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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Community Affairs (Rodriguez) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Present subsection (3) of section 403.816,  
Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (4), and a new  
subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

403.816 Permits for maintenance dredging of deepwater ports  
and beach restoration projects.—

(3) As a condition of a permit issued for a project



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11 pursuant to this section, the department shall require that any  
12 analysis to determine the adverse impacts of the activity on the  
13 natural habitat be conducted by an independent contractor  
14 selected by the local government and in a manner prescribed by  
15 the department. The independent contractor conducting the  
16 analysis may not be associated with any project of the  
17 contractor performing the activity for the local government for  
18 a period of 5 years before the commencement of the analysis or  
19 for a period of 5 years after the completion of the analysis.  
20 The local government shall provide written notice of its intent  
21 to have an analysis conducted to adjacent local governments that  
22 may be impacted by the activity. However, this subsection does  
23 not apply to any deepwater port maintenance dredging.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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27 And the title is amended as follows:

28 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
29 and insert:

30 A bill to be entitled  
31 An act relating to dredging and beach restoration  
32 projects; amending s. 403.816, F.S.; directing the  
33 Department of Environmental Protection to require, as  
34 a condition of permits issued for certain dredging and  
35 beach restoration projects, that any adverse impact  
36 analysis conducted for the activity meet certain  
37 requirements; requiring a local government to provide  
38 notice of its intent to conduct an analysis to certain  
39 adjacent local governments; providing applicability;



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providing an effective date.