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The Committee on Regulated Industries (Collins) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 163.3210, Florida Statutes, is created  
to read:

163.3210 Natural gas resiliency and reliability  
infrastructure.—

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to maintain,  
encourage, and ensure adequate and reliable fuel sources for



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11 public utilities. The resiliency and reliability of fuel sources  
12 for public utilities is critical to the state's economy; the  
13 ability of the state to recover from natural disasters; and to  
14 the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of the  
15 residents of the state.

16 (2) As used in this section, the term:

17 (a) "Natural gas" means all forms of fuel commonly or  
18 commercially known or sold as natural gas, including compressed  
19 natural gas and liquefied natural gas.

20 (b) "Natural gas reserve" means a facility that is capable  
21 of storing and transporting and, when operational, actively  
22 stores and transports a supply of natural gas.

23 (c) "Public utility" has the same meaning as defined in s.  
24 366.02.

25 (d) "Resiliency facility" means a facility owned and  
26 operated by a public utility for the purposes of assembling,  
27 creating, holding, securing, or deploying natural gas reserves  
28 for temporary use during a system outage or natural disaster.

29 (3) A resiliency facility is a permitted use in all  
30 commercial, industrial, and manufacturing land use categories in  
31 a local government comprehensive plan and all commercial,  
32 industrial, and manufacturing districts. A resiliency facility  
33 must comply with the setback and landscape criteria for other  
34 similar uses. A local government may adopt an ordinance  
35 specifying buffer and landscaping requirements for resiliency  
36 facilities, provided that such requirements do not exceed the  
37 requirements for similar uses involving the construction of  
38 other facilities that are permitted uses in commercial,  
39 industrial, and manufacturing land use categories and zoning



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40 districts.

41 (4) After July 1, 2024, a local government may not amend  
42 its comprehensive plan, land use map, zoning districts, or land  
43 development regulations in a manner that would conflict with a  
44 resiliency facility's classification as a permitted and  
45 allowable use, including, but not limited to, an amendment that  
46 causes a resiliency facility to be a nonconforming use,  
47 structure, or development.

48 Section 2. Section 286.29, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
49 read:

50 286.29 Energy guidelines for Climate-friendly public  
51 business. The Legislature recognizes the importance of  
52 leadership by state government in the area of energy efficiency  
53 and in reducing the greenhouse gas emissions of state government  
54 operations. The following shall pertain to all state agencies  
55 when conducting public business:

56 (1) ~~The Department of Management Services shall develop the~~  
57 ~~"Florida Climate-Friendly Preferred Products List." In~~  
58 ~~maintaining that list, the department, in consultation with the~~  
59 ~~Department of Environmental Protection, shall continually assess~~  
60 ~~products currently available for purchase under state term~~  
61 ~~contracts to identify specific products and vendors that offer~~  
62 ~~clear energy efficiency or other environmental benefits over~~  
63 ~~competing products. When procuring products from state term~~  
64 ~~contracts, state agencies shall first consult the Florida~~  
65 ~~Climate-Friendly Preferred Products List and procure such~~  
66 ~~products if the price is comparable.~~

67 (2) ~~State agencies shall contract for meeting and~~  
68 ~~conference space only with hotels or conference facilities that~~



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69 ~~have received the "Green Lodging" designation from the~~  
70 ~~Department of Environmental Protection for best practices in~~  
71 ~~water, energy, and waste efficiency standards, unless the~~  
72 ~~responsible state agency head makes a determination that no~~  
73 ~~other viable alternative exists.~~

74 ~~(3)~~ Each state agency shall ensure that all maintained  
75 vehicles meet minimum maintenance schedules shown to reduce fuel  
76 consumption, which include:

77 (a) Ensuring appropriate tire pressures and tread depth.~~;~~

78 (b) Replacing fuel filters and emission filters at  
79 recommended intervals.~~;~~

80 (c) Using proper motor oils.~~;~~ and

81 (d) Performing timely motor maintenance.

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83 Each state agency shall measure and report compliance to the  
84 Department of Management Services through the Equipment  
85 Management Information System database.

86 ~~(4) When procuring new vehicles, all state agencies, state~~  
87 ~~universities, community colleges, and local governments that~~  
88 ~~purchase vehicles under a state purchasing plan shall first~~  
89 ~~define the intended purpose for the vehicle and determine which~~  
90 ~~of the following use classes for which the vehicle is being~~  
91 ~~procured:~~

92 ~~(a) State business travel, designated operator;~~

93 ~~(b) State business travel, pool operators;~~

94 ~~(c) Construction, agricultural, or maintenance work;~~

95 ~~(d) Conveyance of passengers;~~

96 ~~(e) Conveyance of building or maintenance materials and~~  
97 ~~supplies;~~



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- 98 ~~(f) Off-road vehicle, motorcycle, or all-terrain vehicle;~~
- 99 ~~(g) Emergency response; or~~
- 100 ~~(h) Other.~~

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102 ~~Vehicles described in paragraphs (a) through (h), when being~~  
103 ~~processed for purchase or leasing agreements, must be selected~~  
104 ~~for the greatest fuel efficiency available for a given use class~~  
105 ~~when fuel economy data are available. Exceptions may be made for~~  
106 ~~individual vehicles in paragraph (g) when accompanied, during~~  
107 ~~the procurement process, by documentation indicating that the~~  
108 ~~operator or operators will exclusively be emergency first~~  
109 ~~responders or have special documented need for exceptional~~  
110 ~~vehicle performance characteristics. Any request for an~~  
111 ~~exception must be approved by the purchasing agency head and any~~  
112 ~~exceptional performance characteristics denoted as a part of the~~  
113 ~~procurement process prior to purchase.~~

114 (2)(5) All state agencies shall use ethanol and biodiesel  
115 blended fuels when available. State agencies administering  
116 central fueling operations for state-owned vehicles shall  
117 procure biofuels for fleet needs to the greatest extent  
118 practicable.

119 (3)(a) The Department of Management Services shall, in  
120 consultation with the Department of Commerce and the Department  
121 of Agriculture and Consumer Services, develop a Florida Humane  
122 Preferred Energy Products List. In developing the list, the  
123 department must assess products currently available for purchase  
124 under state term contracts that contain or consist of an energy  
125 storage device with a capacity of greater than one kilowatt or  
126 that contain or consist of an energy generation device with a



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127 capacity of greater than 500 kilowatts and identify specific  
128 products that appear to be largely made free from forced labor,  
129 irrespective of the age of the worker. For purposes of this  
130 subsection, the term "forced labor" means any work performed or  
131 service rendered that is:

132 1. Obtained by intimidation, fraud, or coercion, including  
133 by threat of serious bodily harm to, or physical restraint  
134 against, a person, by means of a scheme intended to cause the  
135 person to believe that if he or she does not perform such labor  
136 or render such service, the person will suffer serious bodily  
137 harm or physical restraint, or by means of the abuse or  
138 threatened abuse of law or the legal process;

139 2. Imposed on the basis of a characteristic that has been  
140 held by the United States Supreme Court or the Florida Supreme  
141 Court to be protected against discrimination under the  
142 Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution or under  
143 s. 2, Art. I of the State Constitution, including race, color,  
144 national origin, religion, gender, or physical disability;

145 3. Not performed or rendered voluntarily by a person; or

146 4. In violation of the Child Labor Law or otherwise  
147 performed or rendered through oppressive child labor.

