

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

CS/CS/HB 1061 — Aquatic Preserves

by State Affairs Committee; Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; and Rep. Massullo (SB 1042 by Senator Albritton)

The bill designates the coastal region of Citrus, Hernando, and Pasco counties as an aquatic preserve system under the Florida Aquatic Preserve Act of 1975 and names it the “Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve.” The bill also designates the region as an Outstanding Florida Water.

The bill includes legislative intent that the area “be preserved in an essentially natural condition so that its biological and aesthetic values may endure for the enjoyment of future generations.”

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 117-1