

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 741 Florida Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management
SPONSOR(S): Greenstein
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 876

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Colleges & Universities Committee		Davis	Tilton
2) Education Appropriations Committee			
3) Education Council			
4) _____			
5) _____			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

This bill designates the Florida Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management as the Bill Hinkley Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management and directs the Department of Education to erect suitable markers acknowledging the designation. The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2006.

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:

A section-by-section analysis of the bill follows. The biographical information was provided by the sponsor of the proposed designation.

Section 1: The bill designates the Florida Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management (FCSHWM) as the Bill Hinkley Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management.

The FCSHWM was created by the Legislature in 1988 as a Type I center to coordinate research, training, and service activities related to waste management.¹ The center is responsible for coordinating research efforts at Florida's universities, providing information and technical assistance to government, business, and industry, and fulfilling public needs in the area of waste management.² The center is housed at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

The FCSHWM works closely with 9 universities in an effort to fulfill their two major objectives: 1) to develop and test innovative, low-cost, and environmentally sound methods to manage solid and hazardous waste; and 2) to present research results to public and private sectors to develop practical solutions for waste management problems. The center also has a strong research relationship with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

William W. "Bill" Hinkley was employed at the DEP for almost thirty years, serving most recently as the Chief of the Bureau of Solid and Hazardous Waste. A champion of environmental protection, he was responsible for the drafting and enactment of the 1988 Solid Waste Management Act, the growth of the Florida recycling program, and the development of several regulations governing hazardous waste.

Mr. Hinkley was also involved in several national activities aimed at environmental protection, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Energy Research Advisory Board of the U.S. Department of Energy, and the National Recycling Coalition.

For his dedication to environmental protection, Mr. Hinkley earned many awards and recognitions. In 2004, he became an honorary member of the Solid Waste Association of America (SWANA). He also earned such honors as being named the Conservationist of the year by the Florida Wildlife Federation, receiving the Outstanding Contribution Award from SWANA, and receiving a Special Recognition Award from Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc. Mr. Hinkley was also highly regarded among his peers and colleagues, being recognized for Sustained Exemplary Performance in 1999 and being named the DEP Employee of the Year in 2001.

Bill Hinkley passed away on September 12, 2005.

The bill designates the Florida Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management as the Bill Hinkley Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management.

Section 2: Provides an effective date of July 1, 2006.

¹ s. 1004.47, F.S.

² <http://www.floridacenter.org/about1.htm>, Florida Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management, About the Center.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

This bill does not create, repeal, or amend any statutory sections. Please refer to EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES for a section by section analysis of the bill.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state revenues.

2. Expenditures:

Please see FISCAL COMMENTS.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on local revenues.

2. Expenditures:

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on local expenditures.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

This bill does not appear to have a direct economic impact on the private sector.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

There will be an insignificant impact associated with the Department of Education erecting suitable markers for the name designation.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

The bill does not require a city or county to spend funds or to take any action requiring the expenditure of funds.

2. Other:

This bill does not appear to raise constitutional issues.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

The bill's sponsor has expressed intent to offer an amendment to replace the Department of Education with the Department of Environmental Protection as the entity to erect markers for this designation.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES