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ACTION (Y/N) ADOPTED ADOPTED AS AMENDED (Y/N)ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION (Y/N)FAILED TO ADOPT (Y/N)(Y/N)WITHDRAWN OTHER

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Agriculture, Conservation & Resiliency Subcommittee

Section 22. Subsections (10) through (13) of section

570.71, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (11)

Representative Alvarez offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 754 and 755, insert:

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through (14), respectively, and a new subsection (10) is added

570.71 Conservation easements and agreements.-

(10) Notwithstanding any other law or rule, the department shall submit a purchase agreement authorized by this section to the board of trustees for approval if the purchase price exceeds \$5 million.

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to that section, to read:

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Section 23. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 570.715, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

570.715 Conservation easement acquisition procedures.-

- (1) For less than fee simple acquisitions pursuant to s. 570.71, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall comply with the following acquisition procedures:
- (b) Before approval by the board of trustees of an agreement to purchase less than fee simple title to land pursuant to s. 570.71, an appraisal of the parcel shall be required as follows:
- 1. Each parcel to be acquired shall have at least one appraisal. Two appraisals are required when the estimated value of the parcel exceeds $\frac{$5}{$1}$ million. However, when both appraisals exceed $\frac{$5}{$1}$ million and differ significantly, a third appraisal may be obtained.
- 2. Appraisal fees and associated costs shall be paid by the department. All appraisals used for the acquisition of less than fee simple interest in lands pursuant to this section shall be prepared by a state-certified appraiser who meets the standards and criteria established by rule of the board of trustees. Each appraiser selected to appraise a particular parcel shall, before contracting with the department or a participant in a multiparty agreement, submit to the department or participant an affidavit substantiating that he or she has no vested or fiduciary interest in such parcel.

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43	TITLE AMENDMENT
44	Remove line 79 and insert:
45	Council, respectively; amending s. 570.71, F.S.;
46	requiring the department to submit specified
47	conservation easement purchase agreements to the Board
48	of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund for
49	approval; amending s. 570.715, F.S.; increasing the
50	estimated value threshold for the appraisal of
51	specified conservation easement acquisitions; amending
52	s. 570.93, F.S.;

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