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

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26 | spend certain appropriated funds for specified inlet
27 | studies; revising the required elements of the
28 | department's report of prioritized inlet management
29 | projects; revising the funds that the department must
30 | make available to certain inlet management projects;
31 | requiring the department to include specified
32 | activities on the inlet management project list;
33 | deleting provisions requiring the department to make
34 | available funding for specified projects; deleting a
35 | requirement that the Legislature designate a project
36 | as an Inlet of the Year; requiring the department to
37 | update and maintain a report regarding the progress of
38 | certain inlet management projects; deleting certain
39 | temporary provisions relating to specified
40 | appropriations; revising the requirements for the
41 | report; amending s. 161.161, F.S.; revising
42 | 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

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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 providing effective dates.

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

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 58 Section 1. Effective July 1, 2020, subsection (14) of
 59 section 161.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

60 161.101 State and local participation in authorized
 61 projects and studies relating to beach management and erosion
 62 control.—

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

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76 include:

77 (a) Tier 1 must account for 20 percent of the total score
 78 and consist of the tourism-related return on investment and the
 79 economic impact of the project. The return on investment of the
 80 project is the ratio of the tourism-related tax revenues for the
 81 most recent year to the amount of state funding requested for
 82 the proposed project. The economic impact of the project is the
 83 ratio of the tourism-related tax revenues for the most recent
 84 year to all county tax revenues for the most recent year. The
 85 department must calculate these ratios using state sales tax and
 86 tourism development tax data of the county having jurisdiction
 87 over the project area. If multiple counties have jurisdiction
 88 over the project area, the department must assess each county
 89 individually using these ratios. The department shall calculate
 90 the mean average of these ratios to determine the final overall
 91 assessment for the multicounty project ~~the severity of erosion~~
 92 ~~conditions, the threat to existing upland development, and~~
 93 ~~recreational and/or economic benefits.~~

94 (b) Tier 2 must account for 45 percent of the total score
 95 and consist of all of the following criteria:

96 1. The availability of federal matching dollars,
 97 considering federal authorization, the federal cost-share
 98 percentage, and the status of the funding award.

99 2. The storm damage reduction benefits of the project
 100 based on the following considerations:

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

107 b. The overall potential threat to existing upland
108 development, including public and private structures and
109 infrastructure, based on the percentage of vulnerable shoreline
110 that exists within the project boundaries; and

111 c. The value of upland property benefiting from the
112 protection provided by the project and its subsequent
113 maintenance. A property must be within one-quarter mile of the
114 project boundaries to be considered under the criterion
115 specified in this sub-subparagraph.

116 3. The cost-effectiveness of the project based on the
117 yearly cost per volume per mile of proposed beach fill
118 placement. The department shall also consider the following when
119 assessing cost-effectiveness pursuant to this subparagraph:

120 a. The existence of projects with proposed structural or
121 design components that could extend the beach nourishment
122 interval;

123 b. Existing beach nourishment projects that reduce upland
124 storm damage costs by incorporating new or enhanced dune
125 structures or new or existing dune restoration and revegetation

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126 projects;
 127 c. Proposed innovative technologies designed to reduce
 128 project costs; and
 129 d. Regional sediment management strategies and
 130 coordination to conserve sand source resources and reduce
 131 project costs.
 132 (c) Tier 3 must account for 20 percent of the total score
 133 and consist of all of the following criteria: ~~The extent of~~
 134 ~~local government sponsor financial and administrative commitment~~
 135 ~~to the project, including a long-term financial plan with a~~
 136 ~~designated funding source or sources for initial construction~~
 137 ~~and periodic maintenance.~~
 138 1.(d) Previous state commitment and involvement in the
 139 project, considering previously funded phases, the total amount
 140 of previous state funding, and previous partial appropriations
 141 for the proposed project.
 142 2. The recreational benefits of the project based on:
 143 a. The accessible beach area added by the project; and
 144 b. The percentage of linear footage within the project
 145 boundaries which is zoned:
 146 (I) As recreational or open space;
 147 (II) For commercial use; or
 148 (III) To otherwise allow for public lodging
 149 establishments.
 150 ~~(c) The anticipated physical performance of the proposed~~

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151 ~~project, including the frequency of periodic planned~~
152 ~~nourishment.~~

153 3.(f) The extent to which the ~~proposed~~ project mitigates
154 the adverse impact of improved, modified, or altered inlets on
155 adjacent beaches.

