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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED (Y/N)
 ADOPTED AS AMENDED (Y/N)
 ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION (Y/N)
 FAILED TO ADOPT (Y/N)
 WITHDRAWN (Y/N)
 OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Economic Development &
 2 Tourism Subcommittee
 3 Representative Workman offered the following:
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6 Remove lines 96-142 and insert:

7 as a corporate subsidiary. The purpose of the fund is to foster
 8 greater private-sector investment funding, to encourage seed-
 9 stage investments in start-up companies, and to advise companies
 10 about how to restructure existing management, operation, or
 11 production to attract advantageous business opportunities. The
 12 proceeds of a sale of the equity held by the fund shall be
 13 returned to the fund for reinvestment.

14 (2) The institute shall administer the Florida Technology
 15 Capital Seed Fund. Administrative costs paid out of the fund
 16 shall be determined by the investor advisory board.

17 (3) The institute shall employ professionals who have both
 18 technical and business expertise to manage fund activity. The
 19 institute shall establish an investor advisory board comprised
 20 of venture capital professionals and early-stage investors from

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21 this and other states who shall advise and guide the fund
22 management and make funding recommendations.

23 (4) The institute shall use a thorough and detailed
24 process that is modeled after the best practices of the
25 investment industry to evaluate a proposal. In order to approve
26 a company for investment, the institute must consider if:

27 (a) The company has a strong intellectual property
28 position, a capable management team, readily identifiable paths
29 to market or commercialization, significant job-growth,
30 potential, the ability to provide other sources of capital to
31 leverage the state's investment, and the potential to attract
32 additional funding;

33 (b) The company has been identified by a publicly funding
34 research institution;

35 (c) The start-up company operates in a target industry
36 designated pursuant to the procedure specified in s. 288.106(2);

37 (d) The company has been identified by an approved
38 private-sector lead investor who has demonstrated due diligence
39 typical of start-up investments in evaluating the potential of
40 the company; and

41 (e) The advisory board and fund manager have reviewed the
42 proposal of a company and recommend it.

43 (5) (a) Seed funds may be invested if the institute
44 approves a company and the initial seed-stage investment. The
45 initial seed-stage investment must be at least \$50,000, but no
46 greater than \$300,000. The initial seed-stage investment
47 requires a one-to-one private-sector match of investment.

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48 (b) Additional seed funds may be invested in a company if
49 approved by the institute. The cumulative total of investment in
50 a single company may not exceed \$500,000. Any additional
51 investment amount requires a two-to-one private-sector match of
52 investment.

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