

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2025 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

SB 1228 — Spring Restoration

by Senator McClain

The bill allows a domestic wastewater facility with an approved plan to eliminate nonbeneficial surface water discharges to request to amend the plan to incorporate a reclaimed water project identified in an Outstanding Florida Springs recovery or prevention strategy. The Department of Environmental Protection must approve the request within 60 days if the following conditions are met:

- The identified use of reclaimed water will benefit a rural area of opportunity.
- The project will provide at least 35 million gallons per day of reclaimed water to benefit an Outstanding Florida Spring.
- The project involves more than one domestic wastewater treatment facility.
- The project implementation and surface water discharge elimination schedule meets the minimum flows and minimum water levels requirements for Outstanding Florida Springs and has an implementation date of no later than January 1, 2039.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2025.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 109-0