

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.)

Prepared By: Governmental Oversight and Productivity Committee

BILL: CS/SB 162

INTRODUCER: Governmental Oversight and Productivity Committee and Senator Fasano

SUBJECT: Building Designation

DATE: January 11, 2006

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Branning</u>	<u>Kiger</u>	<u>EP</u>	Favorable
2.	<u>McKay</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	<u>GO</u>	Fav/CS
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I. Summary:

This bill designates the site at 2600 Blair Stone Road in Tallahassee, which consists of two office buildings housing the Department of Environmental Protection and the DEP lab complex, as the "Bob Martinez Center."

II. Present Situation:

Section 267.062, F.S, provides that except as specifically provided by law, no state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or other similar facility shall be named for any living person.

Robert (Bob) Martinez (1934 -) served as Florida's 40th governor from January 6, 1987 to January 8, 1991. Governor Martinez was Florida's second Republican Governor since Reconstruction, and the state's first Hispanic governor.

Bob Martinez was born in Tampa in 1934. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Tampa and a master's degree in labor and industrial relations from the University of Illinois. In the late 1960s, he served as the head of the Tampa teachers' union. He was elected mayor of Tampa in 1979, reelected in 1983, and stepped down in 1986 to run for governor.

As governor, Bob Martinez supported several major environmental programs. Under his administration, additional protections for Florida's surface waters, including Lake Okeechobee, Tampa Bay, Lake Jackson, and the Kissimmee River, were created. Also, he supported the Solid Waste Management Act and Preservation 2000.

After leaving the Governor's office, Governor Martinez served as the Director of the National Drug Control Policy ("drug czar") under President George H. W. Bush.¹

As of December 15, 2005, Governor Martinez was employed by a Florida law firm as a managing director of government consulting;² he was also registered as a lobbyist with the Florida Legislature.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill provides that the site located at 2600 Blair Stone Road in Tallahassee, which consists of two offices of the Department of Environmental Protection and the DEP lab complex, is to be designated as the "Bob Martinez Center."

The Department of Management Services, which manages the site, is directed to erect suitable markers.

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:

The Department of Management Services, which manages the facility and would be responsible for erecting a suitable marker, has recommended that the cost of an appropriate marker for designating the building is \$30,000, and that additional funds

¹ Biographical information obtained from the Florida Department of State, Office of Cultural and Historical Programs website at <http://dhr.dos.state.fl.us/museum/collections/governors/about.cfm?id=47>.

² <http://www.carltonfields.com/bmartinez/>

would be required should DMS be assigned as the dedication ceremony's supporting agency.³

Whenever a building is named for an individual at an educational facility or a university, the university usually bears the costs for such markers. The usual cost for these markers in the past has been approximately \$250.

On November 21, 2005, the Sunshine Skyway Bridge was renamed the Bob Graham/Sunshine Skyway bridge, in recognition of the initiative by Florida's thirty-eighth governor to fund what has become the world's longest cable-stayed, concrete segmented bridge. An e-mail communication from the Florida Department of Transportation dated January 4, 2006, documented the signage cost for the two markers to be from \$800 to \$1000. It is not clear from the impact statement prepared by the DMS what additional modification to the 2600 Blair Stone Road signage are contemplated that would increase this comparable cost or the stated additional costs for the ceremony.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

It is unclear in the bill what constitutes "suitable markers."

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³ DMS bill analysis of companion bill HB 189, dated December 12, 2005.

VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

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