

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:

Present Situation

The documentary stamp tax levied under Chapter 201, F.S., provides revenue to the General Revenue Fund and various trust funds. Section 201.15, F.S., provides the distribution of the documentary stamp taxes.

Currently, the Grants and Donations Trust Fund in the Department of Community Affairs receives \$3.25 million each fiscal year from documentary stamp tax. These funds are used as follows:

- \$3 million for planning and technical assistance to local governments and school boards to implement the Growth Management Act.
- \$250,000 to fund the Century Commission created in section 163.3247, F.S.

Effect of the Bill

This bill provides that effective July 1, 2007, the amount distributed from documentary stamp tax collections to the Grants and Donations Trust Fund in the Department of Community Affairs will be redirected to the General Revenue Fund.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Amends s. 201.15, F.S., to delete a provision for distributing certain documentary stamp tax proceeds to the Grants and Donations Trust Fund in the Department of Community Affairs for certain purposes.

Section 2: Provides an effective date.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

The bill reduces the recurring revenues collected from the excise tax on documentary stamp taxes that are currently appropriated to the Grants and Donations Trust Fund in DCA in the amount of \$3.25 million.

The bill increases the amount of documentary stamp taxes going into the General Revenue Fund by the same amount.

2. Expenditures:

These funds will no longer be available on a recurring basis for appropriation to the Department of Community Affairs.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

The Legislature may elect to continue funding technical assistance and the Century Commission using another source of revenue or non-recurring general revenue.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable because this bill does not: require counties or cities to spend funds or take action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that cities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with cities or counties.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

N/A

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES