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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to rulemaking authority with  
3           respect to land acquisition (RAB); amending s.  
4           259.035, F.S.; authorizing the Land Acquisition  
5           and Management Advisory Council to establish  
6           multiple lists of projects selected for  
7           acquisition each year; providing an effective  
8           date.

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10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
13   259.035, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14           259.035 Advisory council; powers and duties.--

15           (2)(a) The council shall, by the time of the first  
16   board meeting in February of each year and at additional times  
17   during the year as deemed necessary by the council, establish  
18   or update a list of acquisition projects selected for purchase  
19   pursuant to this chapter. In scoring potential projects for  
20   inclusion on the acquisition list, the council shall give  
21   greater consideration to projects that can serve as corridors  
22   between lands already in public ownership or under management  
23   for conservation and recreational purposes. Acquisition  
24   projects shall be ranked, in order of priority, individually  
25   as a single group or individually within up to 10 separate  
26   groups. The council shall submit to the board of trustees,  
27   together with its list of acquisition projects, a Conservation  
28   and Recreation Lands report. For each project on an  
29   acquisition list, the council shall include in its report the  
30   stated purpose for acquiring the project, an identification of  
31   the essential parcel or parcels within the project without

1 which the project cannot be properly managed, an  
2 identification of those projects or parcels within projects  
3 which should be acquired in fee simple or in other than fee  
4 simple, an explanation of the reasons why the council selected  
5 a particular acquisition technique, a management policy  
6 statement for the project, a management prospectus pursuant to  
7 s. 259.032(9)(b), an estimate of land value based on county  
8 tax assessed values, a map delineating project boundaries, a  
9 brief description of the important natural and cultural  
10 resources to be protected, preacquisition planning and  
11 budgeting, coordination with other public and nonprofit  
12 public-lands acquisition programs, a preliminary statement of  
13 the extent and nature of public use, an interim management  
14 budget, and designation of a management agency or agencies.  
15 The Department of Environmental Protection shall prepare the  
16 information required by this section for each acquisition  
17 project selected for purchase pursuant to this chapter. In  
18 addition, the department shall prepare, by July 1 of each  
19 year, an acquisition work plan for each project on the  
20 acquisition list for which funds will be available for  
21 acquisition during the fiscal year. The work plan need not  
22 disclose any information that is required by this chapter or  
23 chapter 253 to remain confidential.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
25 law.

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28 SENATE SUMMARY

29 Authorizes the Land Acquisition and Management Advisory  
30 Council to establish multiple lists of projects each  
31 year.