

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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

BILL: SB 764

SPONSOR: Senator Clary

SUBJECT: Florida Forever Program Trust Fund

DATE: February 6, 2004 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Blizzard</u>	<u>Hayes</u>	<u>AGG</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>Withdrawn: Favorable</u>
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I. Summary:

This legislation re-creates the Florida Forever Program Trust Fund without modification. The Florida Forever Program Trust Fund, FLAIR #42-2-349, is administered by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This fund was created on July 1, 2000, by Chapter 2000-279, Laws of Florida.

II. Present Situation:

The purpose of the fund is to receive and disburse funds related to the Florida Forever Program. Pursuant to s. 259.105(3) and paragraph (e), F.S., one and five-tenths percent of the bond proceeds shall be distributed by the Department of Environmental Protection to the Division of Forestry of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to fund the acquisition of the state forest inholdings and additions pursuant to s. 589.07, F.S., and the implementation of reforestation plans and sustainable forestry management practices. According to LAS/PBS data, receipts to this fund for FY 2002-2003 were \$12.5 million.

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.

D. Other Constitutional Issues:**V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:****A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

This legislation has no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. It simply re-creates, without modification, an existing state trust fund and continues the current use of the fund.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.