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

BILL #: HB 1251 (PCB GG 99-10)

RELATING TO: Re-creating the Citrus Inspection Trust Fund

SPONSOR(S): Committee on General Government Appropriations

COMPANION BILL(S):

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

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I. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Citrus Inspection Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2000. The Citrus Inspection Trust Fund, FLAIR #42-2-093, is administered by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 1996, by Chapter 95-53, Laws of Florida.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Sections 570.481, 573.118, 601.28, 601.281, and 601.59, F.S., provide revenue sources for the trust fund.

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

Funds from the Citrus Inspection Trust Fund are used to defray necessary expenses incurred by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in the inspection of citrus to ensure compliance with rules set forth by the Federal Marketing Order and by the Department of Citrus. The revenues from this trust fund are expended primarily to ensure that the uniform quality of harvested citrus products is maintained and to provide estimates of crop yields for marketing purposes.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The major sources of revenue for this fund are Marketing Order Assessments, dealer's license fees, citrus inspection fees, and agent's registration fees. According to Comptroller data, receipts to this fund for FY 1997-98 were \$37.5 million.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

C. STATUTE(S) AFFECTED:

None.

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III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & 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.

IV. COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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