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Senate

House

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Representative Moraitis offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove line 14 and insert:

Section 2. Effective July 1, 2018, subsection (14) of section 161.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

161.101 State and local participation in authorized projects and studies relating to beach management and erosion control.-

(14) The intent of the Legislature in preserving and protecting Florida's sandy beaches pursuant to this act is to direct beach erosion control appropriations to the state's most severely eroded beaches, and to prevent further adverse impact

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14 caused by improved, modified, or altered inlets, coastal
15 armoring, or existing upland development. In establishing annual
16 project funding priorities, the department shall seek formal
17 input from local coastal governments, beach and general
18 government interest groups, and university experts. The
19 department shall adopt by rule a scoring system to determine
20 annual project funding priorities. The scoring system must
21 consist of the following criteria equally weighted within the
22 following specified tiers ~~criteria to be considered by the~~
23 ~~department in determining annual funding priorities shall~~
24 ~~include:~~

25 (a) Tier 1 must account for 20 percent of the total score
26 and consist of the tourism-related return on investment and the
27 ~~severity of erosion conditions, the threat to existing upland~~
28 ~~development, and recreational and/or economic~~ impact of the
29 project. The return on investment of the project is the ratio of
30 the tourism-related tax revenues for the most recent year to the
31 amount of state funding requested for the proposed project. The
32 economic impact of the project is the ratio of the tourism-
33 related tax revenues for the most recent year to all county tax
34 revenues for the most recent year. The department must calculate
35 these ratios using state sales tax and tourism development tax
36 data of the county having jurisdiction over the project area. If
37 multiple counties have jurisdiction over the project area, the
38 department must assess each county individually using these

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39 ratios. The department shall calculate the mean average of these
40 ratios to determine the final overall assessment for the
41 multicounty project benefits.

42 (b) Tier 2 must account for 45 percent of the total score
43 and consist of the following criteria:

44 1. The availability of federal matching dollars,
45 considering federal authorization, the federal cost-share
46 percentage, and the status of the funding award;-

47 2. The storm damage reduction benefits of the project
48 based on the following considerations:

49 a. The current conditions of the project area, including
50 any recent storm damage impact, as a percentage of volume of
51 sand lost since the most recent beach nourishment event or most
52 recent beach surveys. If the project area has not been
53 previously restored, the department must use the historical
54 background erosion rate;

55 b. The overall potential threat to existing upland
56 development, including public and private structures and
57 infrastructure, based on the percentage of vulnerable shoreline
58 within the project boundaries; and

59 c. The value of upland property benefiting from the
60 protection provided by the project and its subsequent
61 maintenance. A property must be within one-quarter mile of the
62 project boundaries to be considered under the criterion
63 specified in this subparagraph; and

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64 3. The cost-effectiveness of the project based on the
65 yearly cost per volume per mile of proposed beach fill
66 placement. The department shall also consider the following when
67 assessing cost-effectiveness pursuant to this subparagraph:

68 a. The existence of projects with proposed structural or
69 design components to extend the beach nourishment interval;

70 b. Existing beach nourishment projects that reduce upland
71 storm damage costs by incorporating new or enhanced dune
72 structures or new or existing dune restoration and revegetation
73 projects;

74 c. Proposed innovative technologies designed to reduce
75 project costs; and

76 d. Regional sediment management strategies and
77 coordination to conserve sand source resources and reduce
78 project costs.

79 (c) Tier 3 must account for 20 percent of the total score
80 and consist of the following criteria: ~~The extent of local~~
81 ~~government sponsor financial and administrative commitment to~~
82 ~~the project, including a long-term financial plan with a~~
83 ~~designated funding source or sources for initial construction~~
84 ~~and periodic maintenance.~~

85 1.(d) Previous state commitment and involvement in the
86 project, considering previously funded phases, the total amount
87 of previous state funding, and previous partial appropriations
88 for the proposed project;

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89 2. The recreational benefits of the project based on:

90 a. The accessible beach area added by the project; and

91 b. The percentage of linear footage within the project

92 boundaries that is zoned:

93 (I) As recreational or open space;

94 (II) For commercial use; or

95 (III) To otherwise allow for public lodging

96 establishments;-

97 ~~(c) The anticipated physical performance of the proposed~~
98 ~~project, including the frequency of periodic planned~~
99 ~~nourishment.~~

100 3.(f) The extent to which the proposed project mitigates
101 the adverse impact of improved, modified, or altered inlets on
102 adjacent beaches; and-

103 ~~(g) Innovative, cost-effective, and environmentally~~
104 ~~sensitive applications to reduce erosion.~~

105 ~~(h) Projects that provide enhanced habitat within or~~
106 ~~adjacent to designated refuges of nesting sea turtles.~~

107 ~~(i) The extent to which local or regional sponsors of~~
108 ~~beach erosion control projects agree to coordinate the planning,~~
109 ~~design, and construction of their projects to take advantage of~~
110 ~~identifiable cost savings.~~

111 4.(j) The degree to which the project addresses the
112 state's most significant beach erosion problems based on the
113 ratio of the linear footage of the project shoreline to the

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114 cubic yards of sand placed per mile per year.

115 (d) Tier 4 must account for 15 percent of the total score
116 and consist of the following criteria:

117 1. Increased prioritization of projects that have been on
118 the department's ranked project list for successive years and
119 that have not previously secured state funding for project
120 implementation;

121 2. Environmental habitat enhancement, recognizing state or
122 federal critical habitat areas for threatened or endangered
123 species which may be subject to extensive shoreline armoring or
124 recognizing areas where extensive shoreline armoring threatens
125 the availability or quality of habitat for such species. Turtle-
126 friendly designs, dune and vegetation projects for areas with
127 redesigned or reduced fill templates, proposed incorporation of
128 best management practices and adaptive management strategies to
129 protect resources, and innovative technologies designed to
130 benefit critical habitat preservation may also be considered;
131 and

132 3. The overall readiness of the project to proceed in a
133 timely manner considering the project's readiness for the
134 construction phase of development, the status of required
135 permits, the status of any needed easement acquisition, the
136 availability of local funding sources, and the establishment of
137 an erosion control line. If the department identifies specific
138 reasonable and documented concerns that the project will not

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139 proceed in a timely manner, the department may choose not to
140 include the project in the annual funding priorities submitted
141 to the Legislature.

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143 If ~~In the event that~~ more than one project qualifies equally
144 under the provisions of this subsection, the department shall
145 assign funding priority to those projects shown to be most ~~that~~
146 ~~are~~ ready to proceed.

147 Section 3. Subsection (20) of section 161.101, Florida
148 Statutes, is amended to read:

149 161.101 State and local participation in authorized
150 projects and studies relating to beach management and erosion
151 control.-

152 (20) The department shall maintain active project lists,
153 updated at least quarterly, ~~listings~~ on its website by fiscal
154 year in order to provide transparency regarding those projects
155 receiving funding and the funding amounts, and to facilitate
156 legislative reporting and oversight. In consideration of this
157 intent:

158 (a) The department shall notify the Executive Office of
159 the Governor and the Legislature regarding any significant
160 changes in the funding levels of a given project as initially
161 requested in the department's budget submission and subsequently
162 included in approved annual funding allocations. The term
163 "significant change" means a project-specific change or

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164 cumulative changes that exceed the project's original allocation
165 by \$500,000 or that exceed ~~those changes exceeding~~ 25 percent of
166 the ~~a~~ project's original allocation.

167 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., if there is
168 surplus funding, the department must provide a notification and
169 supporting justification ~~shall be provided~~ to the Executive
170 Office of the Governor and the Legislature to indicate whether
171 surplus ~~additional~~ dollars are intended to be used for inlet
172 management ~~projects~~ pursuant to s. 161.143 ~~or for beach~~
173 restoration and beach nourishment ~~projects~~, offered for
174 reversion as part of the next appropriations process, or used
175 for other specified priority projects on active project lists.