148 (b) When procuring the types of energy products described  
149 in paragraph (a) from state term contracts, state agencies and  
150 political subdivisions shall first consult the Florida Humane  
151 Preferred Energy Products List and may not purchase or procure  
152 products not included in the list.

153 Section 3. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (1) of  
154 section 337.25, Florida Statutes, to read:

155 337.25 Acquisition, lease, and disposal of real and



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156 personal property.-

157 (1)

158 (e) The department may not, without prior approval from the  
159 Legislature, assign or transfer its permitting rights across any  
160 transportation right-of-way operated by the department to a  
161 third party or governmental entity that does not operate the  
162 transportation right-of-way.

163 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 337.403, Florida  
164 Statutes, is amended to read:

165 337.403 Interference caused by utility; expenses.-

166 (1) If a utility that is placed upon, under, over, or  
167 within the right-of-way limits of any public road or publicly  
168 owned rail corridor is found by the authority to be unreasonably  
169 interfering in any way with the convenient, safe, or continuous  
170 use, or the maintenance, improvement, extension, or expansion,  
171 of such public road or publicly owned rail corridor, the utility  
172 owner shall, upon 30 days' written notice to the utility or its  
173 agent by the authority, initiate the work necessary to alleviate  
174 the interference at its own expense except as provided in  
175 paragraphs (a)-(j). The authority may not require a utility  
176 within a public road operated by the authority to be relocated  
177 on behalf of any other third-party or governmental agency  
178 project related to a separate public or private road or  
179 transportation corridor. The work must be completed within such  
180 reasonable time as stated in the notice or such time as agreed  
181 to by the authority and the utility owner.

182 (a) If the relocation of utility facilities, as referred to  
183 in s. 111 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, Pub. L. No.  
184 84-627, is necessitated by the construction of a project on the



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185 federal-aid interstate system, including extensions thereof  
186 within urban areas, and the cost of the project is eligible and  
187 approved for reimbursement by the Federal Government to the  
188 extent of 90 percent or more under the Federal-Aid Highway Act,  
189 or any amendment thereof, then in that event the utility owning  
190 or operating such facilities shall perform any necessary work  
191 upon notice from the department, and the state shall pay the  
192 entire expense properly attributable to such work after  
193 deducting therefrom any increase in the value of a new facility  
194 and any salvage value derived from an old facility.

195 (b) When a joint agreement between the department and the  
196 utility is executed for utility work to be accomplished as part  
197 of a contract for construction of a transportation facility, the  
198 department may participate in those utility work costs that  
199 exceed the department's official estimate of the cost of the  
200 work by more than 10 percent. The amount of such participation  
201 is limited to the difference between the official estimate of  
202 all the work in the joint agreement plus 10 percent and the  
203 amount awarded for this work in the construction contract for  
204 such work. The department may not participate in any utility  
205 work costs that occur as a result of changes or additions during  
206 the course of the contract.

207 (c) When an agreement between the department and utility is  
208 executed for utility work to be accomplished in advance of a  
209 contract for construction of a transportation facility, the  
210 department may participate in the cost of clearing and grubbing  
211 necessary to perform such work.

212 (d) If the utility facility was initially installed to  
213 exclusively serve the authority or its tenants, or both, the





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214 authority shall bear the costs of the utility work. However, the  
215 authority is not responsible for the cost of utility work  
216 related to any subsequent additions to that facility for the  
217 purpose of serving others. For a county or municipality, if such  
218 utility facility was installed in the right-of-way as a means to  
219 serve a county or municipal facility on a parcel of property  
220 adjacent to the right-of-way and if the intended use of the  
221 county or municipal facility is for a use other than  
222 transportation purposes, the obligation of the county or  
223 municipality to bear the costs of the utility work shall extend  
224 only to utility work on the parcel of property on which the  
225 facility of the county or municipality originally served by the  
226 utility facility is located.

227 (e) If, under an agreement between a utility and the  
228 authority entered into after July 1, 2009, the utility conveys,  
229 subordinates, or relinquishes a compensable property right to  
230 the authority for the purpose of accommodating the acquisition  
231 or use of the right-of-way by the authority, without the  
232 agreement expressly addressing future responsibility for the  
233 cost of necessary utility work, the authority shall bear the  
234 cost of removal or relocation. This paragraph does not impair or  
235 restrict, and may not be used to interpret, the terms of any  
236 such agreement entered into before July 1, 2009.

237 (f) If the utility is an electric facility being relocated  
238 underground in order to enhance vehicular, bicycle, and  
239 pedestrian safety and in which ownership of the electric  
240 facility to be placed underground has been transferred from a  
241 private to a public utility within the past 5 years, the  
242 department shall incur all costs of the necessary utility work.



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243 (g) An authority may bear the costs of utility work  
244 required to eliminate an unreasonable interference when the  
245 utility is not able to establish that it has a compensable  
246 property right in the particular property where the utility is  
247 located if:

248 1. The utility was physically located on the particular  
249 property before the authority acquired rights in the property;

250 2. The utility demonstrates that it has a compensable  
251 property right in adjacent properties along the alignment of the  
252 utility or, after due diligence, certifies that the utility does  
253 not have evidence to prove or disprove that it has a compensable  
254 property right in the particular property where the utility is  
255 located; and

256 3. The information available to the authority does not  
257 establish the relative priorities of the authority's and the  
258 utility's interests in the particular property.

259 (h) If a municipally owned utility or county-owned utility  
260 is located in a rural area of opportunity, as defined in s.  
261 288.0656(2), and the department determines that the utility is  
262 unable, and will not be able within the next 10 years, to pay  
263 for the cost of utility work necessitated by a department  
264 project on the State Highway System, the department may pay, in  
265 whole or in part, the cost of such utility work performed by the  
266 department or its contractor.

