

# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 946

SPONSOR: Senator Diaz de la Portilla

SUBJECT: Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site

DATE: March 8, 2001

REVISED: 03/13/01 \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Branning</u>	<u>Voigt</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>Fav/1 amendment</u>
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## I. Summary:

This bill redesignates the Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site in Key Largo, Monroe County, Florida as the “Dagney Johnson Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site.”

## II. Present Situation:

The Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site in Key Largo, Florida is a 2,005-acre site comprised on one of the largest contiguous tracts of tropical West Indian hardwood hammocks found in the United States. The park is home to 84 protected species of plants and animals, including wild cotton, mahogany mistletoe, and the American crocodile. There are over 6 miles of trails favored by bird watchers, photographers and students of tropical flora.

## III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill redesignates the Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site in Key Largo, Monroe County, Florida as the “Dagney Johnson Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site.” Dagney Johnson has been involved in the Keys community and has worked hard for many years to preserve areas of the Keys. She was a founding member of the Upper Keys Citizen Association and a leading environmental activist in the Keys.

## 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:**

No significant impact. The bill does not specify that the Department of Environmental Protection must erect signs or markers denoting the name change for this state botanical site. There would be a modest cost to the department if such signs are erected.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

#1 by Natural Resources:

Technical amendment. Changes "Hammocks" to "Hammock" throughout the bill.