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GOVERNOR

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Interim Secretary Dawn K. Roberts  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 S. Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Roberts:

By the authority vested in me as the Governor of Florida, and under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to, Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1516, enacted during the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2010 and entitled:

An act relating to state-owned lands ...

This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to create and maintain a real property database that includes an inventory of all property, including buildings, which are owned, rented, occupied or managed by any state agency or the judicial branch. DEP is Florida's state agency charged with protecting natural resources and preventing pollution to our environment. A significant element of its mission is to acquire, manage and account for conservation lands. Fulfilling this natural resource protection function is unique to those real property assets of the state held as conservation lands. Giving DEP the responsibility for accounting for all state real property would blur the natural resource protection mission of the agency and provide increased responsibilities that fall outside of that mission. DEP is the appropriate agency to oversee the acquisition and management of conservation lands, but maintenance of a comprehensive database of other state-owned real property should not be added to its responsibilities.

For this reason, I withhold my approval of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1516, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist

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