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**Legislative Package Embracing Gulf of America Passes First Senate Committees**  
*Bills renaming the Gulf of Mexico across statutes and state government pass first Senate committees*

**Tallahassee**—The Senate Committee on Community Affairs, chaired by Senator Stan McClain (R-Ocala), today passed Senate Bill 608, sponsored by Senator Nick DiCeglie (R-Indian Rocks Beach). Also today, the Senate Committee on Government Oversight and Accountability, chaired by Senator Randy Fine (R-Melbourne Beach), passed Senate Bill 1058, sponsored by Senator Joe Gruters (R-Sarasota). These bills rename the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America across Florida Statutes and state government.

“We are proud to follow President Trump’s lead and recognize American exceptionalism by renaming the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America,” said Senator DiCeglie. “This vital body of water is critical to the way of life in Pinellas County, and by updating Florida Statutes to embrace the Gulf of America we are recognizing the importance of the gulf to all Floridians.”

“President Trump has made it clear, the Golden Age of America is here,” said Senator Gruters. “The President has yet again given us a wonderful opportunity to honor American greatness, and we are standing with President Trump. By teaching our future generations the fact of American exceptionalism, we are supporting the next wave of true American patriots.”

“There is no doubt America is the greatest country in the history of the world, full stop,” said Senate President Ben Albritton (R-Wauchula). “President Trump led the charge on ensuring we honor, not diminish, American greatness. Florida is proud to stand with our President and rename the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America.”

Senator DiCeglie’s legislation ensures all official state documents, maps, and references reflect the designation Gulf of America, reinforcing Florida’s leadership along the Gulf Coast and setting a precedent for neighboring states to follow.

Senator Gruter’s legislation directs state agencies, district school boards, and charter school governing boards to update, change, or create materials to rename the “Gulf of Mexico” to the “Gulf of America.”

This legislation follows Executive Order Number 14172, issued by President Trump on January 20, 2025, titled “Restoring Names that Honor American Greatness.” The order directs the Secretary of the Interior to rename the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America in recognition of its vital importance to the United States.

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