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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government (Brodeur) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 67 - 98

and insert:

Silver Springs. The project plan must be designed to restore the Ocklawaha River hydrology and floodplain function to the approximate conditions that existed before the construction of the Cross Florida Barge Canal project and its associated project works, including, but not limited to, the Kirkpatrick Dam and Buckman Lock. The project plan must be based on the restoration

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design and steps set forth in the department's pending Joint Application for Environmental Resource and Federal Dredge and Fill Permit. The project plan must incorporate the best available science and include engineering and design updates, including topographic and bathymetric surveys, and precise estimates of material to be dredged or excavated. In addition, the project plan must provide recommendations for road and bridge construction that is compatible with the partial restoration plan and ensures continued access for the communities west of the project. The project plan must include estimates by fiscal year of the cost of implementing the project plan and potential sources of funding for such costs.

(b) Notwithstanding any law or rule, the project plan for the restoration of the Ocklawaha River is an environmental restoration or enhancement project subject to a general permit from the department and water management districts for environmental restoration or enhancement pursuant to rule 62-330.405, Florida Administrative Code, and rule 62-330.485, Florida Administrative Code.

(c) Subject to the provision of state, federal, or other funds, the department shall complete the restoration project by December 31, 2032.

(3) NORTHEAST FLORIDA RIVER AND SPRINGS RECREATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL.—

(a) *Establishment of the council.*—

1. By October 31, 2026, the Northeast Florida River and Springs Recreation and Economic Development Advisory Council, an advisory council as defined in s. 20.03(7), shall be established and assigned to the

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43 And the title is amended as follows:
44 Delete lines 16 - 18
45 and insert:
46 to the provision of funds; providing for the creation
47 of the Northeast Florida River and Springs Recreation
48 and Economic Development Advisory Council by a
49 specified date; assigning the council to