



Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs

**Wednesday, December 12, 2007
1:30-2:15 PM
Room 12 HOB**

**Marco Rubio
Speaker**

**Stan Jordan
Chair**

Committee Meeting Notice

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Speaker Marco Rubio

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Start Date and Time: Wednesday, December 12, 2007 01:30 pm
End Date and Time: Wednesday, December 12, 2007 02:15 pm
Location: 12 HOB
Duration: 0.75 hrs

Presentation by RADM LeRoy Collins, Jr., Executive Director of the Florida Department Of Veterans' Affairs. The Presentation will include a summary of legislative proposals suggested by the department for consideration during the 2008 Legislative Session and an overview of the department's budget issues for FY 2008-09.

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Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs 2008 Legislative Proposals

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Proposal #1: Direct-Support Organization (DSO)

The FDVA proposes creating a non-profit DSO that is similar in scope and operation to other DSO's established in statute with a charter to support and enhance the mission and services of the department.

To include:

Supporting care for Florida's aging veterans through State Veterans' Nursing Homes and other benefits and assistance programs.

Enhancing services for younger veterans and their families particularly those returning from the Global War on Terrorism. The latest DoD statistics show more than 150 thousand veterans of GWOT list Florida as their home of record.



Proposal #2: Service Disabled Veterans Opportunity Act

The FDVA proposes a preference in state contracts for service-disabled small business owners.

The proposed model:

Is derived from existing, proven state and federal preference initiatives.

Does not interfere with the existing preferences' implementation.

Limits the preference to state contracts only.

No "set-asides" or "percentage goal".

Provides for accountability, auditing and reporting requirements.



Proposal #3: Protect and Enhance FDVA Tag Revenue

The FDVA proposes to amend current statute to protect an existing revenue stream, provide for increased funding and create a new funding source for Veterans' Homes Trust Funds.

- (a) Strike language that names certain stamped tags under s. 320.089, F.S., that contribute to FDVA trust funds to allow for all current and any future stamped tags under the section to contribute.
- (b) Direct an additional \$100,000 generated from the sale of military stamped tags to FDVA trust funds. (DHSMV reports the sale of stamped tags currently generates approximately \$450,000 annually).
- (c) Amend 320.023(5)(d) by adding a check box to vehicle registration/renewal forms permitting a voluntary \$1 contribution to the State Homes for Veteran's T. F.



Proposal #4: Grants & Donations Trust Fund Flexibility

The FDVA proposes expanding the authorized use of funds in our Grants & Donations Trust Fund (G&DTF) to allow more flexibility in providing our long-term care residents with certain personal items and services to enhance their quality of life.

The G&D Trust Fund currently provides certain recreational items for our residents. It is the appropriate trust fund to provide additional personal items and services, such as haircuts. Amending the language in statute would allow us the flexibility to improve the lives of our state home residents.



Proposal #5: Proper Display of POW-MIA flag at State-Owned Facilities

FDVA proposes creating s. 256.125, F.S., to codify the appropriate display of the flag of the United States, the flag of the State of Florida, and the POW-MIA flag when flown simultaneously at state facilities.

Proposed order of display precedence:

