Representative Mercado offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1754 and 1755, insert:

Section 34. Section 423.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

423.02 Housing projects exempted from taxes and assessments; payments in lieu thereof.—The housing projects, including all property of housing authorities used for or in connection therewith or appurtenant thereto, of housing authorities shall be exempt from all taxes and special assessments of the state or any city, town, county, or political subdivision of the state, provided, however, that in lieu of
such taxes or special assessments a housing authority may agree
to make payments to any city, town, county, or political
subdivision of the state for services, improvements, or
facilities furnished by such city, town, county, or political
subdivision for the benefit of a housing project owned by the
housing authority, but in no event shall such payments exceed
the estimated cost to such city, town, county, or political
subdivision of the services, improvements, or facilities to be
so furnished. A city, town, county, or political subdivision of
the state may not rename, modify terminology, or otherwise
change a tax or assessment with the intent to circumvent the
exemption provided under this section, which must be interpreted
broadly to protect housing authorities from taxation or
assessment.

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Remove line 174 and insert:
420.5095, F.S., in a reference thereto; amending s.
423.02, F.S.; prohibiting a city, town, county, or
political subdivision of the state, with a certain
intent, from renaming, modifying terminology, or
otherwise changing a tax or assessment related to
housing projects exempted from taxes and assessments;
providing an