training,  
71 educational, and information services necessary to stimulate the  
72 creation of jobs in the Everglades Agricultural Area and rural  
73 areas of opportunity ~~areas of high agricultural unemployment~~. In  
74 determining whether to provide funds to a particular program,  
75 the Department of Economic Opportunity shall consider the  
76 location of the program in proximity to the program's intended  
77 participants. The department shall prioritize awarding employer-  
78 based grants to training programs located in rural areas of  
79 opportunity in counties with a boundary that is within 75 miles  
80 of the Everglades Agricultural Area.

81 (2) The Legislature supports projects that improve the  
82 economy in the Everglades Agricultural Area and in rural areas  
83 of opportunity in counties that provide for water storage and  
84 dispersed water storage as part of Everglades restoration  
85 efforts. In recognition of the employment opportunities and  
86 economic development generated by new and expanding industries  
87 in such areas ~~the area~~, such as the Airglades Airport in Hendry  
88 County and the development of an inland port in Palm Beach  
89 County, the Legislature finds that training the citizens of the  
90 state to fill the needs of these industries significantly  
91 enhances the economic viability of such areas ~~the region~~.

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92 (3) As used in this section, the term:

93 (a) "Department" means the Department of Economic  
94 Opportunity.

95 (b) "Employer-based training program" means a program  
96 established by, or to be established by, a business in this  
97 state that provides training for in-demand, nonagricultural  
98 occupations for its employees.

99 (c) "Everglades Agricultural Area" has the same meaning as  
100 in s. 373.4592(15).

101 (d) "Institution-based training program" means a  
102 certificate program or other program of study provided by a  
103 public or private university, college, or technical or  
104 vocational training institution that provides training for in-  
105 demand, nonagricultural occupations.

106 (e) "Program" means the Everglades Restoration  
107 Agricultural Community Employment Training Program.

108 (4)(3) Funds may be used for grants for tuition for public  
109 or private technical or vocational programs and matching grants  
110 to employers to conduct employer-based training programs. Grant  
111 funds provided to employer-based training programs may be used,  
112 or for the purchase of equipment to be used for training  
113 purposes, the hiring of instructors, or any other purpose  
114 directly associated with the program. For the first 6 months of  
115 each fiscal year, the Department of Economic Opportunity shall  
116 set aside up to 50 percent of the amount appropriated by the

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117 Legislature to fund employer-based training programs. Any  
118 unencumbered funds remaining undisbursed from the set-aside  
119 amount at the end of the 6-month period may be used to provide  
120 funding for tuition. The allocation of funds must be included in  
121 the notice of grant opportunities.

122 ~~(5)-(4)~~ The Department of Economic Opportunity may not  
123 award an employer-based a grant to any given training program  
124 which exceeds 50 percent of the total cost of the program,  
125 unless the training program is located within a rural area of  
126 opportunity, in which case the grant may exceed 50 percent of  
127 the total cost of the program and up to 100 percent. Matching  
128 contributions may include in-kind services, including, but not  
129 limited to, the provision of training instructors, equipment,  
130 and training facilities.

131 ~~(6)-(5)~~ Before granting a request for funds made in  
132 accordance with this section, the Department of Economic  
133 Opportunity shall enter into a grant agreement with the  
134 requester of funds and the training institution receiving  
135 funding through the program. Such agreement must include all of  
136 the following information:

137 (a) An identification of the personnel necessary to  
138 conduct the instructional program, the qualifications of such  
139 personnel, and the respective responsibilities of the parties  
140 for paying costs associated with the employment of such  
141 personnel. National accreditation or licensure of an

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142 instructional program by the Commission for Independent  
143 Education is sufficient to meet the qualifications requirement.

144 (b) An identification of the estimated length of the  
145 instructional program.

146 (c) An identification of all direct, training-related  
147 costs, including tuition and fees, curriculum development, books  
148 and classroom materials, and overhead or indirect costs.

149 (d) An identification of special program requirements that  
150 are not otherwise addressed in the agreement.

151 (6) The Department of Economic Opportunity may grant up to  
152 100 percent of the tuition for a training program participant  
153 who currently resides, and has resided for the preceding 12  
154 months at least 3 of the 5 immediately preceding years, in  
155 ~~within~~ the Everglades Agricultural Area or as described in a  
156 rural area of opportunity s. 373.4592 and in a county eounties  
157 that provides provide for water storage and dispersed water  
158 storage as part of Everglades restoration efforts that are  
159 ~~located in rural areas of opportunity as described in s.~~  
160 ~~288.0656.~~

161 (8)-(7) Employer-based training programs established in the  
162 Everglades Agricultural Area must include opportunities to  
163 obtain the qualifications and skills necessary for jobs related  
164 to federal and state restoration projects, the Airglades Airport  
165 in Hendry County, an inland port in Palm Beach County, or other  
166 industries with verifiable, demonstrated interest in operating

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168 | opportunity ~~and~~ in counties that provide for water storage and  
169 | dispersed water storage as part of Everglades restoration  
170 | efforts ~~that are located in rural areas of opportunity as~~  
171 | ~~described in s. 288.0656.~~

172 |        (9) ~~(8)~~ The Department of Economic Opportunity shall adopt  
173 | rules to implement this section.