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 630				
SPONSOR:	Senator Mitchell				
SUBJECT:	Water and Wastewater Treatment Grant Program Trust Fund				
DATE:	February 28, 2001 REVISED: 03/07		03/07/01		
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I. Summary:

This bill provides for the creation of a new trust fund to be entitled the Water and Wastewater Treatment Grant Program Trust Fund to be administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. The new fund is scheduled for termination on July 1, 2006 pursuant to requirements in the State Constitution, and must be reviewed by the Legislature before the scheduled termination.

II. Present Situation:

Section 403.1835, F.S., provides for the establishment of the Wastewater Treatment and Stormwater Management Revolving Loan Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The fund is used to make low interest loans for construction of wastewater management systems, stormwater management systems, nonpoint source pollution management systems, and estuary conservation and management. Funds are deposited in this trust fund from the federal government and matching state General Revenue Funds.

Section 403.8532, F.S., provides for the establishment of the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Trust Fund in the DEP. The funds are used to make low interest loans for constructing public water systems. Funds are deposited in this trust fund from the federal government and matching state General Revenue Funds.

The new trust fund proposed by this bill is intended to be used for the water and sewer grant program created by SB 628.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill creates the Water and Wastewater Treatment Grant Program Trust Fund to be administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. The trust fund is scheduled for termination on July 1, 2006, unless scheduled sooner and shall be reviewed by the Legislature prior to its scheduled termination.

The bill shall take effect on the effective date of SB 628 (unspecified at this time), but shall not take effect unless enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature and unless SB 628 becomes a law.

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:

Insignificant.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

#1 by Natural Resources:

This amendment changes the name of the trust fund that is created from the Water and Wastewater Treatment Grant Program Trust Fund to the Small Community Sewer Construction Assistance Trust Fund. This conforms to the substantive change that was made to SB 628 which is paired with this bill. (WITH TITLE AMENDMENT)

#2 by Natural Resources:

This is a technical amendment to insert "Senate Bill 628" into the blank space referenced in this bill.

#3 by Natural Resources: This is a technical amendment to insert "SB 628" into the blank space referenced in this bill.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.