

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: HB 1997

SPONSOR: Committee on General Government Appropriations

SUBJECT: Florida Forever Program Trust Fund

DATE: April 11, 2000 **REVISED:** _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Hendon</u>	<u>Hadi</u>	<u>FP</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
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I. Summary:

Creates the Florida Forever Program Trust Fund within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to receive and disburse funds related to the Florida Forever Program. Annual bond proceeds are distributed by the Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Receipts and disbursements will total approximately \$4.5 million annually.

II. Present Situation:

During the 1999 Legislative Session, the Florida Forever Program was established to continue the goals of the Preservation 2000 Program. According to section 259.105(3) and paragraph (e), Florida Statutes, one and five-tenths percent of the bond proceeds shall be distributed by the Department of Environmental Protection to the Division of Forestry of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to fund the acquisition of the state forest inholdings and additions pursuant to s. 589.07, F.S., and the implementation of reforestation plans and sustainable forestry management practices.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill creates the Florida Forever Program Trust Fund within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for receipt and disbursement of funds related to the Florida Forever Program effective July 1, 2000.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. **Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. **Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

VII. **Related Issues:**

None.

VIII. **Amendments:**

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
