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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Drake offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 175 and 176, insert:

5 Section 5. Section 253.0342, Florida Statutes, is created
6 to read:

7 253.0342 Exchange of state-owned lands to individuals or
8 corporations.-

9 (1) The Legislature finds that significant economic forces
10 compel the state to be innovative in seeking new ways to expand
11 the protection and conservation of undeveloped lands while
12 reducing the overall fiscal impact to the state. Many of these
13 undeveloped lands are held in private ownership by individuals
14 or by private or public corporations and are contiguous to
15 existing state-owned land. The Legislature recognizes that these
16 entities may have additional management resources that would

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17 assist in the conservation and protection of natural resources
18 on such lands and allow the state to increase the amount of land
19 under protective covenants. It is the intent of the Legislature
20 to encourage the use of conservation easements over privately
21 held lands through the exchange of state-owned land, to secure
22 the future of areas of natural resource-based recreation, and to
23 ensure the survival of plant and animal species and the
24 conservation of finite and renewable natural resources.

25 (2) An individual or any private or public corporation
26 with privately held land contiguous to state-owned land may
27 submit a request directly to the Board of Trustees of the
28 Internal Improvement Trust Fund to exchange state-owned land for
29 conservation easements over the privately held land. If the
30 privately held land is surrounded on at least 40 percent of its
31 perimeter by state-owned land, and the exchange of state-owned
32 land does not create an inholding, the board of trustees shall
33 consider such request within 60 days after the board's receipt
34 of the request.

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37 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

38 Remove line 28 and insert:

39 docks or piers; creating s. 253.0342, F.S.; providing
40 legislative findings and intent; authorizing certain
41 individuals and corporations to submit requests to the
42 Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund
43 to exchange state-owned land for conservation easements
44 over privately held land; requiring the board of trustees

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45 | to consider such requests under certain circumstances;
46 | providing an effective date.