DIGEST

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Gisclair HB No. 397

Abstract: Prohibits dredging sand or excavating within 300 feet of Highway 1 south of the town of Golden Meadow.

<u>Present law</u> establishes the coastal zone and provides for a management regime within that zone including issuance of coastal use permits for activities conducted within the coastal zone. Provides for a state management plan and local management plans. Specifically provides that all uses and activities are permissible as long as the appropriate permits are applied for and granted.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits dredging sand pits and excavating within 300 feet of Hwy. 1 south of the town of Golden Meadow in Lafourche Parish, unless such excavating is associated with a drainage, utility, communication, pipeline or fiber optic project for which a coastal use permit has been issued.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires excavation associated with a pipeline project be refilled upon completion of the project.

(Amends R.S. 49:214.25(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

1. Expanded the exception to include utility or fiber optic projects.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

- 1. Reduced the distance from Hwy. 1 that dredging and excavating is prohibited <u>from</u> 500 feet <u>to</u> 300 feet.
- 2. Expanded the exception to include communication and pipeline projects.
- 3. Required excavation associated with a pipeline project be refilled upon completion.