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

**BILL #:** HB 1343 (PCB GG 99-55)

**RELATING TO:** Re-creating the Save the Manatee 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 Save the Manatee Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2000. The Save the Manatee Trust Fund, FLAIR #37-2-611, is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 1996, by Chapter 95-44, Laws of Florida.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Sections 320.08058, 327.22, 327.25, 327.28, and 370.12, F.S., provide revenue sources and deposit instructions for the fund.

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

The fund provides a depository for funds collected for manatees and marine mammal research, protection, recovery, rescue, rehabilitation and release.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The major sources of revenue for the fund are manatee license plates and vessel registration fees. According to Comptroller data, receipts to this fund for FY 1997-98 were \$6.9 million.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

C. STATUTE(S) AFFECTED:

None.

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.

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IV. COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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