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Senator Gaetz moved the following:

Delete lines 411 - 540

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

and insert: Section 4. Subsection (14) of section 403.503, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 403.503 Definitions relating to Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act.-As used in this act: (14) "Electrical power plant" means, for the purpose of 12 certification, any steam or solar electrical generating facility

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13 using any process or fuel, including nuclear materials, except 14 that this term does not include any steam or solar electrical 15 generating facility of less than 75 megawatts in capacity unless the applicant for such a facility elects to apply for 16 certification under this act. This term also includes the site; 17 18 all associated facilities that will be owned by the applicant 19 that are physically connected to the site; all associated facilities that are indirectly connected to the site by other 20 21 proposed associated facilities that will be owned by the 22 applicant; and associated transmission lines that will be owned 23 by the applicant which connect the electrical power plant to an 24 existing transmission network or rights-of-way to which the 25 applicant intends to connect. At the applicant's option, this 26 term may include any offsite associated facilities that will not 27 be owned by the applicant; offsite associated facilities that 28 are owned by the applicant but that are not directly connected 29 to the site; any proposed terminal or intermediate substations or substation expansions connected to the associated 30 31 transmission line; or new transmission lines, upgrades, or 32 improvements of an existing transmission line on any portion of 33 the applicant's electrical transmission system necessary to 34 support the generation injected into the system from the 35 proposed electrical power plant.

36 Section 5. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 525.09, 37 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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525.09 Inspection fee.-

39 (1) For the purpose of defraying the expenses incident to
40 inspecting, testing, and analyzing petroleum fuels in this
41 state, there shall be paid to the department a charge of one-

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42	eighth cent per gallon on all gasoline, <u>alternative fuel</u>
43	containing alcohol as defined in s. 525.01(1)(c)1. or 2.,
44	kerosene <u>that is not</u> <del>(except when</del> used as aviation turbine
45	fuel $ ightarrow$ , and #1 fuel oil for sale or use in this state. This
46	inspection fee shall be imposed in the same manner as the motor
47	fuel tax pursuant to s. 206.41. Payment shall be made on or
48	before the 25th day of each month.
49	(3) All remittances to the department for the inspection
50	tax herein provided shall be accompanied by a detailed report
51	under oath showing the number of gallons of gasoline,
52	alternative fuel containing alcohol as defined in s.
53	525.01(1)(c)1. or 2., kerosene, or fuel oil sold and delivered
54	in each county.
55	Section 6. (1) The Florida Energy and Climate Commission
56	shall prepare a report that:
57	(a) Identifies methods of increasing energy-efficiency
58	practices among low-income households as defined in ss. 420.9071
59	and 421.03, Florida Statutes. The commission shall, at a
60	minimum, identify energy-efficiency programs that are currently
61	offered to low-income households by community action agencies,
62	community-based organizations, and utility companies in this
63	state and similar programs that are offered to low-income
64	households in other states.
65	(b) Determines the statewide impact of improving the level
66	of the energy efficiency of rental housing stock, including, but
67	not limited to, the environmental benefits of such improvements
68	and the potential fiscal impact with respect to property
69	tenants, owners, and landlords and to the economy. The
70	commission shall consider the relative equity and economic

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71 efficiency of the cost-share for such energy-efficiency 72 improvements. 73 (c) Provides recommendations for implementing energy-74 efficiency practices among residents of low-income households. 75 (2) The commission shall submit the report to the President 76 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by 77 December 1, 2009. 78 Section 7. Paragraph (ccc) of subsection (7) of section 79 212.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 80 212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and 81 storage tax; specified exemptions.-The sale at retail, the 82 rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the 83 storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following 84 are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this 85 chapter. 86 (7) MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS.-Exemptions provided to any 87 entity by this chapter do not inure to any transaction that is otherwise taxable under this chapter when payment is made by a 88 89 representative or employee of the entity by any means, 90 including, but not limited to, cash, check, or credit card, even when that representative or employee is subsequently reimbursed 91 92 by the entity. In addition, exemptions provided to any entity by 93 this subsection do not inure to any transaction that is 94 otherwise taxable under this chapter unless the entity has 95 obtained a sales tax exemption certificate from the department 96 or the entity obtains or provides other documentation as 97 required by the department. Eligible purchases or leases made with such a certificate must be in strict compliance with this 98 99 subsection and departmental rules, and any person who makes an

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exempt purchase with a certificate that is not in strict compliance with this subsection and the rules is liable for and shall pay the tax. The department may adopt rules to administer this subsection.

104 (ccc) Equipment, machinery, and other materials for 105 renewable energy technologies.-

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1. As used in this paragraph, the term:

a. "Biodiesel" means the mono-alkyl esters of long-chain
fatty acids derived from plant or animal matter for use as a
source of energy and meeting the specifications for biodiesel
and biodiesel blends with petroleum products as adopted by the
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Biodiesel may
refer to biodiesel blends designated BXX, where XX represents
the volume percentage of biodiesel fuel in the blend.

b. "Ethanol" means an anhydrous denatured alcohol produced
by the conversion of carbohydrates meeting the specifications
for fuel ethanol and fuel ethanol blends with petroleum products
as adopted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
Services. Ethanol may refer to fuel ethanol blends designated
EXX, where XX represents the volume percentage of fuel ethanol
in the blend.

121 c. "Hydrogen fuel cells" means equipment using hydrogen or 122 a hydrogen-rich fuel in an electrochemical process to generate 123 energy, electricity, or the transfer of heat.

124 2. The sale or use of the following in the state is exempt 125 from the tax imposed by this chapter:

a. Hydrogen-powered vehicles, materials incorporated into
hydrogen-powered vehicles, and hydrogen-fueling stations, up to
a limit of \$2 million in tax each state fiscal year for all

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129 taxpayers.

b. Commercial stationary hydrogen fuel cells, up to a limitof \$1 million in tax each state fiscal year for all taxpayers.

c. Materials used in the distribution of biodiesel (B10B100) and ethanol (E10-E100), including fueling infrastructure,
transportation, and storage, up to a limit of \$1 million in tax
each state fiscal year for all taxpayers. Gasoline fueling
station pump retrofits for ethanol (E10-E100) distribution
qualify for the exemption provided in this sub-subparagraph.

