

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 774

SPONSOR: Senator Clary

SUBJECT: Plant Industry 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 Plant Industry Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2004. The Plant Industry Trust Fund, FLAIR #42-2-507, is administered by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 2000, by Chapter 99-56, Laws of Florida.

II. Present Situation:

Pursuant to s. 581.031, F.S., the purpose of the Plant Industry Trust Fund is to provide a depository for collected revenues including nursery inspections and certification fees. Revenues are used to fund a portion of the programs in the Division of Plant Industry's budget, which includes plant inspections, fruit fly protocol and fumigation. Sections 581.031(25), 581.212, 586.16, and 593.117, F.S. provide revenue sources for the fund. The major sources of revenue are fees for plant and apiary regulatory services including certifications, registrations, inspections and acreage fees assessed to citrus grove owners. According to LAS/PBS data, receipts to this fund for FY 2002-2003 were \$5.4 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:**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.