

BILL ANALYSIS

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Committee Report (Amended)

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the United States Army Corps of Engineers deposits beach-quality sand dredged in constructing and maintaining navigational inlets and channels of the state on eroding beaches. This activity can provide nourishment for beaches, contribute to the development of wetland habitats, and save the public money. H.B. 2794 requires the commissioner of the General Land Office to adopt rules regarding the placement of beach-quality sand on eroding beaches.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office in SECTION 1 (Section 33.602, Natural Resources Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 33.602, Natural Resources Code, by adding Subsection (d), to require the Commissioner of the General Land Office (commissioner) to adopt rules requiring that beach-quality sand dredged in constructing and maintaining navigation inlets and channels of the state be placed on eroding beaches or to restore eroding wetlands wherever practicable.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.