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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Commerce Committee Representative Payne offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 545-624 and insert:

Section 9. Subsection (1) and paragraphs (e), (f), (h), and (m) of subsection (2) of section 377.703, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

9 377.703 Additional functions of the Department of
 10 Agriculture and Consumer Services.—

(1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.-Recognizing that energy supply and demand questions have become a major area of concern to the state which must be dealt with by effective and well-coordinated state action, it is the intent of the Legislature to promote the efficient, effective, and economical management of energy problems, centralize energy coordination responsibilities,

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17 pinpoint responsibility for conducting energy programs, and ensure the accountability of state agencies for the 18 19 implementation of s. 377.601 s. 377.601(2), the state energy policy. It is the specific intent of the Legislature that 20 21 nothing in this act shall in any way change the powers, duties, 22 and responsibilities assigned by the Florida Electrical Power 23 Plant Siting Act, part II of chapter 403, or the powers, duties, 24 and responsibilities of the Florida Public Service Commission.

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

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

33 1. An analysis of the relationship of state economic 34 growth and development to energy supply and demand, including 35 the constraints to economic growth resulting from energy supply 36 constraints.

2. Plans for the development of renewable energy resources and reduction in dependence on depletable energy resources, particularly oil and natural gas, and An analysis of the extent to which <u>domestic energy resources</u>, including renewable energy sources, are being utilized in <u>this</u> the state.

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

47 4. An assessment of the state's energy resources, 48 including examination of the availability of commercially 49 developable and imported fuels, and an analysis of anticipated 50 <u>impacts in relation to the goals in s. 377.601(2)</u> effects on the 51 state's environment and social services resulting from energy 52 resource development activities or from energy supply 53 constraints, or both.

54 The department shall submit an annual report to the (f) 55 Governor and the Legislature reflecting its activities and 56 making recommendations for policies for improvement of the 57 state's response to energy supply and demand and its effect on 58 the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this state. 59 The report must include a report from the Florida Public Service 60 Commission on electricity and natural gas and information on 61 energy conservation programs conducted and underway in the past 62 year and include recommendations for energy efficiency and 63 conservation programs for the state, including:

64 1. Formulation of specific recommendations for improvement
65 in the efficiency of energy utilization in governmental,
66 residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation sectors.
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67 2. Collection and dissemination of information relating to68 energy efficiency and conservation.

3. Development and conduct of educational and trainingprograms relating to energy efficiency and conservation.

An analysis of the ways in which state agencies are
seeking to implement <u>s. 377.601</u> s. 377.601(2), the state energy
policy, and recommendations for better fulfilling this policy.

(h) The department shall promote the development and use of renewable energy resources, in conformance with chapter 187 and s. 377.601, by:

1. Establishing goals and strategies for increasing the
use of renewable energy in this state.

Aiding and promoting the commercialization of renewable energy resources, in cooperation with the Florida Energy Systems Consortium; the Florida Solar Energy Center; and any other federal, state, or local governmental agency that may seek to promote research, development, and the demonstration of renewable energy equipment and technology.

85 <u>2</u>3. Identifying barriers to greater use of renewable 86 energy resources in this state, and developing specific 87 recommendations for overcoming identified barriers, with 88 findings and recommendations to be submitted annually in the 89 report to the Governor and Legislature required under paragraph 90 (f).

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91 34. In cooperation with the Department of Environmental 92 Protection, the Department of Transportation, the Department of 93 Commerce, the Florida Energy Systems Consortium, the Florida 94 Solar Energy Center, and the Florida Solar Energy Industries 95 Association, investigating opportunities, pursuant to the 96 national Energy Policy Act of 1992, the Housing and Community 97 Development Act of 1992, and any subsequent federal legislation, for renewable energy resources, electric vehicles, and other 98 99 renewable energy manufacturing, distribution, installation, and 100 financing efforts that enhance this state's position as the 101 leader in renewable energy research, development, and use.

102 <u>45</u>. Undertaking other initiatives to advance the 103 development and use of renewable energy resources in this state. 104

In the exercise of its responsibilities under this paragraph, the department shall seek the assistance of the renewable energy industry in this state and other interested parties and may enter into contracts, retain professional consulting services, and expend funds appropriated by the Legislature for such purposes.

(m) In recognition of the devastation to the economy of this state and the dangers to the health and welfare of residents of this state caused by severe hurricanes, and the potential for such impacts caused by other natural disasters, the Division of Emergency Management shall include in its energy 499025 - h1645-line545.docx

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emergency contingency plan and provide to the Florida Building Commission for inclusion in the Florida Energy Efficiency Code for Building Construction specific provisions to facilitate the use of cost-effective solar energy technologies as emergency remedial and preventive measures for providing electric power, street lighting, and water heating service in the event of electric power outages.

123 Section 10. Section 377.708, Florida Statutes, is created 124 to read:

377.708 Wind energy.-

(1) DEFINITIONS. - As used in this section, the term:

127 (a) "Coastline" means the established line of mean high

128 <u>water</u>.

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129 (b) "Department" means the Department of Environmental 130 Protection.

131 (c) "Offshore wind energy facility" means any wind energy 132 facility located on waters of this state, including other buildings, structures, vessels, or electrical transmission 133 134 cabling to be sited on waters of this state, or connected to 135 corresponding onshore substations that are used to support the operation of one or more wind turbines sited or constructed on 136 137 any waters of this state and any submerged lands or territorial 138 waters that are not under the jurisdiction of the state.

139 (d) "Real property" has the same meaning as provided in s.
140 <u>192.001.</u>

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141	(e) "Waters of this state" has the same meaning as s.
142	327.02 except the term also includes all state submerged lands.
143	(f) "Wind energy facility" means an electrical wind
144	generation facility or expansion thereof having at least a 400-
145	watt rated capacity, including substations; meteorological data
146	towers; aboveground, underground, and electrical transmission
147	lines; and transformers, control systems, and other buildings or
148	structures under common ownership or operating control used to
149	support the operation of the facility the primary purpose of
150	which is to offer electricity supply for sale.
151	(g) "Wind turbine" means a device or apparatus that has the
152	capability to convert kinetic wind energy into rotational energy
153	that drives an electrical generator consisting of a tower body
154	and rotator with two or more blades. The term includes both
155	horizontal and vertical axis turbines. The term does not include
156	devices used to measure wind speed and direction, such as an
157	anemometer.
158	(2) PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES
159	(a) The construction, operation, or expansion of an
160	offshore wind energy facility in this state is prohibited.
161	(b) The construction or operation of a wind turbine on real
162	property within 1 mile of coastline in this state is prohibited.
163	(c) The construction or operation of a wind turbine on
164	waters of this state and any submerged lands is prohibited.
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165	(3) The department shall review all applications for
166	federal wind energy leases in the territorial waters of the
167	United States adjacent to waters of this state and shall signify
168	its approval or objection to each application.
169	(4) INJUNCTIVE RELIEFThe department may bring an action
170	for injunctive relief against any person who owns, constructs,
171	or operates an offshore wind energy facility or a wind turbine
172	in this state in violation of this section.
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176	TITLE AMENDMENT
177	Remove line 68 and insert:
178	the act; creating s. 377.708, F.S.; providing definitions;
179	prohibiting the construction, operation, or expansion of certain
180	wind energy facilities and wind turbines in the state;
181	authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to seek
182	injunctive relief for violations; repealing s. 377.801, F.S.,
183	relating to the
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