

**By** the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation;  
and Senators Latvala, Hutson, and Mayfield

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to coastal management; amending s.  
3       161.101, F.S.; revising the criteria to be considered  
4       by the Department of Environmental Protection in  
5       determining and assigning annual funding priorities  
6       for beach management and erosion control projects;  
7       specifying tiers for such criteria; requiring tiers to  
8       be given certain weight; requiring the department to  
9       update active project lists on its website; redefining  
10      the term "significant change"; revising the  
11      department's reporting requirements; specifying  
12      allowable uses for certain surplus funds; revising the  
13      requirements for a specified summary; requiring that  
14      funding for certain projects remain available for a  
15      specified period; amending s. 161.143, F.S.;  
16      specifying the scope of certain projects; revising the  
17      list of projects that are included as inlet management  
18      projects; requiring that certain projects be  
19      considered separate and apart from other specified  
20      projects; revising the ranking criteria to be used by  
21      the department to establish certain funding priorities  
22      for certain inlet-caused beach erosion projects;  
23      revising provisions authorizing the department to  
24      spend certain appropriated funds for the management of  
25      inlets; deleting a provision authorizing the  
26      department to spend certain appropriated funds for  
27      specified inlet studies; revising the required  
28      elements of the department's report of prioritized  
29      inlet management projects; revising the funds that the

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30 department must make available to certain inlet  
31 management projects; requiring the department to  
32 include specified activities on the inlet management  
33 project list; deleting provisions requiring the  
34 department to make available funding for specified  
35 projects; deleting a requirement that the Legislature  
36 designate a project as an Inlet of the Year; requiring  
37 the department to update and maintain a report  
38 regarding the progress of certain inlet management  
39 projects; revising the requirements for the report;  
40 deleting certain temporary provisions relating to  
41 specified appropriations; amending s. 161.161, F.S.;  
42 revising requirements for the comprehensive long-term  
43 management plan; requiring the plan to include a  
44 strategic beach management plan, a critically eroded  
45 beaches report, and a statewide long-range budget  
46 plan; providing for the development and maintenance of  
47 such plans; deleting a requirement that the department  
48 submit a certain beach management plan on a certain  
49 date each year; requiring the department to hold a  
50 public meeting before finalization of the strategic  
51 beach management plan; requiring the department to  
52 submit a 3-year work plan and a related forecast for  
53 the availability of funding to the Legislature;  
54 amending s. 375.041, F.S.; requiring certain funds  
55 from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to be used for  
56 projects that preserve and repair state beaches;  
57 providing effective dates.

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

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

63 161.101 State and local participation in authorized  
64 projects and studies relating to beach management and erosion  
65 control.—

66 (14) The intent of the Legislature in preserving and  
67 protecting Florida's sandy beaches pursuant to this act is to  
68 direct beach erosion control appropriations to the state's most  
69 severely eroded beaches, and to prevent further adverse impact  
70 caused by improved, modified, or altered inlets, coastal  
71 armoring, or existing upland development. In establishing annual  
72 project funding priorities, the department shall seek formal  
73 input from local coastal governments, beach and general  
74 government interest groups, and university experts. The  
75 department shall adopt by rule a scoring system to determine  
76 annual project funding priorities. The scoring system must  
77 consist of the following criteria equally weighted within the  
78 following specified tiers ~~criteria to be considered by the~~  
79 ~~department in determining annual funding priorities shall~~  
80 ~~include:~~

81 (a) Tier 1 must account for 20 percent of the total score  
82 and consist of the tourism-related return on investment and the  
83 ~~severity of erosion conditions, the threat to existing upland~~  
84 ~~development, and recreational and/or economic~~ impact of the  
85 project. The return on investment of the project is the ratio of  
86 the tourism-related tax revenues for the most recent year to the  
87 amount of state funding requested for the proposed project. The

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88 economic impact of the project is the ratio of the tourism-  
89 related tax revenues for the most recent year to all county tax  
90 revenues for the most recent year. The department must calculate  
91 these ratios using state sales tax and tourism development tax  
92 data of the county having jurisdiction over the project area. If  
93 multiple counties have jurisdiction over the project area, the  
94 department must assess each county individually using these  
95 ratios. The department shall calculate the mean average of these  
96 ratios to determine the final overall assessment for the  
97 multicounty project ~~benefits~~.

