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

BILL #: HB 1347
RELATING TO: Re-creating the Ecosystem Management & Restoration Trust Fund
SPONSOR(S): Committee on General Government Appropriations
COMPANION BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:
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I. FINAL ACTION STATUS:

HB 1347 passed the House on March 9, 1999, and passed the Senate on March 16, 1999. The bill was approved by the Governor and became law April 6, 1999 (Chapter 99-106, Laws of Florida).

II. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Ecosystem Management & Restoration Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2000. The Ecosystem Management & Restoration Trust Fund, FLAIR #37-2-193, is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 1996, by Chapter 96-176, Laws of Florida.

III. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 403.1651, F.S., creates and provides for purposes for the trust fund.
Sections 161.054, 201.15, 373.4137, 373.129, 373.430, 380.0558, 403.121, and 403.727, F.S., provide a revenue source for the fund.
Sections 161.091, 161.101, and 373.459, F.S., provide for the use of the fund.

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

The fund provides for the detailed planning and implementing of programs for the management and restoration of ecosystems.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The major sources of revenue for the fund are environmental fees, Department of Transportation mitigation fees, and documentary stamp taxes. According to Comptroller data, receipts to this fund for FY 1997-98 were \$18.7 million.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

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C. STATUTE(S) AFFECTED:

None.

IV. 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.

V. COMMENTS:

None.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VII. SIGNATURES:

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