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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS
ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 2001 (PCB TED 00-46)

RELATING TO: Creating the Florida Forever Program Trust Fund within the Department of Community Affairs

SPONSOR(S): Committee on Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

TIED BILL(S):

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

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I. SUMMARY:

Currently, the Florida Forever Program and the Florida Forever Trust Fund is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. This bill establishes a separate fund, the Florida Forever Program Trust Fund, to be administered by the Department of Community Affairs for the purpose of providing funds for the Florida Communities Trust, which is used for funding the acquisition of endangered and sensitive land resources in Florida.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

During the 1999-2000 Legislative Session, the Florida Forever Program was established to carry on the goals of the Preservation 2000 Program. The Florida Forever Trust Fund was created as a repository for the bond proceeds to fund the program. Both the program and the trust fund are currently administered by the Department of Environmental Protection.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill creates a trust fund for the Florida Forever Program within the Department of Community Affairs for the purpose of providing funds for the Florida Communities Trust, which is used for funding the acquisition of endangered and sensitive land resources in Florida.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1. Creates the Florida Forever Program Trust Fund in the Department of Community Affairs, which shall receive funds pursuant to section 259.105(3)(c), Florida Statutes. Provides that any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund in order to carry out the purposes of the fund. States that the fund shall be terminated on July 1, 2004, unless terminated sooner, and prior to termination, shall be subject to the trust fund review process.

Section 2. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2000.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

N/A

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

N/A

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

N/A

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

N/A

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require municipalities or counties to spend money.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not reduce the authority of municipalities or counties to raise revenue.

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

This bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with municipalities or counties.

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

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C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VII. SIGNATURES:

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