1. **Approval of the minutes of the March 7, 2018 meetings.**

   See meeting transcripts at:

2. **Consideration of the Department of Economic Opportunity’s 2017 Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern Annual Report.**

   The Department of Economic Opportunity’s (Department’s) 2017 Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern Annual Report is before the Commission pursuant to section 380.0552, Florida Statutes. The Report addresses the annual review of progress of Monroe County, the City of Marathon, and the Village of Islamorada in completing certain work program tasks set forth in Commission rules.

   In accordance with subsection 380.0552(4), Florida Statutes, the Department completed a comprehensive review of all related statutory and rule requirements, evaluated information submitted by local governments and state agencies, and made findings and recommendations on the progress of the local governments in accomplishing all required work program tasks. The Department recommends the following actions:

   1) Accept the 2017 Annual Report for Monroe County, the City of Marathon, and the Village of Islamorada;
   2) Continue the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern designations; and,
   3) Accept the Department’s recommendation that progress toward accomplishing the tasks of the work program have been achieved for Monroe County, the City of Marathon, and the Village of Islamorada.

   **Back-Up:**

   2017 Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern Annual Report

3. **Presentation of the Department of Economic Opportunity’s Keys Workforce Housing Initiative.**

   The Department of Economic Opportunity presents to the Administration Commission a proposal for enhanced workforce housing in the Florida Keys. The proposed Keys Workforce Housing Initiative will allow local governments to grant additional building permits for rental properties.
The Department is charged with reviewing local development decisions in the Florida Keys due to its legislative designation as an Area of Critical State Concern. State law requires that growth be limited in the Keys to ensure that residents can evacuate safely within 24 hours in advance of a hurricane. State law also requires affordable housing be available near places of employment in the Florida Keys. The Keys Workforce Housing Initiative meets these two legislative mandates by allowing new construction of affordable housing that commits to evacuating renters 48-hours in advance of a hurricane.

The initiative will allow up to 1,300 new building permits for workforce housing throughout the Florida Keys, with no more than 300 per local government. Local governments that choose to participate in the initiative will work with the Department to amend their comprehensive plans to allow for additional building permits that meet these safety requirements. The Department recommends the following actions:

1) Accept the Keys Workforce Housing Initiative.

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