

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House Comm: RS 3/13/2008

The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation (Saunders) recommended the following amendment to amendment (866008):

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1509 and 1510, insert:

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Section 23. Part V of chapter 377, Florida Statutes, consisting of sections 377.950 and 377.975, 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 this state 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, which has the common goal of developing and managing a greenhouse gas reporting system of high integrity which is capable of supporting various policies for reporting and reducing greenhouse gas emissions of the member states and other reporting entities. The climate registry will provide an accurate, transparent, and verified set of data concerning greenhouse gas emissions from reporting entities which is supported by a robust accounting and verification infrastructure. As such, the registry will greatly assist this state in developing its own registry.

- The Department of Environmental Protection shall maintain a greenhouse gas registry and inventory. Reporting to the department is mandatory for all agencies of the state and all utilities operating in this state. Reporting data by counties and private businesses is discretionary. 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 may adopt rules to implement methodologies for recording and monitoring emissions of greenhouse gases and for maintaining a ledger to record reductions in such emissions.
 - 377.957 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 this state's long-term response to global warming. As such, no specific implementing policies to achieve

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44 greenhouse gas emission reductions are statutorily specified. The appropriate mechanism to develop such polices is by the 45 46 Florida Energy Commission using a consensus-based, stakeholder-47 driven process. 48 (2) This state's initial long-term reduction targets for 49 greenhouse gas emissions are as follows: 50 (a) By 2020 achieve 2000 emission levels; (b) By 2030 achieve 1990 emission levels; and 51 52 (c) By 2050 achieve 80 percent below 1990 levels.

- The targets established in this section are subject to review in 2013. The Florida Energy Commission and the Legislature shall reassess the relevant concepts, science, economics, and state policies in order to determine if the targets should be changed and, if so, what the new targets should be.
- (4) Starting in 2014, the Florida Energy Commission shall provide an annual assessment report on the progress being made in achieving the emission-reduction targets. Such assessment report will be provided to the Legislature as part of the commission's annual report to the Legislature due by December 31 of each year.

66 Redesignate subsequent sections.

======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

On line 2089, after the semicolon,



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creating part V of ch. 377, F.S.; providing legislative intent; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to maintain a greenhouse gas registry and inventory; requiring all agencies of the state to report greenhouse gas data to the department; making reporting greenhouse gas data by counties and private businesses discretionary; requiring the department to assist local governments, counties, and businesses to voluntarily participate in the department's registry and inventory; authorizing the department to adopt rules; setting the state's initial long-term reduction targets for greenhouse gas emissions; providing that the initial long-term reduction targets are subject to review in 2013; requiring the Florida Energy Commission to issue an annual assessment report on the progress being made in achieving the emission-reduction targets;