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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Appropriations Committee
 2 Representative Buchanan offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 109-384 and insert:

6 in s. 285.710 into the Indian Gaming Revenue Clearing Trust Fund
 7 within the Department of Financial Services. The funds deposited
 8 into the trust fund shall be distributed as follows:

9 (a) The lesser of 26.042 percent or \$100 million each
 10 fiscal year to support the Florida wildlife corridor as defined
 11 in s. 259.1055, including the acquisition of lands or
 12 conservation easements within the Florida wildlife corridor. To
 13 be eligible for funding, the acquisition project must be
 14 included on a land acquisition priority list developed pursuant
 15 to s. 259.035 or s. 570.71. The funds must be appropriated in
 16 Administered Funds each fiscal year. Eligible state agencies

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17 may, on a first-come, first-served basis, submit a budget
18 amendment to request release of funds pursuant to chapter 216.
19 Release is contingent upon approval, if required.

20 (b) The lesser of 26.042 percent or \$100 million each
21 fiscal year for the management of uplands and the removal of
22 invasive species. From these funds, amounts shall be applied as
23 follows:

24 1. The lesser of 36 percent or \$36 million to the
25 Department of Environmental Protection, of which:

26 a. The lesser of 88.889 percent of the funds available
27 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or \$32 million to the State Park
28 Trust Fund within the department for land management activities
29 within the state park system; and

30 b. The lesser of 11.111 percent of the funds available
31 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or \$4 million to the Internal
32 Improvement Trust Fund within the department for the purpose of
33 implementing the Local Trail Management Grant Program created
34 pursuant to s. 260.0145.

35 2. The lesser of 32 percent or \$32 million to the
36 Incidental Trust Fund within the Department of Agriculture and
37 Consumer Services for land management activities.

38 3. The lesser of 32 percent or \$32 million to the State
39 Game Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
40 Commission for land management activities, including management
41 activities for gopher tortoises and Florida panthers.

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43 For sub-subparagraph 1.a. and subparagraphs 2. and 3., a land
44 manager may not use more than 25 percent of the distribution for
45 operation capital outlay or capital assets.

46 (c) The lesser of 26.042 percent or \$100 million each
47 fiscal year to the Resilient Florida Trust Fund within the
48 Department of Environmental Protection for the Statewide
49 Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan to be used in
50 accordance with s. 380.093.

51 (d) After the distributions pursuant to paragraphs (a)
52 through (c), the remainder each fiscal year to the Water
53 Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund within the
54 Department of Environmental Protection for the Water Quality
55 Improvement Grant Program, to be used in accordance with s.
56 403.0673.

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58 Allocations to trust funds shall be transferred monthly by
59 nonoperating authority to the named trust fund.

60 Section 2. Section 260.0145, Florida Statutes, is created
61 to read:

62 260.0145 Local Trail Management Grant Program.—

63 (1) The Local Trail Management Grant Program is created
64 within the department to assist local governments with costs
65 associated with the operation and maintenance of trails within

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66 the Florida Greenways and Trails System. Funding for the program
67 is subject to appropriation.

68 (2) A local government may receive multiple grant awards
69 per application cycle.

70 (3) The department shall give priority to each of the
71 following:

72 (a) A local government that provides cost share for the
73 costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the
74 trails, except for trails within fiscally constrained counties
75 or rural areas of opportunity.

76 (b) Trails within the Florida wildlife corridor as defined
77 in s. 259.1055.

78 (4) A local government may only use grant funds for the
79 operation and maintenance of trails, including, but not limited
80 to, the purchase of equipment and capital assets; the funding of
81 necessary repairs to ensure the safety of trail users; and other
82 necessary maintenance, such as pressure washing, bush pruning,
83 and clearing debris. A local government may not use grant funds
84 for the planning, design, or construction of trails.

85 (5) Beginning January 15, 2025, and each January 15
86 thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the
87 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
88 House of Representatives in accordance with s. 286.001 listing
89 the grants awarded pursuant to this section. The report must
90 include the following information for each grant award: the

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91 grant recipient's name, a description of the individual
92 components of the trail, a description of the maintenance
93 activities funded, the total management cost for the trail
94 components, and the cost share, if any, provided by the
95 recipient.

96 Section 3. Present subsection (6) of section 259.1055,
97 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), and a new
98 subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

99 259.1055 Florida wildlife corridor.—

100 (6) MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.—The Fish and Wildlife
101 Conservation Commission is authorized to enter into voluntary
102 agreements with private landowners for environmental services
103 within the Florida wildlife corridor.

104 (a) The agreements must require that the landowner protect
105 and restore water resources; improve management of wildlife
106 habitat, including the long-term conservation of forest and
107 grassland soils and native plants; manage the land in a manner
108 that keeps the desired ecosystem healthy for protected species,
109 such as the gopher tortoise and the Florida panther; or provide
110 other incentives to landowners to continue and improve land uses
111 that are both economically sustainable and beneficial to the
112 environment of this state.

113 (b) The commission shall ensure that any agreement for
114 environmental services entered into requires the landowner to
115 manage the land in a manner that improves or enhances the land

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116 beyond what is required under any other agreement or contract
117 the landowner may have with the state.

118 (c) Subject to appropriation, the commission may use land
119 management funds received pursuant to s. 380.095 for this
120 purpose.

121 Section 4. (1) The Land Management Uniform Accounting
122 Council (LMUAC) shall recommend the most efficient and effective
123 use of the funds available to state agencies for land management
124 activities pursuant to s. 380.095, Florida Statutes. The
125 recommendations must be based on a review of the resources of
126 each land management agency to determine current expenditures,
127 including personnel costs, spent specifically on upland
128 management activities and invasive species removal. The
129 recommendations must include a calculation methodology to
130 distribute the funds to the state agencies specified in s.
131 380.095(2)(b), Florida Statutes.

132 (2) The LMUAC shall adopt its initial recommendation and
133 submit it to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President
134 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
135 by January 3, 2027. Thereafter, the LMUAC shall update its
136 recommendation in the biennial report developed pursuant to s.
137 259.037, Florida Statutes.

138 Section 5. Subsections (3) and (7) of section 403.0673,
139 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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140 403.0673 Water quality improvement grant program.—A grant
141 program is established within the Department of Environmental
142 Protection to address wastewater, stormwater, and agricultural
143 sources of nutrient loading to surface water or groundwater.

144 (3) The department shall consider and prioritize those
145 projects that:

146 (a) Have the maximum estimated reduction in nutrient load
147 per project;

148 (b) Demonstrate project readiness;

149 (c) Are cost-effective;

150 (d) Have a cost share identified by the applicant, except
151 for rural areas of opportunity;

152 (e) Have multi-year project implementation schedules with
153 previous state commitment and involvement in the project,
154 considering previously funded phases, the total amount of
155 previous state funding, and previous partial appropriations for
156 the proposed project; ~~or~~

157 (f) Are in a location where reductions are needed most to
158 attain the water quality standards of a waterbody not attaining
159 nutrient or nutrient-related standards; or

160 (g) Were determined eligible in a previous application
161 cycle and were able to demonstrate project readiness but were
162 not awarded a grant.

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164 Any project that does not result in reducing nutrient loading to
165 a waterbody identified in subsection (1) is not eligible for
166 funding under this section.

167 (7) Beginning January 15, 2024, and each January 15
168 thereafter, the department shall submit a report regarding the
169 projects funded pursuant to this section to the Governor, the
170 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
171 Representatives. The report must include a list of those
172 projects receiving funding and those projects not receiving
173 funding which were determined eligible by the department and
174 were able to demonstrate project readiness. The report must
175 include ~~and~~ the following information for each project:

176 (a) A description of the project;
177 (b) The cost of the project;
178 (c) The estimated nutrient load reduction of the project;
179 (d) The location of the project;
180 (e) The waterbody or waterbodies where the project will
181 reduce nutrients; ~~and~~

182 (f) The total cost share being provided for the project;
183 and

184 (g) The progress made in the implementation of multi-year
185 projects, including the funds spent, remaining costs, and
186 remaining timeline for full implementation.

187 Section 6. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of \$2
188 million in recurring funds is appropriated from the General

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189 Revenue Fund to the University of Florida to continually update
190 the Florida Wildlife Corridor plan and the Florida Ecological
191 Greenways Network plan.

