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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

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Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources (Book) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (9) of section  
373.4598, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (f) is  
added to that subsection, to read:

373.4598 Water storage reservoirs.—

(9) C-51 RESERVOIR PROJECT.—

(d) If state funds are appropriated for Phase I or Phase II



11 of the C-51 reservoir project:

12 1. The district, to the extent practicable, must ~~shall~~  
13 operate either Phase I or Phase II of the reservoir project to  
14 maximize the reduction of high-volume Lake Okeechobee regulatory  
15 releases to the St. Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries, in  
16 addition to maximizing the reduction of harmful discharges  
17 ~~providing relief~~ to the Lake Worth Lagoon. However, the  
18 operation of Phase I of the C-51 reservoir project must be in  
19 accordance with any operation and maintenance agreement adopted  
20 by the district;

21 2. Water made available by Phase I or Phase II of the  
22 reservoir must ~~shall~~ be used for natural systems in addition to  
23 any permitted ~~allocated~~ amounts for water supply; and

24 3. ~~Any~~ Water received from Lake Okeechobee may only ~~not~~ be  
25 available to support consumptive use permits if such use is in  
26 accordance with district rules.

27 (f) The district may enter into a capacity allocation  
28 agreement with a water supply entity for a pro rata share of  
29 unreserved capacity in the water storage facility and may  
30 request the department to waive repayment of all or a portion of  
31 the loan issued pursuant to s. 373.475. The department may  
32 authorize such waiver if, in its determination, it has received  
33 reasonable value for such waiver. The district is not  
34 responsible for repaying any portion of a loan issued pursuant  
35 to s. 373.475 which is waived pursuant to this paragraph.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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

39 And the title is amended as follows:



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40 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
41 and insert:

42 A bill to be entitled  
43 An act relating to the C-51 reservoir project;  
44 amending s. 373.4598, F.S.; revising requirements  
45 relating to the operation of water storage and use for  
46 Phase I and Phase II of the C-51 reservoir project if  
47 state funds are appropriated for such phases;  
48 authorizing the South Florida Water Management  
49 District to enter into certain capacity allocation  
50 agreements and to request a waiver for repayment of  
51 certain loans; authorizing the Department of  
52 Environmental Protection to waive such loan repayment  
53 under certain conditions; specifying that the district  
54 is not responsible for repayment of such waived loans;  
55 providing an effective date.