3. The Florida Energy <u>Office</u> and <u>Climate Commission</u> shall
provide to the department a list of items eligible for the
exemption provided in this paragraph.

4.a. The exemption provided in this paragraph shall be 141 142 available to a purchaser only through a refund of previously paid taxes. An eligible item is subject to refund one time. A 143 person who has received a refund on an eligible item shall 144 145 notify the next purchaser of the item that such item is no longer eligible for a refund of paid taxes. This notification 146 147 shall be provided to each subsequent purchaser on the sales 148 invoice or other proof of purchase.

b. To be eligible to receive the exemption provided in this paragraph, a purchaser shall file an application with the Florida Energy <u>Office</u> and <u>Climate Commission</u>. The application shall be developed by the Florida Energy <u>Office</u> and <u>Climate</u> <del>Commission</del>, in consultation with the department, and shall require:

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(I) The name and address of the person claiming the refund.

(II) A specific description of the purchase for which arefund is sought, including, when applicable, a serial number or

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158 other permanent identification number.

(III) The sales invoice or other proof of purchase showing the amount of sales tax paid, the date of purchase, and the name and address of the sales tax dealer from whom the property was purchased.

(IV) A sworn statement that the information provided is accurate and that the requirements of this paragraph have been met.

166 c. Within 30 days after receipt of an application, the 167 Florida Energy Office and Climate Commission shall review the 168 application and shall notify the applicant of any deficiencies. 169 Upon receipt of a completed application, the Florida Energy 170 Office and Climate Commission shall evaluate the application for 171 exemption and issue a written certification that the applicant is eligible for a refund or issue a written denial of such 172 173 certification within 60 days after receipt of the application. The Florida Energy Office and Climate Commission shall provide 174 the department with a copy of each certification issued upon 175 176 approval of an application.

d. Each certified applicant shall be responsible for
forwarding a certified copy of the application and copies of all
required documentation to the department within 6 months after
certification by the Florida Energy <u>Office</u> and <u>Climate</u>
<del>Commission</del>.

e. A refund approved pursuant to this paragraph shall bemade within 30 days after formal approval by the department.

f. The Florida Energy <u>Office</u> and <u>Climate Commission</u> may
adopt the form for the application for a certificate,
requirements for the content and format of information submitted

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187 to the Florida Energy <u>Office</u> and <u>Climate Commission</u> in support 188 of the application, other procedural requirements, and criteria 189 by which the application will be determined by rule. The 190 department may adopt all other rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) 191 and 120.54 to administer this paragraph, including rules 192 establishing additional forms and procedures for claiming this 193 exemption.

194 g. The Florida Energy <u>Office</u> and <u>Climate Commission</u> shall 195 be responsible for ensuring that the total amounts of the 196 exemptions authorized do not exceed the limits as specified in 197 subparagraph 2.

198 5. The Florida Energy <u>Office</u> and <u>Climate Commission</u> shall
199 determine and publish on a regular basis the amount of sales tax
200 funds remaining in each fiscal year.

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6. This paragraph expires July 1, 2010.

202 Section 8. Subsections (3) and (8) of section 220.192, 203 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

204 220.192 Renewable energy technologies investment tax 205 credit.-

206 (3) CORPORATE APPLICATION PROCESS.-Any corporation wishing 207 to obtain tax credits available under this section must submit to the Florida Energy Office and Climate Commission an 208 209 application for tax credit that includes a complete description 210 of all eligible costs for which the corporation is seeking a 211 credit and a description of the total amount of credits sought. 212 The Florida Energy Office and Climate Commission shall make a 213 determination on the eligibility of the applicant for the credits sought and certify the determination to the applicant 214 215 and the Department of Revenue. The corporation must attach the

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Florida Energy Office's and Climate Commission's certification 216 217 to the tax return on which the credit is claimed. The Florida 218 Energy Office and Climate Commission shall be responsible for 219 ensuring that the corporate income tax credits granted in each fiscal year do not exceed the limits provided for in this 220 221 section. The Florida Energy Office and Climate Commission is 222 authorized to adopt the necessary rules, guidelines, and 223 application materials for the application process.

(8) PUBLICATION.—The Florida Energy <u>Office</u> and <u>Climate</u>
 Commission shall determine and publish on a regular basis the
 amount of available tax credits remaining in each fiscal year.

227 Section 9. Subsections (5) and (7) of section 288.1089, 228 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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288.1089 Innovation Incentive Program.-

(5) Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall evaluate proposals for innovation incentive awards and transmit recommendations for awards to the office. Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall solicit comments and recommendations from the Florida Energy <u>Office</u> and <u>Climate Commission</u> for alternative and renewable energy project proposals. Such evaluation and recommendation must include, but need not be limited to:

(a) A description of the project, its required facilities,
and the associated product, service, or research and development
associated with the project.

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(b) The percentage of match provided for the project.

(c) The number of full-time equivalent jobs that will be created by the project, the total estimated average annual wages of such jobs, and the types of business activities and jobs likely to be stimulated by the project.

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(d) The cumulative investment to be dedicated to the project within 5 years and the total investment expected in the project if more than 5 years.

(e) The projected economic and fiscal impacts on the localand state economies relative to investment.

(f) A statement of any special impacts the project is expected to stimulate in a particular business sector in the state or regional economy or in the state's universities and community colleges.

(g) A statement of any anticipated or proposedrelationships with state universities.

(h) A statement of the role the incentive is expected to play in the decision of the applicant to locate or expand in this state.

(i) A recommendation and explanation of the amount of the
award needed to cause the applicant to expand or locate in this
state.

(j) A discussion of the efforts and commitments made by the local community in which the project is to be located to induce the applicant's location or expansion, taking into consideration local resources and abilities.

(k) A recommendation for specific performance criteria the applicant would be expected to achieve in order to receive payments from the fund and penalties or sanctions for failure to meet or maintain performance conditions.

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(1) For a research and development facility project:

1. A description of the extent to which the project has the
potential to serve as catalyst for an emerging or evolving
cluster.