176 2. For surplus funds for projects that do not have a
177 significant change, the department may use such funds for the
178 same purposes identified in subparagraph 1. The department shall
179 post the uses of such funds on the project listing web page of
180 its website. No other notice or supporting justification is
181 required before the use of surplus funds for a project that does
182 not have a significant change.

183 (b) The department shall prepare a summary of ~~specifie~~
184 project activities ~~for the current fiscal year~~, their funding
185 status, and changes to annual project lists ~~for the current and~~
186 preceding fiscal year. ~~shall be prepared by~~ The department shall
187 include the summary ~~and included~~ with the department's
188 submission of its annual legislative budget request.

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189 (c) Funding for specific projects on annual project lists
190 approved by the Legislature must remain available for such
191 projects for 18 months. A local project sponsor may at any time
192 release, in whole or in part, appropriated project dollars by
193 formal notification to the department. The department, ~~which~~
194 shall notify the Executive Office of the Governor and the
195 Legislature of such release and. ~~Notification must~~ indicate in
196 the notification how the project dollars are recommended
197 ~~intended~~ to be used after such release.

198 Section 4. Subsections (2) through (5) of section 161.143,
199 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

200 161.143 Inlet management; planning, prioritizing, funding,
201 approving, and implementing projects.-

202 (2) The department shall establish annual funding
203 priorities for studies, activities, or other projects concerning
204 inlet management. Such inlet management projects constitute the
205 intended scope of this section and s. 161.142 and consist of
206 ~~include, but are not limited to,~~ inlet sand bypassing,
207 improvement of infrastructure to facilitate sand bypassing,
208 modifications to channel dredging, jetty redesign, jetty repair,
209 disposal of spoil material, and the development, revision,
210 adoption, or implementation of an inlet management plan.
211 Projects considered for funding pursuant to this section shall
212 be considered separate and apart from projects reviewed and
213 prioritized in s. 161.101(14). The funding priorities

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214 established by the department under this section must be
215 consistent with the requirements and legislative declaration in
216 ss. 161.101(14), 161.142, and 161.161(1)(b). In establishing
217 funding priorities under this subsection and before transmitting
218 the annual inlet project list to the Legislature under
219 subsection (4) ~~(5)~~, the department shall seek formal input from
220 local coastal governments, beach and general government
221 associations and other coastal interest groups, and university
222 experts concerning annual funding priorities for inlet
223 management projects. In order to maximize the benefits of
224 efforts to address the inlet-caused beach erosion problems of
225 this state, the ranking criteria used by the department to
226 establish funding priorities for studies, activities, or other
227 projects concerning inlet management must include equal
228 consideration of:

229 (a) An estimate of the annual quantity of beach-quality
230 sand reaching the updrift boundary of the improved jetty or
231 inlet channel.

232 (b) The severity of the erosion to the adjacent beaches
233 caused by the inlet ~~and the extent to which the proposed project~~
234 ~~mitigates the erosive effects of the inlet.~~

235 (c) The overall significance and anticipated success of
236 the proposed project in mitigating the erosive effects of the
237 inlet, balancing the sediment budget of the inlet and adjacent
238 beaches, and addressing the sand deficit along the inlet-

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239 affected shorelines.

240 (d) The extent to which ~~existing~~ bypassing activities at
241 an inlet would benefit from modest, cost-effective improvements
242 when considering the volumetric increases from the proposed
243 project, the availability of beach-quality sand currently not
244 being bypassed to adjacent eroding beaches, and the ease with
245 which such beach-quality sand may be obtained.

