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Senator Hutson moved the following:

1 **Senate Substitute for Amendment (231276) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 69 and 70
5 insert:

6 Section 2. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
7 Government Accountability (OPPAGA) shall conduct a study to
8 determine the potential economic impacts to the commercial shark
9 fishing industry in this state and the potential environmental
10 impacts to our oceans due to such industry, including the
11 positive or negative impact to our oceans if the fishing and



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12 sale of shark fins in this state and the export of shark fins
13 from this state are prohibited. In conducting the study, OPPAGA
14 shall consult with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
15 Administration, Mote Marine Laboratory, the Fish and Wildlife
16 Conservation Commission, the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, Shark
17 Allies, the Diving Equipment and Marketing Association, any
18 other interested entities, and commercial fishermen, and such
19 study may consider any relevant information necessary. If the
20 office determines that there is a negative economic or
21 environmental impact to the commercial shark fishing industry in
22 this state or to the oceans themselves, respectively, the office
23 must consider potential actions that this state may take to
24 lessen or offset such impacts to the extent practicable. OPPAGA
25 shall submit a report of its findings to the President of the
26 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
27 October 1, 2021.

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

30 And the title is amended as follows:

31 Delete line 6

32 and insert:

33 applicability; requiring the Office of Program Policy
34 Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct a
35 study on the economic and environmental impacts of the
36 commercial shark fishing industry in this state;
37 requiring the office to consult with specified
38 entities in conducting the study; requiring the office
39 to consider offsets to certain potential negative
40 impacts if necessary; requiring a report to the



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41 Legislature by a specified date; providing an
42 effective date.