274 2. A description of the extent to which the project has or 275 could have a long-term collaborative research and development 276 relationship with one or more universities or community colleges 277 in this state.

3. A description of the existing or projected impact of theproject on established clusters or targeted industry sectors.

4. A description of the project's contribution to the
diversity and resiliency of the innovation economy of this
state.

283 5. A description of the project's impact on special needs
284 communities, including, but not limited to, rural areas,
285 distressed urban areas, and enterprise zones.

286 (7) Upon receipt of the evaluation and recommendation from 287 Enterprise Florida, Inc., and from the Florida Energy Office and 288 Climate Commission for alternative and renewable energy project 289 proposals, the director shall recommend to the Governor the 290 approval or disapproval of an award. In recommending approval of 291 an award, the director shall include proposed performance 292 conditions that the applicant must meet in order to obtain 293 incentive funds and any other conditions that must be met before 294 the receipt of any incentive funds. The Governor shall consult 295 with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of 296 Representatives before giving approval for an award. Upon 297 approval of an award the Executive Office of the Governor shall 298 release the funds pursuant to the legislative consultation and 299 review requirements set forth in s. 216.177.

300 Section 10. Subsection (5) of section 366.82, Florida
301 Statutes, is repealed.

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Section 11. All of the powers, duties, functions, records,

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303	personnel, and property; unexpended balances of appropriations,
304	allocations, and other funds; administrative authority;
305	administrative rules; pending issues; and existing contracts of
306	the Florida Energy and Climate Commission are transferred by a
307	type two transfer, pursuant to s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, to
308	the Florida Energy Office.
309	Section 12. Section 377.6015, Florida Statutes, is amended
310	to read:
311	377.6015 Florida Energy <u>Office</u> and Climate Commission
312	(1) There is created within the Department of Environmental
313	Protection the Florida Energy Office. The office shall be a
314	separate budget entity and shall be exempt from the provisions
315	of s. 20.052. The office shall not be subject to control,
316	supervision, or direction by the Department of Environmental
317	Protection in any manner, including purchasing, transactions
318	involving real or personal property, personnel, or budgetary
319	matters.
320	(2) There is created the Florida Energy Commission,
321	composed of the Governor, the Attorney General, the Chief
322	Financial Officer, and the Commissioner of Agriculture. The
323	commission shall serve as agency head of the office, and shall
324	serve as the agency head for purposes of rulemaking under ss.
325	120.536-120.565 by the commission and all subunits of the
326	commission. Commission action shall be by majority vote
327	consisting of at least three affirmative votes.
328	(3) The office shall be headed by a director, who is agency
329	head for purposes of final agency action under chapter 120 for
330	all areas within the authority delegated to the director's
331	office. The commission shall appoint or remove the director by a

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332 majority vote consisting of at least three affirmative votes. 333 The director shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate. (4) The office shall have a sufficient number of 334 335 professional and administrative personnel to carry out their 336 responsibilities. 337 (1) The Florida Energy and Climate Commission is created within the Executive Office of the Governor. The commission 338 339 shall be comprised of nine members appointed by the Governor, 340 the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Chief Financial 341 Officer. 342 (a) The Governor shall appoint one member from three 343 persons nominated by the Florida Public Service Commission 344 Nominating Council, created in s. 350.031, to each of seven 345 seats on the commission. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall 346 appoint one member from three persons nominated by the council to one seat on the commission. The Chief Financial Officer shall 347 348 appoint one member from three persons nominated by the council 349 to one seat on the commission. 350 1. The council shall submit the recommendations to the 351 Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Chief Financial Officer by September 1 of those years in which the 352 353 terms are to begin the following October or within 60 days after 354 a vacancy occurs for any reason other than the expiration of the 355 term. The Covernor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the 356 Chief Financial Officer may proffer names of persons to be 357 considered for nomination by the council. 358 2. The Covernor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the 359 Chief Financial Officer shall fill a vacancy occurring on the 360 commission by appointment of one of the applicants nominated by

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361	the council only after a background investigation of such
362	applicant has been conducted by the Department of Law
363	Enforcement.
364	3. Members shall be appointed to 3-year terms; however, in
365	order to establish staggered terms, for the initial
366	appointments, the Governor shall appoint four members to 3-year
367	terms, two members to 2-year terms, and one member to a 1-year
368	term, and the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Chief
369	Financial Officer shall each appoint one member to a 3-year term
370	and shall appoint a successor when that appointee's term expires
371	in the same manner as the original appointment.
372	4. The Governor shall select from the membership of the
373	commission one person to serve as chair.
374	5. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled for the
375	unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as the original
376	appointment.
377	6. If the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the
378	Chief Financial Officer has not made an appointment within 30
379	consecutive calendar days after the receipt of the
380	recommendations, the council shall initiate, in accordance with
381	this section, the nominating process within 30 days.
382	7. Each appointment to the commission shall be subject to
383	confirmation by the Senate during the next regular session after
384	the vacancy occurs. If the Senate refuses to confirm or fails to
385	consider the appointment of the Governor, the Commissioner of
386	Agriculture, or the Chief Financial Officer, the council shall
387	initiate, in accordance with this section, the nominating
388	process within 30 days.
389	8. The Governor or the Governor's successor may recall an

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390	appointee.
391	(b) Members must meet the following qualifications and
392	restrictions:
393	1. A member must be an expert in one or more of the
394	following fields: energy, natural resource conservation,
395	economics, engineering, finance, law, transportation and land
396	use, consumer protection, state energy policy, or another field
397	substantially related to the duties and functions of the
398	commission. The commission shall fairly represent the fields
399	specified in this subparagraph.
400	2. Each member shall, at the time of appointment and at
401	each commission meeting during his or her term of office,
402	disclose:
403	a. Whether he or she has any financial interest, other than
404	ownership of shares in a mutual fund, in any business entity
405	that, directly or indirectly, owns or controls, or is an
406	affiliate or subsidiary of, any business entity that may be
407	affected by the policy recommendations developed by the
408	commission.
409	b. Whether he or she is employed by or is engaged in any
410	business activity with any business entity that, directly or
411	indirectly, owns or controls, or is an affiliate or subsidiary
412	of, any business entity that may be affected by the policy
413	recommendations developed by the commission.
414	(c) The chair may designate the following ex officio,
415	nonvoting members to provide information and advice to the
416	commission at the request of the chair:
417	1. The chair of the Florida Public Service Commission, or
418	his or her designee.

