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H 530 GENERAL BILL/CS/1ST ENG by Natural Resources; Locke and others

Oklawaha River Aquatic Preserve; establishes such preserve. Creates 258.399. Effective Date: 10/01/89.

03/07/89 HOUSE Prefiled
03/10/89 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources; Appropriations
04/03/89 HOUSE Subreferred to Subcommittee on Coastal Preservation
04/04/89 HOUSE Introduced, referred to Natural Resources; Appropriations -HJ 55; Subreferred to Subcommittee on Coastal Preservation; On subcommittee agenda—Natural Resources, 04/05/89, 3:30 pm, 212-HOB
04/05/89 HOUSE Subcommittee Recommendation: Favorable with 1 amendment; On Committee agenda—Natural Resources, 04/07/89, 8:30 am, 413-C
04/14/89 HOUSE Comm. Report: CS by Natural Resources -HJ 233; CS read first time -HJ 230; Now in Appropriations -HJ 233; Subreferred to Subcommittee on General Government
05/08/89 HOUSE On Committee agenda—Appropriations, 05/10/89, 8:00 am, 21-HOB
05/10/89 HOUSE Preliminary Committee Action by Appropriations: Favorable with 2 amendments
05/22/89 HOUSE Comm. Report: Favorable with 2 amendment(s) by Appropriations, placed on Calendar -HJ 567
05/24/89 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar
05/26/89 HOUSE Placed on Consent Calendar; Placed on Special Order Calendar; Read second time; Amendments adopted; Read third time; CS passed as amended; YEAS 112 NAYS 0 -HJ 677
05/26/89 SENATE In Messages
05/30/89 SENATE Received, referred to Natural Resources and Conservation; Appropriations -SJ 565
05/31/89 SENATE Withdrawn from Natural Resources and Conservation -SJ 660; Now in Appropriations; Withdrawn from Appropriations -SJ 670; Placed on Calendar
06/01/89 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar -SJ 686; CS passed; YEAS 38 NAYS 0 -SJ 758
06/01/89 Ordered enrolled
06/13/89 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor
06/28/89 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 89-192

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.

STORAGE NAME: h0530-f.nr
DATE: July 10, 1989

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
FINAL STAFF ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

BILL #: CS/HB 530

RELATING TO: Oklawaha River Aquatic Preserve

SPONSOR(S): Representative Locke

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1989

DATE BECAME LAW: June 28, 1989

CHAPTER #: Chapter 89-192, Laws of Florida

COMPANION BILL(S): _____

OTHER COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE: (1) Appropriations

(2)

I. SUMMARY:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

Aquatic preserves are state-owned submerged lands having exceptional biological, aesthetic or scientific value that have been set aside for the benefit of future generations. The first aquatic preserve was established in 1966. Since that time, a total of 41 aquatic preserves protecting about 1,900,000 acres of submerged lands have been created by the Legislature under sections 250.35-250.46, Florida Statutes, the Florida Aquatic Preserve Act of 1975.

The Department of Natural Resources manages the aquatic preserves through the Division of State Lands, Bureau of Aquatic Preserves. The bureau consists of 26 full-time employees and 21 OPS employees. Only 29 of the 41 preserves have any staff within 50-100 miles. In fiscal year 1987-88, the bureau operated on expenditures of \$1,180,825.

The Oklawaha River is the longest tributary of the St. John's River. It was slated to be altered by dredging to become a portion of the Cross-Florida Barge Canal. Many sections were impacted by dredging, and also by construction of the Rodman Reservoir.

Most of the river's shoreline is undevelopable swampland. The eastern banks are largely within the Ocala National Forest. The western banks are privately owned, with the land north of the Silver River being owned by the Continental Can Company.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill creates the Oklawaha River Aquatic Preserve. The proposed Oklawaha River Aquatic Preserve will protect about forty-six miles of the Oklawaha River in Marion County. This proposed preserve would protect the last untouched section of the river, about thirty-eight miles of pristine river from Silver River north to the bottom of the Rodman Reservoir. In addition, the proposed preserve would include another eight miles of river, from Oklawaha Farms north to the Silver River, that was originally dredged for the canal, but now retains a generally natural appearance.

C. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1. Creates Section 258.399, F.S.; establishes the Oklawaha River Aquatic Preserve; establishes preserve boundaries.

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 Department of Natural Resources is responsible for the management of the aquatic preserves. The costs of managing this preserve will depend on the staffing levels that are allocated to the preserve. The Department has estimated that two staff positions and equipment would require about \$98,000 per year.

2. Recurring or Annualized Continuation Effects:

Same as above with cost and salary increases.

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:

None

4. Appropriations Consequences:

None

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS A WHOLE:

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

None

2. Recurring or Annualized Continuation Effects:

None

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

1. Direct Private Sector Costs:

None

2. Direct Private Sector Benefits:

None

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

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None

III. LONG RANGE CONSEQUENCES:

This bill will provide for the additional protection for portions of the Oklawaha River. It is consistent with the Natural Resources Committee's mission statement pertaining to the protection of rivers.

IV. COMMENTS:

This bill is consistent with the State Comprehensive Plan, particularly the following policies:

(8) WATER RESOURCES.--

a) Goal.--Florida shall assure the availability of an adequate supply of water for all competing uses deemed reasonable and beneficial and shall maintain the functions of natural systems and the overall present level of surface and ground water quality. Florida shall improve and restore the quality of waters not presently meeting water quality standards.

(b) Policies.--

10. Protect surface and groundwater quality and quantity in the state.

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V. SIGNATURES:

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