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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
WATER & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
BILL RESEARCH & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

BILL #: HB 829

RELATING TO: Water Resources

SPONSOR(S): Representative Goode

STATUTE(S) AFFECTED: Section 373.083, Florida Statutes (F.S.)

COMPANION BILL(S): None.

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

- (1) WATER & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT YEAS 8 NAYS 0
- (2) GENERAL GOVERNMENT (FISCAL)
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I. SUMMARY:

HB 829 provides authority for water management districts to accept donations, grants, funds, or services from both public and private sources. These funds or services may be used for the planning or implementation of district activities, including projects, programs, works and studies.

The bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

II. SUBSTANTIVE RESEARCH:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

Currently there is no specific statutory authority for water management districts to accept donations, grants, funds, or services from private donors. Chapter 94-279, Laws of Florida, provides specific authority for the St. Johns River Water Management District to accept private donations for the limited purpose of the restoration of Lake Jessup, in Seminole County. Additionally, there are specific instances where statutory authority is provided for certain state agencies to accept gifts from private donors for certain purposes. One instance is s. 369.20, F.S., which specifies that the Department of Environmental Protection can receive private donations for aquatic plant control.

The St. Johns River Water Management District is particularly interested in obtaining the authority to accept donations from private sources because a number of private organizations have expressed interest in donating funds for the Indian River Lagoon Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) program.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

HB 829 provides specific authority for water management districts to accept donations, grants, funds, or services from both public and private sources. These funds or services may be used for the planning or implementation of district activities, including projects, programs, works and studies.

C. APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES:

1. Less Government:

Not applicable.

2. Lower Taxes:

Not applicable.

3. Personal Responsibility:

Not applicable.

4. Individual Freedom:

Not applicable.

5. Family Empowerment:

Not applicable.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION RESEARCH:

Section 1: Amends 373.083, Florida Statutes to provide authority for water management districts to accept donations, grants, funds, or services from both public and private sources. These funds or services may be used for the planning or implementation of district activities, including projects, programs, works and studies.

Section 2: Provides that the act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

III. FISCAL RESEARCH & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE AGENCIES/STATE FUNDS:

1. Non-recurring Effects:

None.

2. Recurring Effects:

None.

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:

None.

4. Total Revenues and Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS A WHOLE:

1. Non-recurring Effects:

None.

2. Recurring Effects:

Indeterminant, but positive. Private funding sources could be used to augment funding for water management district activities which are popular among certain sectors of the public, but which otherwise may not be fully funded.

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:

None.

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C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

1. Direct Private Sector Costs:

None.

2. Direct Private Sector Benefits:

None.

3. Effects on Competition, Private Enterprise and Employment Markets:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

Not applicable.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

Not applicable.

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

Not applicable.

V. COMMENTS:

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

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VII. SIGNATURES:

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