

# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL: CS/SB 1616

INTRODUCER: Education Committee and Senator Campbell

SUBJECT: University Building Designations

DATE: March 6, 2006

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## I. Summary:

This bill authorizes the naming of buildings on the University of Florida (UF), Florida State University (FSU), and Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) campuses. The bill provides for designating four buildings and facilities associated with the University of Florida: the "Powell Family Structures and Materials Laboratory," "Steinbrenner Band Hall," "L.E. 'Red' Dairy Science Building," and the "Jim and Alexis Pugh Hall." The bill designates an entrance pavilion at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art at the Florida State University Center for Cultural Arts in Sarasota as the "John M. McKay Visitors' Pavilion." The bill provides for designating four buildings and facilities associated with the Florida Gulf Coast University: "Kleist Health Education Center," "Herbert J. Sugden Hall," "Holmes Hall," and "Lutgert Hall."

The bill authorizes UF, FSU, and FGCU to erect markers making the respective building designations.

This bill creates undesignated sections of Florida law. The Division of Statutory Revision will determine whether the provisions are included in the Florida Statutes.

The act takes effect July 1, 2006.

## II. Present Situation:

Section 267.062, F.S., requires approval in law before naming a state building or other facility for a living person. Pursuant to this requirement, if a university wishes to name a building or facility after a living person, the designation must be approved by the Legislature.

**University of Florida:****Robert O. “Bob” and Ann Catherine Powell**

The Powell family has a long history with the University of Florida, including generations of UF alumni. Robert O. “Bob” Powell and Ann Catherine Powell maintain a longstanding commitment to UF, which includes participating in university organizations and serving on the University’s “It’s Performance That Counts” Broward County campaign committee. The Powells have been members of the President’s Council since 1993. They donated \$3 million to help establish Powell Hall, the exhibit and public education facility for the Florida Museum of Natural History.

**George M. Steinbrenner, III**

George M. Steinbrenner, III, has a long history as an entrepreneur, sports enthusiast, and philanthropist. Mr. Steinbrenner is best known as the owner of the New York Yankees. Mr. Steinbrenner is the founder of both the Silver Shield and Gold Shield Foundations, which provide support to families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. He helped revamp the North Seminole Little League and assisted in preserving the Florida Folk Festival. Mr. Steinbrenner is a long-time member of both the Bull Gator Club and the President’s Council. He served on the Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee and the UF Foundation Board. He was elected to the UF Athletic Hall of Fame in 1981. Mr. and Mrs. Steinbrenner have made contributions to support the construction of the Steinbrenner Band Hall.

**Jim and Alexis Pugh**

Mr. Pugh earned his bachelor’s degree in building construction from UF in 1963. Since 1970, he has owned Epoch Properties, a company that builds hotels, time shares, and rental housing. Mr. Pugh is the chairman of Epoch Management, a comprehensive real estate management firm. He was named one of the “Most Influential Floridians” by *Florida Trend* magazine in 2004 and “Most Influential Businessman” by the *Orlando Business Journal* in 2005. Mr. Pugh is involved with numerous civic organizations, including the Orlando Utilities Commission, the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority, the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority Board, and the Orange County chapter of the UF Alumni Association. The Pughs donated \$6.5 million to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to construct a building that will house the Bob Graham Center for Public Service to train UF students for leadership positions in public service.

**Louis E. “Red” Larson**

Louis E. “Red” Larson, owner and president of Larson Dairy Inc. in Okeechobee, Florida, has been a dairy farmer for more than 57 years. In October 2005, Mr. Larson received the Southeast Farmer of the Year Award at the annual Lancaster-Sunbelt Expo. Mr. Larson was elected to the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame, the Dairy Hall of Fame, and the Alumni of Distinction in UF’s College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. He was also named as the 1999 Dairyman of the Century and received the Olympian Dairyman’s Award. His four children established three endowments at the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences for a total of \$1.5 million to support teaching, research and extension programs, the statewide 4-H Youth Development Program, and the Faculty Challenge Initiative to support faculty and students in the animal sciences department.

