

# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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

BILL: SB 594

SPONSOR: Senator Klein

SUBJECT: Special Disability Trust Fund

DATE: November 15, 1999 REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Hayes</u>	<u>Hadi</u>	<u>FP</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
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## I. Summary:

This legislation re-creates the Special Disability Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2000. The Special Disability Trust Fund, FLAIR #54-2-798, is administered by the Department of Labor and Employment Security. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 1996, by Chapter 96-155, Laws of Florida.

## II. Present Situation:

The fund is used to encourage the employment, reemployment, and accommodation of the physically disabled by reducing an employer's insurance premium for reemploying an injured worker, to decrease litigation between carriers on apportionment issues, and to protect employers from excess liability for compensation and medical expense when an injury to a physically disabled worker merges with, aggravates, or accelerates her or his preexisting permanent physical impairment to cause either a greater disability or permanent impairment, or an increase in expenditures for temporary compensation or medical benefits than would have resulted from the injury alone.

## III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None

**V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None

B. Private Sector Impact:

None

C. Government Sector Impact:

None

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None

**VII. Related Issues:**

None

**VIII. Amendments:**

None