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

100 1. The availability of federal matching dollars,  
101 considering federal authorization, the federal cost-share  
102 percentage, and the status of the funding award;-

103 2. The storm damage reduction benefits of the project based  
104 on the following considerations:

105 a. The current conditions of the project area, including  
106 any recent storm damage impact, as a percentage of volume of  
107 sand lost since the most recent beach nourishment event or most  
108 recent beach surveys. If the project area has not been  
109 previously restored, the department must use the historical  
110 background erosion rate;

111 b. The overall potential threat to existing upland  
112 development, including public and private structures and  
113 infrastructure, based on the percentage of vulnerable shoreline  
114 within the project boundaries; and

115 c. The value of upland property benefiting from the  
116 protection provided by the project and its subsequent

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117 maintenance. A property must be within one-quarter mile of the  
118 project boundaries to be considered under the criterion  
119 specified in this subparagraph; and

120 3. The cost-effectiveness of the project based on the  
121 yearly cost per volume per mile of proposed beach fill  
122 placement. The department shall also consider the following when  
123 assessing cost-effectiveness pursuant to this subparagraph:

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

126 b. Existing beach nourishment projects that reduce upland  
127 storm damage costs by incorporating new or enhanced dune  
128 structures or new or existing dune restoration and revegetation  
129 projects;

130 c. Proposed innovative technologies designed to reduce  
131 project costs; and

132 d. Regional sediment management strategies and coordination  
133 to conserve sand source resources and reduce project costs.

134 (c) Tier 3 must account for 20 percent of the total score  
135 and consist of the following criteria: ~~The extent of local~~  
136 ~~government sponsor financial and administrative commitment to~~  
137 ~~the project, including a long term financial plan with a~~  
138 ~~designated funding source or sources for initial construction~~  
139 ~~and periodic maintenance.~~

140 1. ~~(d)~~ Previous state commitment and involvement in the  
141 project, considering previously funded phases, the total amount  
142 of previous state funding, and previous partial appropriations  
143 for the proposed project;

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

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

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146 b. The percentage of linear footage within the project  
147 boundaries that is zoned:

148 (I) As recreational or open space;

149 (II) For commercial use; or

150 (III) To otherwise allow for public lodging  
151 establishments;

152 ~~(c) The anticipated physical performance of the proposed~~  
153 ~~project, including the frequency of periodic planned~~  
154 ~~nourishment.~~

155 3.(f) The extent to which the proposed project mitigates  
156 the adverse impact of improved, modified, or altered inlets on  
157 adjacent beaches; and

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

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

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

166 4.(j) The degree to which the project addresses the state's  
167 most significant beach erosion problems based on the ratio of  
168 the linear footage of the project shoreline to the cubic yards  
169 of sand placed per mile per year.

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

172 1. Increased prioritization of projects that have been on  
173 the department's ranked project list for successive years and  
174 that have not previously secured state funding for project

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175 implementation;

176 2. Environmental habitat enhancement, recognizing state or  
177 federal critical habitat areas for threatened or endangered  
178 species which may be subject to extensive shoreline armoring or  
179 recognizing areas where extensive shoreline armoring threatens  
180 the availability or quality of habitat for such species. Turtle-  
181 friendly designs, dune and vegetation projects for areas with  
182 redesigned or reduced fill templates, proposed incorporation of  
183 best management practices and adaptive management strategies to  
184 protect resources, and innovative technologies designed to  
185 benefit critical habitat preservation may also be considered;  
186 and

187 3. The overall readiness of the project to proceed in a  
188 timely manner considering the project's readiness for the  
189 construction phase of development, the status of required  
190 permits, the status of any needed easement acquisition, the  
191 availability of local funding sources, and the establishment of  
192 an erosion control line. If the department identifies specific  
193 reasonable and documented concerns that the project will not  
194 proceed in a timely manner, the department may choose not to  
195 include the project in the annual funding priorities submitted  
196 to the Legislature.

