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SB 249 Engrossed

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Proposed law provides that, beginning with FY 2022, a portion of the total federal revenues received by the state generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity shall be allocated solely for hurricane protection projects, including operation and maintenance, that are included in or consistent with the master plan as follows:

- (i) For FY 2022 through 2024, a minimum of 40%.
- (ii) For FY 2025 through 2027, a minimum of 45%.
- (iii) For FY 2028 and subsequent fiscal years, a minimum of 50%.

Proposed law further provides that, if the total federal revenues received by the state generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity are less than one hundred million dollars in any fiscal year, then the minimum allocations shall not apply.

Proposed law authorizes the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to offset the funds allocated for hurricane protection projects in proposed law with funds from other available sources.

Proposed law provides that if the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority is unable to meet the allocations in proposed law in any fiscal year, the authority may modify the allocation for that fiscal year, subject to prior approval of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Effective July 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 49:214.5.4(E)(5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Deletes provisions providing that eighty-five percent of the federal revenues that are received by the state generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity for the previous fiscal year shall be disbursed annually to primary levee districts for the purpose of hurricane protection in accordance with particular formulas. Further deletes provisions requiring the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board to modify its annual plan to account for these disbursements.
2. Provides that, beginning with FY 2022, a portion of the total federal revenues received by the state generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity shall be dedicated solely for hurricane protection projects, including operation and maintenance, that are included in or consistent with the master plan as follows:
 - (i) For FY 2022 through 2024, a minimum of thirty-five percent.
 - (ii) For FY 2025 through 2027, a minimum of forty percent.
 - (iii) For FY 2028 through 2030, a minimum of forty-five percent.
 - (iv) For FY 2031 and subsequent fiscal years, a minimum of fifty percent.

However, if the total federal revenues received by the state generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity are less than one hundred million dollars in any fiscal year, then the minimum dedications shall not apply.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Specify that proposed law provides for allocations rather than dedications of certain revenues for hurricane protection projects.
2. Change the allocation percentages for hurricane protection projects.
3. Provide modification of the allocation of revenue, with certain approvals, if the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority is unable to meet the allocations in proposed law in any fiscal year.