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ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

The need for energy independence affects nearly every aspect of our lives - from our environment, to our economy, to our foreign policy. Florida can lead the nation in alternative energy production because of several natural resources that we are blessed with. These include:

Solar Power

Despite the fact that our nickname is the Sunshine State, Florida dramatically under-utilizes solar power. Government must provide greater incentives to individuals and businesses to use this abundant natural resource.

Bio-Fuels

Bio-fuels include ethanol and bio-diesel. These fuels are produced from feed-stocks found throughout the country, but there is nowhere better than Florida to find these resources. Because of our warm climate, virtually anything can grow here, and Florida is home to several efficient sources of bio-fuels including sugar for ethanol, and algae for bio-diesel.



Ocean Energy

If we harness just a fraction of the power of the ocean, we can serve all of our energy needs. The ocean is home to several important sources of energy including:

- ★ mechanical energy from the waves, currents, and tides of the ocean;
- ★ thermal energy from the sun, which is absorbed by the ocean; and
- ★ cold deep-ocean water that can be used for air-conditioning – air conditioning being the largest single source of energy consumption in the state.

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