267 (i) If the relocation of utility facilities is necessitated  
268 by the construction of a commuter rail service project or an  
269 intercity passenger rail service project and the cost of the  
270 project is eligible and approved for reimbursement by the  
271 Federal Government, then in that event the utility owning or



272 operating such facilities located by permit on a department-  
273 owned rail corridor shall perform any necessary utility  
274 relocation work upon notice from the department, and the  
275 department shall pay the expense properly attributable to such  
276 utility relocation work in the same proportion as federal funds  
277 are expended on the commuter rail service project or an  
278 intercity passenger rail service project after deducting  
279 therefrom any increase in the value of a new facility and any  
280 salvage value derived from an old facility. In no event shall  
281 the state be required to use state dollars for such utility  
282 relocation work. This paragraph does not apply to any phase of  
283 the Central Florida Commuter Rail project, known as SunRail.

284 (j) If a utility is lawfully located within an existing and  
285 valid utility easement granted by recorded plat, regardless of  
286 whether such land was subsequently acquired by the authority by  
287 dedication, transfer of fee, or otherwise, the authority must  
288 bear the cost of the utility work required to eliminate an  
289 unreasonable interference. The authority shall pay the entire  
290 expense properly attributable to such work after deducting any  
291 increase in the value of a new facility and any salvage value  
292 derived from an old facility.

293 Section 5. Subsections (1), (2), and (5) of section  
294 366.032, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

295 366.032 Preemption over utility service restrictions.—

296 (1) A municipality, county, special district, development  
297 district, or other political subdivision of the state may not  
298 enact or enforce a resolution, ordinance, rule, code, or policy  
299 or take any action that restricts or prohibits or has the effect  
300 of restricting or prohibiting the types or fuel sources of



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301 energy production which may be used, delivered, converted, or  
302 supplied by the following entities to serve customers that such  
303 entities are authorized to serve:

304 (a) A public utility or an electric utility as defined in  
305 this chapter;

306 (b) An entity formed under s. 163.01 that generates, sells,  
307 or transmits electrical energy;

308 (c) A natural gas utility as defined in s. 366.04(3)(c);

309 (d) A natural gas transmission company as defined in s.  
310 368.103; or

311 (e) A Category I liquefied petroleum gas dealer or Category  
312 II liquefied petroleum gas dispenser or Category III liquefied  
313 petroleum gas cylinder exchange operator as defined in s.  
314 527.01.

315 (2) Except to the extent necessary to enforce the Florida  
316 Building Code adopted pursuant to s. 553.73 or the Florida Fire  
317 Prevention Code adopted pursuant to s. 633.202, a municipality,  
318 county, special district, development district, or other  
319 political subdivision of the state may not enact or enforce a  
320 resolution, an ordinance, a rule, a code, or a policy or take  
321 any action that restricts or prohibits or has the effect of  
322 restricting or prohibiting the use of an appliance, including a  
323 stove or grill, which uses the types or fuel sources of energy  
324 production which may be used, delivered, converted, or supplied  
325 by the entities listed in subsection (1). As used in this  
326 subsection, the term "appliance" means a device or apparatus  
327 manufactured and designed to use energy and for which the  
328 Florida Building Code or the Florida Fire Prevention Code  
329 provides specific requirements.



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330 (5) Any municipality, county, special district, development  
331 district, or political subdivision charter, resolution,  
332 ordinance, rule, code, policy, or action that is preempted by  
333 this act that existed before or on July 1, 2021, is void.

334 Section 6. Subsection (10) is added to section 366.04,  
335 Florida Statutes, to read:

336 366.04 Jurisdiction of commission.—

337 (10) The commission shall approve a targeted storm reserve  
338 amount to be effective January 1, 2025, for each public utility.

339 The targeted storm reserve amount must be set at a level equal  
340 to 80 percent of the approved incremental storm costs incurred  
341 for the public utility's highest cost storm impacting its  
342 service area over the 5 calendar years before January 2025. The  
343 approved incremental storm costs that form the basis for the  
344 targeted storm reserve amount must be based on the filings of  
345 the public utility with the commission and orders issued by the  
346 commission.

347 (a)1. The initial targeted storm reserve amount established  
348 by the commission:

349 a. Is subject to adjustment on an annual basis for  
350 successive rolling 5-year periods;

351 b. Must be funded by an increase in base rates effective  
352 January 1, 2025; and

353 c. Must be designed to allow the utility to recover the  
354 costs to fund the targeted reserve level over a 4-year period.

355 2. All base rate adjustments and accompanying tariffs must  
356 be:

357 a. Implemented by administrative approval of the commission  
358 and employ the most recent authorized base rate structure for



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359 the public utility;

360 b. Filed by October 15 together with the current storm  
361 reserve and supporting documentation and the highest cost storm  
362 over the prior 5 years as reflected by commission order; and

363 c. Administratively approved by each November 15 to take  
364 effect on January 1 of the following calendar year.

365 (b) Suspension of base rate increases and implementation of  
366 base rate adjustments under this subsection based on use and  
367 depletion of the storm reserve and the determination of the  
368 annual storm reserve amount must be administratively determined  
369 and approved by the commission consistent with calendar  
370 deadlines under paragraph (a).

371 (c) The adjustments to base rates must be designed to fund  
372 the public utility storm reserves; the cost recovery of such  
373 base rates must be without regard to any impact on a public  
374 utility's previous, current, or projected earnings; and the  
375 revenues from such base rates may not be considered in the  
376 calculation of a public utility's earnings in earnings  
377 surveillance reports filed with the commission.

378 Section 7. Section 366.075, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
379 read:

380 366.075 Experimental and transitional rates; experimental  
381 mechanisms.-

382 (1) The commission is authorized to approve rates on an  
383 experimental or transitional basis for any public utility to  
384 encourage energy conservation or to encourage efficiency. The  
385 application of such rates may be for limited geographic areas  
386 and for a limited period.

387 (2) The commission is authorized to approve the geographic



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388 area used in testing experimental rates and shall specify in the  
389 order setting those rates the area affected. The commission may  
390 extend the period designated for the test if it determines that  
391 further testing is necessary to fully evaluate the effectiveness  
392 of such experimental rates.

393 (3) The commission is authorized to establish an  
394 experimental mechanism to facilitate energy infrastructure  
395 investment consistent with the structure set forth in s.  
396 366.96(7) and (8), the intent of s. 366.91(1), and the  
397 definition of the term "renewable natural gas" in s.  
398 366.91(2)(f). The commission shall have discretion to determine  
399 whether to use an annual proceeding to conduct such experimental  
400 mechanism. The commission shall adopt rules to implement and  
401 administer this subsection and shall propose a rule for adoption  
402 as soon as practicable after the effective date of this act, but  
403 not later than October 31, 2024.

404 Section 8. Section 366.94, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
405 read:

406 366.94 Electric vehicle charging ~~stations~~.-

407 (1) The provision of electric vehicle charging to the  
408 public by a nonutility is not the retail sale of electricity for  
409 the purposes of this chapter. The rates, terms, and conditions  
410 of electric vehicle charging services by a nonutility are not  
411 subject to regulation under this chapter. This section does not  
412 affect the ability of individuals, businesses, or governmental  
413 entities to acquire, install, or use an electric vehicle charger  
414 for their own vehicles.