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

202 Section 2. Subsection (20) of section 161.101, Florida  
203 Statutes, is amended to read:

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204 161.101 State and local participation in authorized  
205 projects and studies relating to beach management and erosion  
206 control.-

207 (20) The department shall maintain active project lists,  
208 updated at least quarterly, ~~listings~~ on its website by fiscal  
209 year in order to provide transparency regarding those projects  
210 receiving funding and the funding amounts, and to facilitate  
211 legislative reporting and oversight. In consideration of this  
212 intent:

213 (a) The department shall notify the Executive Office of the  
214 Governor and the Legislature regarding any significant changes  
215 in the funding levels of a given project as initially requested  
216 in the department's budget submission and subsequently included  
217 in approved annual funding allocations. The term "significant  
218 change" means a project-specific change or cumulative changes  
219 that exceed the project's original allocation by \$500,000 or  
220 that exceed ~~those changes exceeding~~ 25 percent of the a  
221 project's original allocation.

222 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., if there is  
223 surplus funding, the department must provide a notification and  
224 supporting justification ~~shall be provided~~ to the Executive  
225 Office of the Governor and the Legislature to indicate whether  
226 surplus ~~additional~~ dollars are intended to be used for inlet  
227 management projects pursuant to s. 161.143 or for beach  
228 restoration and beach nourishment projects, offered for  
229 reversion as part of the next appropriations process, or used  
230 for other specified priority projects on active project lists.

231 2. For surplus funds for projects that do not have a  
232 significant change, the department may use such funds for the



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233 same purposes identified in subparagraph 1. The department shall  
234 post the uses of such funds on the project listing web page of  
235 its website. No other notice or supporting justification is  
236 required before the use of surplus funds for a project that does  
237 not have a significant change.

238 (b) The department shall prepare a summary of ~~specific~~  
239 ~~project activities for the current fiscal year, their~~ funding  
240 status, and changes to annual project lists for the current and  
241 preceding fiscal year. ~~shall be prepared by~~ The department shall  
242 include the summary and ~~included~~ with the department's  
243 submission of its annual legislative budget request.

244 (c) Funding for specific projects on annual project lists  
245 approved by the Legislature must remain available for such  
246 projects for 18 months. A local project sponsor may at any time  
247 release, in whole or in part, appropriated project dollars by  
248 formal notification to the department. The department, ~~which~~  
249 shall notify the Executive Office of the Governor and the  
250 Legislature of such release and. ~~Notification must~~ indicate in  
251 the notification how the project dollars are recommended  
252 intended to be used after such release.

253 Section 3. Subsections (2) through (5) of section 161.143,  
254 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

255 161.143 Inlet management; planning, prioritizing, funding,  
256 approving, and implementing projects.—

257 (2) The department shall establish annual funding  
258 priorities for studies, activities, or other projects concerning  
259 inlet management. Such inlet management projects constitute the  
260 intended scope of this section and s. 161.142 and consist of  
261 ~~include, but are not limited to,~~ inlet sand bypassing,

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262 improvement of infrastructure to facilitate sand bypassing,  
263 modifications to channel dredging, jetty redesign, jetty repair,  
264 disposal of spoil material, and the development, revision,  
265 adoption, or implementation of an inlet management plan.  
266 Projects considered for funding pursuant to this section shall  
267 be considered separate and apart from projects reviewed and  
268 prioritized in s. 161.101(14). The funding priorities  
269 established by the department under this section must be  
270 consistent with the requirements and legislative declaration in  
271 ss. 161.101(14), 161.142, and 161.161(1)(b). In establishing  
272 funding priorities under this subsection and before transmitting  
273 the annual inlet project list to the Legislature under  
274 subsection (4) ~~(5)~~, the department shall seek formal input from  
275 local coastal governments, beach and general government  
276 associations and other coastal interest groups, and university  
277 experts concerning annual funding priorities for inlet  
278 management projects. In order to maximize the benefits of  
279 efforts to address the inlet-caused beach erosion problems of  
280 this state, the ranking criteria used by the department to  
281 establish funding priorities for studies, activities, or other  
282 projects concerning inlet management must include equal  
283 consideration of:

284 (a) An estimate of the annual quantity of beach-quality  
285 sand reaching the updrift boundary of the improved jetty or  
286 inlet channel.

