

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Current law requires the General Land Office to prepare an annual report on the coastal management program and to send these reports to the legislature on a biennial basis. Interested parties contend that significant staff time is used to produce these annual reports and that such reports have a limited audience in part because they are only sent to the legislature biennially. H.B. 622 seeks to reduce the staff time it takes to prepare these reports while still allowing the same information to be presented by making the annual report a biennial report.

H.B. 622 amends current law relating to the report by the General Land Office to the legislature on the effectiveness of the coastal management program.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 33.204(f), Natural Resources Code, as follows:

(f) Requires the General Land Office (GLO), in coordination with other agencies and subdivisions, to prepare a biennial report, rather than an annual report, on the effectiveness of the coastal management program. Requires GLO, on or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year, to send the report to the legislature. Deletes existing text requiring GLO, on or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year, to send to the legislature each of the previous two annual reports.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.