

# 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 2001

SPONSOR: Committee on Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

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

DATE: April 10, 2000 REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

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

This bill establishes the Florida Forever Program Trust Fund within the Department of Community Affairs. Funds in the Trust will be used to acquire endangered and sensitive land resources in Florida in accordance with the Florida Forever Act established in Chapter 99-247, Laws of Florida.

**II. Present Situation:**

During the 1999-2000 Legislative Session, the Florida Forever Act 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.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

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.

**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.

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