

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution encouraging One Water approaches to
3 integrating water supply, quality, protection, and
4 conservation that will support future growth and avoid
5 projected water supply shortages.

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7 WHEREAS, water is a vital resource essential for human
8 health, well-being, and economic prosperity, and

9 WHEREAS, this state's strong economy and unprecedented
10 growth has resulted in an increasing demand for water and has
11 increasingly impacted to this state's water resources, and

12 WHEREAS, the residents of this state place a premium on
13 clean water, springs, lakes, coastal estuaries, and other
14 environmental resources, and

15 WHEREAS, this state's spring, lake, estuary, and wetland
16 systems include some of the most productive and diverse
17 ecosystems in the world, and

18 WHEREAS, this state's waterways provide some of this
19 nation's best recreational destinations and support significant
20 commercial, recreational, and sustenance fisheries, and

21 WHEREAS, this state's national rank as a top three producer
22 of agricultural products and agricultural production depends on
23 adequate water supplies, and

24 WHEREAS, despite this state's strong water resource
25 protection framework, approximately 67 percent of this state is

26 | categorized as water resource caution areas, and more than 2,000
27 | water bodies are designated as impaired for water quality, and

28 | WHEREAS, historically, water management practices have
29 | addressed water supply, wastewater, and stormwater separately,
30 | leading to inefficiencies and missed opportunities for resource
31 | optimization, and

32 | WHEREAS, projected water shortages, water quality issues,
33 | and environmental impacts can be addressed through integrated
34 | planning, infrastructure investments, conservation, and
35 | integrated water resource management, and

36 | WHEREAS, the Florida One Water Commission, composed of a
37 | cross-section of stakeholders, supports a one-water approach to
38 | water resource management, and

39 | WHEREAS, this state's public water utilities and other
40 | water users are beginning to regionally manage all water
41 | resources in a way that balances demand, supply, and
42 | environmental protection, and

43 | WHEREAS, public water utilities and other users are
44 | increasingly turning to a one-water strategy, valuing all water
45 | through a collaborative and integrated systems approach to
46 | managing all fresh and brackish surface and groundwater,
47 | stormwater, wastewater, and recycled water in a holistic and
48 | sustainable manner that maintains ecosystems while providing
49 | reliable and resilient water resources that support economic,
50 | environmental, and public benefits, NOW, THEREFORE,

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52 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
53 Florida:

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55 That the House of Representatives encourages One Water
56 approaches to water resource management and the use of
57 collaborative, integrated, and resilience systems approaches to
58 planning for and funding water resource projects.