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419	2. The Public Counsel, or his or her designee.
420	3. A representative of the Department of Agriculture and
421	Consumer Services.
422	4. A representative of the Department of Financial
423	Services.
424	5. A representative of the Department of Environmental
425	Protection.
426	6. A representative of the Department of Community Affairs.
427	7. A representative of the Board of Governors of the State
428	University System.
429	8. A representative of the Department of Transportation.
430	(2) Members shall serve without compensation but are
431	entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses as
432	provided in s. 112.061.
433	(3) Meetings of the commission may be held in various
434	locations around the state and at the call of the chair;
435	however, the commission must meet at least six times each year.
436	(5)(4) The office commission may:
437	(a) Employ staff and counsel as needed in the performance
438	of its duties.
439	(b) Prosecute and defend legal actions in its own name.
440	(c) Form advisory groups consisting of members of the
441	public to provide information on specific issues.
442	(6)(5) The commission shall:
443	(a) Administer the Florida Renewable Energy and Energy-
444	Efficient Technologies Grants Program pursuant to s. 377.804 to
445	assure a robust grant portfolio.
446	(b) Develop policy for requiring grantees to provide
447	royalty-sharing or licensing agreements with state government

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448 for commercialized products developed under a state grant. 449 (c) Administer the Florida Green Government Grants Act 450 pursuant to s. 377.808 and set annual priorities for grants. 451 (d) Administer the information gathering and reporting 452 functions pursuant to ss. 377.601-377.608. 453 (c) Administer petroleum planning and emergency contingency planning pursuant to ss. 377.701, 377.703, and 377.704. 454 455 (e) (f) Represent Florida in the Southern States Energy 456 Compact pursuant to ss. 377.71-377.712. 457 (g) Complete the annual assessment of the efficacy of 458 Florida's Energy and Climate Change Action Plan, upon completion 459 by the Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change 460 pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 2007-128, and provide 461 specific recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature 462 each year to improve results. 463 (f) (h) Administer the provisions of the Florida Energy and 464 Climate Protection Act pursuant to ss. 377.801-377.806. 465 (g) (i) Advocate for energy and climate change issues and 466 provide educational outreach and technical assistance in 467 cooperation with the state's academic institutions. 468 (j) Be a party in the proceedings to adopt goals and submit 469 comments to the Public Service Commission pursuant to s. 366.82. 470 (h) (k) Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 120 in order to implement all powers and duties described in this section. 471 Section 13. Section 377.602, Florida Statutes, is amended 472 473 to read: 377.602 Definitions.-As used in ss. 377.601-377.712 ss. 474 475 377.601-377.608: (1) "Commission" means the Florida Energy and Climate 476 Page 17 of 39 4/29/2009 3:58:00 PM 4 - 06437 - 09

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477 Commission.

478 (2) "Energy resources" includes, but shall not be limited 479 to:

(a) Energy converted from solar radiation, wind, hydraulic
potential, tidal movements, biomass, geothermal sources, and
other energy resources the commission determines to be important
to the production or supply of energy.

(b) Propane, butane, motor gasoline, kerosene, home heating
oil, diesel fuel, other middle distillates, aviation gasoline,
kerosene-type jet fuel, naphtha-type jet fuel, residual fuels,
crude oil, and other petroleum products and hydrocarbons as may
be determined by the commission to be of importance.

489 (c) All natural gas, including casinghead gas, all other
490 hydrocarbons not defined as petroleum products in paragraph (b),
491 and liquefied petroleum gas as defined in s. 527.01.

(d) All types of coal and products derived from itsconversion and used as fuel.

494 (e) All types of nuclear energy, special nuclear material,495 and source material, as defined in former s. 290.07.

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(f) All electrical energy.

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(3) "Office" means the Florida Energy Office.

(4) (3) "Person" means producer, refiner, wholesaler, 498 499 marketer, consignee, jobber, distributor, storage operator, 500 importer, exporter, firm, corporation, broker, cooperative, 501 public utility as defined in s. 366.02, rural electrification 502 cooperative, municipality engaged in the business of providing 503 electricity or other energy resources to the public, pipeline 504 company, person transporting any energy resources as defined in subsection (2), and person holding energy reserves for further 505

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506 production; however, "person" does not include persons 507 exclusively engaged in the retail sale of petroleum products. 508 Section 14. Section 377.603, Florida Statutes, is amended 509 to read: 510 377.603 Energy data collection; powers and duties of the 511 office commission.-512 (1) The office commission may collect data on the extraction, production, importation, exportation, refinement, 513 514 transportation, transmission, conversion, storage, sale, or 515 reserves of energy resources in this state in an efficient and 516 expeditious manner. 517 (2) The office commission may prepare periodic reports of 518 energy data it collects. 519 (3) The commission may adopt and promulgate such rules and 520 regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of ss. 377.601-377.608. Such rules shall be pursuant to chapter 120. 521 522 (3) (4) The office commission shall maintain internal 523 validation procedures to assure the accuracy of information 524 received. 525 Section 15. Section 377.604, Florida Statutes, is amended 526 to read: 527 377.604 Required reports.-Every person who produces, 528 imports, exports, refines, transports, transmits, converts, 529 stores, sells, or holds known reserves of any form of energy 530 resources used as fuel shall report to the office commission, at 531 the request of and in a manner prescribed by the office 532 commission, on forms provided by the office commission. Such forms shall be designed in such a manner as to indicate: 533 534 (1) The identity of the person or persons making the

