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

BILL #: HB 1287
RELATING TO: Re-creating the Florida Panther Research and Management Trust Fund
SPONSOR(S): General Government Appropriations, Representative(s) Dockery and others
TIED BILL(S):

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

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I. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Florida Panther Research and Management Trust Fund, Flair #77-2-299, without modification, effective November 4, 2004. The Florida Panther Research and Management Trust Fund is administered by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 2000, by Chapter 97-129, Laws of Florida.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 372.672, F.S., creates the fund, and provides legislative purpose.

Section 320.08058, F.S., provides revenues from the sale of Florida panther license plates.

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

The Florida Panther Research and Management Trust Fund provides funds for the management and protection of existing Florida panther populations through increasing food sources, determining conflicts between public use and panther survival, and maintaining sufficient genetic viability. The trust fund will also help to educate the public on the necessity for panther management, and help to develop a captive breeding program.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The primary source of revenue for this fund comes from the sale of Florida Panther license plates.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

III. 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.

IV. COMMENTS:

N/A

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

VI. SIGNATURES:

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