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

BILL #: HB 1289

RELATING TO: Re-creating the Save the Manatee 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. <u>SUMMARY</u>:

This legislation re-creates the Save the Manatee Trust Fund, Flair #77-2-611, without modification, effective November 4, 2004. The Save the Manatee Trust Fund is administered by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 2000, by Chapter 99-104, Laws of Florida.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 370.12(4), F.S., creates the trust fund and provides purpose.

Section 320.08058, 328.66, 328.72, 328.76, F.S., provide revenue sources.

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

The Save the Manatee Trust Fund provides funding for manatee and marine mammal research, protection, recovery, rescue, rehabilitation, and release.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The major sources of revenue for the Save the Manatee Trust Fund are the manatee license plate annual use fee and \$1.50 of every annual registration fee imposed on vessels

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

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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. <u>COMMENTS</u>:

N/A

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

VI. <u>SIGNATURES</u>:

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