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535 report. 536 (2) The quantity of energy resources extracted, produced, 537 imported, exported, refined, transported, transmitted, 538 converted, stored, or sold except at retail. 539 (3) The quantity of energy resources known to be held in 540 reserve in the state. 541 (4) The identity of each refinery from which petroleum products have normally been obtained and the type and quantity 542 543 of products secured from that refinery for sale or resale in 544 this state. 545 (5) Any other information which the office commission deems 546 proper pursuant to the intent of ss. 377.601-377.608. 547 Section 16. Section 377.605, Florida Statutes, is amended 548 to read: 549 377.605 Use of existing information.-The office commission 550 may utilize to the fullest extent possible any existing energy 551 information already prepared for state or federal agencies. 552 Every state, county, and municipal agency shall cooperate with 553 the office commission and shall submit any information on energy 554 to the office commission upon request. 555 Section 17. Section 377.606, Florida Statutes, is amended 556 to read: 557 377.606 Records of the office commission; limits of 558 confidentiality.-The information or records of individual 559 persons, as defined in this section, obtained by the office commission as a result of a report, investigation, or 560 561 verification required by the office commission shall be open to the public, except such information the disclosure of which 562 563 would be likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive

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564 position of the person providing such information and which is 565 requested to be held confidential by the person providing such information. Such proprietary information is confidential and 566 567 exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1). Information reported 568 by entities other than the office commission in documents or 569 reports open to public inspection shall under no circumstances 570 be classified as confidential by the office commission. 571 Divulgence of proprietary information as is requested to be held 572 confidential, except upon order of a court of competent 573 jurisdiction or except to an officer of the state entitled to 574 receive the same in his or her official capacity, shall be a 575 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in ss. 576 775.082 and 775.083. Nothing in this section shall be construed 577 to prohibit the publication or divulgence by other means of data so classified as to prevent identification of particular 578 579 accounts or reports made to the office commission in compliance 580 with s. 377.603 or to prohibit the disclosure of such information to properly qualified legislative committees. The 581 582 office commission shall establish a system which permits 583 reasonable access to information developed.

584 Section 18. Section 377.608, Florida Statutes, is amended 585 to read:

586 377.608 Prosecution of cases by state attorney.—The state 587 attorney shall prosecute all cases certified to him or her for 588 prosecution by the <u>office</u> <del>commission</del> immediately upon receipt of 589 the evidence transmitted by the <u>office</u> <del>commission</del>, or as soon 590 thereafter as practicable.

591 Section 19. Section 377.701, Florida Statutes, is amended 592 to read:

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593 377.701 Petroleum allocation.-

594 (1) The Department of Environmental Protection Florida 595 Energy and Climate Commission shall assume the state's role in 596 petroleum allocation and conservation, including the development 597 of a fair and equitable petroleum plan. The department 598 commission shall constitute the responsible state agency for 599 performing the functions of any federal program delegated to the 600 state, which relates to petroleum supply, demand, and 601 allocation. The department shall also administer petroleum 602 planning and emergency contingency planning pursuant to ss. 603 377.701, 377.703, and 377.704.

604 (2) The <u>department</u> commission shall, in addition to
605 assuming the duties and responsibilities provided by subsection
606 (1), perform the following:

(a) In projecting available supplies of petroleum,
coordinate with the Department of Revenue to secure information
necessary to assure the sufficiency and accuracy of data
submitted by persons affected by any federal fuel allocation
program.

(b) Require such periodic reports from public and private
sources as may be necessary to the fulfillment of its
responsibilities under this act. Such reports may include:
petroleum use; all sales, including end-user sales, except
retail gasoline and retail fuel oil sales; inventories; expected
supplies and allocations; and petroleum conservation measures.

(c) In cooperation with the Department of Revenue and other
relevant state agencies, provide for long-range studies
regarding the usage of petroleum in the state in order to:
1. Comprehend the consumption of petroleum resources.

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622 2. Predict future petroleum demands in relation to 623 available resources.

624 3. Report the results of such studies to the Legislature. 625 (3) For the purpose of determining accuracy of data, all 626 state agencies shall timely provide the commission with 627 petroleum-use information in a format suitable to the needs of

the allocation program. 629 (4) A state employee may not divulge or make known in any 630 manner any proprietary information acquired under this act if 631 the disclosure of such information would be likely to cause 632 substantial harm to the competitive position of the person 633 providing such information and if the person requests that such 634 information be held confidential, except in accordance with a 635 court order or in the publication of statistical information 636 compiled by methods which do not disclose the identity of 637 individual suppliers or companies. Such proprietary information 638 is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1). 639 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent 640 inspection of reports by the Attorney General, members of the 641 Legislature, and interested state agencies; however, such 642 agencies and their employees and members are bound by the 643 requirements set forth in this subsection.

644 (5) Any person who willfully fails to submit information 645 required by this act or submits false information or who 646 violates any provision of this act commits a misdemeanor of the 647 first degree and shall be punished as provided in ss. 775.082 648 and 775.083.

649 Section 20. Section 377.703, Florida Statutes, is amended 650 to read:

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377.703 Additional functions of the Florida Energy and
 652 Climate Commission.-

653 (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.-Recognizing that energy supply and 654 demand questions have become a major area of concern to the 655 state which must be dealt with by effective and well-coordinated state action, it is the intent of the Legislature to promote the 656 657 efficient, effective, and economical management of energy 658 problems, centralize energy coordination responsibilities, 659 pinpoint responsibility for conducting energy programs, and 660 ensure the accountability of state agencies for the 661 implementation of s. 377.601(2), the state energy policy. It is 662 the specific intent of the Legislature that nothing in this act 663 shall in any way change the powers, duties, and responsibilities 664 assigned by the Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act, part 665 II of chapter 403, or the powers, duties, and responsibilities 666 of the Florida Public Service Commission.

667 (2) FLORIDA ENERGY AND CLIMATE COMMISSION; DUTIES.—The
 668 commission shall perform the following functions consistent with
 669 the development of a state energy policy:

670 (a) The commission shall assume the responsibility for 671 development of an energy emergency contingency plan to respond to serious shortages of primary and secondary energy sources. 672 673 Upon a finding by the Governor, implementation of any emergency 674 program shall be upon order of the Governor that a particular 675 kind or type of fuel is, or that the occurrence of an event 676 which is reasonably expected within 30 days will make the fuel, 677 in short supply. The commission shall then respond by instituting the appropriate measures of the contingency plan to 678 679 meet the given emergency or energy shortage. The Governor may

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utilize the provisions of s. 252.36(5) to carry out any
emergency actions required by a serious shortage of energy
sources.

