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

BILL #: HB 1349 (PCB GG 99-59)

RELATING TO: Re-creating the Coastal Protection Trust Fund

SPONSOR(S): Committee on General Government Appropriations

COMPANION BILL(S):

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

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I. <u>SUMMARY</u>:

This legislation re-creates the Coastal Protection Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4,2000. The Coastal Protection Trust Fund, FLAIR #37-2-099, is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 2000, by Chapter 95-34, Laws of Florida.

- II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:
 - A. PRESENT SITUATION:
 - 1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 376.11, F.S., creates the trust fund. Sections 206.9935, 206.9945, and 376.121, F.S. provide revenue sources for the fund. Sections 376.10, 376.15, 376.307, 376.3071, and 376.40, F.S., provide for the use of the fund.

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

This fund provides financial resources for prevention of, and cleanup and rehabilitation after, a pollutant discharge; to prevent further damage by the pollutant; and to pay for damages.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The major sources of revenue for the fund are excise taxes levied for the privilege of producing, importing, or causing to be imported into the state, pollutants for sale, use, or other purposes; and damages recovered from parties responsible for polluting state waters. According to Comptroller data, receipts to this fund for FY 1997-98 were \$13.7 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.

IV. <u>COMMENTS</u>:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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