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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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04/24/2014	.	
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The Committee on Appropriations (Montford) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (356190) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 468 - 523
5 and insert:

6 (1) By December 31, 2014, the department shall adopt rules
7 to fund pilot projects that test the effectiveness of innovative
8 or existing nutrient reduction or water conservation
9 technologies or practices designed to minimize nutrient
10 pollution in the springs of this state. The department may



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11 approve funding for pilot projects each funding cycle if the
12 department determines that the pilot project will not be harmful
13 to the ecological resources in the study area.

14 (2) By December 31, 2014, the department shall adopt rules
15 to evaluate, rank, and select projects eligible for funding
16 under this part or land acquisition pursuant to s.
17 201.15(1)(c)3.b. In developing these rules, the department shall
18 give preference to the projects that will result in the greatest
19 improvement to water quality and water quantity for the dollars
20 to be expended for the project. At a minimum, the department
21 shall consider:

22 (a) The level of nutrient impairment of the Outstanding
23 Florida Spring in which the project is located.

24 (b) The quantity of pollutants, particularly total
25 nitrogen, the project is estimated to remove from an Outstanding
26 Florida Spring with an adopted nutrient total maximum daily
27 load.

28 (c) The flow necessary to restore the Outstanding Florida
29 Spring to its adopted minimum flow or minimum water level.

30 (d) The anticipated impact the project will have on
31 restoring or increasing water flow or water level.

32 (e) The amount of matching funds for the project that will
33 be provided by the entities responsible for implementing the
34 project.

35 (f) Whether the project is located in a rural area of
36 critical state concern, as defined in s. 288.0656, with
37 preference given to the local government responsible for
38 implementing the project.

39 (g) For multiple-year projects, whether the project has



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40 funding sources that are identified and assured through the
41 expected completion date of the project.

42 (h) The cost of the project and the length of time it will
43 take to complete relative to its expected benefits.

44 (i) Whether the entities responsible for implementing the
45 project, since July 1, 2009, have used their own funds for
46 projects to improve water quality or conserve water use within a
47 springshed or spring protection and management zone of an
48 Outstanding Florida Spring, with preference given to those
49 entities that have expended such funds.

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

52 And the title is amended as follows:

53 Delete lines 648 - 649

54 and insert:

55 373.809, F.S.;