

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FINAL BILL ANALYSIS**

BILL #:	HB 7073	FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:	
SPONSOR(S):	Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Ingram	112 Y's	0 N's
COMPANION BILLS:	CS/SB 430	GOVERNOR'S ACTION:	Approved

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

HB 7073 passed the House on April 2, 2015, as CS/SB 430.

Legislative review of trust funds is required at least once every four years pursuant to section 215.3208, Florida Statutes. The schedule for review is included in the legislative budget instructions developed pursuant to the requirements of section 216.023, Florida Statutes. A trust fund analysis indicated the Central Florida Beltway Trust Fund within the Department of Transportation (DOT) is no longer needed and could be terminated. HB 7073 terminates the Central Florida Beltway Trust Fund within the Department of Transportation. The bill has no fiscal impact.

The bill was approved by the governor on April 16, 2015, ch. 2015-9, L.O.F, and will become effective on July 1, 2015.

I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

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The Central Florida Beltway Trust Fund, FLAIR number 55-2-074, was originally created as a depository for bonds issued by the Department of Transportation to fund environmental impact mitigation associated with construction of the Central Florida Beltway. Monies from the trust fund financed the purchase of wetlands surrounding the Central Florida Beltway. The beltway consists of the Western Beltway, the Eastern Beltway in Seminole County, the Southern Connector, the Turnpike/Southern Connector Interchange, and the Southern Connector Extension. Construction of the beltway is complete and the payment of all outstanding debt has been made. The trust fund has no funds and no future receipts are anticipated.

B. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

This bill terminates the Central Florida Beltway Trust Fund. The current remaining balance and any proceeds thereof will be transferred to the State Transportation Trust Fund within DOT.

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: