1	A bill to be entitled						
2	An act relating to public financing of potentially at-						
3	risk structures and infrastructure; amending s.						
4	161.551, F.S.; providing and revising definitions;						
5	providing that certain areas are at risk due to sea						
6	level rise and structures and infrastructure within						
7	those areas are potentially at risk; conforming						
8	provisions to changes made by the act; providing an						
9	effective date.						
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11	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:						
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13	Section 1. Section 161.551, Florida Statutes, is amended						
14	to read:						
15	5 161.551 Public financing of construction projects within						
16	areas at risk due to sea level rise the coastal building zone						
17	(1) As used in this section, the term:						
18	(a) "Area at risk due to sea level rise" means an area						
19	where sea level rise can substantially increase flood risk,						
20	including tidal, storm surge, riverine, runoff, stormwater,						
21	groundwater inundation, or coastal erosion. An area at risk is						
22	any location that is projected to be below the threshold for						
23	3 tidal flooding within the next 50 years by adding sea level rise						
24	using the 2017 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration						
25	intermediate-high sea level rise projection. For purposes of						
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26	this paragraph, the threshold for tidal flooding is 2 feet above						
27	mean higher high water.						
28	<u>(b)</u> "Potentially at-risk Coastal structure or						
29	<u>infrastructure</u> " means <u>any</u> <del>a</del> major structure or <u>infrastructure,</u>						
30	including all infrastructure critical to public health, life, or						
31	safety, within an area at risk due to sea level rise						
32	nonhabitable major structure within the coastal building zone.						
33	(c) (b) "Public entity" means the state or any of its						
34	political subdivisions, or any municipality, county, agency,						
35	special district, authority, or other public body corporate of						
36	5 the state which is demonstrated to perform a public function or						
37	to serve a governmental purpose that could properly be performed						
38	or served by an appropriate governmental unit.						
39	) (e) (c) "SLIP study" means a sea level impact projection						
40	) study as established by the department pursuant to subsection						
41	(3).						
42	<u>(d)</u> (e) " <u>Significant</u> <del>Substantial</del> flood damage" means flood,						
43	erosion, inundation, or wave action damage resulting from a						
44	<u>discrete or compound natural hazard</u> single event, such as a						
45	flood or tropical weather system, where such damage exceeds:						
46	1. Twenty-five 25 percent of the replacement cost market						
47	value of the potentially at-risk coastal structure or						
48	<u>infrastructure</u> at the time of the event <u>; or</u>						
49	2. A defined threshold established by the department in						
50	coordination with the Department of Transportation and water						
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51 <u>management districts. The threshold must be established by July</u> 52 <u>1, 2023</u>.

53 <u>(f)(d)</u> "State-financed constructor" means a public entity 54 that commissions or manages a construction project using funds 55 appropriated from the state.

56 (2) Beginning 1 year after the date the rule developed by 57 the department pursuant to subsection (3) is finalized and is 58 otherwise in effect, a state-financed constructor may not 59 commence construction of a <u>potentially at-risk</u> <del>coastal</del> structure 60 <u>or infrastructure</u> without:

61 (a) Conducting a SLIP study that meets the requirements62 established by the department;

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(b) Submitting the study to the department; and

(c) Receiving notification from the department that the study was received and that it has been published on the department's website pursuant to paragraph (6)(a) for at least 30 days. The state-financed constructor is solely responsible for ensuring that the study submitted to the department for publication meets the requirements under subsection (3).

(3) The department shall develop by rule a standard by which a state-financed constructor must conduct a SLIP study and may require that a professional engineer sign off on the study. The rule must be effective 1 year after the date it is finalized and applies only to projects not yet commenced as of the date the rule is finalized. The rule may not apply retroactively to

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76 projects that commenced before the date the rule is finalized.
77 At a minimum, the standard must require that a state-financed
78 constructor do all of the following:

(a) Use a systematic, interdisciplinary, and scientifically accepted approach in the natural sciences and construction design in conducting the study.

(b) Assess the flooding, inundation, and wave action
damage risks relating to the <u>potentially at-risk</u> <del>coastal</del>
structure <u>or infrastructure</u> over its expected life or 50 years,
whichever is less.

1. The assessment must take into account potential relative local sea-level rise and increased storm risk during the expected life of the <u>potentially at-risk</u> <del>coastal</del> structure <u>or infrastructure</u> or 50 years, whichever is less, and, to the extent possible, account for the contribution of sea-level rise versus land subsidence to the relative local sea-level rise.

92 2. The assessment must provide scientific and engineering
93 evidence of the risk to the <u>potentially at-risk</u> coastal
94 structure <u>or infrastructure</u> and methods used to mitigate, adapt
95 to, or reduce this risk.

3. The assessment must use and consider availablescientific research and generally accepted industry practices.

98 4. The assessment must provide <u>an estimated probability of</u>
 99 <u>significant</u> the mean average annual chance of substantial flood
 100 damage <u>to the potentially at-risk structure or infrastructure</u>

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101	over the expected life of the <del>coastal</del> structure <u>or</u>					
102	infrastructure or 50 years, whichever is less.					
103	5. The assessment must analyze potential public safety and					
104	environmental impacts resulting from damage to the potentially					
105	<u>at-risk</u> <del>coastal</del> structure <u>or infrastructure</u> , including, but not					
106	limited to, leakage of pollutants, electrocution and explosion					
107	hazards, and hazards resulting from floating or flying					
108	structural debris.					
109	(c) Provide alternatives for the <del>coastal structure's</del>					
110	design and siting of the potentially at-risk structure or					
111	infrastructure, and how such alternatives would impact the risks					
112	specified in subparagraph (b)5. as well as the risk and cost					
113	associated with maintaining, repairing, and constructing the					
114	potentially at-risk coastal structure or infrastructure.					
115	(d) Provide a list of flood mitigation strategies					
116	evaluated as part of the design of the potentially at-risk					
117	structure or infrastructure, and identify the flood mitigation					
118	strategies that have been implemented or are being considered as					
119	part of the potentially at-risk structure or infrastructure					
120	design.					
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122	If multiple <u>potentially at-risk</u> <del>coastal</del> structures <u>or</u>					
123	infrastructure are to be built concurrently within one project,					
124	a state-financed constructor may conduct and submit one SLIP					
125	study for the entire project for publication by the department.					

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126 (4)If a state-financed constructor commences construction 127 of a potentially at-risk coastal structure or infrastructure but 128 has not complied with the SLIP study requirement under 129 subsection (2), the department may institute a civil action in a 130 court of competent jurisdiction to: 131 Seek injunctive relief to cease further construction (a) 132 of the potentially at-risk <del>coastal</del> structure or infrastructure or to enforce compliance with this section or with rules adopted 133 134 by the department pursuant to this section. 135 If the potentially at-risk coastal structure or (b) 136 infrastructure has been completed or has been substantially completed, seek recovery of all or a portion of state funds 137 expended on the potentially at-risk coastal structure or 138 139 infrastructure. 140 This section does not may not be construed to create a (5) 141 cause of action for damages or otherwise authorize the 142 imposition of penalties by a public entity for failure to implement what is contained in the SLIP study. 143 144 (6) The department: 145 Shall publish and maintain a copy of each SLIP study (a) 146 all SLIP studies submitted pursuant to this section on its website for at least 10 years after the date the department 147 148 receives the study receipt. However, any portion of a study 149 containing information that is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24 (a), Art. I of the State Constitution must be redacted by the 150

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department before publication. 151 Shall adopt rules as necessary to administer this 152 (b) 153 section. The department may enforce the requirements of this 154 (7) 155 section. 156

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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