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

290 (c) The overall significance and anticipated success of the

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291 proposed project in mitigating the erosive effects of the inlet,  
292 balancing the sediment budget of the inlet and adjacent beaches,  
293 and addressing the sand deficit along the inlet-affected  
294 shorelines.

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

301 (e) The cost-effectiveness of sand made available by a  
302 proposed inlet management project or activity relative to other  
303 sand source opportunities that would be used to address inlet-  
304 caused beach erosion ~~The interest and commitment of local~~  
305 ~~governments as demonstrated by their willingness to coordinate~~  
306 ~~the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of an inlet~~  
307 ~~management project and their financial plan for funding the~~  
308 ~~local cost share for initial construction, ongoing sand~~  
309 ~~bypassing, channel dredging, and maintenance.~~

310 (f) The existence of a proposed or recently updated ~~The~~  
311 ~~previous completion or approval of a state-sponsored inlet~~  
312 ~~management plan or a local-government-sponsored inlet study~~  
313 addressing ~~concerning the inlet addressed by the proposed~~  
314 ~~project, the ease of updating and revising any such plan or~~  
315 ~~study, and the adequacy and specificity of the plan's or study's~~  
316 ~~recommendations concerning the mitigation of an inlet's erosive~~  
317 ~~effects on adjacent beaches.~~

318 (g) The degree to which the proposed project will enhance  
319 the performance and longevity of proximate beach nourishment

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320 projects, thereby reducing the frequency of such periodic  
321 nourishment projects.

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

326 (3) The department may pay from legislative appropriations  
327 up to 75 percent of the construction costs of an initial major  
328 inlet management project component for the purpose of mitigating  
329 the erosive effects of the inlet to the shoreline and balancing  
330 the sediment budget. The remaining balance of such construction  
331 costs must be paid from other funding sources, such as local  
332 sponsors. All project costs not associated with an initial major  
333 inlet management project component must be shared equally by  
334 state and local sponsors in accordance with, ~~pursuant to s.~~  
335 ~~161.101 and notwithstanding s. 161.101(15), pay from legislative~~  
336 ~~appropriations provided for these purposes 75 percent of the~~  
337 ~~total costs, or, if applicable, the nonfederal costs, of a~~  
338 ~~study, activity, or other project concerning the management of~~  
339 ~~an inlet. The balance must be paid by the local governments or~~  
340 ~~special districts having jurisdiction over the property where~~  
341 ~~the inlet is located.~~

342 ~~(4) Using the legislative appropriation to the statewide~~  
343 ~~beach management support category of the department's fixed~~  
344 ~~capital outlay funding request, the department may employ~~  
345 ~~university-based or other contractual sources and pay 100~~  
346 ~~percent of the costs of studies that are consistent with the~~  
347 ~~legislative declaration in s. 161.142 and that:~~

348 ~~(a) Determine, calculate, refine, and achieve general~~

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349 ~~consensus regarding net annual sediment transport volumes to be~~  
350 ~~used for the purpose of planning and prioritizing inlet~~  
351 ~~management projects; and~~

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

355 ~~(4)~~(5) The department shall annually provide an inlet  
356 management project list, in priority order, to the Legislature  
357 as part of the department's budget request. ~~The list must~~  
358 ~~include studies, projects, or other activities that address the~~  
359 ~~management of at least 10 separate inlets and that are ranked~~  
360 ~~according to the criteria established under subsection (2).~~

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

367 1. Ten percent of the total amount that the Legislature  
368 appropriates in the fiscal year for statewide beach management;  
369 or

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

373 (b) The department shall include inlet monitoring  
374 activities ranked on the inlet management project list as one  
375 aggregated subcategory on the overall inlet management project  
376 list ~~make available at least 50 percent of the funds~~  
377 ~~appropriated for the feasibility and design category in the~~

