

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: HB 85-B
 SPONSOR: Florida House of Representatives
 SUBJECT: Biomedical Research
 DATE: June 19, 2003

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Peters	Coburn	AP	Favorable
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I. Summary:

The bill renames the Florida Biomedical Research Program to the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program. The bill provides an appropriation of \$3,540,998 from the Biomedical Research Trust Fund to the Department of Health to operate the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

This bill amends ss. 215.5601, 215.5602 and 20.435, F.S.

II. Present Situation:

The Florida Biomedical Research Program and the Florida Biomedical Research Advisory Council

The 1999 Legislature established the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund (ch. 99-167, L.O.F.), through which the state will use funds received as a result of its settlement with the tobacco industry to enhance or support expansions in children’s health care programs, child welfare programs, community-based health and human service initiatives, and biomedical research. Section 215.5602, F.S., establishes the Florida Biomedical Research Program funded from earnings of the endowment fund and provides that funds appropriated to the program are devoted to competitive grants and fellowships in research relating to diagnosis and treatment of tobacco-related illnesses including cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke and pulmonary disease. The Biomedical Research Advisory Council in the Department of Health assists the Secretary in establishing criteria and guidelines for the competitive grant programs. Grants and fellowships are awarded on the basis of scientific merit, as determined by an open, objective peer-review process. The council is required to submit a progress report to the Governor, Secretary of the Department of Health, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1 of each year.

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The General Appropriations Act for FY 2003-04 did not include the statutorily authorized appropriations for the expenditure of the interest earnings from the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund related to the Florida Biomedical Research Program. The effect of this action would be a discontinuance of ongoing research and the disruption of the current research networks.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill renames the Florida Biomedical Research Program to the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program. The bill provides an appropriation of \$3,540,998 from the Biomedical Research Trust Fund to the Department of Health to operate the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. The bill provides that a permanent change made by another law in the 2003 Regular Session or the 2003 Special Session A of the Legislature to any of the same statutes amended by this bill be given equal precedence to the provision in this bill. The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2003, or upon becoming a law, whichever occurs later.

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 Article VII, Section 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 Article III, Subsection 19(f) of the Florida Constitution.

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

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

Private entities involved in biomedical research or furnishing supplies to biomedical researchers may benefit from this appropriation.

C. **Government Sector Impact:**

The bill appropriates \$3,540,998 from the Biomedical Research Trust Fund to the Department of Health to operate the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

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.
