

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House Comm: TP 3/13/2008

The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation (Saunders) recommended the following substitute for amendment (932140):

Senate Amendment

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Between line(s) 1509 and 1510 and insert:

Section 23. Section 377.950, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

377.950 .--Greenhouse Gas Registry and Inventory--

(1) The legislature declares its support for this State's participation in the Climate Registry which Florida joined as a founding member in May 2007. The Climate Registry is an international organization of, as of November 7, 2007, 40 states, plus the District of Columbia, four Native American

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Tribes, four Canadian Provinces and one Mexican State with the common goal of developing and managing a greenhouse gas reporting system with high integrity that is capable of supporting various greenhouse gas emission reporting and reduction polices for our member states and other reporting entities. It will provide an accurate, transparent, and verified set of greenhouse gas emission data from reporting entities, supported by a robust accounting and verification infrastructure. As such, it will greatly assist Florida in developing its own registry.

- (2) The Department of Environmental Protection shall maintain a greenhouse gas registry and inventory. Reporting to the Department shall be mandatory for all of state government and all utilities operating in the State. Reporting shall be optional for county governments and all other businesses. The Department shall seek ways to assist local governments, counties and businesses to voluntarily participate in the Department's registry and inventory.
- (3) The Department shall have rule making authority to adopt and implement methodologies for the recording and monitoring of emissions of greenhouse gas and to maintain a ledger to record reductions in such emissions.

Section 24. Section 377.975, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

377.975 .-- Greenhouse Gas Emission Targets.--

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the initial greenhouse gas emission targets established in this section are to provide guidance in Florida's long term response to global



warming. As such, no specific implementing policies to achieve greenhouse gas emission reductions are statutorily specified.

- (2) The State's initial long-term reduction targets for greenhouse gas emissions are as follows:
 - a) by 2020 achieve 2000 emission levels,
 - b) by 2030 achieve 1990 emission levels, and
 - c) by 2050 achieve 80% below 1990 levels
- (3) The targets established in section are subject to review in 2013. Such review will require the Legislature to reassess the relevant concepts, science, economics, and state policies to determine if such targets should be changed, and, if so, what the new targets should be.

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(Renumber subsequent sections)