

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 822

SPONSOR: Senator Clary

SUBJECT: Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund

DATE: February 5, 2003 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	DeLoach	Hayes	AGG	Favorable
2.	_____	_____	AP	_____
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I. Summary:

This legislation re-creates the Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2004. The Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund, FLAIR #37-2-030, is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 2000, by Chapter 99-312, Laws of Florida.

II. Present Situation:

Sections 201.15, 206.606 and 328.76, F.S., provide revenue sources for the fund. Section 369.252, F.S., provides for the use of the fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide resources to eradicate or maintain control of invasive exotic plants on public lands. The major sources of revenue for the fund are documentary stamp tax revenues, gas tax revenues, and vessel registration fees. According to LAS/PBS data, receipts to this fund for FY 2001-2002 were \$41.3 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.

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.