

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FINAL BILL ANALYSIS

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BILL #: CS/HB 843 TITLE: Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Trust Funds SPONSOR(S): Johnson, Overdorf	COMPANION BILL: CS/SB 388 (Rodriguez) LINKED BILLS: None RELATED BILLS: None
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FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION: 112 Y's 0 N's **GOVERNOR'S ACTION:** Pending

SUMMARY

Effect of the Bill:

CS/HB 843 passed as [CS/SB 388](#). (Please note that bill section parentheticals do not contain hyperlinks to bill sections for Senate bills)

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 and 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)

Subject to the Governor's veto powers, 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.

² Section [379.209, F.S.](#)