(b) The commission shall be responsible for performing or
coordinating the functions of any federal energy programs
delegated to the state, including energy supply, demand,
conservation, or allocation.

(c) The commission shall analyze present and proposed
federal energy programs and make recommendations regarding those
programs to the Governor and the Legislature.

(d) The commission shall coordinate efforts to seek federal
support or other support for state energy activities, including
energy conservation, research, or development, and shall be
responsible for the coordination of multiagency energy
conservation programs and plans.

(e) The commission shall analyze energy data collected and prepare long-range forecasts of energy supply and demand in coordination with the Florida Public Service Commission, which shall have responsibility for electricity and natural gas forecasts. To this end, the forecasts shall contain:

1. An analysis of the relationship of state economic growth and development to energy supply and demand, including the constraints to economic growth resulting from energy supply constraints.

2. Plans for the development of renewable energy resources and reduction in dependence on depletable energy resources, particularly oil and natural gas, and an analysis of the extent to which renewable energy sources are being utilized in the state.



3. Consideration of alternative scenarios of statewide energy supply and demand for 5, 10, and 20 years to identify strategies for long-range action, including identification of potential social, economic, and environmental effects.

4. An assessment of the state's energy resources, including examination of the availability of commercially developable and imported fuels, and an analysis of anticipated effects on the state's environment and social services resulting from energy resource development activities or from energy supply constraints, or both.

719 (f) The commission shall submit an annual report to the 720 Governor and the Legislature reflecting its activities and 721 making recommendations of policies for improvement of the 722 state's response to energy supply and demand and its effect on 723 the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Florida. The 724 report shall include a report from the Florida Public Service 725 Commission on electricity and natural gas and information on 726 energy conservation programs conducted and underway in the past 727 year and shall include recommendations for energy conservation 728 programs for the state, including, but not limited to, the 729 following factors:

730 1. Formulation of specific recommendations for improvement
731 in the efficiency of energy utilization in governmental,
732 residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation sectors.

733 2. Collection and dissemination of information relating to734 energy conservation.

735 3. Development and conduct of educational and training736 programs relating to energy conservation.

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4. An analysis of the ways in which state agencies are

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738 seeking to implement s. 377.601(2), the state energy policy, and 739 recommendations for better fulfilling this policy.

(g) The commission has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this act.

(h) The commission shall promote the development and use of
renewable energy resources, in conformance with the provisions
of chapter 187 and s. 377.601, by:

746 1. Establishing goals and strategies for increasing the use747 of solar energy in this state.

748 2. Aiding and promoting the commercialization of solar 749 energy technology, in cooperation with the Florida Solar Energy 750 Center, Enterprise Florida, Inc., and any other federal, state, 751 or local governmental agency which may seek to promote research, 752 development, and demonstration of solar energy equipment and 753 technology.

3. Identifying barriers to greater use of solar energy
systems in this state, and developing specific recommendations
for overcoming identified barriers, with findings and
recommendations to be submitted annually in the report to the
Governor and Legislature required under paragraph (f).

759 4. In cooperation with the Department of Environmental 760 Protection, the Department of Transportation, the Department of 761 Community Affairs, Enterprise Florida, Inc., the Florida Solar 762 Energy Center, and the Florida Solar Energy Industries 763 Association, investigating opportunities, pursuant to the 764 National Energy Policy Act of 1992, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, and any subsequent federal legislation, 765 766 for solar electric vehicles and other solar energy

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767 manufacturing, distribution, installation, and financing efforts 768 which will enhance this state's position as the leader in solar 769 energy research, development, and use.

5. Undertaking other initiatives to advance the developmentand use of renewable energy resources in this state.

In the exercise of its responsibilities under this paragraph, the commission shall seek the assistance of the solar energy industry in this state and other interested parties and is authorized to enter into contracts, retain professional consulting services, and expend funds appropriated by the Legislature for such purposes.

(i) The commission shall promote energy conservation in all energy use sectors throughout the state and shall constitute the state agency primarily responsible for this function. To this end, the commission shall coordinate the energy conservation programs of all state agencies and review and comment on the energy conservation programs of all state agencies.

785 (j) The commission shall serve as the state clearinghouse 786 for indexing and gathering all information related to energy 787 programs in state universities, in private universities, in 788 federal, state, and local government agencies, and in private 789 industry and shall prepare and distribute such information in 790 any manner necessary to inform and advise the citizens of the 791 state of such programs and activities. This shall include 792 developing and maintaining a current index and profile of all 793 research activities, which shall be identified by energy area 794 and may include a summary of the project, the amount and sources 795 of funding, anticipated completion dates, or, in case of

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796 completed research, conclusions, recommendations, and 797 applicability to state government and private sector functions. 798 The commission shall coordinate, promote, and respond to efforts 799 by all sectors of the economy to seek financial support for 800 energy activities. The commission shall provide information to 801 consumers regarding the anticipated energy-use and energy-saving 802 characteristics of products and services in coordination with 803 any federal, state, or local governmental agencies as may 804 provide such information to consumers.

(k) The commission shall coordinate energy-related programs
of state government, including, but not limited to, the programs
provided in this section. To this end, the commission shall:

808 1. Provide assistance to other state agencies, counties, 809 municipalities, and regional planning agencies to further and 810 promote their energy planning activities.

811 2. Require, in cooperation with the Department of 812 Management Services, all state agencies to operate state-owned 813 and state-leased buildings in accordance with energy 814 conservation standards as adopted by the Department of 815 Management Services. Every 3 months, the Department of 816 Management Services shall furnish the commission data on 817 agencies' energy consumption and emissions of greenhouse gases 818 in a format prescribed by the commission.

819 3. Promote the development and use of renewable energy 820 resources, energy efficiency technologies, and conservation 821 measures.

