

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1824
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Culture, Recreation & Tourism
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that certain statutes were implemented to address impacts to fish and wildlife resources from the excavation of marl, sand, gravel, shell, and mudshell, materials which, while common sources of construction aggregate, are vital in habitats for fish and other aquatic resources. H.B. 1824 seeks to further conservation efforts by providing for the enhancement, preservation, and restoration of fish habitats in rivers and streams from proceeds from the sale of such materials.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

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. 1824 amends the Parks and Wildlife Code to include the enhancement, preservation, and restoration of fish habitats in rivers and streams among the purposes for which no less than three-fourths of the proceeds collected by the Parks and Wildlife Commission from the sale of marl, sand, gravel, shell, and mudshell, after the payment of refunds, is required to be used.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.