LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senator Martin moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 330 - 470

and insert:

(c) The term of the loan is up to 24 months 1 year, unless otherwise extended by the department. However, the department may extend loan terms for up to 6 months based on the local government’s financial condition.

(4) APPLICATION.—The department shall prescribe a loan application and may request any other information determined necessary by the department to review and evaluate the
application. The eligible local government must submit a loan application within the 12 months after the date that the federal disaster was declared. Upon receipt of an application, the department shall review the application and may request additional information as necessary to complete the review and evaluation. If the loan application is approved, the department shall determine the amount to be loaned, which may be a lower amount than requested, based on the information provided and the total amount of funds available to be loaned and in relation to demonstrated need from other eligible applicants. If the loan application is denied, reasons for the denial may include, but are not limited to, the loan risk, an incomplete application, failure to demonstrate need, or the fact that receiving a loan may negatively affect the local government’s eligibility for other federal programs.

(5) USE OF LOAN FUNDS.—A local government may use loan funds only to continue local governmental operations or to expand or modify such operations to meet disaster-related needs. The funds may not be used to finance or supplant funding for capital improvements or to repair or restore damaged public facilities or infrastructure.

(6) LOAN REPAYMENT.—

(a) The local government may make payments against the loan at any time without penalty. Early repayment is encouraged as other funding sources or revenues become available to the local government.

(b) Loans become due and payable in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

(7) ADMINISTRATION.—
(a) Upon the issuance of a federal disaster declaration, the department shall provide notice of application requirements and the total amount of funds available and shall make loan information available to eligible local governments. Based upon the amount of funds in the Economic Development Trust Fund available to be loaned and anticipated balances, the department may make funds available in an amount reasonably related to the anticipated need, based upon the impacts of the federal disaster, up to the total amount available. The department may approve loans in the 2022-2023 fiscal year or the 2023-2024 fiscal year up to the total amount appropriated.

(b) The department must coordinate with the Division of Emergency Management or other applicable state agencies to assess whether such loans would affect reimbursement under federal programs for disaster-related expenses.

(c) All repayments of principal and interest must be returned to the loan fund and made available as provided in this section. Notwithstanding s. 216.301, funds appropriated for this program are not subject to reversion upon receipt of any loan payment from a local government, the department shall transfer the funds to the General Revenue Fund.

(8)(7) RULES.—The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

(9)(8) EXPIRATION.—This section expires July 1, 2038. A loan may not be awarded after June 30, 2038. Upon expiration, all unencumbered funds and loan repayments made on or after July 1, 2038, must be transferred to the General Revenue Fund.

Section 11. Effective upon becoming a law, subsection (5)
is added to section 489.117, Florida Statutes, to read:

489.117 Registration; specialty contractors.—

(5) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(b), a registered contractor may engage in contracting only for work covered by the registration within an area for which a state of emergency is declared pursuant to s. 252.36 for a natural emergency. This authorization terminates 24 months after the expiration of the declared state of emergency. The local jurisdiction that licenses the registered contractor may discipline the registered contractor for violations occurring outside the licensing jurisdiction which occur during the period such work is authorized under this subsection.

Section 12. Section 553.7922, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

553.7922 Local government-expedited approval of certain permits.—Following a state of emergency declared pursuant to s. 252.36 for a natural emergency, local governments impacted by the emergency shall approve special processing procedures to expedite permit issuance for permits that do not require technical review, including, but not limited to, roof repairs, reroofing, electrical repairs, service changes, or the replacement of one window or one door. Local governments may waive application and inspection fees for permits expedited under this section.

Section 13. Effective upon becoming a law, present subsections (8) and (9) of section 553.80, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (9) and (10), respectively, and a new subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:

553.80 Enforcement.—
(8) Effective January 1, 2023, local governments located in areas designated in the Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster declarations for Hurricane Ian or Hurricane Nicole may not raise building inspection fees, as authorized by s. 125.56(2) or s. 166.222 and this section, before October 1, 2024. This subsection expires June 30, 2025.

Section 14. (1) A county or municipality located entirely or partially within 100 miles of where either Hurricane Ian or Hurricane Nicole made landfall shall not propose or adopt more restrictive or burdensome amendments to its comprehensive plan or land development regulations, nor propose or adopt more restrictive or burdensome procedures concerning review, approval, or issuance of a site plan, development permit, or development order, to the extent that those terms are defined by s. 163.3164, Florida Statutes, before October 1, 2024, and any such restrictive or burdensome comprehensive plan amendment, land development regulation, or procedure shall be null and void ab initio. This subsection applies retroactively to September 29, 2022.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), any comprehensive plan amendment, land development regulation amendment, site plan, development permit, or development order approved or adopted by a county or municipality before or after the effective date of this section may be enforced if:

(a) The associated application is initiated by a private party other than the county or municipality; and

(b) The property that is the subject of the application is owned by the initiating private party.

(3) This section shall take effect upon becoming a law and
expires June 30, 2025.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 72 - 87

and insert:

municipalities located within a certain area from adopting or amending certain amendments or procedures for a specified period; declaring that such amendments or procedures are null and void; providing for retroactive application; providing that certain comprehensive plan amendments, land development regulations, site plans, and development permits or orders may be enforced; providing for expiration; amending s. 823.11, F.S.; authorizing