

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation (Latvala) recommended the following:

## Senate Amendment

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Delete lines 148 - 173 and insert:

(4) (a) In evaluating an application for the consumptive use of water, other than for an agricultural use on land that has been classified as agricultural pursuant to s. 193.461, a water management district shall recognize a mandatory reuse zone that is created by the local government or a special district pursuant to applicable law and that requires persons specified by the local government or special district to connect to a reclaimed water system for irrigation and other non-potable



## uses, as follows:

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- 1. Where reclaimed water is available and technically and environmentally feasible for the proposed use, the water management district shall presume that reclaimed water is economically feasible in a mandatory reuse zone, and an applicant bears the burden of overcoming the presumption;
- 2 Any applicant in a mandatory reuse zone seeking authorization for a nonpotable use shall consider the feasibility of using available reclaimed water. This requirement applies to all regulated water uses, regardless of type of permit or authorization, excluding exemptions from permitting; and
- 3. In a mandatory reuse zone, the use of reclaimed water shall be prioritized over other water sources for nonpotable uses and shall be required if determined to be technically, environmentally, and economically feasible.
- (b) This subsection does not limit the ability of a reuse utility, the local government, or a special district to restrict the use of potable water supplied by the potable water distribution system serving its customers for the purposes of irrigation or other nonpotable uses that may be met by reclaimed water. This subsection does not affect the authority of a water management district to consider the feasibility of using reclaimed water in any permit application for the agricultural use of water.