

HB 1187 -- MARINA OPERATIONS IN CLAY COUNTY

SPONSOR: Ervin

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 18 to 0.

Under current law, Clay County is required to request bids for the private operation of one marina if the county owns or operates more than two marinas. This bill removes that requirement.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the revisions to the concession process will cause a significant increase in revenue to Clay County and other counties. Clay County owns three marinas as of May 2003, and the bill will allow them to open concessions at each marina which will help subsidize park and marina programs.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Ervin; and Clay County Commission.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Marc Webb, Legislative Analyst