415 (2) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
416 shall adopt rules to provide definitions, methods of sale,



417 labeling requirements, and price-posting requirements for  
418 electric vehicle charging ~~stations~~ to allow for consistency for  
419 consumers and the industry.

420 (3) (a) It is unlawful for a person to stop, stand, or park  
421 a vehicle that is not capable of using an electrical recharging  
422 station within any parking space specifically designated for  
423 charging an electric vehicle.

424 (b) If a law enforcement officer finds a motor vehicle in  
425 violation of this subsection, the officer or specialist shall  
426 charge the operator or other person in charge of the vehicle in  
427 violation with a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as  
428 provided in s. 316.008(4) or s. 318.18.

429 (4) The commission may approve voluntary public utility  
430 programs to become effective on or after January 1, 2025, for  
431 residential, customer-specific electric vehicle charging if the  
432 commission determines that the rates and rate structure of the  
433 program will not adversely impact the public utility's general  
434 body of ratepayers. All revenues received from the program must  
435 be credited to the public utility's retail ratepayers. This  
436 provision does not preclude cost recovery for electric vehicle  
437 charging programs approved by the commission before January 1,  
438 2024.

439 Section 9. Section 366.99, Florida Statutes, is created to  
440 read:

441 366.99 Natural gas facilities relocation costs.-

442 (1) As used in this section, the term:

443 (a) "Authority" has the same meaning as in s.

444 337.401(1) (a).

445 (b) "Facilities relocation" means the physical moving,





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446 modification, or reconstruction of public utility facilities to  
447 accommodate the requirements imposed by an authority.

448 (c) "Natural gas facilities" or "facilities" means gas  
449 mains, laterals, and service lines used to distribute natural  
450 gas to customers. The term includes all ancillary equipment  
451 needed for safe operations, including, but not limited to,  
452 regulating stations, meters, other measuring devices,  
453 regulators, and pressure monitoring equipment.

454 (d) "Natural gas facilities relocation costs" means the  
455 costs to relocate or reconstruct facilities as required by a  
456 mandate, a statute, a law, an ordinance, or an agreement between  
457 the utility and an authority, including, but not limited to,  
458 costs associated with reviewing plans provided by an authority.  
459 The term does not include any costs recovered through the public  
460 utility's base rates.

461 (e) "Public utility" or "utility" has the same meaning as  
462 in s. 366.02, except that the term does not include an electric  
463 utility.

464 (2) A utility may submit to the commission, pursuant to  
465 commission rule, a petition describing the utility's projected  
466 natural gas facilities relocation costs for the next calendar  
467 year, actual natural gas facilities relocation costs for the  
468 prior calendar year, and proposed cost-recovery factors designed  
469 to recover such costs. A utility's decision to proceed with  
470 implementing a plan before filing such a petition does not  
471 constitute imprudence.

472 (3) The commission shall conduct an annual proceeding to  
473 determine each utility's prudently incurred natural gas  
474 facilities relocation costs and to allow each utility to recover



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475 such costs through a charge separate and apart from base rates,  
476 to be referred to as the natural gas facilities relocation cost  
477 recovery clause. The commission's review in the proceeding is  
478 limited to determining the prudence of the utility's actual  
479 incurred natural gas facilities relocation costs and the  
480 reasonableness of the utility's projected natural gas facilities  
481 relocation costs for the following calendar year; and providing  
482 for a true-up of the costs with the projections on which past  
483 factors were set. The commission shall require that any refund  
484 or collection made as a part of the true-up process includes  
485 interest.

486 (4) All costs approved for recovery through the natural gas  
487 facilities relocation cost recovery clause must be allocated to  
488 customer classes pursuant to the rate design most recently  
489 approved by the commission.

490 (5) If a capital expenditure is recoverable as a natural  
491 gas facilities relocation cost, the public utility may recover  
492 the annual depreciation on the cost, calculated at the public  
493 utility's current approved depreciation rates, and a return on  
494 the undepreciated balance of the costs at the public utility's  
495 weighted average cost of capital using the last approved return  
496 on equity.

497 (6) The commission shall adopt rules to implement and  
498 administer this section and shall propose a rule for adoption as  
499 soon as practicable after July 1, 2024.

500 Section 10. Section 377.601, Florida Statutes, is amended  
501 to read:

502 377.601 Legislative intent.—

503 (1) The purpose of the state's energy policy is to ensure



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504 an adequate and reliable supply of energy for the state in a  
505 manner that promotes the health and welfare of the public and  
506 economic growth. The Legislature intends that governance of the  
507 state's energy policy be efficiently directed toward achieving  
508 this purpose ~~The Legislature finds that the state's energy~~  
509 ~~security can be increased by lessening dependence on foreign~~  
510 ~~oil; that the impacts of global climate change can be reduced~~  
511 ~~through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; and that the~~  
512 ~~implementation of alternative energy technologies can be a~~  
513 ~~source of new jobs and employment opportunities for many~~  
514 ~~Floridians. The Legislature further finds that the state is~~  
515 ~~positioned at the front line against potential impacts of global~~  
516 ~~climate change. Human and economic costs of those impacts can be~~  
517 ~~averted by global actions and, where necessary, adapted to by a~~  
518 ~~concerted effort to make Florida's communities more resilient~~  
519 ~~and less vulnerable to these impacts. In focusing the~~  
520 ~~government's policy and efforts to benefit and protect our~~  
521 ~~state, its citizens, and its resources, the Legislature believes~~  
522 ~~that a single government entity with a specific focus on energy~~  
523 ~~and climate change is both desirable and advantageous. Further,~~  
524 ~~the Legislature finds that energy infrastructure provides the~~  
525 ~~foundation for secure and reliable access to the energy supplies~~  
526 ~~and services on which Florida depends. Therefore, there is~~  
527 ~~significant value to Florida consumers that comes from~~  
528 ~~investment in Florida's energy infrastructure that increases~~  
529 ~~system reliability, enhances energy independence and~~  
530 ~~diversification, stabilizes energy costs, and reduces greenhouse~~  
531 ~~gas emissions.~~

532 (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the state's energy



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533 policy must be guided by the following goals:

534 (a) Ensuring a cost-effective and affordable energy supply.

535 (b) Ensuring adequate supply and capacity.

536 (c) Ensuring a secure, resilient, and reliable energy  
537 supply, with an emphasis on a diverse supply of domestic energy  
538 resources.

539 (d) Protecting public safety.

540 (e) Ensuring consumer choice.