192 Section 7. From the funds distributed to the Department of
193 Environmental Protection pursuant to s. 380.095(2)(d), Florida
194 Statutes, and for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of \$5
195 million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the Water
196 Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund within the
197 Department of Environmental Protection to the department to
198 coordinate with the Water School at Florida Gulf Coast
199 University to conduct a study to identify and analyze potential
200 regional projects that meet the eligibility criteria set forth
201 in s. 403.0673, Florida Statutes. At a minimum, the study must
202 include the collection and consolidation of data regarding water
203 quality to identify potential regional projects, including
204 stormwater, hydrologic improvements, and innovative
205 technologies, which reduce nutrient loading to water bodies
206 identified in s. 403.0673(1), Florida Statutes. The department
207 shall submit the report to the Executive Office of the Governor,
208 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
209 Representatives by January 3, 2025.

210 Section 8. From the funds distributed to the Indian Gaming
211 Revenue Clearing Trust Fund within the Department of Financial
212 Services pursuant to s. 380.095(2)(a), Florida Statutes, and for
213 the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of \$100 million in

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214 nonrecurring funds is appropriated from trust funds to
215 Administered Funds for land acquisition pursuant to s.
216 380.095(2) (a), Florida Statutes.

217 Section 9. From the funds distributed to the Department of
218 Environmental Protection pursuant to s. 380.095(2) (b)1., Florida
219 Statutes, and for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of \$4
220 million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the Internal
221 Improvement Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental
222 Protection for the purpose of implementing the Local Trail
223 Management Grant Program created pursuant to s. 260.0145,
224 Florida Statutes.

225 Section 10. From the funds distributed to the Department
226 of Environmental Protection pursuant to s. 380.095(2) (b)1.,
227 Florida Statutes, and for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of
228 \$32 million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the State
229 Park Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental
230 Protection for land management activities as specified in s.
231 380.095(2) (b)1.a., Florida Statutes.

232 Section 11. From the funds distributed to the Department
233 of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to s.
234 380.095(2) (b)2., Florida Statutes, and for the 2024-2025 fiscal
235 year, the sum of \$32 million in nonrecurring funds is
236 appropriated from the Incidental Trust Fund within the
237 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for land

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238 management activities as specified in s. 380.095(2)(b)2.,
239 Florida Statutes.

240 Section 12. From the funds distributed to the Fish and
241 Wildlife Conservation Commission pursuant to s. 380.095(2)(b)3.,
242 Florida Statutes, and for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of
243 \$32 million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the State
244 Game Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
245 Commission for control of invasive species and upland land
246 management activities pursuant to s. 380.095(2)(b)3., Florida
247 Statutes, or s. 259.1055, Florida Statutes.

248 Section 13. From the funds distributed to the Department
249 of Environmental Protection pursuant to s. 380.095(2)(c),
250 Florida Statutes, and for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of
251 \$100 million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the
252 Resilient Florida Trust Fund within the Department of
253 Environmental Protection for the Statewide Flooding and Sea
254 Level Rise Resilience Plan pursuant to s. 380.093, Florida
255 Statutes.

256 Section 14. From the funds distributed to the Department
257 of Environmental Protection pursuant to s. 380.095(2)(d),
258 Florida Statutes, and for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of
259 \$79 million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the Water
260 Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund within the
261 Department of Environmental Protection for the Water Quality

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262 Improvement Grant Program pursuant to s. 403.0673, Florida
263 Statutes.

264 Section 15. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of \$150
265 million in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is
266 appropriated in the Aid to Local Governments - Grants and Aids -
267 South Florida Water Management District - Operations
268 appropriation category to the South Florida Water Management
269 District for operations and maintenance responsibilities under
270 the purview of the district. The funds must be placed in
271 reserve. From the funds, the district shall enter into a
272 contract with the Water School at Florida Gulf Coast University
273 to conduct a study of the health and ecosystem of Lake
274 Okeechobee. The study must take into account the health of
275 plant, fish, and wildlife to be used for future planning of
276 invasive plant control, replanting of native vegetation, and
277 fish and game management. The study must be submitted by January
278 1, 2025, to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President
279 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
280 The Department of Environmental Protection is authorized to
281 submit budget amendments to request release of funds pursuant to
282 chapter 216, Florida Statutes. Release is contingent upon the
283 submission of a spend plan and negotiated draft contract between
284 the South Florida Water Management District and the Florida Gulf
285 Coast University Water School.

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286 Section 16. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law
287 if PCB APC 24-05 or similar legislation is adopted in the same
288 legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.

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Remove line 6 and insert:

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Gaming Revenue Clearing Trust Fund within the Department of