4. Promote the recovery of energy from wastes, including,
but not limited to, the use of waste heat, the use of
agricultural products as a source of energy, and recycling of

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825 manufactured products. Such promotion shall be conducted in 826 conjunction with, and after consultation with, the Department of 827 Environmental Protection and the Florida Public Service 828 Commission where electrical generation or natural gas is 829 involved, and any other relevant federal, state, or local 830 governmental agency having responsibility for resource recovery 831 programs.

(1) The commission shall develop, coordinate, and promote a
comprehensive research plan for state programs. Such plan shall
be consistent with state energy policy and shall be updated on a
biennial basis.

836 (m) In recognition of the devastation to the economy of 837 this state and the dangers to the health and welfare of 838 residents of this state caused by severe hurricanes, and the 839 potential for such impacts caused by other natural disasters, 840 the commission shall include in its energy emergency contingency 841 plan and provide to the Florida Building Commission for inclusion in the Florida Energy Efficiency Code for Building 842 843 Construction specific provisions to facilitate the use of cost-844 effective solar energy technologies as emergency remedial and 845 preventive measures for providing electric power, street 846 lighting, and water heating service in the event of electric 847 power outages.

(3) The commission shall be responsible for the
administration of the Coastal Energy Impact Program provided for
and described in Pub. L. No. 94-370, 16 U.S.C. s. 1456a.

851 (4) The commission may delegate these functions to the 852 office, with commission oversight.

Section 21. Section 377.803, Florida Statutes, is amended

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854 to read:

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855 377.803 Definitions.—As used in ss. 377.801-377.806, the 856 term:

857 (1) "Act" means the Florida Energy and Climate Protection858 Act.

859 (2) "Commission" means the Florida Energy and Climate860 Commission.

(3) "Office" means the Florida Energy Office.

862 (4) (3) "Person" means an individual, partnership, joint
 863 venture, private or public corporation, association, firm,
 864 public service company, or any other public or private entity.

865 <u>(5)(4)</u> "Renewable energy" means electrical, mechanical, or 866 thermal energy produced from a method that uses one or more of 867 the following fuels or energy sources: hydrogen, biomass, as 868 defined in s. 366.91, solar energy, geothermal energy, wind 869 energy, ocean energy, waste heat, or hydroelectric power.

870 <u>(6)</u> "Renewable energy technology" means any technology 871 that generates or utilizes a renewable energy resource.

872 (7) (6) "Solar energy system" means equipment that provides 873 for the collection and use of incident solar energy for water 874 heating, space heating or cooling, or other applications that 875 would normally require a conventional source of energy such as 876 petroleum products, natural gas, or electricity that performs primarily with solar energy. In other systems in which solar 877 878 energy is used in a supplemental way, only those components that 879 collect and transfer solar energy shall be included in this 880 definition.

881 <u>(8)(7)</u> "Solar photovoltaic system" means a device that 882 converts incident sunlight into electrical current.

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883	<u>(9)<del>(</del>8)</u> "Solar thermal system" means a device that traps
884	heat from incident sunlight in order to heat water.
885	Section 22. Subsection (8) is added to section 377.804,
886	Florida Statutes, to read:
887	377.804 Renewable Energy and Energy-Efficient Technologies
888	Grants Program
889	(8) The commission may delegate these functions to the
890	office, with commission oversight.
891	Section 23. Subsection (8) is added to section 377.806,
892	Florida Statutes, to read:
893	377.806 Solar Energy System Incentives Program
894	(8) The commission may delegate these functions to the
895	office, with commission oversight.
896	Section 24. Subsection (6) is added to section 377.808,
897	Florida Statutes, to read:
898	377.808 Florida Green Government Grants Act
899	(6) The commission may delegate these functions to the
900	office, with commission oversight.
901	Section 25. Subsections (5) and (8) of section 403.44,
902	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
903	403.44 Florida Climate Protection Act
904	(5) The department may adopt rules for a cap-and-trade
905	regulatory program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from major
906	emitters. When developing the rules, the department shall
907	consult with the <del>Florida Energy and Climate Commission and the</del>
908	Florida Public Service Commission and may consult with the
909	Governor's Action Team for Energy and Climate Change. The
910	department shall not adopt rules until after January 1, 2010.
911	The rules shall not become effective until ratified by the

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912 Legislature.

913 (8) Recognizing that the international, national, and 914 neighboring state policies and the science of climate change 915 will evolve, prior to submitting the proposed rules to the 916 Legislature for consideration, the department shall submit the 917 proposed rules to the Florida Energy and Climate Commission, which shall review the proposed rules and submit a report to the 918 919 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House 920 of Representatives, and the department. The report shall 921 address:

922 (a) The overall cost-effectiveness of the proposed cap-and923 trade system in combination with other policies and measures in
924 meeting statewide targets.

925 (b) The administrative burden to the state of implementing,926 monitoring, and enforcing the program.

927 (c) The administrative burden on entities covered under the 928 cap.

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(d) The impacts on electricity prices for consumers.

930 (e) The specific benefits to the state's economy for early 931 adoption of a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gases in the 932 context of federal climate change legislation and the 933 development of new international compacts.

934 (f) The specific benefits to the state's economy associated
935 with the creation and sale of emissions offsets from economic
936 sectors outside of the emissions cap.

937 (g) The potential effects on leakage if economic activity938 relocates out of the state.

939 (h) The effectiveness of the combination of measures in 940 meeting identified targets.

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941 (i) The economic implications for near-term periods of 942 short-term and long-term targets specified in the overall 943 policy.

944 (j) The overall costs and benefits of a cap-and-trade 945 system to the economy of the state.

946 (k) The impacts on low-income consumers that result from 947 energy price increases.

948 (1) The consistency of the program with other state and 949 possible federal efforts.

(m) The evaluation of the conditions under which the state should consider linking its trading system to the systems of other states or other countries and how that might be affected by the potential inclusion in the rule of a safety valve.

954 (n) The timing and changes in the external environment,
955 such as proposals by other states or implementation of a federal
956 program that would spur reevaluation of the Florida program.

957 (o) The conditions and options for eliminating the Florida958 program if a federal program were to supplant it.

