Bill No. CS for SB 1922 Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ Barcode 925018 CHAMBER ACTION Senate House 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 Senator Bronson moved the following amendment: 12 13 Senate Amendment (with title amendment) On page 43, between lines 26 and 27, 14 15 16 insert: 17 Section 46. Section 570.085, Florida Statutes, is 18 created to read: 570.085 Department of Agriculture and Consumer 19 20 Services; agricultural water conservation. -- The department shall establish an agricultural water conservation program 21 22 that includes the following: (1) A cost share program, coordinated where 23 24 appropriate with the United States Department of Agriculture 25 and other federal, state, regional, and local agencies, for 26 irrigation system retrofit and application of mobile 27 irrigation laboratory evaluations for water conservation as provided in this section and, where applicable, for water 28 quality improvement pursuant to s. 403.067(7)(d). 29 30 (2) The development and implementation of voluntary interim measures or best management practices, adopted by 31 1

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rule, which provide for increased efficiencies in the use and 1 2 management of water for agricultural production. In the 3 process of developing and adopting rules for interim measures 4 or best management practices, the department shall consult with the Department of Environmental Protection and the water 5 6 management districts. Such rules may also include a system to 7 assure the implementation of the practices, including recordkeeping requirements. As new information regarding 8 efficient agricultural water use and management becomes 9 10 available, the department shall reevaluate and revise as 11 needed, the interim measures or best management practices. 12 The interim measures or best management practices may include 13 irrigation retrofit, implementation of mobile irrigation 14 laboratory evaluations and recommendations, water resource 15 augmentation, and integrated water management systems for 16 drought management and flood control and should, to the 17 maximum extent practicable, be designed to qualify for 18 regulatory incentives and other incentives, as determined by the agency having applicable statutory authority. 19 (3) Provision of assistance to the water management 20 21 districts in the development and implementation of a consistent, to the extent practicable, methodology for the 22 efficient allocation of water for agricultural irrigation. 23 24 25 (Redesignate subsequent sections.) 26 27 28 And the title is amended as follows: 29 30 On page 4, line 21, following the semicolon 31

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