

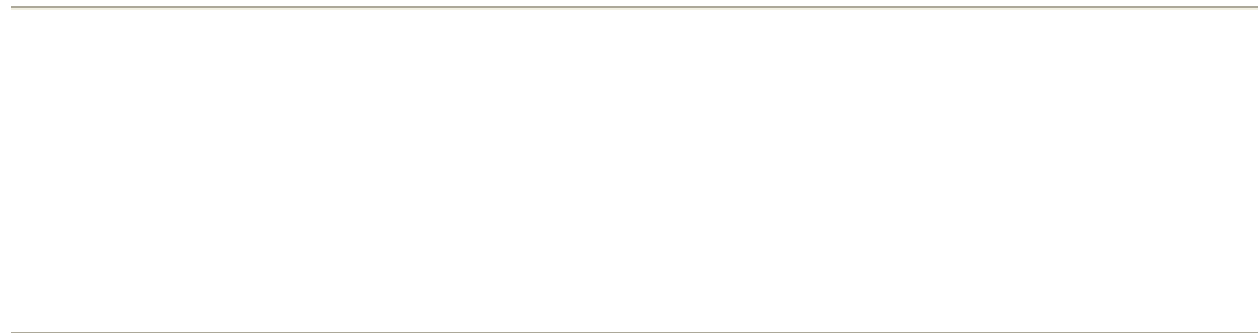
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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Greenstein offered the following:

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3 **Amendment**

4 On page 4, line 8, through page 5, line 5,
5 remove: all of said lines

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7 and insert:

8 in the waters of the state. The enhanced study shall include an
9 assessment of factors that the commission may use when seeking
10 to provide manatees with the maximum protection possible while
11 considering recreational uses of the state's waterways. An
12 additional goal of the enhanced study is to collect data that
13 will enable resource managers and state and local policymakers,
14 in consultation with the public, to develop and implement sound
15 science-based policies to improve manatee habitat, establish

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16 manatee protection zones, and enhance safe boating opportunities
17 without endangering the manatees.

18 (2)(a) As part of the enhanced manatee protection study,
19 the Legislature intends that the commission shall contract with
20 Mote Marine Laboratory to conduct a "Manatee Habitat and
21 Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Assessment" that specifically
22 considers, at a minimum, the following:

23 1. The manatee populations that congregate in the warm
24 water discharge sites at power plants in the state, including
25 potential risks to manatees at these sites from disease or the
26 loss of the warm water habitat; and

27 2. How the loss of warm water habitat may affect the size
28 and health of both the manatee population and the health of
29 submerged aquatic vegetation. The study shall also consider
30 other factors that may affect the optimum productivity of
31 submerged aquatic vegetation within the rest of the manatees'
32 habitat range in the waters of this state.