

# 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 834  
 SPONSOR: Senator Clary  
 SUBJECT: Ecosystem Management & Restoration Trust Fund  
 DATE: February 5, 2003      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	DeLoach	Hayes	AGG	Favorable
2.	_____	_____	AP	_____
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**I. Summary:**

This legislation re-creates the Ecosystem Management & Restoration Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2004. The Ecosystem Management & Restoration Trust Fund, FLAIR #37-2-193, is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 2000, by Chapter 99-106, Laws of Florida.

**II. Present Situation:**

Section 403.1651, F.S., creates and provides for purposes for the trust fund. Sections 161.054, 201.15, 212.20, 215.555, 373.129, 373.430, 380.0558, 403.0615, 403.121, and 403.885, F.S., provide revenue sources for the fund. Sections 161.091, 161.05301, and 373.459, F.S., provide for the use of the fund. The fund provides for the detailed planning and implementing of programs for the management and restoration of ecosystems, such as beach restoration and water quality. The major sources of revenue for the fund are transfers from other trust funds and General Revenue, documentary stamp taxes, sales taxes, and fines. According to LAS/PBS data, receipts to this fund for FY 2001-2002 were \$113.2 million.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

**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:

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.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

None.