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The Committee on Appropriations (Simmons) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Substitute Amendment (934000) (with**
2 **title amendment)**

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4 Between lines 186 and 187
5 insert:

6 Section 2. Section 373.4598, Florida Statutes, is created
7 to read:

8 373.4598 Water storage reservoirs.—

9 (1) The C-51 reservoir project is a water storage facility
10 as defined in s. 373.475. The C-51 reservoir project is located



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11 in western Palm Beach County south of the Lake Okeechobee and
12 consists of in-ground reservoirs and conveyance structures that
13 will provide water supply and water management benefits to
14 participating water supply utilities and will also provide
15 environmental benefits by reducing freshwater discharges to tide
16 and making water available for natural systems.

17 (2) Phase I of the project will provide approximately
18 14,000 acre-feet of storage and will hydraulically connect to
19 the district's L-8 Flow Equalization Basin. Phase II of the
20 project will provide approximately 46,000 acre-feet of water
21 storage, for a total increase of 60,000 acre-feet of water
22 storage.

23 (3) For Phase II of the C-51 reservoir project, the
24 district may negotiate with the owners of the C-51 reservoir
25 project site for the acquisition of the project or to enter into
26 a public-private partnership. The district may acquire land near
27 the C-51 reservoir through the purchase or exchange of land that
28 is owned by the district or the state as necessary to implement
29 Phase II of the project. The state and the district may consider
30 potential swaps of land owned by the state or the district to
31 achieve an optimal combination of water quality and water
32 storage. The district may not exercise eminent domain for the
33 purpose of implementing the C-51 reservoir project.

34 (4) If state funds are appropriated for Phase I or Phase II
35 of the C-51 reservoir project:

36 (a) The district shall operate the reservoir to maximize
37 the reduction of high-volume Lake Okeechobee regulatory releases
38 to the St. Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in addition to
39 providing relief to the Lake Worth Lagoon;



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40 (b) Water made available by the reservoir shall be used for
41 natural systems in addition to any allocated amounts for water
42 supply; and

43 (c) Any water received from Lake Okeechobee may not be
44 available to support consumptive use permits.

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

47 And the title is amended as follows:

48 Delete line 254

49 and insert:

50 report; creating s. 373.4598, F.S.; providing details
51 on the C-51 reservoir project; authorizing the
52 district to negotiate with the owners of the C-51
53 reservoir project site; providing requirements for the
54 C-51 reservoir project; authorizing the district to
55 purchase land near the reservoir for a specified goal;
56 authorizing the state and the district to consider
57 potential swaps of land under certain circumstances;
58 prohibiting the district from exercising eminent
59 domain for the purpose of implementing the project;
60 providing requirements if state funds are appropriated
61 for the project; providing appropriations; providing
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