1. Flag of the United States
2. Flag of the State of Florida
3. POW/MIA Flag

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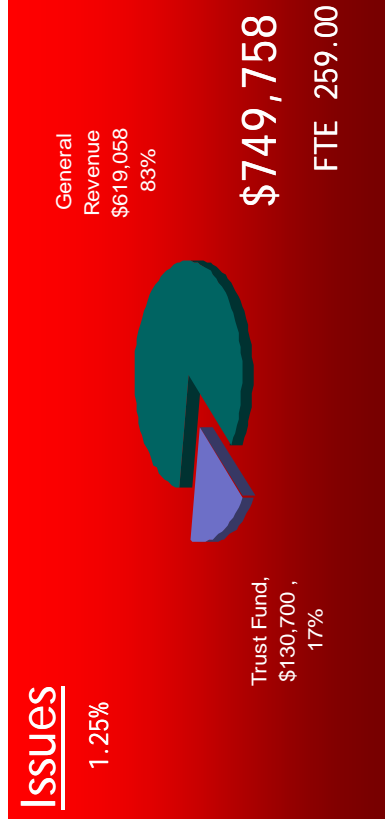
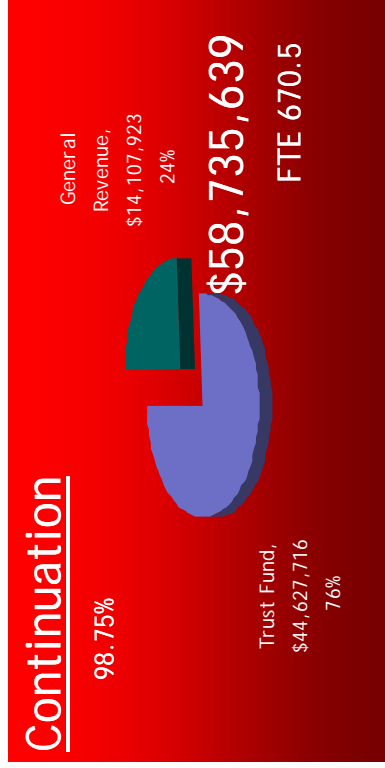
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GR	\$100,254	
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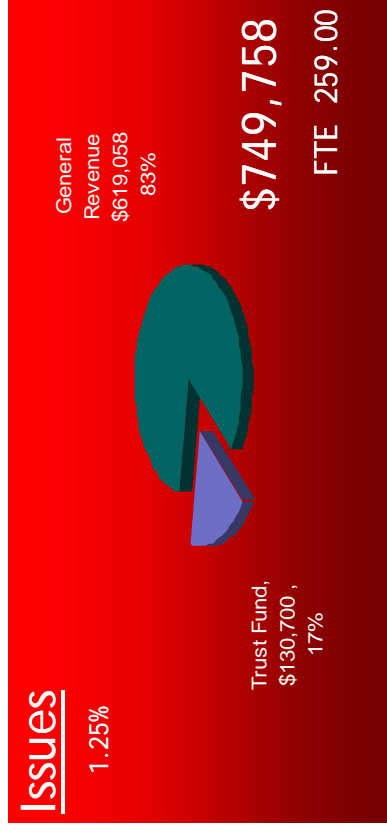
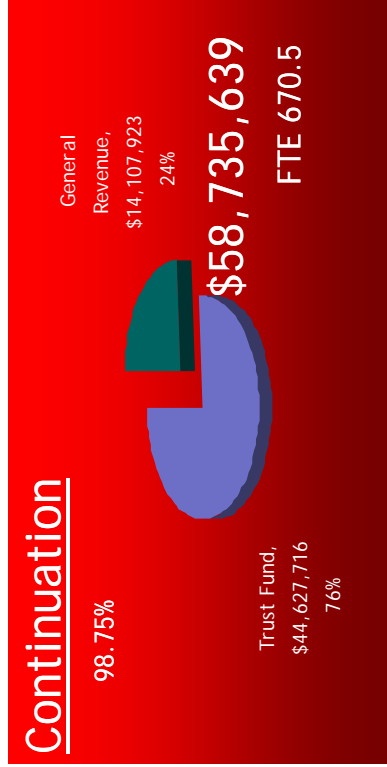
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FTE	815.50

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TF	\$0	TF	\$0
TOTAL	\$3,672,655	TOTAL	\$204,919
FTE	30.00	FTE	3.00

Executive Direction and Support

GR	\$3,877,574
TF	\$0
TOTAL	\$3,877,574
FTE	33.00

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FTE	80.00	FTE	1.00

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Replacement Automobile	\$17,765	\$0	0.00	\$17,765
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Fixed Capital Outlay - FCO (CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN) ISSUE

State Veterans' Home Program

State Veterans' Homes	\$0	\$1,253,256	0.00	\$ 1,253,256
Maintenance & Repair				

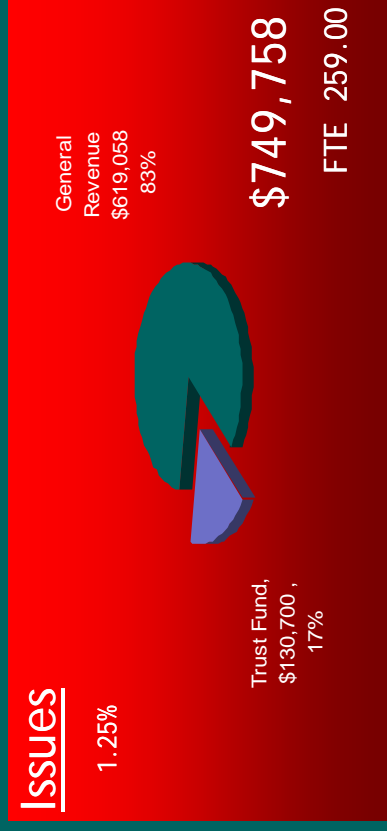
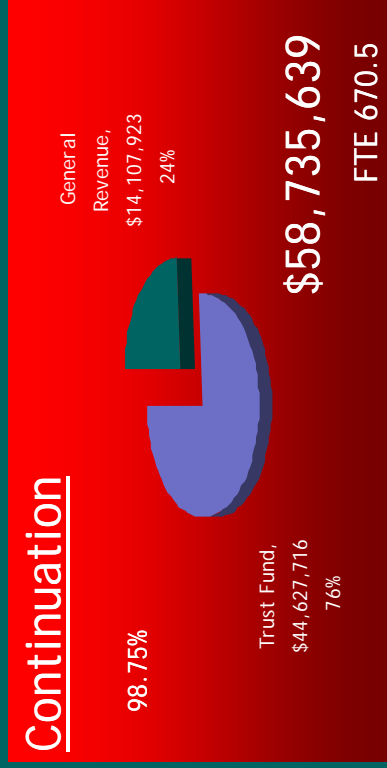
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