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378 ~~department's fixed capital outlay funding request for projects~~  
379 ~~on the current year's inlet management project list which~~  
380 ~~involve the study for, or design or development of, an inlet~~  
381 ~~management project.~~

382 ~~(c) The department shall make available all statewide beach~~  
383 ~~management funds that remain unencumbered or are allocated to~~  
384 ~~non-project-specific activities for projects on legislatively~~  
385 ~~approved inlet management project lists. Funding for local-~~  
386 ~~government specific projects on annual project lists approved by~~  
387 ~~the Legislature must remain available for such purposes for a~~  
388 ~~period of 18 months pursuant to s. 216.301(2) (a). Based on an~~  
389 ~~assessment and the department's determination that a project~~  
390 ~~will not be ready to proceed during this 18-month period, such~~  
391 ~~funds shall be used for inlet management projects on~~  
392 ~~legislatively approved lists.~~

393 ~~(5)(d) The Legislature shall designate one of the three~~  
394 ~~highest projects on the inlet management project list in any~~  
395 ~~year as the Inlet of the Year. The department shall update and~~  
396 ~~maintain an annual annually report on its website to the~~  
397 ~~Legislature concerning the extent to which each inlet project~~  
398 ~~designated by the Legislature as Inlet of the Year has succeeded~~  
399 ~~in balancing the sediment budget of the inlet and adjacent~~  
400 ~~beaches and in, mitigating the inlet's erosive effects on~~  
401 ~~adjacent beaches. The report must provide an estimate of the~~  
402 ~~quantity of sediment bypassed, transferred, and transferring or~~  
403 ~~otherwise placed placing beach-quality sand on adjacent eroding~~  
404 ~~beaches, or in such beaches' nearshore area, for the purpose of~~  
405 ~~offsetting the erosive effects of inlets on the beaches of this~~  
406 ~~state.~~

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407 ~~(c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), and for the~~  
408 ~~2016-2017 fiscal year only, the amount allocated for inlet~~  
409 ~~management funding is provided in the 2016-2017 General~~  
410 ~~Appropriations Act. This paragraph expires July 1, 2017.~~

411 Section 4. Effective July 1, 2018, subsections (1) and (2)  
412 of section 161.161, Florida Statutes, are amended, and present  
413 subsections (3) through (7) are redesignated as subsections (4)  
414 through (8), respectively, to read:

415 161.161 Procedure for approval of projects.-

416 (1) The department shall develop and maintain a  
417 comprehensive long-term beach management plan for the  
418 restoration and maintenance of the state's critically eroded  
419 beaches fronting the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Straits  
420 of Florida. In developing and maintaining this ~~the beach~~  
421 ~~management plan, the department~~ shall:

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

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

428 ~~1.~~ the extent to which such inlet causes beach erosion and  
429 recommendations to mitigate the erosive impact of the inlet,  
430 including, but not limited to, ~~recommendations regarding~~ inlet  
431 sediment bypassing; improvement of infrastructure to facilitate  
432 sand bypassing; modifications to channel dredging, jetty design,  
433 and disposal of spoil material; establishment of feeder beaches;  
434 and beach restoration and beach nourishment; ~~and~~

435 ~~2. Cost estimates necessary to take inlet corrective~~

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436 ~~measures and recommendations regarding cost sharing among the~~  
437 ~~beneficiaries of such inlet.~~

438 (c) Evaluate ~~Design~~ criteria for beach restoration and  
439 beach nourishment projects, including, but not limited to, 1.  
440 ~~1.~~ dune elevation and width and revegetation and  
441 stabilization requirements, 2. and  
442 ~~2.~~ beach profiles ~~profile~~.

443 (d) Consider ~~Evaluate~~ the establishment of regional  
444 sediment management alternatives for one or more individual  
445 beach and inlet sand bypassing projects ~~feeder beaches~~ as an  
446 alternative to ~~direct~~ beach restoration when appropriate and  
447 cost-effective, and recommend the location of such regional  
448 sediment management alternatives ~~feeder beaches~~ and the source  
449 of beach-compatible sand.