541 (f) Protecting the state's natural resources, including its  
542 coastlines, tributaries, and waterways.

543 (g) Supporting economic growth.

544 (3)-(2) In furtherance of the goals in subsection (2), it is  
545 the policy of the state of Florida to:

546 (a) Develop and Promote the cost-effective development and  
547 effective use of a diverse supply of domestic energy resources  
548 in this the state and, discourage all forms of energy waste, and  
549 recognize and address the potential of global climate change  
550 wherever possible.

551 (b) Promote the cost-effective development and maintenance  
552 of energy infrastructure that is resilient to natural and  
553 manmade threats to the security and reliability of the state's  
554 energy supply Play a leading role in developing and instituting  
555 energy management programs aimed at promoting energy  
556 conservation, energy security, and the reduction of greenhouse  
557 gas emissions.

558 (c) Reduce reliance on foreign energy resources.

559 (d)-(e) Include energy considerations in all state,  
560 regional, and local planning.

561 (e)-(d) Utilize and manage effectively energy resources used



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562 within state agencies.

563 (f)~~(e)~~ Encourage local governments to include energy  
564 considerations in all planning and to support their work in  
565 promoting energy management programs.

566 (g)~~(f)~~ Include the full participation of citizens in the  
567 development and implementation of energy programs.

568 (h)~~(g)~~ Consider in its decisions the energy needs of each  
569 economic sector, including residential, industrial, commercial,  
570 agricultural, and governmental uses, and reduce those needs  
571 whenever possible.

572 (i)~~(h)~~ Promote energy education and the public  
573 dissemination of information on energy and its impacts in  
574 relation to the goals in subsection (2) ~~environmental, economic,~~  
575 and social impact.

576 (j)~~(i)~~ Encourage the research, development, demonstration,  
577 and application of domestic energy resources, including the use  
578 of ~~alternative energy resources, particularly~~ renewable energy  
579 resources.

580 (k)~~(j)~~ Consider, in its decisionmaking, the impacts of  
581 energy-related activities on the goals in subsection (2) ~~social,~~  
582 economic, and environmental impacts of energy-related  
583 activities, including the whole-life-cycle impacts of any  
584 potential energy use choices, so that detrimental effects of  
585 these activities are understood and minimized.

586 (l)~~(k)~~ Develop and maintain energy emergency preparedness  
587 plans to minimize the effects of an energy shortage within this  
588 state Florida.

589 Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 377.6015, Florida  
590 Statutes, is amended to read:



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591 377.6015 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;  
592 powers and duties.—

593 (2) The department shall:

594 (a) ~~Administer the Florida Renewable Energy and Energy~~  
595 ~~Efficient Technologies Grants Program pursuant to s. 377.804 to~~  
596 ~~assure a robust grant portfolio.~~

597 ~~(b)~~ Develop policy for requiring grantees to provide  
598 royalty-sharing or licensing agreements with state government  
599 for commercialized products developed under a state grant.

600 ~~(c) Administer the Florida Green Government Grants Act~~  
601 ~~pursuant to s. 377.808 and set annual priorities for grants.~~

602 ~~(b)~~ ~~(d)~~ Administer the information gathering and reporting  
603 functions pursuant to ss. 377.601-377.608.

604 ~~(c) Administer the provisions of the Florida Energy and~~  
605 ~~Climate Protection Act pursuant to ss. 377.801-377.804.~~

606 ~~(c)~~ ~~(f)~~ Advocate for energy and climate change issues  
607 consistent with the goals in s. 377.601(2) and provide  
608 educational outreach and technical assistance in cooperation  
609 with the state's academic institutions.

610 ~~(d)~~ ~~(g)~~ Be a party in the proceedings to adopt goals and  
611 submit comments to the Public Service Commission pursuant to s.  
612 366.82.

613 ~~(e)~~ ~~(h)~~ Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 120 in order to  
614 implement all powers and duties described in this section.

615 Section 12. Subsection (1) and paragraphs (e), (f), and (m)  
616 of subsection (2) of section 377.703, Florida Statutes, are  
617 amended to read:

618 377.703 Additional functions of the Department of  
619 Agriculture and Consumer Services.—



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620 (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.—Recognizing that energy supply and  
621 demand questions have become a major area of concern to the  
622 state which must be dealt with by effective and well-coordinated  
623 state action, it is the intent of the Legislature to promote the  
624 efficient, effective, and economical management of energy  
625 problems, centralize energy coordination responsibilities,  
626 pinpoint responsibility for conducting energy programs, and  
627 ensure the accountability of state agencies for the  
628 implementation of s. 377.601 ~~s. 377.601(2)~~, the state energy  
629 policy. It is the specific intent of the Legislature that  
630 nothing in this act shall in any way change the powers, duties,  
631 and responsibilities assigned by the Florida Electrical Power  
632 Plant Siting Act, part II of chapter 403, or the powers, duties,  
633 and responsibilities of the Florida Public Service Commission.

634 (2) DUTIES.—The department shall perform the following  
635 functions, unless as otherwise provided, consistent with the  
636 development of a state energy policy:

637 (e) The department shall analyze energy data collected and  
638 prepare long-range forecasts of energy supply and demand in  
639 coordination with the Florida Public Service Commission, which  
640 is responsible for electricity and natural gas forecasts. To  
641 this end, the forecasts shall contain:

642 1. An analysis of the relationship of state economic growth  
643 and development to energy supply and demand, including the  
644 constraints to economic growth resulting from energy supply  
645 constraints.

646 ~~2. Plans for the development of renewable energy resources~~  
647 ~~and reduction in dependence on depletable energy resources,~~  
648 ~~particularly oil and natural gas, and An analysis of the extent~~



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649 to which domestic energy resources, including renewable energy  
650 sources, are being utilized in this ~~the~~ state.

651 3. Consideration of alternative scenarios of statewide  
652 energy supply and demand for 5, 10, and 20 years to identify  
653 strategies for long-range action, including identification of  
654 potential impacts in relation to the goals in s. 377.601(2)  
655 ~~social, economic, and environmental effects.~~

656 4. An assessment of the state's energy resources, including  
657 examination of the availability of commercially developable and  
658 imported fuels, and an analysis of anticipated impacts in  
659 relation to the goals in s. 377.601(2) ~~effects on the state's~~  
660 ~~environment and social services~~ resulting from energy resource  
661 development activities or from energy supply constraints, or  
662 both.

663 (f) The department shall submit an annual report to the  
664 Governor and the Legislature reflecting its activities and  
665 making recommendations for policies for improvement of the  
666 state's response to energy supply and demand and its effect on  
667 the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this state.  
668 The report must include a report from the Florida Public Service  
669 Commission on electricity and natural gas and information on  
670 energy conservation programs conducted and underway in the past  
671 year and include recommendations for energy efficiency and  
672 conservation programs for the state, including:

673 1. Formulation of specific recommendations for improvement  
674 in the efficiency of energy utilization in governmental,  
675 residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation sectors.

