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## Conference Report SB 2500- General Appropriations Act (GAA)

FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

### Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations

#### Overview

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriation Subcommittee overall proposed budget totals \$4.0 billion (\$537.5 million General Revenue and \$3.4 billion Trust Funds). Includes funding for 8,751 authorized positions.

There is a 0.9% decrease in the total spending and a 19.4% increase in general revenue funds over the current fiscal year appropriation, including an increase of 52 FTE.

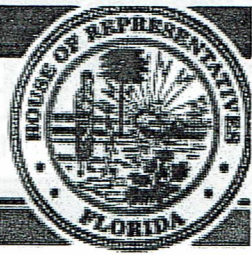
#### Highlights

- **Everglades Restoration and Protection of Florida's Water Resources \$686.8 M (\$40M TF for Tamiami Trail is funded in the Department of Transportation's work program)**
  - **Everglades Restoration \$327.2 M (\$74.5 M GR)** – provides \$196.3 M (\$72.8 M GR) in new funding for Everglades restoration (including \$4.0 M TF in the Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services for agricultural nutrient reduction and water retention projects in the Lake Okeechobee Watershed).
  - **Springs Restoration \$100.0 M TF** – provides for springs restoration, protection, and preservation around the state.
  - **Everglades Water Quality Improvements \$50.0 GR** – provides funds for the design, engineering, and construction of projects that reduce harmful discharges to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Estuaries.
  - **Water Projects \$49.1 M GR** – provides for various stormwater and wastewater treatment and various water supply projects in local communities.
  - **Alternative Water Supply Projects \$40.0 M (\$39.0 M GR)** – provides funds for grants for alternative water supply and regional water supply initiatives.
  - **Targeted Water Quality Improvements for Wastewater and Stormwater Grants \$25.0 M GR** – provides funds for water quality improvement projects, including septic to sewer grants, wastewater improvements, and stormwater system upgrades.
  - **Targeted Water Quality Improvements for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) \$25.0 M GR** – provides funds for grants to local governments for stormwater quality restoration projects and nonpoint source best management practices as part of the plans set forth in adopted Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs).
  - **Water Quality Improvements \$10.8 M GR** – provides funds for water quality improvements, including increased water quality monitoring, creation of a water quality public information portal, and support for the Blue-Green Algae Task Force.
  - **Innovative Technologies for Harmful Algal Blooms \$10.0 M GR** – provides funds for innovative technologies and short-term solutions to address harmful algal blooms and nutrient pollution of Florida waters.
  - **Florida Resilient Coastline Initiative \$5.5 M GR** – provides funds to assist local governments with sea level rise planning and coastal resilience projects, in addition to protection of coral reef health.



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- **Red Tide Research \$4.2 M GR** – provides funds in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) for red tide research.
- **Drinking Water and Wastewater Revolving Loan programs \$307.2 M (\$23.4 M GR)** for low-interest loans for the construction of drinking water systems, wastewater treatment, and stormwater management systems.
- **Hazardous Waste Cleanup \$133.6 M TF** – provides \$110.0 M for the cleanup of contaminated petroleum sites, \$8.5 M for dry cleaning site cleanup, \$0.6 M for cleanup of state-owned lands, \$0.5 M for waste tire abatement, \$3.0 M for landfill closures, \$5.5 M for hazardous waste site cleanup, \$3.0 M for the Small County Solid Waste Grant Program, and \$2.5 M for tire abatement around reefs.
- **Beach Restoration Projects \$50.0 M (\$9.8 M GR)** – provides \$20.5 M (\$9.8 M GR) in new funding for financial assistance to local governments and special taxing authorities for beach and dune restoration, nourishment, and inlet management.
- **State Park Improvements \$35.8 M (\$9.3 M GR)** – provides \$31.5 M for state park projects, \$4.0 M for ADA projects in state parks, and \$0.3 M for Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas.
- **Florida Forever Program \$34.5 M (\$1.5 M GR)** – provides \$33.0 M for land acquisition projects in the Florida Forever Program and \$1.5 M for the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts grant program.
- **Citrus Greening Response \$17.1 M (\$2.5 M GR)** – \$8.0 M TF to fund citrus greening research projects, \$6.4 M TF to continue funding for the Citrus Health Response Program, and \$2.5 M GR for citrus crop decline supplemental funding.
- **Wildfire Suppression Equipment and Land Management Activities \$20.6 M (\$5.0 M GR)**
- **Nonpoint Source Grants \$17.5 M (\$5.0 M GR)** – provides funds for projects that help control nonpoint sources of pollution.
- **Small County Wastewater Grants \$13.0 M TF** – provides funding for grants for the construction of wastewater treatment facilities for disadvantaged small communities to assist with meeting their needs for adequate sewer facilities.
- **Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern \$6.0 M (\$5.0 M GR)** – provides funds for local governments in the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern or the City of Key West Area of Critical State Concern to finance or refinance the cost of wastewater, stormwater, or water quality improvement projects, or for land acquisition.
- **New Law Enforcement Officers \$1.8 M GR and 13 FTE** – provides funding for 13 new law enforcement officers in FWCC.
- **Lionfish Invasive Species Management and Research \$1.0 M TF**

## Reduction Issues

- **Excess Budget Authority \$45.8 M TF**
  - Positions vacant more than 180 days \$0.3 M TF and 7 FTE
  - Other Reductions \$19.8 M TF

## Back of the Bill

- **Trust Fund Sweep \$70.0 M TF** – provides for a \$70.0 M transfer to GR from the Inland Protection Trust Fund in the Department of Environmental Protection.
- **Springs Restoration \$50.0 M TF** – Reverts \$50 M back to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund and appropriates it for the same purpose in FY 2019-20.