

# ORLANDO REGIONAL REALTOR® ASSOCIATION GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Grassroots Action Center



Call to Action

*Line item 471 in the 2009-10 fiscal budget is critical to the completion of the research of conventional on-site wastewater treatment systems funded by the Florida Legislature.*

As you may know, the Florida Department of Health is looking to implement a rule to require Performance Based Treatment Systems in the Wekiva Study Area upon a major repair or at the point of the home's resale.

ORRA objects to the rule because:

- Performance Based Treatment Systems have substantial additional capital costs over a standard system as well as annual maintenance costs;
- Would negatively impact the local housing market; and
- Is based on inaccurate and incomplete scientific studies.

**Click here for a copy of the rule and a map outlining the affected area:**

<http://www.orrealtor.com/files/pdf/proposed.doh.rule.pdf>

<http://www.orrealtor.com/files/pdf/study.area.map.pdf>

**Orange County Mayor Richard T. Crotty and the Orange County Board of County Commissioners** unanimously passed a resolution on May 12, 2009, respectfully requesting that Governor Crist allow Line Item 471 remain in the upcoming fiscal year budget to allow for the completion of the study with already existing funding designated for this study from the current fiscal year.

This resolution, passed by the Orange County Commission, recognizes that the study on recommendations on passive strategies for nitrogen reduction that complement use of conventional on-site wastewater treatment systems is yet to be completed and that completion of this study is crucial in protecting the Wekiva River and its contributing springs and potentially all environmental areas of concern throughout the state of Florida.

During the 2009 Legislative session, Representative Bryan Nelson, District 38, was successful in stalling the Department of Health's ruling by including line item 471 in Florida's 2009-10 budget. Representative Nelson is asking for your continued support on this issue and is requesting all members to contact Governor Crist either via email or mail.

**The Governor's office will be making a decision regarding the budget very promptly, so please do not delay contacting him.**

*Also, please encourage everyone else who is or may be affected by this rule to write the Governor as well. We cannot stand aside and permit other interests to persuade the Governor to veto this language.*

For more information on this issue, please contact Laura Rodziwicz at 407.513.7277 or [gac@orlandorealtor.com](mailto:gac@orlandorealtor.com).

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