246 (e) The cost-effectiveness of sand made available by a
247 proposed inlet management project or activity relative to other
248 sand source opportunities that would be used to address inlet-
249 caused beach erosion ~~The interest and commitment of local~~
250 ~~governments as demonstrated by their willingness to coordinate~~
251 ~~the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of an inlet~~
252 ~~management project and their financial plan for funding the~~
253 ~~local cost share for initial construction, ongoing sand~~
254 ~~bypassing, channel dredging, and maintenance.~~

255 (f) The existence of a proposed or recently updated ~~The~~
256 ~~previous completion or approval of a state-sponsored inlet~~
257 ~~management plan or a local-government-sponsored inlet study~~
258 addressing ~~concerning the inlet addressed by the proposed~~
259 ~~project, the ease of updating and revising any such plan or~~
260 ~~study, and the adequacy and specificity of the plan's or study's~~
261 ~~recommendations concerning the mitigation of an inlet's erosive~~
262 ~~effects on adjacent beaches.~~

263 (g) The degree to which the proposed project will enhance

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264 the performance and longevity of proximate beach nourishment
265 projects, thereby reducing the frequency of such periodic
266 nourishment projects.

267 (h) The project-ranking criteria in s. 161.101(14) to the
268 extent such criteria are applicable to inlet management studies,
269 projects, and activities and are distinct from, and not
270 duplicative of, the criteria listed in paragraphs (a)-(g).

271 (3) The department may pay from legislative appropriations
272 up to 75 percent of the construction costs of an initial major
273 inlet management project component for the purpose of mitigating
274 the erosive effects of the inlet to the shoreline and balancing
275 the sediment budget. The remaining balance of such construction
276 costs must be paid from other funding sources, such as local
277 sponsors. All project costs not associated with an initial major
278 inlet management project component must be shared equally by
279 state and local sponsors in accordance with, ~~pursuant to s.~~
280 ~~161.101 and notwithstanding s. 161.101(15), pay from legislative~~
281 ~~appropriations provided for these purposes 75 percent of the~~
282 ~~total costs, or, if applicable, the nonfederal costs, of a~~
283 ~~study, activity, or other project concerning the management of~~
284 ~~an inlet. The balance must be paid by the local governments or~~
285 ~~special districts having jurisdiction over the property where~~
286 ~~the inlet is located.~~

287 ~~(4) Using the legislative appropriation to the statewide~~
288 ~~beach-management-support category of the department's fixed~~

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289 ~~capital outlay funding request, the department may employ~~
290 ~~university based or other contractual sources and pay 100~~
291 ~~percent of the costs of studies that are consistent with the~~
292 ~~legislative declaration in s. 161.142 and that:~~

293 ~~(a) Determine, calculate, refine, and achieve general~~
294 ~~consensus regarding net annual sediment transport volumes to be~~
295 ~~used for the purpose of planning and prioritizing inlet~~
296 ~~management projects; and~~

297 ~~(b) Appropriate, assign, and apportion responsibilities~~
298 ~~between inlet beneficiaries for the erosion caused by a~~
299 ~~particular inlet on adjacent beaches.~~

300 ~~(4)-(5) The department shall annually provide an inlet~~
301 ~~management project list, in priority order, to the Legislature~~
302 ~~as part of the department's budget request. The list must~~
303 ~~include studies, projects, or other activities that address the~~
304 ~~management of at least 10 separate inlets and that are ranked~~
305 ~~according to the criteria established under subsection (2).~~

306 (a) The department shall designate for ~~make available at~~
307 ~~least 10 percent of the total amount that the Legislature~~
308 ~~appropriates in each fiscal year for statewide beach management~~
309 ~~for the three highest-ranked projects on the current year's~~
310 ~~inlet management project list, in priority order, an amount that~~
311 is at least equal to the greater of:

312 1. Ten percent of the total amount that the Legislature
313 appropriates in the fiscal year for statewide beach management;

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314 or

315 2. The percentage of inlet management funding requests
316 from local sponsors as a proportion of the total amount of
317 statewide beach management dollars requested in a given year.