676 2. Collection and dissemination of information relating to  
677 energy efficiency and conservation.





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678 3. Development and conduct of educational and training  
679 programs relating to energy efficiency and conservation.

680 4. An analysis of the ways in which state agencies are  
681 seeking to implement s. 377.601 ~~s. 377.601(2)~~, the state energy  
682 policy, and recommendations for better fulfilling this policy.

683 (m) In recognition of the devastation to the economy of  
684 this state and the dangers to the health and welfare of  
685 residents of this state caused by severe hurricanes, and the  
686 potential for such impacts caused by other natural disasters,  
687 the Division of Emergency Management shall include in its energy  
688 emergency contingency plan and provide to the Florida Building  
689 Commission for inclusion in the Florida Energy Efficiency Code  
690 for Building Construction specific provisions to facilitate the  
691 use of cost-effective ~~solar~~ energy technologies as emergency  
692 remedial and preventive measures for providing electric power,  
693 street lighting, and water heating service in the event of  
694 electric power outages.

695 Section 13. Sections 377.801, 377.802, 377.803, 377.804,  
696 377.808, 377.809, and 377.816, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

697 Section 14. (1) For programs established pursuant to s.  
698 377.804, s. 377.808, s. 377.809, or s. 377.816, Florida  
699 Statutes, there may not be:

700 (a) New or additional applications, certifications, or  
701 allocations approved.

702 (b) New letters of certification issued.

703 (c) New contracts or agreements executed.

704 (d) New awards made.

705 (2) All certifications or allocations issued under such  
706 programs are rescinded except for the certifications of, or



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707 allocations to, those certified applicants or projects that  
708 continue to meet the applicable criteria in effect before July  
709 1, 2024. Any existing contract or agreement authorized under any  
710 of these programs shall continue in full force and effect in  
711 accordance with the statutory requirements in effect when the  
712 contract or agreement was executed or last modified. However,  
713 further modifications, extensions, or waivers may not be made or  
714 granted relating to such contracts or agreements, except  
715 computations by the Department of Revenue of the income  
716 generated by or arising out of the qualifying project.

717 Section 15. Subsection (7) of section 288.9606, Florida  
718 Statutes, is amended to read:

719 288.9606 Issue of revenue bonds.—

720 (7) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the  
721 corporation in its corporate capacity may, without authorization  
722 from a public agency under s. 163.01(7), issue revenue bonds or  
723 other evidence of indebtedness under this section to:

724 (a) Finance the undertaking of any project within this the  
725 state that promotes renewable energy as defined in s. 366.91 ~~or~~  
726 s. ~~377.803~~;

727 (b) Finance the undertaking of any project within the state  
728 that is a project contemplated or allowed under s. 406 of the  
729 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; ~~or~~

730 (c) If permitted by federal law, finance qualifying  
731 improvement projects within the state under s. 163.08; or-

732 (d) Finance the costs of acquisition or construction of a  
733 transportation facility by a private entity or consortium of  
734 private entities under a public-private partnership agreement  
735 authorized by s. 334.30.



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736 Section 16. Paragraph (w) of subsection (2) of section  
737 380.0651, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

738 380.0651 Statewide guidelines, standards, and exemptions.—

739 (2) STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS.—The following developments are  
740 exempt from s. 380.06:

741 ~~(w) Any development in an energy economic zone designated~~  
742 ~~pursuant to s. 377.809 upon approval by its local governing~~  
743 ~~body.~~

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745 If a use is exempt from review pursuant to paragraphs (a)-(u),  
746 but will be part of a larger project that is subject to review  
747 pursuant to s. 380.06(12), the impact of the exempt use must be  
748 included in the review of the larger project, unless such exempt  
749 use involves a development that includes a landowner, tenant, or  
750 user that has entered into a funding agreement with the state  
751 land planning agency under the Innovation Incentive Program and  
752 the agreement contemplates a state award of at least \$50  
753 million.

754 Section 17. Subsection (2) of section 403.9405, Florida  
755 Statutes, is amended to read:

756 403.9405 Applicability; certification; exemption; notice of  
757 intent.—

758 (2) ~~No construction of~~ A natural gas transmission pipeline  
759 ~~may not be constructed be undertaken after October 1, 1992,~~  
760 without first obtaining certification under ss. 403.9401-  
761 403.9425, but these sections do not apply to:

762 (a) Natural gas transmission pipelines which are less than  
763 100 ~~15~~ miles in length or which do not cross a county line,  
764 unless the applicant has elected to apply for certification



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765 under ss. 403.9401-403.9425.

766 (b) Natural gas transmission pipelines for which a  
767 certificate of public convenience and necessity has been issued  
768 under s. 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. s. 717f, or a  
769 natural gas transmission pipeline certified as an associated  
770 facility to an electrical power plant pursuant to the Florida  
771 Electrical Power Plant Siting Act, ss. 403.501-403.518, unless  
772 the applicant elects to apply for certification of that pipeline  
773 under ss. 403.9401-403.9425.

774 (c) Natural gas transmission pipelines that are owned or  
775 operated by a municipality or any agency thereof, by any person  
776 primarily for the local distribution of natural gas, or by a  
777 special district created by special act to distribute natural  
778 gas, unless the applicant elects to apply for certification of  
779 that pipeline under ss. 403.9401-403.9425.

780 Section 18. Section 409.508, Florida Statutes, is amended  
781 to read:

782 409.508 Low-income home energy assistance program.—

783 (1) As used in this section, the term:

784 (a) "Department" means the Department of Commerce.

785 (b) "Eligible household" means a household eligible for  
786 funds from the program ~~Low-income Home Energy Assistance Act of~~  
787 ~~1981, 42 U.S.C. ss. 8621 et seq.~~

788 (c) ~~(b)~~ "Home energy" means a source of heating or cooling  
789 in residential dwellings.

790 (d) "Program" means the federal low-income home energy  
791 assistance program established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. ss. 8621 et  
792 seq.

793 (e) ~~(e)~~ "Utility" means any person, corporation,



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794 partnership, municipality, cooperative, association, or other  
795 legal entity and its lessees, trustees, or receivers now or  
796 hereafter owning, operating, managing, or controlling any plant  
797 or other facility supplying electricity or natural gas to or for  
798 the public within this state, directly or indirectly, for  
799 compensation.

