By Senator Jones

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to sand source management; creating s. 161.144, F.S.; providing for the development and maintenance of an inventory of identified offshore sand sources by the Department of Environmental Protection as part of its comprehensive long-term beach management plan; providing for public review of maps of offshore sand sources; providing for boards of county commissioners of coastal counties adjacent to sand sources proposed for use outside of the region or subregion to be notified and given adequate opportunity to comment during a project's planning and permitting stages; providing for objections or concerns of such coastal counties to be noted by the department and transmitted to the Legislature before funding considerations or before final regulatory action; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 161.144, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

<u>161.144 Policy guidance related to sand source management.--The Legislature recognizes that beach-quality sand for the nourishment of the state's critically eroded beaches is an exhaustible resource, in ever-decreasing supply, and must be carefully managed for the systemwide benefit of the state's beaches. Therefore, the Department of</u>

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Environmental Protection, pursuant to s. 161.161 and in cooperation with federal and local government agencies, shall develop and maintain an inventory of identified offshore sand sources as part of the regional elements of its comprehensive long-term beach management plan. Offshore sand sources in state or federal waters which are identified for potential, proposed, or permitted use shall be clearly mapped or otherwise noted and readily available for public review. In addition, boards of county commissioners of coastal counties adjacent to sand sources proposed for use outside of the region or subregion shall be provided written notice and an opportunity to comment during a specific project's planning and permitting stages. Any unresolved objections or concerns of such coastal counties shall be duly noted by the department and transmitted to the Legislature before it considers state funding for a project or before regulatory action is taken if legislative funding precedes approval of the use of specific sand sources.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

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SENATE SUMMARY

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