

FLORIDA MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION

2012 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Restore State Aid for Mosquito Control to FY 2010-11 Level

The Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA) requests that the Legislature provide State Aid funding for mosquito control at the historic level of \$2.16 million. These funds are provided from the Waste Tire Trust Fund, administered by FDACS and are critical in maintaining an effective, coordinated statewide mosquito control effort. During the current fiscal year, this funding was reduced to \$1.29M at a time when mosquito-transmitted diseases (dengue, West Nile virus, St. Louis encephalitis) are increasingly prevalent in our state. Providing funding at \$2.16M can more effectively support small mosquito control programs, provide educational opportunities for mosquito control workers statewide, enhance the research program and better position mosquito control for Florida's future.

THE FMCA REQUESTS THAT FOR FY 2012-13, THE LEGISLATURE FUND THE STATE AID MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM AT \$2.16 MILLION.

HB 7021 (Crisafulli)/SB 1254 (Siplin) - Changes to F.S. Chapter 388

The FMCA supports the revisions to mosquito control legislation in Chapter 388 as submitted in HB 721/SB 1254. These changes revise outdated language thus better clarifying mosquito control's role for Florida's future.

THE FMCA SUPPORTS HB 7021/SB 1254 AS THEY RELATE TO MODIFICATIONS TO F.S. CHAPTER 388.

HB 107 (Caldwell)/SB 192 (Bennett) – Special Districts

These bills give the public a voice in local government by requiring that before an independent special district can be involuntarily dissolved or merged, the residents of the affected areas must approve the merger or dissolution at referendum.

FMCA SUPPORTS HB 107/SB 192.

Important Role of Independent Mosquito Control Districts

All independent mosquito control districts in Florida have elected Commissioners which represent a form of government most close to the constituency. The FMCA supports maintaining the integrity of independent mosquito control districts as a sound means of implementing environmentally sound mosquito control practices which are essential to the health and well-being of Florida's residents and visitors.

THE FMCA SUPPORTS MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF INDEPENDENT MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICTS.

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