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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Infrastructure and Security (Hutson)  
recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

Delete lines 457 - 476

and insert:

(19) PROTECT WILD DOLPHINS LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a Protect Wild Dolphins  
license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida"  
must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Protect Wild  
Dolphins" may appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to, and



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administered by, the One Ocean One Health Research and Conservation Institute ~~the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc.,~~ to fund wild dolphins related research. The One Ocean One Health Research and Conservation Institute ~~Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc.,~~ shall distribute available resources for statewide research on ~~of the~~ wild Florida bottlenose ~~Dolphin~~ dolphins. Up to 10 ~~15~~ percent of the funds received by the One Ocean One Health Research and Conservation Institute ~~Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc.,~~ may be expended for administrative costs directly associated with the management of specialty license plate funds and operations of the institute ~~institution~~. Up to 10 percent of the funds distributed may be used by the One Ocean One Health Research and Conservation Institute ~~Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc.,~~ for continuing promotion and marketing of the license plate. The One Ocean One Health Research and Conservation Institute shall distribute a minimum of 35 percent of the funds to organizations in this state which are authorized to respond to marine mammal events and to conduct population studies of Florida dolphins. The remainder of the funds must be used by the One Ocean One Health Research and Conservation Institute to collect, analyze, and archive scientific data regarding the wild dolphin population in Florida waters; provide care and assistance to stranded wild dolphins; distribute information to the scientific community, federal, state, and local government agencies, educational institutions, and the public for the purpose of protecting and preserving wild dolphins; individually identify wild dolphins through a photographic identification program; and advance the research



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technology associated with tracking and categorizing wild dolphins including support for the Gulf of Mexico Dolphin Identification System.

(c) The Auditor General may examine any records of the One Ocean One Health Research and Conservation Institute ~~Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc.,~~ and any other organization that receives funds from the sale of this plate, to determine compliance with law.

~~(31) AMERICAN RED CROSS LICENSE PLATES.—~~

~~(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 320.08053, the department shall develop an American Red Cross license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "American Red Cross" must appear at the bottom of the plate.~~

~~(b) The department shall retain all revenues from the sale of such plates until all startup costs for developing and issuing the plates have been recovered. Thereafter, 50 percent of the annual use fees shall be distributed to the American Red Cross Chapter of Central Florida, with statistics on sales of license plates, which are tabulated by county. The American Red Cross Chapter of Central Florida must distribute to each of the chapters in this state the moneys received from sales in the counties covered by the respective chapters, which moneys must be used for education and disaster relief in Florida. Fifty percent of the annual use fees shall be distributed proportionately to the three statewide approved poison control centers for purposes of combating bioterrorism and other poison-related purposes.~~

(33) ~~(34)~~ PROTECT FLORIDA WHALES LICENSE PLATES.—



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(a) The department shall develop a Protect Florida Whales license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida" shall appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Protect Florida Whales" shall appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the One Ocean One Health Research and Conservation Institute ~~Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc.~~, to fund statewide whale research, rehabilitation, conservation, and education programs. Up to 10 ~~15~~ percent of the funds received by the institute ~~institution~~ may be used for administrative costs directly associated with the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution's Marine Mammal Research and Conservation program and operation of the institute and the management of this specialty license plate funds ~~funding~~. Up to 10 percent of the funds may be used for continuing promotion and marketing of the license plate. The One Ocean One Health Research and Conservation Institute shall distribute 35 percent of the funds to organizations in this state which are authorized to respond to marine mammal stranding events and conduct population and acoustic studies of Florida's critically endangered North Atlantic Right whales. Ten percent of the funds shall be distributed to the Wyland Foundation, Inc., and used specifically to conduct educational programs in this state which promote conservation of Florida marine mammals. The remainder of the funds shall be used by the One Ocean One Health Research and Conservation Institute to collect, analyze, and archive scientific data regarding whale populations that inhabit, utilize, or migrate in state waters; provide care and assistance to stranded whales; construct and maintain a Harbor-Branch-based teaching marine mammal hospital; train veterinary



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students in the rescue, medical and rehabilitation treatment,  
and release and postrelease monitoring of stranded whales;  
distribute information for the purpose of protecting and  
preserving whales; identify whale populations; conduct  
scientific research through genetic, telemetry, bioacoustical,  
and photographic identification research programs; advance the  
research technology associated with tracking, monitoring, and  
categorizing whales; develop methods of monitoring whale  
movements; or ~~and~~ provide for methods of early-warning detection  
systems and advance notification that will help prevent  
accidental boat strikes in state waters.

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And the directory clause is amended as follows:

Delete lines 429 - 430

and insert:

Section 7. Subsections (7), (19), and (31), present  
subsections (34), (48), (57), and (65), paragraph (b) of present  
subsection (66),

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

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 35 - 37

and insert:

the Special Olympics Florida license plate; revising  
requirements for the distribution and use of proceeds  
from the sale of the Protect Wild Dolphins license  
plate; deleting provisions requiring the department to  
develop the American Red Cross license plate; revising



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127 requirements for the distribution and use of proceeds  
128 from the sale of the Protect Florida Whales license  
129 plate; revising the