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11 The Committee on General Government Appropriations offered the
12 following:

14 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

15 On page 10, between lines 13 and 14, of the bill

17 insert:

18 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 310.151, Florida
19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20 310.151 Rates of pilotage; Pilotage Rate Review
21 Board.--

22 (5)(a) In determining whether the requested rate
23 change will result in fair, just, and reasonable rates, the
24 board shall give primary consideration to the public interest
25 in promoting and maintaining efficient, reliable, and safe
26 piloting services. The board shall also give consideration to
27 the economic impact of total pilotage costs on the costs of
28 shipping in Florida.

29 (b) The board shall also give consideration to the
30 following factors:

- 31 1. The public interest in having qualified pilots

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1 available to respond promptly to vessels needing their
2 service.

3 2. A determination of the average net income of pilots
4 in the port, including the value of all benefits derived from
5 service as a pilot. For the purposes of this subparagraph,
6 "net income of pilots" refers to total pilotage fees collected
7 in the port, minus reasonable operating expenses, divided by
8 the number of licensed and active state pilots within the
9 ports.

10 3. Reasonable operating expenses of pilots.

11 4. Pilotage rates in other ports.

12 5. The amount of time each pilot spends on actual
13 piloting duty and the amount of time spent on other essential
14 support services.

15 6. The prevailing compensation available to
16 individuals in other maritime services of comparable
17 professional skill and standing as that sought in pilots, it
18 being recognized that in order to attract to the profession of
19 piloting, and to hold the best and most qualified individuals
20 as pilots, the overall compensation accorded pilots should be
21 equal to or greater than that available to such individuals in
22 comparable maritime employment.

23 7. The impact rate change may have in individual pilot
24 compensation and whether such change will lead to a shortage
25 of licensed state pilots, certificated deputy pilots, or
26 qualified pilot applicants.

27 8. Projected changes in vessel traffic, including
28 whether the impact rate change may reduce the number of
29 vessels at the particular port.

30 9. Cost of retirement and medical plans.

31 10. Physical risks inherent in piloting.

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1 11. Special characteristics, dangers, and risks of the
2 particular port.

3 12. The rate of return based on the rate change.

4 13. The total cost of pilotage on the cost of shipping
5 at the particular port compared to the costs at other Florida
6 ports and other states.

7 ~~14.12.~~ Any other factors the board deems relevant in
8 determining a just and reasonable rate.

9 (c) The board may take into consideration the consumer
10 price index or any other comparable economic indicator when
11 fixing rates of pilotage; however, because the consumer price
12 index or such other comparable economic indicator is primarily
13 related to net income rather than rates, the board shall not
14 use it as the sole factor in fixing rates of pilotage.

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18 And the title is amended as follows:

19 On page 1, line 13, after the first semicolon,

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21 insert:

22 amending s. 310.151, F.S.; revising and
23 providing factors to consider in the
24 determination of rates of pilotage;

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