

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL ANALYSIS

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BILL #: CS/HB 843	COMPANION BILL: CS/SB 388 (Rodriguez)
TITLE: Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Trust Funds	LINKED BILLS: None
SPONSOR(S): Johnson, Overdorf	RELATED BILLS: None

Committee References

[Agriculture & Natural Resources](#)
[Budget](#)
14 Y, 0 N, As CS



[Natural Resources & Disasters](#)
17 Y, 0 N



[Budget](#)
28 Y, 0 N

SUMMARY

Effect of the Bill:

The bill specifies that the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Grants and Donations Trust Fund may be used for allowable grant and donor agreement activities regardless of the type of revenue.

The bill authorizes FWC to use the Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund for law enforcement purposes. Finally, the bill authorizes FWC to enter into cooperative agreements, voluntary agreements, or memoranda of understanding with related agencies and private landowners to coordinate nongame programs.

Fiscal or Economic Impact:

None.

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ANALYSIS

EFFECT OF THE BILL:

The bill specifies that the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) [Grants and Donations Trust Fund](#) may be used for allowable grant and donor agreement activities regardless of the type of revenue. (Section [1](#))

The bill authorizes FWC to use the [Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund](#) for law enforcement purposes. Finally, the bill authorizes FWC to enter into cooperative agreements, voluntary agreements, or memoranda of understanding with related agencies and private landowners to coordinate nongame programs. (Section [2](#))

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2025. (Section [3](#))

RELEVANT INFORMATION

SUBJECT OVERVIEW:

[Grants and Donations Trust Fund](#)

The Grants and Donations Trust Fund is used as a depository for funds to be disbursed for allowable grant and donor agreement activities funded by restricted contractual and grant-related revenue. Moneys credited to the fund include grants and donations from private and public nonfederal sources, development of regional impact wildlife mitigation contributions, interest earnings, and cash advances from other trust funds.¹

¹ Section [379.206, F.S.](#)

[Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund](#)

The Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund is credited with funds collected pursuant to [s. 319.32\(3\), F.S.](#) and [320.02\(8\), F.S.](#) Additional funds may be provided from legislative appropriations and by donations from interested individuals and organizations. Proceeds from the trust fund must be used for the following purposes:²

- Documentation of population trends of nongame wildlife and assessment of wildlife habitat, in coordination with the database of Florida natural areas inventory.
- Establishment of effective conservation, management, and regulatory programs for nongame wildlife of the state.
- Public education programs.

BILL HISTORY

COMMITTEE REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE	STAFF DIRECTOR/ POLICY CHIEF	ANALYSIS PREPARED BY
Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee	14 Y, 0 N, As CS	3/25/2025	Topp	Byrd
THE CHANGES ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE:	The amendment removed section 1 and 2 relating to the Administrative Trust Fund and the Florida Panther Research and Management Trust Fund.			
Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee	17 Y, 0 N	4/1/2025	Moore	Gawin
Budget Committee	28 Y, 0 N	4/8/2025	Pridgeon	Byrd

THIS BILL ANALYSIS HAS BEEN UPDATED TO INCORPORATE ALL OF THE CHANGES DESCRIBED ABOVE.

² Section [379.209, F.S.](#)