

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 4189 Florida Agricultural Exposition

SPONSOR(S): Albritton

TIED BILLS: None **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** None

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	13 Y, 0 N	Kaiser	Blalock
2) State Affairs Committee			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

In 1969, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (department) received legislative authority to construct and equip, in conjunction with the Department of Corrections, an agricultural exposition center in Palm Beach County to be known as the Florida Agricultural Exposition (exposition). The exposition is administered by the department for the purposes of:

- Demonstrating and selling Florida agricultural products.
- Attracting and informing buyers.
- Conducting agricultural short courses and conferences.
- Organizing tours to aid in the marketing of Florida agricultural products to domestic and foreign markets.
- Training prisoners of the correctional institutions of the state in agricultural labor and management.

The exposition is funded through contributions solicited from growers and dealers of agricultural products, the various groups and associations representing agricultural products and agricultural business products, the federal government and other sources. The department is also authorized to expend up to \$25,000 of its own funds, if available. According to the department, due to a lack of interest, as well as funding, it is no longer feasible to continue the operation of the exposition.

The bill repeals section 570.071, F.S., which creates and provides for the administration of the Florida Agricultural Exposition. The bill also corrects cross-references to s. 57.071, F.S., in other areas of the statutes.

The bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state or local governments.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Present Situation

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The department and the Department of Corrections have statutory authority to receive donations of funds from growers and dealers of agricultural products, the various groups and associations representing agricultural products and agricultural business products, the federal government and other sources. The moneys collected are deposited into the state treasury in a separate trust fund. The department is further authorized to expend up to \$25,000 of its own funds, if available. According to the department, due to a lack of interest, as well as funding, it is no longer feasible to continue the operation of the exposition.

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B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Repeals s. 570.071, F.S., relating to the Florida Agricultural Exposition.

Section 2: Amends s. 570.73, F.S., correcting a cross-reference.

Section 3: Amends s. 570.54, F.S., correcting a cross-reference.

Section 4: Provides an effective date of July 1, 2012.

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:

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

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None.