318 (b) The department shall include inlet monitoring
319 activities ranked on the inlet management project list as one
320 aggregated subcategory on the overall inlet management project
321 list ~~make available at least 50 percent of the funds~~
322 ~~appropriated for the feasibility and design category in the~~
323 ~~department's fixed capital outlay funding request for projects~~
324 ~~on the current year's inlet management project list which~~
325 ~~involve the study for, or design or development of, an inlet~~
326 ~~management project.~~

327 ~~(c) The department shall make available all statewide~~
328 ~~beach management funds that remain unencumbered or are allocated~~
329 ~~to non-project-specific activities for projects on legislatively~~
330 ~~approved inlet management project lists. Funding for local-~~
331 ~~government specific projects on annual project lists approved by~~
332 ~~the Legislature must remain available for such purposes for a~~
333 ~~period of 18 months pursuant to s. 216.301(2) (a). Based on an~~
334 ~~assessment and the department's determination that a project~~
335 ~~will not be ready to proceed during this 18-month period, such~~
336 ~~funds shall be used for inlet management projects on~~
337 ~~legislatively approved lists.~~

338 (5)(d) ~~The Legislature shall designate one of the three~~

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339 ~~highest projects on the inlet management project list in any~~
340 ~~year as the Inlet of the Year. The department shall update and~~
341 ~~maintain an annual annually report on its website to the~~
342 ~~Legislature~~ concerning the extent to which each inlet project
343 ~~designated by the Legislature as Inlet of the Year~~ has succeeded
344 in balancing the sediment budget of the inlet and adjacent
345 beaches and in, mitigating the inlet's erosive effects on
346 adjacent beaches. The report must provide an estimate of the
347 quantity of sediment bypassed, transferred, and transferring or
348 otherwise placed ~~placing beach-quality sand~~ on adjacent eroding
349 beaches, or in such beaches' nearshore area, for the purpose of
350 offsetting the erosive effects of inlets on the beaches of this
351 state.

352 ~~(c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), and for the~~
353 ~~2016-2017 fiscal year only, the amount allocated for inlet~~
354 ~~management funding is provided in the 2016-2017 General~~
355 ~~Appropriations Act. This paragraph expires July 1, 2017.~~

356 Section 5. Effective July 1, 2018, subsections (1) and (2)
357 of section 161.161, Florida Statutes, are amended, and present
358 subsections (3) through (7) are renumbered as subsections (4)
359 through (8), respectively, to read:

360 161.161 Procedure for approval of projects.—

361 (1) The department shall develop and maintain a
362 comprehensive long-term beach management plan for the
363 restoration and maintenance of the state's critically eroded

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364 beaches fronting the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Straits
365 of Florida. In developing and maintaining this ~~the beach~~
366 ~~management plan~~ the department shall:

367 (a) Address long-term solutions to the problem of
368 critically eroded beaches in this state.

369 (b) Evaluate each improved, modified, or altered inlet and
370 determine whether the inlet is a significant cause of beach
371 erosion. With respect to each inlet determined to be a
372 significant cause of beach erosion, the plan shall include:

373 ~~1.~~ the extent to which such inlet causes beach erosion and
374 recommendations to mitigate the erosive impact of the inlet,
375 including, but not limited to, ~~recommendations regarding inlet~~
376 sediment bypassing; improvement of infrastructure to facilitate
377 sand bypassing; modifications to channel dredging, jetty design,
378 and disposal of spoil material; establishment of feeder beaches;
379 and beach restoration and beach nourishment; ~~and~~

380 ~~2. Cost estimates necessary to take inlet corrective~~
381 ~~measures and recommendations regarding cost sharing among the~~
382 ~~beneficiaries of such inlet.~~

383 (c) Evaluate ~~Design~~ criteria for beach restoration and
384 beach nourishment projects, including, but not limited to, 1.

385 ~~1.~~ dune elevation and width and revegetation and
386 stabilization requirements, 1. and

387 ~~2.~~ beach profiles ~~profile~~.

388 (d) Consider ~~Evaluate~~ the establishment of regional

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389 sediment management alternatives for one or more individual
390 beach and inlet sand bypassing projects ~~feeder beaches~~ as an
391 alternative to ~~direct~~ beach restoration when appropriate and
392 cost effective, and recommend the location of such regional
393 sediment management alternatives ~~feeder beaches~~ and the source
394 of beach-compatible sand.