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

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

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

164 4.(j) The degree to which the project addresses the
165 state's most significant beach erosion problems as a function of
166 the linear footage of the project shoreline and the cubic yards
167 of sand placed per mile per year.

168 (d) Tier 4 must account for 15 percent of the total score
169 and consist of all of the following criteria:

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

174 2. Environmental habitat enhancement, recognizing state or
175 federal critical habitat areas for threatened or endangered

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

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

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

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

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201 161.101 State and local participation in authorized
 202 projects and studies relating to beach management and erosion
 203 control.—

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

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

219 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., if there is
 220 surplus funding, the department must notify and provide
 221 supporting justification ~~notification shall be provided~~ to the
 222 Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislature to indicate
 223 whether surplus ~~additional~~ dollars are intended to be used for
 224 inlet management projects pursuant to s. 161.143 or for beach
 225 restoration and beach nourishment projects, offered for

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226 reversion as part of the next appropriations process, or used
 227 for other specified priority projects on active project lists.

228 2. The department may use surplus funds for projects
 229 identified in subparagraph 1. that do not have a significant
 230 change. The department must post the uses of such funds on the
 231 project listing web page of its website. The department is not
 232 required to post any other notice or supporting justification
 233 before it uses the surplus funds for a project that does not
 234 have a significant change.

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

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

250 Section 3. Subsections (2) through (5) of section 161.143,

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251 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

252 161.143 Inlet management; planning, prioritizing, funding,
 253 approving, and implementing projects.-

254 (2) The department shall establish annual funding
 255 priorities for studies, activities, or other projects concerning
 256 inlet management. Such inlet management projects constitute the
 257 intended scope of this section and s. 161.142 and consist of
 258 ~~include, but are not limited to,~~ inlet sand bypassing,
 259 improvement of infrastructure to facilitate sand bypassing,
 260 modifications to channel dredging, jetty redesign, jetty repair,
 261 disposal of spoil material, and the development, revision,
 262 adoption, or implementation of an inlet management plan.
 263 Projects considered for funding pursuant to this section must be
 264 considered separate and apart from projects reviewed and
 265 prioritized in s. 161.101(14). The funding priorities
 266 established by the department under this section must be
 267 consistent with the requirements and legislative declaration in
 268 ss. 161.101(14), 161.142, and 161.161(1)(b). In establishing
 269 funding priorities under this subsection and before transmitting
 270 the annual inlet project list to the Legislature under
 271 subsection (4) ~~(5)~~, the department shall seek formal input from
 272 local coastal governments, beach and general government
 273 associations and other coastal interest groups, and university
 274 experts concerning annual funding priorities for inlet
 275 management projects. In order to maximize the benefits of

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276 | efforts to address the inlet-caused beach erosion problems of
277 | this state, the ranking criteria used by the department to
278 | establish funding priorities for studies, activities, or other
279 | projects concerning inlet management must include equal
280 | consideration of:

281 | (a) An estimate of the annual quantity of beach-quality
282 | sand reaching the updrift boundary of the improved jetty or
283 | inlet channel.

284 | (b) The severity of the erosion to the adjacent beaches
285 | caused by the inlet and ~~the extent to which the proposed project~~
286 | ~~mitigates the erosive effects of the inlet.~~

287 | (c) The overall significance and anticipated success of
288 | the proposed project in mitigating the erosive effects of the
289 | inlet, balancing the sediment budget of the inlet and adjacent
290 | beaches, and addressing the sand deficit along the inlet-
291 | affected shorelines.

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

298 | (e) The cost-effectiveness of sand made available by a
299 | proposed inlet management project or activity relative to other
300 | sand source opportunities that would be used to address inlet-

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301 caused beach erosion ~~The interest and commitment of local~~
302 ~~governments as demonstrated by their willingness to coordinate~~
303 ~~the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of an inlet~~
304 ~~management project and their financial plan for funding the~~
305 ~~local cost share for initial construction, ongoing sand~~
306 ~~bypassing, channel dredging, and maintenance.~~

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

315 (g) The degree to which the proposed project will enhance
316 the performance and longevity of proximate beach nourishment
317 projects, thereby reducing the frequency of such periodic
318 nourishment projects.

