

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
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WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Infrastructure Strategies
 2 Committee

3 Representative Tuck offered the following:

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 5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Section 403.0674, Florida Statutes, is created
 8 to read:

9 403.0674 Biosolids grant program.—A biosolids grant
 10 program is established within the department.

11 (1) Subject to the appropriation of funds by the
 12 Legislature, the department may provide grants to counties,
 13 special districts, and municipalities in this state to support
 14 the following projects:

15 (a) For the evaluation and implementation of innovative
 16 technologies and solutions for the disposal of biosolids; or

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17 (b) To construct, upgrade, expand, or retrofit domestic
18 facilities that convert wastewater residuals to Class AA
19 biosolids, to non-fertilizer uses or disposal methods, or to
20 alternatives to synthetic fertilizers.

21 (2) An applicant for a biosolids grant must be a county,
22 special district, or municipal governmental entity; however,
23 applicants are encouraged to form public-private partnerships
24 with private utilities and firms.

25 (3) Projects eligible for funding under this section may
26 include, but are not limited to, projects that:

27 (a) Reduce the amount of nutrients in biosolids.

28 (b) Reduce the amount of emerging contaminants in
29 biosolids.

30 (c) Provide alternatives to the land application or
31 landfilling of biosolids as a method of disposal.

32 (4) In allocating grant funds, the department shall
33 prioritize projects by considering the environmental benefit
34 that a project may provide. To evaluate the environmental
35 benefit of a project, the department shall review an analysis of
36 how the project's conversion to Class AA biosolids, non-
37 fertilizer uses or disposal methods, alternatives to synthetic
38 fertilizers derived from wastewater residuals, or innovative
39 technologies are projected to minimize the impact of nutrients
40 and other pollutants on water quality and the environment.

41 (5) The department shall administer the grant program so

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42 that, of the funds made available each year under this section,
43 at least 10 percent is reserved for projects within an area
44 designated as a rural area of opportunity under s. 288.0656. If
45 the department does not receive sufficient applications for
46 projects within an area designated as a rural area of
47 opportunity, then the department may reallocate the reserved
48 funds to other projects prioritized by the department pursuant
49 to subsection (4).

50 (6)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), the department
51 shall require that each biosolids grant has a minimum of a 50
52 percent funding match from local, state, federal, or private
53 funds.

54 (b) The department may waive, in whole or in part, the
55 funding match requirement in paragraph (a) for proposed projects
56 within an area designated as a rural area of opportunity under
57 s. 288.0656

58 (7) For each grant, the department shall develop annual
59 reporting requirements for each county, special district, or
60 municipality that shall include the phosphorous and nitrogen
61 content, the type, the amount, and the buyers and users of
62 grant-funded products derived from the wastewater residuals.

63 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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Bill No. CS/HB 1405 (2023)

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67 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
68 An act relating to biosolids; creating s. 403.0674, F.S.;
69 establishing a biosolids grant program within the Department of
70 Environmental Protection; authorizing the department, subject to
71 legislative appropriation, to provide grants to counties,
72 special districts, and municipalities for certain wastewater
73 conversion projects; providing requirements for the
74 prioritization and funding of such projects; authorizing the
75 department to waive the funding match requirement for specified
76 projects; providing an effective date.