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Senator Soto moved the following:

1           **Senate Amendment to Amendment (754392) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Delete lines 57 - 152  
5 and insert:

6           Section 7. (1) The nonrecurring sum of \$10 million is  
7 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of  
8 Economic Opportunity to provide a grant to Habitat for Humanity  
9 of Florida for the acquisition and rehabilitation or  
10 reconstruction of existing housing stock to provide affordable  
11 housing to low-income applicants. Habitat for Humanity of  
12 Florida may use up to 1 percent of the grant award for direct  
13 administrative costs.



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14           (2) Habitat for Humanity of Florida shall provide  
15 compliance and oversight for the grant award and shall:

16           (a) Provide to the Department of Economic Opportunity the  
17 name and contact information for the Habitat for Humanity of  
18 Florida compliance officer, to be updated within 10 business  
19 days after any change.

20           (b) Develop a request for proposals to be released to the  
21 58 Habitat for Humanity of Florida affiliates no later than 60  
22 days after the effective date of this act. The request for  
23 proposals shall be limited to projects that undertake the  
24 acquisition and rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing  
25 housing stock and provide affordable housing to low-income  
26 applicants.

27           (c) Use the grant award within 2 years, the start date of  
28 which is 30 days after the request for proposals is released to  
29 the 58 Habitat for Humanity of Florida affiliates.

30           (d) Provide the 58 Habitat for Humanity of Florida  
31 affiliates a minimum of 30 days to respond to the request for  
32 proposals.

33           (e) Establish a volunteer committee of at least six members  
34 from any of the 58 Habitat for Humanity of Florida affiliates to  
35 evaluate and rank project proposals received and determine  
36 project awards based on that evaluation and ranking.

37           1. Project awards shall be provided on a cost-reimbursement  
38 basis for work completed and paid for by the Habitat for  
39 Humanity of Florida affiliate for a qualifying home that was  
40 acquired and rehabilitated or reconstructed for a low-income  
41 applicant.

42           2. The Habitat for Humanity of Florida compliance officer



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43 is responsible for verifying that all project work is completed  
44 and has been paid for by the Habitat for Humanity of Florida  
45 affiliate before a cost reimbursement.

46 3. A Habitat for Humanity of Florida affiliate may not  
47 receive cost reimbursements in excess of 10 percent of the total  
48 appropriation, except that an affiliate may receive cost  
49 reimbursements in excess of 10 percent during the second year if  
50 the only project proposals remaining are from Habitat for  
51 Humanity of Florida affiliates that have reached the 10-percent  
52 cap.

53 (f) Provide technical support and assistance for the use of  
54 grant award funds by the Habitat for Humanity of Florida  
55 affiliates, which shall not exceed 2 percent of the grant award.

56 (g) Submit a quarterly progress report to the Department of  
57 Economic Opportunity within 30 days after the end of each  
58 quarter until all grant award funds have been expended. The  
59 quarterly progress report shall include, but need not be limited  
60 to:

61 1. Events occurring during the quarter, or anticipated to  
62 occur in the near future, which affect the ability of Habitat  
63 for Humanity of Florida to use the grant award for the intended  
64 purpose pursuant to this section.

65 2. Action plans for addressing any policy and  
66 administrative issues.

67 3. Habitat for Humanity of Florida efforts related to  
68 collecting and verifying data.

69 4. Data collected and verified, such as the number of  
70 existing housing stock acquired and rehabilitated or  
71 reconstructed for the quarter and to date, the number of



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72 requests for proposals received, and income data on applicants  
73 who are using the provided housing.

74 5. Grant award data disaggregated by recipient and  
75 activity, such as technical support and assistance, direct  
76 administrative costs, housing acquisition, and housing  
77 rehabilitation or reconstruction.

78 6. Activities related to technical support and assistance.

79 7. The name of each volunteer committee member and his or  
80 her Habitat for Humanity of Florida affiliate.

81 8. Progress toward meeting the goal of spending the full  
82 grant award within 2 years, the start date of which is 30 days  
83 after the request for proposals is released to the 58 Habitat  
84 for Humanity of Florida affiliates.

85 (h) Submit annually by September 1 to the Department of  
86 Economic Opportunity a financial audit performed by an  
87 independent certified public accountant for the most recently  
88 completed fiscal year which establishes that no material  
89 weaknesses or instances of material noncompliance exist.

90 (3) The Department of Economic Opportunity shall submit a  
91 copy of each financial audit from Habitat for Humanity of  
92 Florida to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
93 House of Representatives within 15 days after its receipt.

94 (4) Any funds that are not expended or encumbered by June  
95 30, 2015, and any funds that were deemed encumbered on June 30,  
96 2015, and not expended by September 30, 2015, shall be repaid by  
97 Habitat for Humanity of Florida to the Department of Financial  
98 Services for deposit into the State Housing Trust Fund within  
99 the Department of Economic Opportunity. A final audit shall be  
100 submitted to the Department of Economic Opportunity by January



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101 30, 2016, for any expenditures made after June 30, 2015.

102       Section 8. The nonrecurring sum of \$10 million is  
103 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of  
104 Economic Opportunity for transfer to the Florida Housing Finance  
105 Corporation for foreclosure counseling programs.

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107 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

108 And the title is amended as follows:

109       Delete line 301

110 and insert:

111       Finance Corporation to provide funding for foreclosure  
112       counseling programs; providing an appropriation from  
113       the General Revenue Fund to the Florida Housing  
114       Finance Corporation to provide funding to reduce rents