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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AS REVISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 735

RELATING TO: Windley Key Fossil Reef

SPONSOR(S): Representative Sorensen

TIED BILL(S):

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

(1) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION YEAS 11 Nays 0

(2) GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS YEAS 6 NAYS 0

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I. SUMMARY:

HB 735 redesignates the "Windley Key Fossil Reef State Geological Site" located in the Village of Islamorada, as the "Alison Fahrer - Dagny Johnson Fossil Reef State Geological Site".

NOTE:

At its meeting the Committee on Environmental Protection adopted a strike-all amendment to this bill, which is traveling with the bill. The amendment redesignates the "Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site" in Key Largo, Monroe County, Florida as the "Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock State Botanical Site."

The original bill, and the amended bill provide effective dates of upon becoming law.

There appears to be no direct fiscal impact on state or local governments.

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:

Windley Key was sold in 1908, by the Russell family to the Florida East Coast Railway. The key's quarries were used to supply rock in the construction of the Flagler's Overseas Railroad. In 1912, after the railway's completion, "Keystone" was quarried at Windley Key until the 1960s. Windley Key is the highest of the chain of islands formed of Key Largo Limestone. The state maintains this site located in the Village of Islamorada so that visitors may study this ancient fossilized, coral reef formation and view the historic remains of the quarrying activities.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill redesignates the Windley Key Fossil Reef State Geological Site, as the "Alison Fahrer-Dagney Johnson Fossil Reef State Geological Site."

NOTE: The strike everything amendment would redesignate the Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site in Key Largo, Monroe County, Florida as the "Dagney Johnson Key Largo Hammock State Botanical Site."

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1. Redesignates the Windley Key Fossil Reef State Geological site as the "Alison Fahrer-Dagney Johnson Fossil Reef State Geological Site."

Section 2. Provides an effective date of upon becoming a law.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

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1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

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

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or to take an action requiring the expenditure of funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not reduce the authority that municipalities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate.

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

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

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

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B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

At its meeting on April 12, 2000, the Committee on Environmental Protection adopted a strike-all amendment to this bill, which is traveling with the bill. The amendment redesignates the "Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site" in Key Largo, Monroe County, Florida as the "Dagney Johnson Key Largo Hammock State Botanical Site."

VII. SIGNATURES:

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