

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 728
 SPONSOR: Senator Clary
 SUBJECT: Conservation & Recreation Lands Trust Fund
 DATE: February 6, 2004 REVISED: _____

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

This legislation re-creates the Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2004. The Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund, FLAIR #37-2-131, is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 2000, by Chapter 99-114, Laws of Florida.

II. Present Situation:

Section 259.032, F.S., creates the Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund. Sections 201.15 and 211.3103, F.S., provide revenue sources for the fund. Sections 253.034, 259.105, 338.250, 372.127, 373.470, 380.0677, 570.207, F.S., provide for the use of the fund. The purpose of the trust fund is to provide resources for maintaining unique natural resources in the state for the protection of air, land and water; promote restoration activities on public lands; and for natural resource based recreation. The major sources of revenue for the fund are \$10 million from the severance tax on phosphate rock, and 5.84% documentary stamp taxes. According to LAS/PBS data, receipts to this fund for FY 2002-2003 were \$91.7 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.