

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 1672 Beach Management by Senator Jones

Provides requirements concerning the quality and quantity of dredged sand placed on certain beaches adjacent to inlets. Requires an estimation of the requisite quantity of beach-quality sand by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and its consultants. Requires the protection of shorebirds and marine turtles.

Applies requirements concerning the placement of dredged sand on adjacent beaches to the inlet management projects of the ports of Jacksonville, Tampa, Port Everglades, Miami, Port Canaveral, Ft. Pierce, Palm Beach, Port Manatee, Port St. Joe, Panama City, St. Petersburg, Pensacola, Fernandina, and Key West. Provides that such ports may sponsor or cosponsor inlet management projects that are fully eligible for state cost-sharing.

Provides requirements and findings concerning the placement of dredged sand from federal navigation projects. Specifies actions to be taken by the DEP in disputes between local governments and property owners concerning how much sand should bypass an inlet.

Requires that inlet management studies, projects, and activities be supported by separately approved inlet management plans or inlet components of the statewide comprehensive beach management plan. Requires the DEP to establish annual funding priorities for studies, activities or other projects concerning inlet management. Authorizes funding levels for inlet management projects under specified conditions. Requires the DEP to provide an inlet management project list, in priority order, to the Legislature as part of the department's annual budget request. (See bill for details)