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

BILL #: HB 1367
RELATING TO: Re-creating the Conservation and Recreation Lands 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 1367 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 99-114, Laws of Florida).

II. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2000. The Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund, FLAIR #37-2-131, is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 1996, by Chapter 95-35, Laws of Florida.

III. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 259.032, F.S., creates the trust fund.
Sections 201.15 and 211.3103, F.S., provide revenue sources for the fund.
Sections 253.034 and 252.82, F.S., provide for the receipt of revenues from the sale of surplus lands.

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

This trust fund provides for public ownership of natural areas for the purpose of maintaining unique natural resources; protecting air, land and water quality and providing lands for natural resource based recreation.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The major sources of revenue for the fund are severance taxes and documentary stamp taxes. According to Comptroller data, receipts to this fund for FY 1997-98 were \$124 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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