

Bill No. CS for SB 540

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Senator Wasserman Schultz moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment**

On page 4, line 10, through page 5, line 7, delete those lines

and insert:

in the waters of the state. The enhanced study shall include an assessment of factors that the commission may use when seeking to provide manatees with the maximum protection possible while considering recreational uses of the state's waterways. An additional goal of the enhanced study is to collect data that will enable resource managers and state and local policymakers, in consultation with the public, to develop and implement sound science-based policies to improve manatee habitat, establish manatee protection zones, and enhance safe boating opportunities without endangering the manatees.

(2)(a) As part of the enhanced manatee protection study, the Legislature intends that the commission shall

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1 contract with Mote Marine Laboratory to conduct a "Manatee  
2 Habitat and Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Assessment" that  
3 specifically considers, at a minimum, the following:  
4       1. The manatee populations that congregate in the warm  
5 water discharge sites at power plants in the state, including  
6 potential risks to manatees at these sites from disease or the  
7 loss of the warm water habitat; and  
8       2. How the loss of warm water habitat may affect the  
9 size and health of both the manatee population and the health  
10 of submerged aquatic vegetation. The study shall also consider  
11 other factors that may affect the optimum productivity of  
12 submerged aquatic vegetation within the rest of the manatees'  
13 habitate range in the waters of this state.

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