Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

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11	Representative(s) Sorensen offered the following:
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13	Amendment to Amendment (925427) (with title amendment)
14	On page 23, between lines 12 and 13, of the amendment
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16	insert:
17	Section 5. Subsections (1) and (2) of section
18	163.3181, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
19	163.3181 Public participation in the comprehensive
20	planning process; intent; alternative dispute resolution
21	(1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the
22	public participate in the comprehensive planning process and
23	the land use decision process at the earliest possible point
24	and to the fullest extent possible. Towards this end, local
25	planning agencies and local governmental units are directed to
26	adopt procedures designed to provide effective public
27	participation in the comprehensive planning process and to
28	provide real property owners with notice of all official
29	actions which will regulate the use of their property. The
30	provisions and procedures required in this act are set out as
31	the minimum requirements towards this end.

- (2) (a) Prior to and during consideration of the proposed plan or amendments thereto, or of development orders requiring a public hearing pursuant to local ordinance, by the local planning agency or by the local governing body, the procedures shall provide for broad dissemination of the proposals and alternatives, opportunity for written comments, public hearings as provided herein, provisions for open discussion, communications programs, information services, and consideration of and response to public comments.
- (b) Local governments shall include in their citizen participation procedures a requirement that public notice be given within 15 days after application, and be user-friendly. Formal public hearing notice shall be modified to clearly identify in plain language the nature of the amendment or application under consideration.
- (c) Conspicuous signs that are located on site and consistent with local sign ordinances shall also be a requirement in citizen participation procedures for all site specific future land use map amendments requiring a public hearing. Local governments shall determine the information required. The applicant shall bear the cost of any required signs.
- (d) Local governments shall include in their citizen participation procedures a requirement that applicants for comprehensive plan amendments articulate a citizen involvement plan at the time of the application. The department may develop technical assistance documents on citizen participation plans.
- (e) The department shall develop best management practices to increase citizen involvement and articulate how local governments will achieve their citizen participation

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1	goals throughout the planning and development review
2	processes. These best management practices shall:
3	1. Encourage local governments to use plain language
4	in all notices.
5	2. Encourage local governments to develop citizen
6	involvement plans.
7	3. Recommend additional forms of notice beyond
8	traditional legal notices in the local newspaper.
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L1	========= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ==========
L2	And the title is amended as follows:
L3	On page 110, between lines 8 and 9, of the amendment
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L5	insert:
L6	amending s. 163.3181, F.S.; revising provisions
L7	relating to public participation in the
L8	comprehensive planning process; providing
L9	requirements for local governments' citizen
20	participation procedures; providing for
21	assistance from the department;
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