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

323 (3) The department may pay from legislative appropriations
324 up to 75 percent of the construction costs of an initial major
325 inlet management project component for the purpose of mitigating

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

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

345 ~~(a) Determine, calculate, refine, and achieve general~~
346 ~~consensus regarding net annual sediment transport volumes to be~~
347 ~~used for the purpose of planning and prioritizing inlet~~
348 ~~management projects; and~~

349 ~~(b) Appropriate, assign, and apportion responsibilities~~
350 ~~between inlet beneficiaries for the erosion caused by a~~

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351 ~~particular inlet on adjacent beaches.~~

352 (4)~~(5)~~ The department shall annually provide an inlet
353 management project list, in priority order, to the Legislature
354 as part of the department's budget request. ~~The list must~~
355 ~~include studies, projects, or other activities that address the~~
356 ~~management of at least 10 separate inlets and that are ranked~~
357 ~~according to the criteria established under subsection (2).~~

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

364 1. Ten percent of the total amount that the Legislature
365 appropriates in the fiscal year for statewide beach management;
366 or

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

370 (b) The department shall include inlet monitoring
371 activities ranked on the inlet management project list as one
372 aggregated subcategory on the overall inlet management project
373 list ~~make available at least 50 percent of the funds~~
374 ~~appropriated for the feasibility and design category in the~~
375 ~~department's fixed capital outlay funding request for projects~~

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376 ~~on the current year's inlet management project list which~~
 377 ~~involve the study for, or design or development of, an inlet~~
 378 ~~management project.~~

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

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

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401 or in such beaches' nearshore area, for the purpose of
 402 offsetting the erosive effects of inlets on the beaches of this
 403 state.

404 Section 4. Effective July 1, 2020, subsections (2) through
 405 (7) of section 161.161, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as
 406 subsections (3) through (8), respectively, subsection (1) and
 407 present subsection (2) are amended, and a new subsection (2) is
 408 added to that section, to read:

409 161.161 Procedure for approval of projects.—

410 (1) The department shall develop and maintain a
 411 comprehensive long-term beach management plan for the
 412 restoration and maintenance of the state's critically eroded
 413 beaches fronting the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Straits
 414 of Florida. In developing and maintaining this ~~the beach~~
 415 management plan, the department shall:

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

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

422 ~~1.~~ the extent to which such inlet causes beach erosion and
 423 recommendations to mitigate the erosive impact of the inlet,
 424 including, but not limited to, ~~recommendations regarding~~ inlet
 425 sediment bypassing; improvement of infrastructure to facilitate

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426 sand bypassing; modifications to channel dredging, jetty design,
 427 and disposal of spoil material; establishment of feeder beaches;
 428 and beach restoration and beach nourishment;~~and~~

429 ~~2. Cost estimates necessary to take inlet corrective~~
 430 ~~measures and recommendations regarding cost sharing among the~~
 431 ~~beneficiaries of such inlet.~~

432 (c) Evaluate ~~Design~~ criteria for beach restoration and
 433 beach nourishment projects, including, but not limited to, 1.~~2.~~

434 ~~1. dune elevation and width and revegetation and~~
 435 ~~stabilization requirements;~~ and

436 ~~2. beach profiles~~ profile.

437 (d) Consider ~~Evaluate~~ the establishment of regional
 438 sediment management alternatives for one or more individual
 439 beach and inlet sand bypassing projects ~~feeder beaches~~ as an
 440 alternative to ~~direct~~ beach restoration when appropriate and
 441 cost-effective, and recommend the location of such regional
 442 sediment management alternatives ~~feeder beaches~~ and the source
 443 of beach-compatible sand.

444 (e) Identify causes of shoreline erosion and change,
 445 determine ~~calculate~~ erosion rates, and maintain an updated list
 446 of critically eroded sandy beaches based on data, analyses, and
 447 investigations of shoreline conditions ~~and project long-term~~
 448 ~~erosion for all major beach and dune systems by surveys and~~
 449 ~~profiles.~~

450 (f) ~~Identify shoreline development and degree of density~~

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451 ~~and~~ Assess impacts of development and coastal protection
452 ~~shoreline protective~~ structures on shoreline change and erosion.

