

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 2054

SPONSOR: Senator Silver

SUBJECT: Building Designations

DATE: February 15, 2002 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Liem</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	<u>HC</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
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I. Summary:

Senate Bill 2054 names the children’s medical services building of the Department of Health, which is under construction in Tallahassee, the “Elaine Gordon Children’s Medical Services Building”, and directs the Department of Health to erect suitable markers designating the building as such.

The bill creates an undesignated section of law.

II. Present Situation:

Section 267.062, F.S., provides that no state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or other similar facility may be named for a living person, except as specifically provided by law.

Elaine Gordon was born in New York, and moved to Florida in 1964. During the Constitutional Revision Session in 1968, she was a legislative assistant to State Representative George Firestone, who later became Secretary of State. In 1972, she was elected to the House of Representatives. Representative Gordon was the first woman to chair a standing committee, the first female Speaker Pro Tempore and the first woman inducted into the Florida Women’s Hall of Fame. She was the first recipient of the Florida United Way Humanitarian Award. She chaired numerous committees during her tenure. As she accumulated legislative experience and seniority, she became Dean of the House in 1992 as the House’s longest-sitting member.

Elaine Gordon died on February 25, 2000, of non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, at the age of 68.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

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The bill provides an effective date of upon becoming a law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

The provisions of this bill have no impact on municipalities and the counties under the requirements of Art. VII, s. 18 of the Florida Constitution.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

The provisions of this bill have no impact on public records or open meetings issues under the requirements of Art. I, s. 24(a) and (b) of the Florida Constitution.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

The provisions of this bill have no impact on the trust fund restrictions under the requirements of Art. III, s. 19(f) of the Florida Constitution.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The Department of Health will bear the costs of making and erecting the appropriate markers to reflect the name designation directed by this bill.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