(p) The need for a regular reevaluation of the progress of other emitting regions of the country and of the world, and whether other regions are abating emissions in a commensurate manner.

963 (q) The desirability of and possibilities of broadening the 964 scope of the state's cap-and-trade system at a later date to 965 include more emitting activities as well as sinks in Florida, 966 the conditions that would need to be met to do so, and how the 967 program would encourage these conditions to be met, including 968 developing monitoring and measuring techniques for land use 969 emissions and sinks, regulating sources upstream, and other

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970 considerations.

971 Section 26. Section 526.207, Florida Statutes, is amended 972 to read:

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526.207 Studies and reports.-

974 (1) The Florida Energy and Climate Commission shall conduct 975 a study to evaluate and recommend the life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions associated with all renewable fuels, including, but 976 977 not limited to, biodiesel, renewable diesel, biobutanol, and 978 ethanol derived from any source. In addition, the commission 979 shall evaluate and recommend a requirement that all renewable 980 fuels introduced into commerce in the state, as a result of the 981 renewable fuel standard, shall reduce the life-cycle greenhouse 982 gas emissions by an average percentage. The commission may also 983 evaluate and recommend any benefits associated with the 984 creation, banking, transfer, and sale of credits among fuel 985 refiners, blenders, and importers.

986 (2) The Florida Energy and Climate Commission shall submit
987 a report containing specific recommendations to the President of
988 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no
989 later than December 31, 2010.

990Section 27. Subsections (5), (11), (12), and (13) of991section 1004.648, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1004.648 Florida Energy Systems Consortium.-

993 (5) The director, whose office shall be located at the
994 University of Florida, shall report to the Florida Energy and
995 Climate Commission created pursuant to s. 377.6015.

996 (11) The oversight board, in consultation with the Florida
997 Energy and Climate Commission, shall ensure that the consortium:
998 (a) Maintains accurate records of any funds received by the

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999 consortium.

1000 (b) Meets financial and technical performance expectations,1001 which may include external technical reviews as required.

1002 (12) The steering committee shall consist of the university 1003 representatives included in the Centers of Excellence proposals 1004 for the Florida Energy Systems Consortium and the Center of 1005 Excellence in Ocean Energy Technology-Phase II which were 1006 reviewed during the 2007-2008 fiscal year by the Florida 1007 Technology, Research, and Scholarship Board created in s. 1008 1004.226(4); a university representative appointed by the 1009 President of Florida International University; and the Florida 1010 Energy and Climate Commission. The steering committee shall be responsible for establishing and ensuring the success of the 1011 1012 consortium's mission under subsection (9).

(13) By November 1 of each year, the consortium shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Florida Energy and Climate Commission regarding its activities, including, but not limited to, education and research related to, and the development and deployment of, alternative energy technologies.

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1028 imposing a fee on alternative fuel containing alcohol; 1029 requiring the Florida Energy and Climate Commission to 1030 prepare a report that identifies ways in which to 1031 increase the energy-efficiency practices of low-income 1032 households; requiring the report to include certain 1033 determinations and recommendations; requiring that the 1034 report be submitted to the Legislature by a specified 1035 date; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; requiring the Florida 1036 Energy Office to provide to the Department of Revenue 1037 a list of items eligible for a sales tax exemption; 1038 requiring a purchaser to file an application with the 1039 Florida Energy Office to be eligible for the tax 1040 exemption; amending s. 220.192, F.S.; providing that 1041 the Florida Energy Office rather than the Florida Energy Office and Climate Commission is responsible 1042 1043 for administering the renewable energy technologies investment tax credit; amending s. 288.1089, F.S.; 1044 1045 requiring Enterprise Florida, Inc., to solicit 1046 comments and recommendations from the Florida Energy 1047 Office for alternative and renewable energy project 1048 proposals; repealing s. 366.82(5), F.S.; providing 1049 that all of the powers, property; unexpended balances 1050 of appropriations, allocations, and administrative 1051 authority of the Florida Energy and Climate Commission 1052 are transferred by a type two transfer, to the Florida 1053 Energy Office; amending s. 377.6015, F.S.; creating 1054 the Florida Energy Office within the Department of 1055 Environmental Protection but is not be subject to 1056 control, supervision, or direction by the Department

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1057 of Environmental Protection; providing for the 1058 administrative structure of the Florida Energy Office; 1059 creating the Florida Energy Commission, composed of 1060 the Governor, the Attorney General, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Commissioner of 1061 1062 Agriculture; providing that the commission serves as 1063 agency head of the Florida Energy Office; providing 1064 for the powers and duties of the Florida Energy 1065 Office; amending s. 377.602, F.S.; defining terms; 1066 amending s. 377.603, F.S.; detailing the powers and 1067 duties of the Florida Energy Office relating to energy data collection; amending s. 377.604, F.S.; requiring 1068 1069 certain designated persons to report energy data to 1070 the Florida Energy Office; amending s. 377.605, F.S.; 1071 authorizing the Florida Energy Office to use the 1072 energy data it collects; amending s. 377.606, F.S.; 1073 providing for the records of the office; amending s. 1074 377.608, F.S.; directing the state attorney to 1075 prosecute all cases certified to him or her for 1076 prosecution by the Florida Energy Office against a 1077 person who willfully fails to submit data to the office; amending s. 377.701, F.S.; directing the 1078 1079 Department of Environmental Protection to assume the 1080 state's role in petroleum allocation and conservation, 1081 including the development of a fair and equitable 1082 petroleum plan; setting forth the department's powers 1083 and responsibilities; amending s. 377.703, F.S.; detailing the duties and functions of the Florida 1084 1085 Energy Commission; authorizing the commission may

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1086 delegate the functions to the Florida Energy Office, 1087 with oversight by the Florida Energy Commission; 1088 amending s. 377.803, F.S.; defining terms relating to 1089 renewable energy technologies; amending ss. 377.804, 1090 377.806, and 377.808, F.S.; authorizing the commission 1091 may delegate certain functions to the Florida Energy 1092 Office with oversight by the Florida Energy 1093 Commission; amending ss. 403.44, 526.207, and 1004.648, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made 1094 1095 by the act; providing an effective date.