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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON  
SECURITY, SELECT  
ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 721 (PCB SEC 02-08)

**RELATING TO:** Domestic Security (Biocontaminant Laboratory)

**SPONSOR(S):** Select Committee on Security and Representative(s) Machek & others

**TIED BILL(S):**

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

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I. SUMMARY:

For the 2001-2002 fiscal year, the bill appropriates \$875,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Division of Animal Industry for construction of a biosafety level 3 (BSL3) biocontainment facility and upgrading biosafety measures at the Kissimmee Diagnostic Laboratory.

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 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' animal diagnostic laboratory located in Kissimmee does not currently have a secure biocontainment facility adequate to safely handle agents of bioterrorism. To safely handle such agents, a biosafety level 3 (BL3) is required. Bioterrorism agents include diseases of humans and animals, toxins and chemicals. Certain foreign animal diseases, such as Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Heartwater, could devastate Florida's animal populations and food supply if introduced either by deliberate acts of introduction or by slipping through inspections at the state's numerous international ports of entry.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

For the 2001-2002 fiscal year, the bill appropriates \$875,000 from nonrecurring revenue of the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Division of Animal Industry for construction of a biocontainment facility and upgrade of biosafety measures at the Kissimmee Diagnostic Laboratory.

Among others, specific modifications needed to take the Kissimmee Diagnostic Laboratory from a biosafety level 2 to a biosafety level 3 include reconstructing an inadequate ventilation system to provide for all air in the BL3 unit to be filtered (no recirculation), addition of proper waste disposal capabilities, and safe handling of agents and reagents with prescribed decontamination procedures.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

See C. Effect of Proposed Changes.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

\$875,000 in nonrecurring General Revenue to the Division of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

N/A

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

N/A

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

N/A

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 spend funds or to 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 revenue in the aggregate.

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

This bill does not reduce any state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

N/A

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

N/A

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VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

VII. SIGNATURES:

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