800 (2) The department ~~of Economic Opportunity~~ is designated as  
801 the state agency to administer the program ~~Low-income Home~~  
802 ~~Energy Assistance Act of 1981, 42 U.S.C. ss. 8621 et seq.~~ The  
803 department may ~~of Economic Opportunity~~ is authorized to provide  
804 home energy assistance benefits to eligible households which may  
805 be in the form of cash, vouchers, certificates, or direct  
806 payments to electric or natural gas utilities or other energy  
807 suppliers and operators of low-rent, subsidized housing in  
808 behalf of eligible households. Priority must ~~shall~~ be given to  
809 eligible households having at least one elderly or handicapped  
810 individual and to eligible households with the lowest incomes.

811 (3) (a) The department shall expand categorical eligibility  
812 for the program to include households with residents of this  
813 state who are enrolled in any of the following federal  
814 disability programs:

815 1. Social Security Disability Insurance program.  
816 2. Social Security Insurance program.  
817 3. United States Department of Veterans Affairs disability  
818 benefits.

819 4. Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program.

820 5. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

821 (b) The department shall develop a comprehensive process  
822 for automatic program payments on behalf of such individuals to



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823 be made directly to the household's home energy supplier. The  
824 process must include all of the following:

825 1. Detailed requirements for any necessary statutory or  
826 regulatory change, application process change, or other  
827 requirement necessary to allow the department to identify  
828 individuals who qualify under this subsection for automatic  
829 program payments without requiring the individual to submit  
830 additional program applications.

831 2. A data sharing process detailing the steps the  
832 department will take to identify and share a list of  
833 categorically eligible residents with home energy suppliers. A  
834 home energy supplier that agrees to receive direct program  
835 payments must apply the benefits as prescribed to the resident  
836 accounts identified by the department and document such payments  
837 in its annual program performance measures report.

838 (4) Agreements may be established between electric or  
839 natural gas utility companies, other energy suppliers, the  
840 department, and the Department of Revenue to provide, and the  
841 Department of Economic Opportunity for the purpose of providing  
842 payments to energy suppliers in the form of a credit against  
843 sales and use taxes due or direct payments to energy suppliers  
844 for services rendered to low-income, eligible households.

845 (5) ~~(4)~~ The department ~~of Economic Opportunity~~ shall adopt  
846 rules to carry out ~~the provisions of this section act~~.

847 Section 19. Subsection (3) of section 720.3075, Florida  
848 Statutes, is amended to read:

849 720.3075 Prohibited clauses in association documents.—

850 (3) Homeowners' association documents, including  
851 declarations of covenants, articles of incorporation, or bylaws,



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852 may not preclude:

853 (a) The display of up to two portable, removable flags as  
854 described in s. 720.304(2) (a) by property owners. However, all  
855 flags must be displayed in a respectful manner consistent with  
856 the requirements for the United States flag under 36 U.S.C.  
857 chapter 10.

858 (b) Types or fuel sources of energy production which may be  
859 used, delivered, converted, or supplied by the following  
860 entities to serve customers within the association that such  
861 entities are authorized to serve:

862 1. A public utility or an electric utility as defined in  
863 this chapter;

864 2. An entity formed under s. 163.01 that generates, sells,  
865 or transmits electrical energy;

866 3. A natural gas utility as defined in s. 366.04(3) (c);

867 4. A natural gas transmission company as defined in s.  
868 368.103; or

869 5. A category I liquefied petroleum gas dealer, a category  
870 II liquefied petroleum gas dispenser, or a category III  
871 liquefied petroleum gas cylinder exchange operator as defined in  
872 s. 527.01.

873 (c) The use of an appliance, including a stove or grill,  
874 which uses the types or fuel sources of energy production which  
875 may be used, delivered, converted, or supplied by the entities  
876 listed in paragraph (b). As used in this paragraph, the term  
877 "appliance" means a device or apparatus manufactured and  
878 designed to use energy and for which the Florida Building Code  
879 or the Florida Fire Prevention Code provides specific  
880 requirements.



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881           Section 20. (1) The Public Service Commission shall conduct  
882 an assessment of the security and resiliency of the state's  
883 electric grid and natural gas facilities against both physical  
884 threats and cyber threats. The commission shall consult with the  
885 Florida Digital Service in assessing cyber threats. All electric  
886 utilities, natural gas utilities, and natural gas pipelines  
887 operating in this state, regardless of ownership structure,  
888 shall cooperate with the commission to provide access to all  
889 information necessary to conduct the assessment.

890           (2) By January 1, 2025, the commission shall submit a  
891 report of its assessment to the Governor, the President of the  
892 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The  
893 report must also contain any recommendations for potential  
894 legislative or administrative actions that may enhance the  
895 physical security or cyber security of the state's electric grid  
896 or natural gas facilities.

897           Section 21. (1) Recognizing the evolution and advances that  
898 have occurred and continue to occur in nuclear power  
899 technologies, the Public Service Commission shall study and  
900 evaluate the technical and economic feasibility of using  
901 advanced nuclear power technologies, including small modular  
902 reactors, to meet the electrical power needs of the state, and  
903 research means to encourage and foster the installation and use  
904 of such technologies at military installations in this state.

905           (2) By January 1, 2025, the commission shall prepare and  
906 submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
907 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, containing its  
908 findings and any recommendations for potential legislative or  
909 administrative actions that may enhance the use of advanced





910 nuclear technologies in a manner consistent with the energy  
911 policy goals in s. 377.601(2), Florida Statutes.

912 Section 22. (1) Recognizing the continued development of  
913 technologies that support the use of hydrogen as a  
914 transportation fuel and the potential for such use to help meet  
915 the state's energy policy goals in s. 377.601(2), Florida  
916 Statutes, the Department of Transportation, in consultation with  
917 the Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and  
918 Consumer Services, shall study and evaluate the potential  
919 development of hydrogen fueling infrastructure, including  
920 fueling stations, to support hydrogen-powered vehicles that use  
921 the state highway system.

922 (2) By January 1, 2025, the department shall prepare and  
923 submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
924 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, containing its  
925 findings and any recommendations for potential legislative or  
926 administrative actions that may accommodate the future  
927 development of hydrogen fueling infrastructure in a manner  
928 consistent with the energy policy goals in s. 377.601(2),  
929 Florida Statutes.

