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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Budget (Bennett) recommended the following:

1           **Senate Amendment to Amendment (957254) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Between lines 842 and 843  
5 insert:

6           Section 10. Section 377.705, Florida Statutes, is amended  
7 to read:

8           377.705 Solar Energy Center; ~~development of solar energy~~  
9 standards.-

10           (1) SHORT TITLE.-This act ~~shall be known and~~ may be cited  
11 as the "Solar Energy Standards Act." ~~of 1976.~~

12           (2) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.-

13           (a) Because of increases in the cost of conventional fuel,



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14 certain applications of solar energy are becoming competitive,  
15 particularly when life-cycle costs are considered. It is the  
16 intent of the Legislature in formulating a sound and balanced  
17 energy policy for the state to encourage the development of an  
18 alternative energy capability in the form of incident solar  
19 energy.

20 (b) Toward this purpose, the Legislature intends to provide  
21 incentives for the production and sale of, ~~and to set standards~~  
22 ~~for,~~ solar energy systems. ~~Such standards shall ensure that~~  
23 ~~solar energy systems manufactured or sold within the state are~~  
24 ~~effective and represent a high level of quality of materials,~~  
25 ~~workmanship, and design.~~

26 (3) DEFINITIONS.—

27 ~~(a) "Center" is defined as the Florida Solar Energy Center~~  
28 ~~of the Board of Governors.~~

29 ~~(b) "Solar energy systems" is defined as equipment that~~  
30 ~~which~~ provides for the collection and use of incident solar  
31 energy for water heating, space heating or cooling, or other  
32 applications that ~~which~~ normally require or would require a  
33 conventional source of energy such as petroleum products,  
34 natural gas, or electricity and that perform ~~which performs~~  
35 primarily with solar energy. In such other systems in which  
36 solar energy is used in a supplemental way, only those  
37 components that ~~which~~ collect and transfer solar energy are  
38 ~~shall be~~ included in this definition.

39 (4) ~~FLORIDA SOLAR ENERGY CENTER TO SET STANDARDS, REQUIRE~~  
40 ~~DISCLOSURE, SET TESTING FEES.—~~A solar energy system  
41 manufactured, sold, or installed in this state must meet only  
42 the safety and performance standards established by Underwriters



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43 Laboratories, Inc.

44 ~~(a) The center shall develop and promulgate standards for~~  
45 ~~solar energy systems manufactured or sold in this state based on~~  
46 ~~the best currently available information and shall consult with~~  
47 ~~scientists, engineers, or persons in research centers who are~~  
48 ~~engaged in the construction of, experimentation with, and~~  
49 ~~research of solar energy systems to properly identify the most~~  
50 ~~reliable designs and types of solar energy systems.~~

51 ~~(b) The center shall establish criteria for testing~~  
52 ~~performance of solar energy systems and shall maintain the~~  
53 ~~necessary capability for testing or evaluating performance of~~  
54 ~~solar energy systems. The center may accept results of tests on~~  
55 ~~solar energy systems made by other organizations, companies, or~~  
56 ~~persons when such tests are conducted according to the criteria~~  
57 ~~established by the center and when the testing entity has no~~  
58 ~~vested interest in the manufacture, distribution or sale of~~  
59 ~~solar energy systems.~~

60 ~~(c) The center shall be entitled to receive a testing fee~~  
61 ~~sufficient to cover the costs of such testing. All testing fees~~  
62 ~~shall be transmitted by the center to the Chief Financial~~  
63 ~~Officer to be deposited in the Solar Energy Center Testing Trust~~  
64 ~~Fund, which is hereby created in the State Treasury, and~~  
65 ~~disbursed for the payment of expenses incurred in testing solar~~  
66 ~~energy systems.~~

67 ~~(d) All solar energy systems manufactured or sold in the~~  
68 ~~state must meet the standards established by the center and~~  
69 ~~shall display accepted results of approved performance tests in~~  
70 ~~a manner prescribed by the center.~~

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72 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

73 And the title is amended as follows:

74 Delete line 1198

75 and insert:

76 Executive Office of the Governor; amending s. 377.705,  
77 F.S.; removing the requirement that the Florida Solar  
78 Energy Center set standards for and approve solar  
79 energy systems; requiring that a solar energy system  
80 manufactured, sold, or installed in the state meet the  
81 safety and performance standards established by  
82 Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.; amending s. 526.203,