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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION _____ (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)
OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee
2 Representative Eskamani offered the following:

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4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between lines 215 and 216, insert:

6 Section 2. Section 20.71, Florida Statutes, is created to
7 read:

8 20.71 Department of Housing and Tenant Rights.-

9 (1) There is created the Department of Housing and Tenant
10 Rights.

11 (2) The head of the department is the secretary, who shall
12 be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the
13 Senate. The secretary shall serve at the pleasure of and report
14 to the Governor. The secretary may appoint deputy and assistant
15 secretaries as necessary to aid the secretary in fulfilling his
16 or her statutory obligations. The secretary may create offices

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17 or divisions within the department to promote efficient and
18 effective operation of the department.

19 (3) The purpose of the department is to assist the
20 Governor in working with the Legislature, state agencies, and
21 other interested entities to formulate and implement coherent
22 and consistent policies and strategies designed to combat
23 affordable housing and homelessness issues in the state; assist
24 with housing and urban development; and perpetuate amicable
25 landlord-tenant relationships.

26 (4) The department shall, by January 1, 2024, conduct
27 research and submit a report to the Governor, the President of
28 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on a
29 cost-benefit analysis of implementing an empty homes tax.

30 (5) The department shall take over the role of state
31 government from other departments that currently administer
32 chapter 83 and chapters 419-423.

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

36 Between lines 2 and 3, insert:
37 creating s. 20.71, F.S.; creating the Department of
38 Housing and Tenant Rights as a new department of state
39 government; providing for the secretary of the
40 Department of Housing and Tenant Rights to be
41 appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate;

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42 providing the purpose of the department; requiring a
43 report on the implementation of an empty homes tax be
44 provided to the Governor and Legislature by a
45 specified date; providing government reorganization
46 for certain chapters of law;