930 Section 23. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section  
931 220.193, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

932 220.193 Florida renewable energy production credit.—

933 (2) As used in this section, the term:

934 (d) "Florida renewable energy facility" means a facility in  
935 the state that produces electricity for sale from renewable  
936 energy, ~~as defined in s. 377.803.~~

937 Section 24. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.  
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940 And the title is amended as follows:

941 Delete everything before the enacting clause

942 and insert:

943 A bill to be entitled

944 An act relating to energy resources; creating s.  
945 163.3210, F.S.; providing legislative intent; defining  
946 terms; allowing resiliency facilities in certain land  
947 use categories in local government comprehensive plans  
948 and specified districts if certain criteria are met;  
949 authorizing local governments to adopt ordinances for  
950 resiliency facilities if certain requirements are met;  
951 prohibiting amendments to a local government's  
952 comprehensive plan, land use map, zoning districts, or  
953 land development regulations in a manner that would  
954 conflict with resiliency facility classification after  
955 a specified date; amending s. 286.29, F.S.; revising  
956 energy guidelines for public businesses; deleting the  
957 requirement that the Department of Management Services  
958 develop and maintain the Florida Climate-Friendly  
959 Preferred Products List; deleting the requirement that  
960 state agencies contract for meeting and conference  
961 space only with facilities that have a Green Lodging  
962 designation; deleting the requirement that state  
963 agencies, state universities, community colleges, and  
964 local governments that procure new vehicles under a  
965 state purchasing plan select certain vehicles under a  
966 specified circumstance; requiring the Department of  
967 Management Services to develop a Florida Humane



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968 Preferred Energy Products List in consultation with  
969 the Department of Commerce and the Department of  
970 Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing for  
971 assessment considerations in developing the list;  
972 defining the term "forced labor"; requiring state  
973 agencies and political subdivisions that procure  
974 energy products from state term contracts to consult  
975 the list and purchase or procure such products;  
976 prohibiting state agencies and political subdivisions  
977 from purchasing or procuring products not included in  
978 the list; amending s. 337.25, F.S.; prohibiting the  
979 Department of Transportation from assigning or  
980 transferring its permitting rights across  
981 transportation rights-of-way operated by the  
982 department to certain third parties under certain  
983 circumstances; amending s. 337.403, F.S.; prohibiting  
984 authorities from requiring the relocation of utilities  
985 on behalf of certain other third-party or governmental  
986 agency projects; amending s. 366.032, F.S.; including  
987 development districts as a type of political  
988 subdivision for purposes of preemption over utility  
989 service restrictions; amending s. 366.04, F.S.;  
990 requiring the Public Service Commission to approve  
991 targeted storm reserve amounts for public utilities;  
992 providing requirements for the targeted storm reserve  
993 amounts; providing for base rate adjustments; amending  
994 s. 366.075, F.S.; authorizing the commission to  
995 establish an experimental mechanism to facilitate  
996 energy infrastructure investment for renewable natural



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997 gas; providing requirements for the experimental  
998 mechanism; requiring the commission to adopt rules;  
999 providing a timeframe for such rulemaking; amending s.  
1000 366.94, F.S.; deleting terminology; conforming  
1001 provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing the  
1002 commission upon a specified date to approve voluntary  
1003 public utility programs for electric vehicle charging  
1004 if certain requirements are met; requiring that all  
1005 revenues received from such program be credited to the  
1006 public utility's general body of ratepayers; providing  
1007 applicability; creating s. 366.99, F.S.; defining  
1008 terms; authorizing public utilities to submit to the  
1009 commission a petition for a proposed cost recovery for  
1010 certain natural gas facilities relocation costs;  
1011 requiring the commission to conduct annual proceedings  
1012 to determine each utility's prudently incurred natural  
1013 gas facilities relocation costs and to allow for the  
1014 recovery of such costs; providing requirements for the  
1015 commission's review; providing requirements for the  
1016 allocation of such recovered costs; requiring the  
1017 commission to adopt rules; providing a timeframe for  
1018 such rulemaking; amending s. 377.601, F.S.; revising  
1019 legislative intent; amending s. 377.6015, F.S.;  
1020 revising the powers and duties of the department;  
1021 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
1022 amending s. 377.703, F.S.; revising additional  
1023 functions of the department relating to energy  
1024 resources; conforming provisions to changes made by  
1025 the act; repealing ss. 377.801, 377.802, 377.803,



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1026 377.804, 377.808, 377.809, and 377.816, F.S., relating  
1027 to the Florida Energy and Climate Protection Act, the  
1028 purpose of the act, and definitions under the act, the  
1029 Renewable Energy and Energy-Efficient Technologies  
1030 Grants Program, the Florida Green Government Grants  
1031 Act, the Energy Economic Zone Pilot Program, and the  
1032 qualified energy conservation bond allocation;  
1033 prohibiting the approval of new or additional  
1034 applications, certifications, or allocations under  
1035 such programs; prohibiting new contracts, agreements,  
1036 and awards under such programs; rescinding all  
1037 certifications or allocations issued under such  
1038 programs; providing an exception; providing  
1039 application relating to existing contracts or  
1040 agreements under such programs; amending ss. 288.9606  
1041 and 380.0651, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes  
1042 made by the act; amending s. 403.9405, F.S.; revising  
1043 the applicability of the Natural Gas Transmission  
1044 Pipeline Siting Act; amending s. 409.508, F.S.;

1045 defining and redefining terms; requiring the  
1046 Department of Commerce to expand categorical  
1047 eligibility for the low-income home energy assistance  
1048 program to include individuals who are enrolled in  
1049 certain federal disability programs; requiring the  
1050 department to develop a comprehensive process for  
1051 automatic payments to be made on behalf of such  
1052 individuals; providing requirements for such process;  
1053 making technical changes; amending s. 720.3075, F.S.;

1054 prohibiting certain homeowners' association documents



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1055 from precluding certain types or fuel sources of  
1056 energy production and the use of certain appliances;  
1057 defining the term "appliance"; requiring the  
1058 commission to conduct an assessment of the security  
1059 and resiliency of the state's electric grid and  
1060 natural gas facilities against physical threats and  
1061 cyber threats; requiring the commission to consult  
1062 with the Florida Digital Service; requiring  
1063 cooperation from all operating facilities in the state  
1064 relating to such assessment; requiring the commission  
1065 to submit by a specified date a report of such  
1066 assessment to the Governor and the Legislature;  
1067 providing additional content requirements for such  
1068 report; requiring the commission to study and evaluate  
1069 the technical and economic feasibility of using  
1070 advanced nuclear power technologies to meet the  
1071 electrical power needs of the state; requiring the  
1072 commission to submit by a specified date a report to  
1073 the Governor and the Legislature which contains its  
1074 findings and any additional recommendations for  
1075 potential legislative or administrative actions;  
1076 requiring the Department of Transportation, in  
1077 consultation with the Office of Energy within the  
1078 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to  
1079 study and evaluate the potential development of  
1080 hydrogen fueling infrastructure to support hydrogen-  
1081 powered vehicles; requiring the department to submit,  
1082 by a specified date, a report to the Governor and the  
1083 Legislature that contains its findings and



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1084 recommendations for specified actions that may  
1085 accommodate the future development of hydrogen fueling  
1086 infrastructure; amending s. 220.193, F.S.; conforming  
1087 a cross-reference; providing an effective date.