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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (Rodriguez)
recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 403.816, Florida
Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (4), and a new
subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

403.816 Permits for maintenance dredging of deepwater ports
and beach restoration projects.—

(3) As a condition of a permit issued for a project



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pursuant to this section, the department shall require that any analysis to determine the adverse impacts of the activity on the natural habitat be conducted by an independent contractor selected by the local government in a manner prescribed by the department. The independent contractor for the analysis may not be associated with any project of the contractor performing the activity for the local government. The local government shall provide written notice of its intent to conduct an analysis to adjacent local governments that may be impacted by the activity. This subsection does not apply to permits issued before July 1, 2024.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to dredging and beach restoration projects; amending s. 403.816, F.S.; directing the Department of Environmental Protection to require, as a condition of permits issued for certain dredging and beach restoration projects, that any adverse impact analysis conducted for the activity meet certain requirements; requiring a local government to provide notice of its intent to conduct an analysis to certain adjacent local governments; providing applicability; providing an effective date.