

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 622
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Land & Resource Management
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

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.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 622 amends the Natural Resources Code to make the General Land Office's report to the legislature on the effectiveness of the coastal management program biennial, rather than annual.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2013.