

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

The bill does not appear to implicate any of the House principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill creates the Florida Hurricane Damage Prevention Endowment Trust Fund (Trust Fund) within the Department of Community Affairs. The State Board of Administration will invest the funds in the trust fund, but the trust fund administrator is the Department of Community Affairs.

Monies in the Trust Fund will be used to carry out the purposes of s. 215.558, the Florida Hurricane Damage Prevention Endowment. This endowment is established to provide no interest loans to Florida homeowners for use for inspections to determine what hurricane mitigation measures are needed, and for implementation of hurricane mitigation measures. It also provides matching grant monies to local governments or nonprofit entities for projects that will reduce hurricane damage to residential properties.

The bill requires a legislative review pursuant to s. 215.3206(1) and (2), F.S., prior to its scheduled constitutionally required termination of July 1, 2010. Any trust fund balance at the end of any fiscal year must be carried-forward.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Creates s. 215.558, F.S., relating to the Florida Hurricane Damage Prevention Endowment Trust Fund.

Section 2: Makes the effective date of the bill July 1, 2006, but only if HB 7225 or similar legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

The legislation does not require expenditure of funds by local governments, does not reduce the authority to raise revenue, nor reduce the percentage of state tax shared with local governments.

2. Other:

Pursuant to Article III, Section 19(f)(1), of the State Constitution, no trust fund of the State of Florida or any public body may be created by law without a three-fifths vote of the membership of each House of the Legislature. Additionally, the bill creating the trust fund must be separate from any related substantive bill. Also, Article III, Section 19(f)(2), of the State Constitution, requires the trust fund to terminate not more than four years after its creation. Section 215.3206, F.S., provides the statutory process for legislative review of trust funds prior to their termination so that the Legislature can decide whether to re-create, re-create with amendment, or terminate any trust fund.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES

On March 16, 2006, the Insurance Committee considered the bill, adopted one amendment, and reported the bill favorably. The amendment adopted provided conforming language to the tied bill, PCB IN 06-01. The staff analysis was updated to reflect the adoption of the amendment.