395 (e) Identify causes of shoreline erosion and change,
396 determine ~~calculate~~ erosion rates, and maintain an updated list
397 of critically eroded sandy beaches based on data, analyses, and
398 investigations of shoreline conditions ~~and project long-term~~
399 ~~erosion for all major beach and dune systems by surveys and~~
400 ~~profiles.~~

401 (f) ~~Identify shoreline development and degree of density~~
402 ~~and~~ Assess impacts of development and coastal protection
403 ~~shoreline protective~~ structures on shoreline change and erosion.

404 (g) Identify short-term and long-term economic costs and
405 benefits of beaches to the state of Florida and individual beach
406 communities, ~~including recreational value to user groups, tax~~
407 ~~base, revenues generated, and beach acquisition and maintenance~~
408 ~~costs.~~

409 (h) Study dune and vegetation conditions, identify
410 existing beach projects without dune features or with dunes
411 without adequate elevations, and encourage dune restoration and
412 revegetation to be incorporated as part of storm damage recovery
413 projects or future dune maintenance events.

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414 (i) Identify beach areas used by marine turtles and
415 develop strategies for protection of the turtles and their nests
416 and nesting locations.

417 (j) Identify alternative management responses to preserve
418 undeveloped beach and dune systems and, to restore damaged beach
419 and dune systems. In identifying such management responses, the
420 department shall consider, at minimum, and to prevent
421 inappropriate development and redevelopment on migrating
422 beaches, and consider beach restoration and nourishment,
423 armoring, relocation and abandonment, dune and vegetation
424 restoration, and acquisition.

425 (k) Document procedures and policies for preparing post-
426 storm damage assessments and corresponding recovery plans,
427 including repair cost estimates. Establish criteria, including
428 costs and specific implementation actions, for alternative
429 management techniques.

430 (l) Identify and assess ~~Select and recommend~~ appropriate
431 management measures for all of the state's critically eroded
432 sandy beaches ~~in a beach management program.~~

433 ~~(m) Establish a list of beach restoration and beach~~
434 ~~nourishment projects, arranged in order of priority, and the~~
435 ~~funding levels needed for such projects.~~

436 (2) The comprehensive long-term management plan developed
437 and maintained by the department pursuant to subsection (1) must
438 include, at a minimum, a strategic beach management plan, a

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439 critically eroded beaches report, and a statewide long-range
440 budget plan. The long-range budget plan must include a 3-year
441 work plan for beach restoration, beach nourishment, and inlet
442 management projects that lists planned projects for each of the
443 3 fiscal years addressed in the work plan.

444 (a) The strategic beach management plan must identify and
445 recommend appropriate measures for all of the state's critically
446 eroded sandy beaches and may incorporate plans be prepared at
447 the regional level taking into account based upon areas of
448 greatest need and probable federal and local funding. Upon
449 approval in accordance with this section, such regional plans,
450 along with the 3-year work plan identified in subparagraph
451 (c)1., shall be components of the statewide beach management
452 plan and shall serve as the basis for state funding decisions
453 upon approval in accordance with chapter 86-138, Laws of
454 Florida. In accordance with a schedule established for the
455 submission of regional plans by the department, any completed
456 plan must be submitted to the secretary of the department for
457 approval no later than March 1 of each year. These regional
458 plans shall include, but shall not be limited to,
459 recommendations of appropriate funding mechanisms for
460 implementing projects in the beach management plan, giving
461 consideration to the use of single county and multicounty taxing
462 districts or other revenue generation measures by state and
463 local governments and the private sector. Before finalizing the

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464 strategic beach management ~~Prior to presenting the plan to the~~
465 ~~secretary of the department,~~ the department shall hold a public
466 meeting in the region areas for which the plan is prepared or
467 through a publicly noticed webinar. ~~The plan submission schedule~~
468 ~~shall be submitted to the secretary for approval. Any revisions~~
469 ~~to such schedule must be approved in like manner.~~

470 (b) The critically eroded beaches report must be developed
471 and maintained based primarily on the requirements specified in
472 paragraph (1) (e).

