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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT & VETERANS AFFAIRS
ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 77
RELATING TO: Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site
SPONSOR(S): Representative Sorensen
TIED BILL(S): None

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

- (1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT & VETERANS AFFAIRS
 - (2) COUNCIL FOR SMARTER GOVERNMENT
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I. SUMMARY:

This bill provides a name change, from the "Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site", to the "Dagney Johnson Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site."

According to the Department of Environmental Protection, this bill contains an insignificant fiscal impact on state funds.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

The Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site is located in the City of Key Largo, Monroe County, Florida.

Dagney Johnson, a resident of Key Largo since shortly after World War II, is considered to be one of the original environmentalists in the Keys area. In the early 1960's, Ms. Johnson founded the Upper Keys Citizens Association with other concerned citizens. The Association's objectives were to preserve the Keys and to acquire as much land in preservation as possible. She eventually became President of the Association. During this time, she brought together such people as Marjorie Stoneman Douglas and Jerry Ellis.

Ms. Johnson's subsequent appointments include serving on citizen advisory boards and Land Use Planning Councils. She received special recognition as an environmental volunteer, receiving recognition from the Sierra Club for her long-term efforts.

Recently, Ms. Johnson provided support for the purchase and development of three local parks, Old Settlers Park, Friendship Park, and The Community Park. Moreover, she opposed the largest development ever proposed in the Keys, a 2,800 unit complex and successfully defeated the development efforts. The property is known and preserved as the Key Largo Hammock State Botanical Site.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill redesignates the Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site as the Dagney Johnson Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1. Renames the "Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site" to the "Dagney Johnson Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site"; clarifies that the site is located in Key Largo, Monroe County, Florida.

Section 2. Provides that this act takes effect upon becoming a law.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

This bill has no direct impact on state revenues.

2. Expenditures:

According to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), this bill requires new signage at the park and on the roadside. DEP estimates that the cost will be between \$2,000 and \$4,000. However, the park is already required to change its name, consistent with DEP's statewide effort to incorporate "State Park" in all park names. (SEE: VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES Section).

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

This bill has no direct impact on local government revenues.

2. Expenditures:

This bill has no direct impact on local government expenditures.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

This bill has no direct fiscal impact on the private sector.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to expend funds or take action requiring the expenditure of funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not reduce the authority that municipalities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate.

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

This bill does not reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not necessitate additional rulemaking authority.

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

The sponsor of the bill proposes an amendment, to add the words "State Park" to the new name. This proposed amendment is endorsed by the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Recreation (DEP), consistent with DEP's recently adopted rule. DEP's ongoing efforts include all state parks be designated as parks to facilitate ease of identification by potential park users.

DEP implemented this name change pursuant to administrative rule (Rule 62d-2.013, Florida Administrative Code). DEP held two public meetings on the issue last year, attended by statewide recreation and environmental organizations, and citizen support groups. DEP subsequently sent a letter of notification to all park trustees and filed numerous press releases to inform the public of the name changes. DEP officially issued its directive in December, 2000.

The amendment also provides a technical correction.

VII. SIGNATURES:

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