



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

June 19, 2007

Mr. Kurt S. Browning
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 S. Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Secretary Browning:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby transmit Council Substitute for House Bill 1375, with my signature, enacted during the 109th Session of the Legislature of Florida, since statehood in 1845, during the Regular Session of 2007 and entitled:

An act relating to the Affordable Housing...

This bill contains many important provisions that will increase the supply of affordable housing available to the citizens of Florida.

While I support the affordable housing reforms in this legislation, I have serious concerns about the provision in this bill which mandates that the State give a parcel of property worth approximately \$900,000 to Miami-Dade County for \$1.00. As a trustee for the State's publicly owned land, I do not believe that it is prudent to transfer the people's land without proper consideration of its value. In addition, this bill bypasses the procedures for disposing surplus state land as provided by Florida law. I, therefore, oppose the Legislature conveying land in this manner. However, Miami-Dade County has agreed to lease the property in lieu of an outright purchase, thereby alleviating my concern in this instance.

Because affordable housing is vital to the state's economic future and Miami-Dade County has agreed to address my concerns in this bill, I hereby sign into law Council Substitute for House Bill 1375, and encourage the Legislature to consider the concerns identified herein when drafting future legislation.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist

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