473 (c) The statewide long-range budget plan must include at
474 least 5 years of planned beach restoration, beach nourishment,
475 and inlet management project funding needs as identified, and
476 subsequently refined, by local government sponsors. This plan
477 shall consist of two components:

478 1. A 3-year work plan that identifies beach restoration,
479 beach nourishment, and inlet management projects viable for
480 implementation during the next 3 ensuing fiscal years, as
481 determined by available cost-sharing, local sponsor support,
482 regulatory considerations, and the ability of the project to
483 proceed as scheduled. The 3-year work plan must, for each fiscal
484 year, identify proposed projects and their current development
485 status, listing them in priority order based on the applicable
486 criteria established in ss. 161.101(14) and 161.143(2). Specific
487 funding requests and criteria ranking, pursuant to ss.
488 161.101(14) and 161.143(2), may be modified as warranted in each

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489 successive fiscal year, and such modifications must be
490 documented and submitted to the Legislature with each 3-year
491 work plan. Year one projects shall consist of those projects
492 identified for funding consideration in the ensuing fiscal year.

493 2. A long-range plan that identifies projects for
494 inclusion in the fourth and fifth ensuing fiscal years. These
495 projects may be presented by region and do not need to be
496 presented in priority order; however, the department should
497 identify issues that may prevent successful completion of such
498 projects and recommend solutions that would allow the projects
499 to progress into the 3-year work plan.

500 (3)-(2) Annually, The secretary shall annually present the
501 3-year work plan to the Legislature. The work plan must be
502 accompanied by a 3-year financial forecast for the availability
503 of funding for the projects ~~recommendations for funding beach~~
504 ~~erosion control projects prioritized according to the criteria~~
505 established in s. 161.101(14).

506 Section 6. Except as otherwise provided in this act, this
507 act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

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T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

511 Remove lines 2-4 and insert:

512 An act relating to coastal management; establishing
513 the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem

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514 Conservation Area; amending s. 161.101, F.S.; revising
515 the criteria to be considered by the Department of
516 Environmental Protection in determining and assigning
517 annual funding priorities for beach management and
518 erosion control projects; specifying tiers for such
519 criteria; requiring tiers to be given certain weight;
520 requiring the department to update active project
521 lists on its website; redefining the term "significant
522 change"; revising the department's reporting
523 requirements; specifying allowable uses for certain
524 surplus funds; revising the requirements for a
525 specified summary; requiring that funding for certain
526 projects remain available for a specified period;
527 amending s. 161.143, F.S.; specifying the scope of
528 certain projects; revising the list of projects that
529 are included as inlet management projects; requiring
530 that certain projects be considered separate and apart
531 from other specified projects; revising the ranking
532 criteria to be used by the department to establish
533 certain funding priorities for certain inlet-caused
534 beach erosion projects; revising provisions
535 authorizing the department to spend certain
536 appropriated funds for the management of inlets;
537 deleting a provision authorizing the department to
538 spend certain appropriated funds for specified inlet

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539 studies; revising the required elements of the
540 department's report of prioritized inlet management
541 projects; revising the funds that the department must
542 make available to certain inlet management projects;
543 requiring the department to include specified
544 activities on the inlet management project list;
545 deleting provisions requiring the department to make
546 available funding for specified projects; deleting a
547 requirement that the Legislature designate a project
548 as an Inlet of the Year; requiring the department to
549 update and maintain a report regarding the progress of
550 certain inlet management projects; revising the
551 requirements for the report; deleting certain
552 temporary provisions relating to specified
553 appropriations; amending s. 161.161, F.S.; revising
554 requirements for the comprehensive long-term
555 management plan; requiring the plan to include a
556 strategic beach management plan, a critically eroded
557 beaches report, and a statewide long-range budget
558 plan; providing for the development and maintenance of
559 such plans; deleting a requirement that the department
560 submit a certain beach management plan on a certain
561 date each year; requiring the department to hold a
562 public meeting before finalization of the strategic
563 beach management plan; requiring the department to

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564 | submit a 3-year work plan and a related forecast for
565 | the availability of funding to the Legislature;
566 | providing an effective date.

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