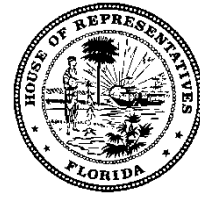




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Daniel Perez
*Speaker of the House of
Representatives*

June 13, 2025

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President of the Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on SB 2506, same being:

An act relating to Natural Resources.

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the House of Representatives recede from its Amendment 169279.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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<i>Senator Erin Grall</i>	<i>Senator Joe Gruters, At Large</i>
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<i>Senator Jonathan Martin</i>	<i>Senator Stan McClain</i>
<i>Senator Rosalind Osgood</i>	<i>Senator Kathleen Passidomo, At Large</i>
<i>Senator Jason W. B. Pizzo</i>	<i>Senator Tina Scott Polsky</i>
<i>Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez</i>	<i>Senator Darryl Ervin Rouson, At Large</i>
<i>Senator Barbara Sharief</i>	<i>Senator Corey Simon</i>
<i>Senator Carlos Guillermo Smith</i>	<i>Senator Keith L. Truenow</i>
<i>Senator Jay Trumbull</i>	<i>Senator Tom A. Wright</i>
<i>Senator Clay Yarborough</i>	

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<i>Representative Yvette Benarroch</i>	<i>Representative Dean Black</i>
<i>Representative Adam Botana</i>	<i>Representative Robert Charles Brannan III, At Large</i>
<i>Representative James Buchanan, At Large</i>	<i>Representative Jennifer Canady, At Large</i>
<i>Representative Joe Casello, At Large</i>	<i>Representative Hillary Cassel</i>
<i>Representative Kevin D. Chambliss, At Large</i>	<i>Representative Fentrice Driskell, At Large</i>
<i>Representative Wyman Duggan, At Large</i>	<i>Representative Lisa Dunkley</i>
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<i>Representative Christine Hunschofsky, At Large</i>	<i>Representative Traci Koster, At Large</i>
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Representative Meg Weinberger

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The Conference Committee Amendment for SB 2506, relating to Natural Resources, provides conforming changes necessary to implement the Senate's General Appropriations Act for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Specifically, the amendment amends s. 17.71, F.S., to remove the requirement that revenue sharing payments received by the state under the gaming compact be distributed to the trust fund.

The amendment amends s. 253.0251, F.S., to require that all applications for full fee simple acquisition projects identify, within their acquisition plans, why the project requires a full fee simple interest to achieve public policy goals, together with the reasons full title is determined to be necessary.

The amendment amends s. 259.032, F.S., to include water control districts existing pursuant to ch. 298, F.S., to those governmental entities that may contract with state agencies for land management activities.

The amendment amends s. 259.037(7), F.S. to modify the requirements of the land management report that the Land Management Uniform Accounting Council is required to submit.

The amendment amends s. 259.1055(6), F.S., relating to the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to enter into voluntarily agreements for environmental services to manage land, to remove the cross reference to s. 380.095, F.S.

The amendment repeals s. 260.0145, F.S., relating to the Local Trail Management Grant Program and amends s. 373.026, F.S., to conform a cross reference.

The amendment amends s. 373.1501, F.S., to provide a legislative declaration that acquiring land for water storage north of Lake Okeechobee is in the public interest, for a public purpose, and necessary for the public health and welfare and further provides that any acquisition of real property for a reservoir project constitutes a public purpose for which it is in the public interest to expend public funds. The amendment directs that any land necessary for implementing a reservoir project may only be acquired in accordance with law relating to acquisition of real property by a district and laws relating to eminent domain.

The amendment amends s. 380.093, F.S., to require as a Tier 1 criteria within the scoring system used by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to rank projects in the Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience plan the degree to which the project reduces the flood risk and, thereby, increases credits awards to a community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System.

The amendment repeals s. 380.095, F.S., relating to the distribution of gaming compact revenues.

The amendment amends s. 403.0673, F.S., to require the DEP to dedicate at least twenty-five percent of the funds to projects within a rural area of opportunity for the water quality improvement grant program. The amendment further requires the DEP to announce grant awards by November 1 of each fiscal year.

The amendment provides an effective date of July 1, 2025.