453 (g) Identify short-term and long-term economic costs and
454 benefits of beaches to the state and individual beach
455 communities, ~~including recreational value to user groups, tax~~
456 ~~base, revenues generated, and beach acquisition and maintenance~~
457 ~~costs.~~

458 (h) Study dune and vegetation conditions, identify
459 existing beach projects without dune features or with dunes
460 without adequate elevations, and encourage dune restoration and
461 revegetation to be incorporated as part of storm damage recovery
462 projects or future dune maintenance events.

463 (i) Identify beach areas used by marine turtles and
464 develop strategies for protection of the turtles and their nests
465 and nesting locations.

466 (j) Identify alternative management responses to preserve
467 undeveloped beach and dune systems and, to restore damaged beach
468 and dune systems. In identifying such management responses, the
469 department shall consider, at a minimum, and to prevent
470 ~~inappropriate development and redevelopment on migrating~~
471 ~~beaches, and consider~~ beach restoration and nourishment,
472 armoring, relocation ~~and abandonment~~, dune and vegetation
473 restoration, and acquisition.

474 (k) Document procedures and policies for preparing post-
475 storm damage assessments and corresponding recovery plans,

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476 including repair cost estimates ~~Establish criteria, including~~
477 ~~costs and specific implementation actions, for alternative~~
478 ~~management techniques.~~

479 (1) Identify and assess ~~Select and recommend~~ appropriate
480 management measures for all of the state's critically eroded
481 sandy beaches ~~in a beach management program.~~

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

485 (2) The comprehensive long-term management plan developed
486 and maintained by the department pursuant to subsection (1) must
487 include, at a minimum, a strategic beach management plan, a
488 critically eroded beaches report, and a statewide long-range
489 budget plan. The long-range budget plan must include a 3-year
490 work plan for beach restoration, beach nourishment, and inlet
491 management projects that lists planned projects for each of the
492 3 fiscal years addressed in the work plan.

493 (a) The strategic beach management plan must identify and
494 recommend appropriate measures for all of the state's critically
495 eroded sandy beaches and may incorporate plans ~~be~~ prepared at
496 the regional level, taking into account ~~based upon~~ areas of
497 greatest need and probable federal and local funding. Upon
498 approval in accordance with this section, such regional plans,
499 along with the 3-year work plan identified in subparagraph
500 (c)1., must ~~shall be components of the statewide beach~~

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501 ~~management plan and shall~~ serve as the basis for state funding
502 ~~decisions upon approval in accordance with chapter 86-138, Laws~~
503 ~~of Florida.~~ Before finalizing the strategic beach management
504 plan ~~In accordance with a schedule established for the~~
505 ~~submission of regional plans by the department, any completed~~
506 ~~plan must be submitted to the secretary of the department for~~
507 ~~approval no later than March 1 of each year. These regional~~
508 ~~plans shall include, but shall not be limited to,~~
509 ~~recommendations of appropriate funding mechanisms for~~
510 ~~implementing projects in the beach management plan, giving~~
511 ~~consideration to the use of single county and multicounty taxing~~
512 ~~districts or other revenue generation measures by state and~~
513 ~~local governments and the private sector. Prior to presenting~~
514 ~~the plan to the secretary of the department, the department~~
515 ~~shall hold a public meeting in the region areas for which the~~
516 ~~plan is prepared~~ or hold a publicly noticed webinar. ~~The plan~~
517 ~~submission schedule shall be submitted to the secretary for~~
518 ~~approval. Any revisions to such schedule must be approved in~~
519 ~~like manner.~~

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

523 (c) The statewide long-range budget plan must include at
524 least 5 years of planned beach restoration, beach nourishment,
525 and inlet management project funding needs as identified, and

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526 subsequently refined, by local government sponsors. This plan
527 must consist of two components:

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

543 2. A long-range plan that identifies projects for
544 inclusion in the fourth and fifth ensuing fiscal years. These
545 projects may be presented by region and do not need to be
546 presented in priority order; however, the department should
547 identify issues that may prevent successful completion of such
548 projects and recommend solutions that would allow the projects
549 to progress into the 3-year work plan.

550 (3)-(2) Annually, The secretary shall present the 3-year

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551 work plan to the Legislature annually. The work plan must be
552 accompanied by a 3-year financial forecast for the availability
553 of funding for the projects ~~recommendations for funding beach~~
554 ~~erosion control projects prioritized according to the criteria~~
555 ~~established in s. 161.101(14).~~

556 Section 5. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
557 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019.