**Florida State University:****John M. McKay**

A native Floridian, John McKay has dedicated his life to serving the people of the State of Florida. Senator McKay is a 1971 graduate of Florida State University who was elected to the State Senate in 1990 and served until 2002. He served as President of the Senate from 2000 to 2002. During his tenure in the Senate, Senator McKay received numerous awards for his leadership and dedication to improving life in Florida. Senator McKay was instrumental in passing legislation that created the affiliation between the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art and Florida State University.

**Florida Gulf Coast University:****Peter D. and Eleanore A. Kleist**

Dr. Kleist is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Baldwin Wallace College. He is the President of Kleist Enterprises, Inc., and the former President of the Ohio Home Builders Association. Dr. Kleist is the former director of the National Home Builders Association, Goodwill Industries, and the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. He was a trustee of Ohio Wesleyan University and Baldwin Wallace College. Ms. Kleist has been active in charitable work in Florida as a Literacy Foundation board member, teacher, and tutor. The Peter D. and Eleanore A. Kleist Foundation has contributed to numerous colleges and universities in the United States. It is providing \$1 million for the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Health Education Center.

**Herbert J. and Margaret S. Sugden**

Mr. Sugden is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School. Ms. Sugden graduated from Smith College. Mr. Sugden served as President of the Freedom from Hunger Foundation under President John F. Kennedy. Facilities in the community that already bear the Sugden name include the Sugden Community Park, the Sugden Community Theatre, and the Sugden Auditorium at Naples Community Hospital. The Sugdens are providing \$1 million for the student support and educational center on the FGCU campus.

**G. Burt and Ruth Holmes**

Dr. Burt Holmes earned a bachelor's degree and Doctorate of Optometry from the New England College of Optometry. He has served as the Governing Committee Chair of the Whitaker Foundation, which provided funds for FGCU's science, math and technology complex and the Engineering School. He served as the President for both the American Optometric Association and the International Optometric and Optical League. Dr. Holmes also served as Vice President for the Better Vision Institute and the National Health Council and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the New England College of Optometry. He was named Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by the Pennsylvania College of Optometry and the New England College of Optometry. He is the only U. S. citizen to be named Fellow of the British College of Optometry. The Whitaker Foundation provided \$5 million for a student facility for the School of Engineering.

**Raymond L. and Beverly Lutgert**

Mr. Lutgert's philanthropic initiatives have supported numerous organizations, including the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, Boys & Girls Club, Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, Education Foundation of Collier County, and Florida Gulf Coast University. In partnership with Duke University Health System, he

established a specialized cancer center on the campus of Naples Community Hospital. In December 2005, FGCU bestowed an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree on Mr. Lutgert. The Lutgerts are providing \$5 million to build the College of Business student facility.

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill provides for designating four buildings and facilities associated with the University of Florida. The bill designates the Structures and Materials Research Laboratory for the College of Engineering as the “Powell Family Structures and Materials Laboratory,” the proposed band rehearsal facility as the “Steinbrenner Band Hall,” the Dairy Science Building as the “L.E. ‘Red’ Larson Dairy Science Building,” and the proposed building that will house the Bob Graham Center and other programs as the “Jim and Alexis Pugh Hall.” The bill designates an entrance pavilion at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art at the Florida State University Center for Cultural Arts in Sarasota as the “John M. McKay Visitors' Pavilion.” The bill also designates four buildings and facilities associated with the Florida Gulf Coast University. The bill designates the student community educational facility for health as the “Kleist Health Education Center,” the Resort and Hospitality Management Program facility as “Herbert J. Sugden Hall,” the engineering program facility as “Holmes Hall,” and the College of Business facility as “Lutgert Hall.”

The bill authorizes UF, FSU, and FGCU respectively, to erect markers designating the buildings to reflect the names.

### **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:**

Each university will incur the cost of erecting a suitable marker for the newly designated building or facility. According to the Board of Governors, the cost for a marker can vary from \$500 to \$1,500, depending on the number of markers and the size, type, and materials used to construct the marker.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

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## **VIII. Summary of Amendments:**

None.

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