

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 1285                      Big Bend Historic Saltwater Paddling Trail  
**SPONSOR(S):** Cretul  
**TIED BILLS:**                                      **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 634

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<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>ANALYST</b>	<b>STAFF DIRECTOR</b>
1) <u>Public Lands &amp; Water Resources (Sub)</u>	_____	<u>Camechis</u>	<u>Lotspeich</u>
2) <u>Natural Resources</u>	_____	_____	_____
3) <u>Agriculture &amp; Environment Apps. (Sub)</u>	_____	_____	_____
4) <u>Appropriations</u>	_____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____	_____

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**SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

This bill extends the Big Bend Historic Saltwater Paddling Trail from the Suwannee River to Yankeetown, a distance of approximately 50 miles.

## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. DOES THE BILL:

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Reduce government?                | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes?                      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom?        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families?                 | 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. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

##### Current Situation:

Section 260.014, F.S., establishes The Florida Greenways and Trails System, which consists of a statewide system of greenways and trails located on public lands and waterways and, subject to the written agreement of the landowner, on private lands. Section 260.016(1)(e), F.S., creates the Big Bend Historic Saltwater Paddling Trail from the St. Marks River to the Suwannee River and designates the trail as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System. The trail traverses public waterways, and does not effect any private property rights.

##### Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill amends s. 260.016(1)(e), F.S., to extend the southern terminus of the Big Historic Saltwater Paddling Trail to Yankeetown, which is approximately 50 miles beyond the current terminus at the Suwannee River. The extension traverses public waterways, and will not effect any private property rights.

#### C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends s. 260.016, F.S., relating to the Big Bend Historic Saltwater Paddling Trail.

Section 2. Provides an effective date.

### II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

#### A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

##### 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.

**III. COMMENTS**

**A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:**

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

None.

2. Other:

None.

**B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:**

None.

**C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:**

On May 17, 2002, the Levy County Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution No. 02-08 in support of the proposed extension of the Big Bend Historic Saltwater Paddling Trail for purposes of encouraging preservation, enhancing natural resources, providing economic stimulus, and providing a scenic and useful attraction to the area.

**IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES**