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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS
TRUST FUND RE-CREATION BILL RESEARCH**

BILL #: HB 2089 (PCB GG 97-24)

RELATING TO: Re-creating the Florida Panther Research and Management Trust Fund

SPONSOR(S): General Government Appropriations Committee

STATUTE(S) AFFECTED: Sections 372.672, 320.08065, F.S.

COMPANION BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

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I. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Florida Panther Research and Management Trust Fund without modification. The Florida Panther Research and Management Trust Fund is administered by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

II. SUBSTANTIVE RESEARCHS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 372.672, F.S.

Creates the fund, and provides legislative purposes

Section 320.08065, F.S.

provides revenues from the sale of Florida panther license plates

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND'S USES OR PURPOSES:

The re-creation of the Florida Panther Research and Management Trust Fund will provide funds for the management and protection of existing Florida panther populations through increasing food sources, determining conflicts between public use and panther survival, and maintaining sufficient genetic viability. The trust fund will also help to educate the public on the necessity for panther management, and help to develop a captive breeding program.

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3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The primary source of revenue for this fund comes from the sale of Florida panther license plates.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

III. FISCAL RESEARCH & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

This legislation has no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. It simply re-creates, without modification, an existing state trust fund and continues the current use of the fund. Since it continues current law, it raises no issues under Article VII, Section 19 of the Florida Constitution.

IV. COMMENTS:

None

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None

VI. SIGNATURES:

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