

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
LOCAL BILL ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FORM

Read all instructions carefully.

House local bill policy prohibits a local bill from being considered by a committee or subcommittee without an Economic Impact Statement. This form must be prepared by an individual who is qualified to establish fiscal data and impacts and has personal knowledge of the information given (for example, a chief financial officer of a particular local government) and include information for the first two full fiscal years after the effective date of the local bill. Please file this completed form with the Clerk of the House as soon as possible after a bill is filed. Additional pages may be attached as necessary.

BILL #: HB 967, Mosquito Merger _____

SPONSOR(S): Representative Adam Botana _____

RELATING TO: Lee County Mosquito Control District (LCMCD), Ft. Myers Beach MCD (FMB) _____
[Indicate Area Affected (City, County or Special District) and Subject]

Check if this is a revised Economic Impact Statement

I. REVENUES:

These figures are new revenues that would not exist but for the passage of the bill. The term "revenue" contemplates, but is not limited to, taxes, fees, and special assessments. For example, license plate fees may be a revenue source. If the bill will add or remove property or individuals from the tax base, include this information as well.

	<u>First FY</u>	<u>Second FY</u>
Revenue decrease due to bill:	\$ <u>404,400.00</u>	\$ <u>485,280.00</u>
Revenue increase due to bill:	\$ <u>404,400.00</u>	\$ <u>485,280.00</u>

II. COST:

Include all costs, both direct and indirect, including start-up costs. If the bill repeals the existence of a certain entity, state the related costs, such as satisfying liabilities and distributing assets.

Expenditures for Implementation, Administration, and Enforcement:

<u>First FY</u>	<u>Second FY</u>
\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>

Please include explanations and calculations regarding how each dollar figure was determined in reaching total cost.

LCMCD currently has sufficient capacity to absorb operations on Fort Myers Beach. Under the current agreement, FMB is paying LCMCD \$60,000 per year for aerial spray and inspection services. Please see narrative below.

III. FUNDING SOURCE(S):

State the specific sources from which funding will be received, for example, license plate fees, state funds, borrowed funds, or special assessments.

If certain funding changes are anticipated to occur beyond the following two fiscal years, explain the change and at what rate taxes, fees, or assessments will be collected in those years.

	<u>First FY</u>	<u>Second FY</u>
Local:	\$ 404,400	\$ 485,280
State:	\$ _____	\$ _____
Federal:	\$ _____	\$ _____

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Potential Advantages:

Include all possible outcomes linked to the bill, such as increased efficiencies, and positive or negative changes to tax revenue. If an act is being repealed or an entity dissolved, include the increased or decreased efficiencies caused thereby. Include specific figures for anticipated job growth.

1. Advantages to Individuals: On a county-wide basis, taxpayers would pay a more equitable share of the cost of mosquito control services and benefit from a reduce millage rate. LCMCD is providing overlapping coverage of FMB out of ad valorem taxes collected from Lee County taxpayers.
2. Advantages to Businesses: The same advantages to individuals would be applied to businesses county-wide in this case.
3. Advantages to Government: This would provide single source services and streamline operations. Commissioner and administrative positions would be eliminated and duties would be absorbed by existing personnel at LCMCD. Only two positions at FMB would be moved to LCMCD.

Potential Disadvantages:

Include all possible outcomes linked to the bill, such as inefficiencies, shortages, or market changes anticipated. Include reduced business opportunities, such as reduced access to capital or training. State any decreases in tax revenue as a result of the bill.

1. Disadvantages to Individuals: Residents of FMB would pay additional ad valorem taxes under this plan however, this would offset what the Lee County taxpayers have been subsidizing over the years when providing services to overlapping areas of FMB (see narrative below).
2. Disadvantages to Businesses: The same disadvantages to individuals would be applied to FMB businesses in this case.
3. Disadvantages to Government: There are no disadvantages to government; mosquito operations would be absorbed with current existing capacity.

V. DESCRIBE THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE BILL ON PRESENT GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES:

A combination of the two districts will streamline governmental services offered to the public and further eliminate confusion over which district to call for services. The operational plan to merge the districts will save costs on maintaining one set of commissioners, administrative office staff, and field personnel. LCMCD currently has capacity to cover the entire area of FMB. The expense of re-building FMB facilities and purchasing new equipment would be eliminated.

VI. SPECIFIC DATA USED IN REACHING ESTIMATES:

Include the type(s) and source(s) of data used, percentages, dollar figures, all assumptions made, history of the industry/issue affected by the bill, and any audits.

Data used in this analysis was taken from the Florida Department of Financial Services LOGER system for FMB Mosquito Control District and was taken from the Lee County Property Appraiser tax notices as well as from the Lee County Mosquito Control District operations software. Certain information for estimates were gathered from various Internet websites. Please see the attached letter for a detailed explanation of the analysis.

VII. CERTIFICATION BY PREPARER

I hereby certify I am qualified to establish fiscal data and impacts and have personal knowledge of the information given. I have reviewed all available financial information applicable to the substance of the above-stated local bill and confirm the foregoing Economic Impact Statement is a true and accurate estimate of the economic impact of the bill.

PREPARED BY:

_____ **[Must be signed by Preparer]**

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_____ December, 2023

Date

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