

# 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 1446

SPONSOR: Senator Jones

SUBJECT: Transportation

DATE: March 18, 1999

REVISED: 03/23/99 \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>McAuliffe</u>	<u>Meyer</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>Fav/1 amendment</u>
2.	_____	_____	<u>FP</u>	_____
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## I. Summary:

This bill provides the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) must allocate no less than 1 percent of the cost of a project specifically for roadside beautification on that project.

This bill substantially amends section 334.044 of the Florida Statutes.

## II. Present Situation:

Section 334.044, F.S., provides the powers and duties of the FDOT. The section requires the FDOT to provide for the conservation of natural roadside growth and scenery, and for the implementation and maintenance of roadside beautification programs.

## III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 334.044, F.S., is amended to provide the FDOT must allocate no less than 1 percent of the cost of a project specifically for roadside beautification on that project.

## 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:

This bill would require the FDOT to allocate at least one percent of the cost of any project to roadside beautification for that project. According to FDOT, this could be problematic on small projects.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

# 1 by Transportation:

The amendment provides that the FDOT must annually spend for roadside beautification an amount equal to no less than one percent of the amount contracted for construction.