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H 759  GENERAL BILL/CS by Environmental Regulation; Grindle
(Similar S 1035)
Adopt-a-highway Program: provides for "adopt-a-highway" program. Amends
403.4131. Effective Date: 10/01/89.
03/13/89 HOUSE Prefiled
03/14/89 HOUSE Referred to Environmental Regulation
04/04/89 HOUSE Introduced, referred to Environmental Regulation -HJ 75;
On subcommittee agenda—Environmental Regulation, 04/05/89, 4:30 pm, 16-HOB
04/05/89 HOUSE Subcommittee Recommendation: Favorable; On Commit­
tee agenda, pending subcommittee action—Environmental
Regulation, 04/07/89, 8:30 am, 24-HOB
04/07/89 HOUSE Preliminary Committee Action by Environmental Regula­
tion: Favorable as a CS
04/11/89 HOUSE Comm. Report: CS by Environmental Regulation, placed
on Calendar —HJ 212; CS read first time —HJ 212
05/02/89 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar; Read second time —HJ 329
05/03/89 HOUSE Read third time; CS passed; YEAS 112 NAYS 0 —HJ 344
05/06/89 SENATE In Messages
05/16/89 SENATE Received, referred to Natural Resources and Conservation;
Transportation —SJ 361; Withdrawn from Natural Re­
sources and Conservation; Transportation; Substituted for
SB 1035; CS passed; YEAS 36 NAYS 0 —SJ 375
05/18/89 Ordered enrolled
05/25/89 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor —HJ 657
06/01/89 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 89-37 —HJ 1123

NOTES: Above bill history from Division of Legislative Information's FINAL LEGISLATIVE BILL
INFORMATION, 1989 SESSIONS. Staff Analyses for bills amended beyond final committee action
may not be in accordance with the enacted law. Journal page numbers (HJ & SJ) refer to daily
Journals and may not be the same as final bound Journals.
I. SUMMARY:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

The Solid Waste Act (Chapter 88-130, Laws of Florida) enacted by the 1988 Legislature provided for establishment of a statewide litter prevention program. Section 403.4131, F.S., describes a coordinated effort of state and local governmental agencies and other interested public and private organizations to plan for and implement a solution to the state's litter problem. A non-profit organization, "Keep Florida Beautiful, Incorporated", was created to operate as the grassroots arm for the state's effort and to serve as an umbrella group for volunteer-based community programs dedicated to a cleaner environment through continued litter prevention. The Clean Florida Commission was established within the Department of Transportation. The Secretary of the Department of Environmental Regulation chairs the Commission, and it is staffed by the Department of Transportation. The Commission is responsible for coordinating the statewide litter prevention program. The Secretaries of Environmental Regulation, Transportation, and Commerce, the Commissioner of Education, and the Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources, or their designees, were named to the Commission.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This legislation, if passed, would amend section 403.4131, F.S., to allow the Clean Florida Commission to establish an "adopt-a-highway" program to allow local organizations to perform and be
identified with particular highway cleanup and beautification projects.

C. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1. Amends section 403.4131, F.S., to allow the Clean Florida Commission to establish an "adopt-a-highway" program.

Section 2. Provides an effective date of October 1, 1989.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE AGENCIES/STATE FUNDS:

1. Non-recurring or First Year Start-Up Effects:

   The legislation would have no impact on the Department of Environmental Regulation. The effect on the Department of Transportation has not been determined.

2. Recurring or Annualized Continuation Effects:

   Undetermined

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:

   Undetermined

4. Appropriations Consequences:

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS A WHOLE:

1. Non-recurring or First Year Start-Up Effects:

   The bill could alleviate some of the need for local governments to pay for litter control by allowing local organizations to be responsible for particular litter cleanup projects.

2. Recurring or Annualized Continuation Effects:

   Successful implementation of "adopt-a-highway" could result in continued savings to litter control budgets at the local level.

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:

   None
C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

1. Direct Private Sector Costs:

There would be some cost to the local and private organizations in terms of manhours and litter collection supplies. The amount has been undetermined.

2. Direct Private Sector Benefits:

Successful enactment of this bill would provide local organizations with additional public service projects and could also create valuable public relations opportunities for groups within their local communities.

3. Effects on Competition, Private Enterprise, and Employment Markets:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

III. LONG RANGE CONSEQUENCES:

Successful implementation of "adopt-a-highway" programs all over Florida could greatly alleviate the state's growing litter problem and provide savings to state and local governments which currently bear all costs that litter control incurs.

Though the State Comprehensive Plan does not specifically address highway litter, the idea of clean highways fits into policy statement (21)(b)(3.), which states, "Maintain, as one of the state's primary economic assets, the environment, including clean air and water, beaches, forests, historic landmarks, and agricultural and natural resources." The "adopt-a-highway" program could have a major impact on removing litter from, beautifying and helping to maintain a clean environment.

IV. COMMENTS:

The state's litter problem is definitely an environmental concern. Adoption of an "adopt-a-highway" program would fit well into the Structural and Natural Resources statement I. B. which calls for development of strategies that involve the private sector in assuring quality growth while affording effective environmental protection.
V. SIGNATURES:

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I. SUMMARY:

A. Present Situation:

In 1988, the Legislature created the Clean Florida Commission to coordinate a statewide litter prevention program and antilitter campaign utilizing state and local public and private entities. The program is to incorporate education, incentives, advertising, and monitoring efforts to discourage littering in the state's communities and highways.

B. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill enables the Clean Florida Commission to establish an "adopt-a-highway" program to permit local entities to support specific highway cleanup projects.

II. ECONOMIC IMPACT AND FISCAL NOTE:

A. Public:

There is no direct direct economic impact on the public.

B. Government:

There is no direct economic impact on the government. The bill could alleviate some of the need for local governments to pay for litter control by allowing local organizations to be responsible for particular cleanup projects.

III. COMMENTS:

IV. AMENDMENTS:

#1 by Natural Resources & Conservation:

The amendment provides that an "adopt-a-highway" program can be used for the beautification of a specific highway.