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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (Mayfield)
recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 32 - 78
and insert:

Section 1. Present subsections (7) through (19) of section
253.0341, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (8)
through (20), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to
that section, to read:

253.0341 Surplus of state-owned lands.—

(7) At least 30 days before any meeting of the Acquisition



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and Restoration Council or board of trustees to review the proposed sale of conservation lands, the Division of State Lands must publish the following information on its website:

(a) The parcels of state-owned land for sale; and

(b) A statement from the division explaining why the lands are no longer needed for conservation purposes.

Section 2. Present paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (4) of section 253.42, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (d), (e), and (f), respectively, new paragraphs (b) and (c) are added to that subsection, and paragraph (a) of that subsection is amended, to read:

253.42 Board of trustees may exchange lands.—This section applies to all lands owned by, vested in, or titled in the name of the board of trustees whether the lands were acquired by the state as a purchase, or through gift, donation, or any other conveyance for which no consideration was paid.

(4) (a) A person who owns land contiguous to state-owned land titled to the board of trustees may submit a request to the Division of State Lands to exchange all or a portion of the privately owned land for all or a portion of the state-owned land, whereby the state retains a permanent conservation easement over all or a portion of the exchanged state-owned land and a permanent conservation easement over all or a portion of the exchanged privately owned land. State-owned land exchanged pursuant to this subsection must ~~shall~~ be contiguous to the privately owned land upon which the state retains a permanent conservation easement. Each parcel proposed for exchange pursuant to this subsection must have at least one appraisal that follows the appraisal criteria, techniques, and methods



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~~adopted by the board of trustees pursuant to s. 253.025(8)(e) If the division elects to proceed with a request, the division must submit the request to the Acquisition and Restoration Council for review and the council must provide recommendations to the division. If the division elects to forward a request to the board of trustees, the division must provide its recommendations and the recommendations of the council to the board. This subsection does not apply to state-owned sovereign submerged land.~~

(b) At least 30 days before any meeting of the Acquisition and Restoration Council or board of trustees to review the proposed land exchange of

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 5 - 16

and insert:

the Acquisition and Restoration Council or the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund meets to review the proposed sale of conservation lands; amending s. 253.42, F.S.; requiring that certain parcels proposed for exchange be appraised in accordance with certain criteria; deleting provisions requiring the division to submit certain requests to the council for review; deleting provisions requiring the division to provide certain recommendations to the board; requiring the division to publish certain information on its website before the council or the



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