
DIGEST

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HB 49 Engrossed

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Abstract: Includes integrated coastal protection projects as compensatory wetlands mitigation.

Present law generally requires mitigation for damage done to coastal wetlands. Requires the secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources to adopt regulations requiring such mitigation. Also requires compensatory mitigation at a level sufficient to replace or substitute for the wetlands lost due to permitted activities in the coastal area. Defines compensatory mitigation as the replacement, substitution, enhancement, or protection of ecological values to offset anticipated losses.

Proposed law authorizes the inclusion of integrated coastal protection projects consistent with the state's coastal master plan and located within the same watershed as the permitted activity as compensatory wetlands mitigation for negative impacts caused by a permitted activity.

(Amends R.S. 49:214.41(A)(1) and (C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Provide that the coastal protection project must be located within the same watershed as the permitted activity.