

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 754

SPONSOR: Senator Clary

SUBJECT: Citrus Inspection Trust Fund

DATE: February 6, 2004 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Blizzard</u>	<u>Hayes</u>	<u>AGG</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
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I. Summary:

This legislation re-creates the Citrus Inspection Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2004. The Citrus Inspection Trust Fund, FLAIR #42-2-093, is administered by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 2000, by Chapter 99-61, Laws of Florida.

II. Present Situation:

Funds from the Citrus Inspection Trust Fund are used to defray necessary expenses incurred by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in the inspection of citrus to ensure compliance with rules set forth by the Federal Marketing Order and by the Department of Citrus. This program is operated under a Federal/State Cooperative Agreement. Section 601.28(3)(b), F.S., provides a revenue source for the fund. The major sources of revenue for this fund are marketing order assessments, dealer's license fees, citrus inspection fees, and agent's registration fees. According to LAS/PBS data, receipts to this fund for FY 2002-2003 were \$22.8 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.

D. Other Constitutional Issues:

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.