450 (e) Identify causes of shoreline erosion and change,  
451 determine ~~calculate~~ erosion rates, and maintain an updated list  
452 of critically eroded sandy beaches based on data, analyses, and  
453 investigations of shoreline conditions ~~and project long-term~~  
454 ~~erosion for all major beach and dune systems by surveys and~~  
455 ~~profiles.~~

456 (f) ~~Identify shoreline development and degree of density~~  
457 ~~and~~ Assess impacts of development and coastal protection  
458 ~~shoreline protective~~ structures on shoreline change and erosion.

459 (g) Identify short-term and long-term economic costs and  
460 benefits of beaches to the state of Florida and individual beach  
461 communities, ~~including recreational value to user groups, tax~~  
462 ~~base, revenues generated, and beach acquisition and maintenance~~  
463 ~~costs.~~

464 (h) Study dune and vegetation conditions, identify existing



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465 beach nourishment projects without dune features or with dunes  
466 without adequate elevations, and encourage dune restoration and  
467 revegetation to be incorporated as part of storm damage recovery  
468 projects or future dune maintenance events.

469 (i) Identify beach areas used by marine turtles and develop  
470 strategies for protection of the turtles and their nests and  
471 nesting locations.

472 (j) Identify alternative management responses to preserve  
473 undeveloped beach and dune systems and, to restore damaged beach  
474 and dune systems. In identifying such management responses, the  
475 department shall consider, at a minimum, and to prevent  
476 inappropriate development and redevelopment on migrating  
477 beaches, and consider beach restoration and nourishment,  
478 armoring, relocation and abandonment, dune and vegetation  
479 restoration, and acquisition.

480 (k) Document procedures and policies for preparing post-  
481 storm damage assessments and corresponding recovery plans,  
482 including repair cost estimates. Establish criteria, including  
483 costs and specific implementation actions, for alternative  
484 management techniques.

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

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

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

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494 critically eroded beaches report, and a statewide long-range  
495 budget plan. The long-range budget plan must include a 3-year  
496 work plan for beach nourishment projects and inlet management  
497 projects that lists planned projects for each of the 3 fiscal  
498 years addressed in the work plan.

499 (a) The strategic beach management plan must identify and  
500 recommend appropriate measures for all of the state's critically  
501 eroded sandy beaches and may incorporate plans be prepared at  
502 the regional level taking into account based upon areas of  
503 greatest need and probable federal and local funding. Upon  
504 approval in accordance with chapter 86-138, Laws of Florida,  
505 such regional plans, along with the 3-year work plan identified  
506 in subparagraph (c)1., shall be components of the statewide  
507 beach management plan and shall serve as the basis for state  
508 funding decisions upon approval in accordance with chapter 86-  
509 138, Laws of Florida. In accordance with a schedule established  
510 for the submission of regional plans by the department, any  
511 completed plan must be submitted to the secretary of the  
512 department for approval no later than March 1 of each year.  
513 These regional plans shall include, but shall not be limited to,  
514 recommendations of appropriate funding mechanisms for  
515 implementing projects in the beach management plan, giving  
516 consideration to the use of single county and multicounty taxing  
517 districts or other revenue generation measures by state and  
518 local governments and the private sector. Prior to finalizing  
519 the strategic beach management presenting the plan to the  
520 secretary of the department, the department shall hold a public  
521 meeting in the region areas for which the plan is prepared or  
522 through a publicly noticed webinar. The plan submission schedule

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523 ~~shall be submitted to the secretary for approval. Any revisions~~  
524 ~~to such schedule must be approved in like manner.~~

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

528 (c) The statewide long-range budget plan must include at  
529 least 5 years of planned beach nourishment and inlet management  
530 project funding needs as identified, and subsequently refined,  
531 by local government sponsors. This plan shall consist of two  
532 components:

533 1. A 3-year work plan that identifies beach nourishment and  
534 inlet management projects viable for implementation during the  
535 next 3 ensuing fiscal years, as determined by available cost-  
536 sharing, local sponsor support, regulatory considerations, and  
537 the ability of the project to proceed as scheduled. The 3-year  
538 work plan must, for each fiscal year, identify proposed projects  
539 and their current development status, listing them in priority  
540 order based on the applicable criteria established in ss.  
541 161.101(14) and 161.143(2). Specific funding requests and  
542 criteria ranking, pursuant to ss. 161.101(14) and 161.143(2),  
543 may be modified as warranted in each successive fiscal year, and  
544 such modifications must be documented and submitted to the  
545 Legislature with each 3-year work plan. Year one projects shall  
546 consist of those projects identified for funding consideration  
547 in the ensuing fiscal year.

548 2. A long-range plan that identifies projects for inclusion  
549 in the fourth and fifth ensuing fiscal years. These projects may  
550 be presented by region and do not need to be presented in  
551 priority order; however, the department should identify issues

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552 that may prevent successful completion of such projects and  
553 recommend solutions that would allow the projects to progress  
554 into the 3-year work plan.

555 (3)(2) Annually, The secretary shall annually present the  
556 3-year work plan to the Legislature. The work plan must be  
557 accompanied by a 3-year financial forecast for the availability  
558 of funding for the projects, based on funds dedicated in s.  
559 375.041 recommendations for funding beach erosion control  
560 projects prioritized according to the criteria established in s.  
561 161.101(14).

562 Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
563 375.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

564 375.041 Land Acquisition Trust Fund.—

565 (3) Funds distributed into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund  
566 pursuant to s. 201.15 shall be applied:

567 (b) Of the funds remaining after the payments required  
568 under paragraph (a), but before funds may be appropriated,  
569 pledged, or dedicated for other uses:

570 1. A minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$200 million  
571 shall be appropriated annually for Everglades projects that  
572 implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set  
573 forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning  
574 Project subject to Congressional authorization; the Long-Term  
575 Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2); and the Northern Everglades  
576 and Estuaries Protection Program as set forth in s. 373.4595.  
577 From these funds, \$32 million shall be distributed each fiscal  
578 year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year to the South Florida  
579 Water Management District for the Long-Term Plan as defined in  
580 s. 373.4592(2). After deducting the \$32 million distributed

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581 under this subparagraph, from the funds remaining, a minimum of  
582 the lesser of 76.5 percent or \$100 million shall be appropriated  
583 each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the  
584 planning, design, engineering, and construction of the  
585 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s.  
586 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project  
587 subject to Congressional authorization. The Department of  
588 Environmental Protection and the South Florida Water Management  
589 District shall give preference to those Everglades restoration  
590 projects that reduce harmful discharges of water from Lake  
591 Okeechobee to the St. Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in a  
592 timely manner. For the purpose of performing the calculation  
593 provided in this subparagraph, the amount of debt service paid  
594 pursuant to paragraph (a) for bonds issued after July 1, 2016,  
595 for the purposes set forth under paragraph (b) shall be added to  
596 the amount remaining after the payments required under paragraph  
597 (a). The amount of the distribution calculated shall then be  
598 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to  
599 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the  
600 purposes set forth under this subparagraph.

601 2. A minimum of the lesser of 7.6 percent or \$50 million  
602 shall be appropriated annually for spring restoration,  
603 protection, and management projects. For the purpose of  
604 performing the calculation provided in this subparagraph, the  
605 amount of debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) for bonds  
606 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under  
607 paragraph (b) shall be added to the amount remaining after the  
608 payments required under paragraph (a). The amount of the  
609 distribution calculated shall then be reduced by an amount equal

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610 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds  
611 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this  
612 subparagraph.

613 3. The sum of \$5 million shall be appropriated annually  
614 each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year to the St.  
615 Johns River Water Management District for projects dedicated to  
616 the restoration of Lake Apopka. This distribution shall be  
617 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to  
618 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the  
619 purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

620 4. A minimum of the lesser of 7.6 percent or \$50 million  
621 shall be appropriated annually for projects that preserve and  
622 repair the state's beaches as provided in s. 161.091(3). The  
623 calculation provided in this subparagraph shall be performed  
624 using the same formula as described in subparagraph 2.

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