

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Under current law, a qualified project partner may enter into an agreement with the commissioner of the General Land Office to study coastal erosion. However, the statute requires the qualified project partner to pay at least 25 percent of the cost of the study. This shared cost may be burdensome for some qualified partners to participate in the study. H.B. 2793 reduces the minimum shared cost portion for a qualified project partner to 15 percent.

### **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 33.603(c), Natural Resources Code, to provide that an agreement between the commissioner of the General Land Office and a qualified project partner to undertake a coastal erosion response study or project must require the qualified project partner to pay at least 15 percent, rather than 25 percent, of the shared project cost.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.