

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 1871 Water Resources Management  
**SPONSOR(S):** Appropriations and Baker  
**TIED BILLS:** **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Appropriations	24 Y, 5 N	Dixon	Baker
2)			
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**SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

HB 1871 directs all sales tax proceeds previously being deposited into the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund be redirected to the General Revenue Fund. This action removes a dedicated source of funding for the Water Quality Improvement and Water Restoration Grant Program.

## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. DOES THE BILL:

- |                                      |                              |                             |   |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 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:

HB 1871 redirects funds from sales tax that are now being deposited into the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund into the General Revenue Fund. This will have the effect of removing the dedicated source of funding for the Water Quality Improvement and Water Restoration Grant Program from the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund. Funding for the Water Quality Improvement and Water Restoration Grant Program would now come from funds appropriated in the General Appropriations Act.

#### C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends s. 212.20, F.S., as amended by chapter 2003-402, Laws of Florida, relating to funds collected from sales tax.

Section 2. Amends s. 403.885, F.S., relating to the Water Quality Improvement and Water Restoration Grant Program.

Section 3. Provides an effective date.

### II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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

##### 1. Revenues:

Annually transfers approximately \$37.2 million from the Ecosystem Management & Restoration Trust Fund to the General Revenue Fund.

##### 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:

None

**IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES**