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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Florida Disaster Resilience  
3           Task Force; creating s. 373.469, F.S.; establishing  
4           the task force adjunct to the Department of  
5           Environmental Protection; providing the purpose and  
6           membership of the task force; requiring the appointees  
7           to be experts from specified subject areas; requiring  
8           a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a  
9           specified date; providing requirements for the report;  
10          requiring the department to post the report on the  
11          department's website; providing for expiration of the  
12          task force; providing an effective date.

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

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16           Section 1. Section 373.469, Florida Statutes, is created to  
17           read:

18           373.469 Florida Disaster Resilience Task Force.—The Florida  
19           Disaster Resilience Task Force, a task force as defined in s.  
20           20.03, is established adjunct to the Department of Environmental  
21           Protection.

22           (1) The purpose of the task force is to evaluate ways to  
23           protect this state's remaining coastal ecosystems and natural  
24           habitats, increase coastal community resilience in the face of  
25           sea-level rise, and apply the best available science as to sea-  
26           level rise and its anticipated impacts.

27           (2) (a) The task force shall consist of the following seven  
28           members:

29           1. The Secretary of Environmental Protection or his or her

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30 designee.

31 2. Two members appointed by the Governor.

32 3. Two members appointed by the President of the Senate.

33 4. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
34 Representatives.

35 (b) The appointments must be made from individuals who have  
36 expertise in any of the following areas: climatology, hydrology,  
37 economics, marine fisheries, law enforcement and emergency  
38 management, estuary programs, oceanography or coastal ocean  
39 science, and ecology or environmental biology.

40 (3) By July 1, 2022, the task force shall submit to the  
41 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
42 House of Representatives, a report that contains all of the  
43 following:

44 (a) An assessment of the anticipated impacts to this state  
45 due to sea-level rise.

46 (b) Recommendations for stronger, more protective standards  
47 and the implementation and enforcement of such standards for  
48 coastal development, wetlands protection, shoreline armoring,  
49 and storm recovery, as it relates to sea-level rise.

50 (c) Recommendations for adaptive measures to respond to  
51 sea-level rise, including, but not limited to, protecting and  
52 connecting terrestrial and aquatic habitats to allow animal and  
53 plant species to migrate as temperatures change; protect and  
54 restore habitat on which already stressed animal and plant  
55 species depend to maintain the integrity of natural communities  
56 and to protect the ecological services they provide, including  
57 flood control, drinking water supply protection, and  
58 purification of water and the air; identify and monitor early

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59 effects of climate change on animals, plants, and natural  
60 communities; and integrate climate change adaptation strategies  
61 into state environmental plans.

62 (d) Recommendations for statutory changes necessary to  
63 implement any of the recommendations in this subsection.

64 (4) The department shall post a copy of the report in a  
65 prominent location on its website.

66 (5) The task force and this section shall expire July 1,  
67 2022.

68 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.