

# 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: Education Committee

BILL: SB 1636

INTRODUCER: Senator Aronberg

SUBJECT: Forkas Alumni Center/FAU/Boca Raton

DATE: March 1, 2006

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	deMarsh-Mathues	Matthews	ED	Fav/1 amendment
2.	_____	_____	GO	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____

## Please see last section for Summary of Amendments

Technical amendments were recommended

Amendments were recommended

Significant amendments were recommended

### I. Summary:

The bill designates the new alumni center at the Boca Raton campus of Florida Atlantic University (FAU) as the "Marleen and Harold Forkas Alumni Center" and directs the university to erect suitable markers making the respective building designation.

This bill creates an undesignated section of Florida law. The Division of Statutory Revision will determine whether it is included in the Florida Statutes.

The bill takes effect on July 1, 2006.

### II. Present Situation:

Section 267.062, F.S., requires approval in law before naming a state building or other facility for a living person. Pursuant to this requirement, if a university wishes to name a building or facility after a living person, the designation must be approved by the Legislature.

As the first woman to graduate from the Fashion Institute of Technology's Management Engineering Division, Marleen Forkas had a 40-year career as a designer and manufacturer for some of the leading fashion houses. Harold Forkas worked in the office supply business, had a sales and management career with Coca-Cola, and owned eight Midas Muffler dealerships when

he retired in 1988.

Marleen and Harold Forkas are involved in many charitable organizations such as the Boca Raton Community Hospital Foundation, the Boca Raton Museum of Art, and many cultural arts organizations. In 1997, they became involved with programs at FAU's University Center. Later they became a part of the Inner Circle of Football Founders. The FAU National Alumni Association recently received a \$1 million gift from Marleen and Harold Forkas in support of FAU's alumni center.

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill designates the new alumni center at FAU's Boca Raton campus as the "Marleen and Harold Forkas Alumni Center" and directs the university to erect suitable markers making the respective building designation.

### **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 university will incur the cost of erecting a suitable marker for the newly designated building. According to the Board of Governors, the cost for a marker can vary from \$500 to \$1,500, depending on the number of markers and the size, type, and materials used to construct the marker.

### **VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

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## VIII. Summary of Amendments:

### **Barcode 073008 by Education:**

Designates the art museum on the campus of Florida International University as the "Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum."

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