The Florida Senate BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL:	CS/SB 1640					
INTRODUCER:	Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee and Senator Fasano					
SUBJECT:	Florida Forever Program Trust Fund within the Department of Community Affairs					
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I. Summary:

This legislation re-creates the Florida Forever Program Trust Fund without modification, effective July 1, 2010. The Florida Forever Program Trust Fund is administered by the Department of Community Affairs and was created effective July 1, 2000, by Chapter 2000-281, Laws of Florida.

This bill amends section. 380.5115 of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

This fund tracks the receipt and expenditure of state resources in the form of grants to local governments or nonprofit organizations for the acquisition of community-based projects, urban open spaces, parks, and greenways to assist with the implementation of local government comprehensive plans.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill re-creates the Florida Forever Program Trust Fund within the Department of Community Affairs without modification. The trust fund shall receive funds pursuant to s. 259.105 (3) (c) (j), Florida Statutes.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

Article III, section 19(f)(1), of the Florida Constitution, provides no trust fund of the state or other public body may be created without three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature in a separate bill for that purpose only.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes: (Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

CS by the Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee on March 3, 2010:

The CS differs from the bill as filed in the following way:

• Provides that the act shall not take effect unless it is enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.