

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 1421 (2026)

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED _____ (Y/N)

ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION _____ (Y/N)

FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)

WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)

OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee
2 Representative Cross offered the following:

4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Remove lines 86-117 and insert:

6 the land managing entity must identify existing grazable lands
7 and consider whether leasing portions of the land to private
8 entities for cattle grazing is appropriate based on any
9 ecological, wildlife, and public recreation goals of such lands.
10 When determining such appropriateness, the managing entity must
11 consider, if such land were to be leased for cattle grazing, a
12 maximum stocking rate; grazing term, if not continuous; method
13 of animal containment; and sources of water and forage
14 available. Any lands determined to be appropriate for cattle
15 grazing must be described in the land management plan, and the
16 land managing entity must allow such lands to be leased for such

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purpose. Cattle grazing leases shall not allow the conversion of native wildlife habitat to improved pasture. If the land managing entity determines no portions of the land are appropriate for such leases, the entity must include an explanation for its determination in the land management plan.

(h) ~~(g)~~ The Division of State Lands shall make available to the public at least 30 days before the public hearing required by paragraph ~~(g)~~ ~~(f)~~ an electronic copy of each land management plan for parcels that exceed 160 acres in size and for parcels located within a state park. The division shall review each plan for compliance with the requirements of this subsection, the requirements of chapter 259, and the requirements of the rules adopted by the board of trustees pursuant to this section. The Acquisition and Restoration Council shall also consider the propriety of the recommendations of the managing entity with regard to the future use of the property, the protection of fragile or nonrenewable resources, the potential for alternative or multiple uses not recognized by the managing entity, and the possibility of disposal of the property by the board of trustees. After its review, the council shall submit the plan, along with its recommendations and comments, to the board of trustees. The council shall specifically recommend to the board of trustees whether to approve the plan as submitted, approve the plan with modifications, or reject the plan. If the council fails to make a recommendation for a land management plan, the

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42 Secretary of Environmental Protection, Commissioner of
43 Agriculture, or executive director of the Fish and Wildlife
44 Conservation Commission or their designees must submit the land
45 management plan to the board of trustees.

46 **Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 369.252, Florida
47 Statutes, is amended to read:**

48 369.252 Invasive plant control on public lands.—The Fish
49 and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall establish a program
50 to:

51 (3) Contract, or enter into agreements, with entities in
52 the State University System or other governmental or private
53 sector entities for research concerning control agents;
54 production and growth of biological control agents; and
55 development of workable methods for the eradication or
56 maintenance control of invasive exotic plants on public lands,
57 including the use of cattle grazing; and

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60 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

61 Remove lines 4-10 and insert:

62 entities to identify existing grazable lands and
63 consider whether leasing portions of such land to
64 private entities for cattle grazing is appropriate
65 based on certain goals; requiring land managing
66 entities to consider certain information when

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67 determining such appropriateness; providing
68 requirements for the land management plan if such
69 lands are determined to be appropriate for cattle
70 grazing; requiring land managing entities to allow
71 such lands to be leased for such purpose under certain
72 conditions; providing cattle grazing leases shall not
73 allow the conversion of native wildlife habitat to
74 improved pasture; providing a requirement for the land
75 management plan if no portions of such land are
76 appropriate for cattle grazing; amending s. 369.252,
77 F.S.; revising requirements for a Fish and Wildlife
78 Conservation Commission program to control invasive
79 plants; providing applicability; providing an
80 effective date.