

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

CS/SB 388 — Trust Funds for Wildlife Management

by Appropriation Committee and Senator Rodriguez

The bill amends statutes that provide for two trust funds created within the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). The bill specifies that the Grants and Donations Trust Fund must be used for grant and donor agreement activities regardless of the source of funding for those activities.

Regarding the Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund, the bill removes the requirement that FWC must designate an identifiable unit to administer the trust fund and it authorizes FWC to use trust fund proceeds for law enforcement purposes. Current law authorizes FWC to enter into cooperative agreements or memoranda of understanding with related agencies to coordinate nongame programs. The bill adds that FWC may enter into voluntary agreements. It also allows FWC to enter into cooperative agreements, voluntary agreements, or memoranda of understanding with related agencies and private landowners to coordinate nongame programs.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2025.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 112-0