

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

H.B. 906
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Natural Resources
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Committee Report (Amended)

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

H.B. 906 sets forth certain provisions regarding the continuation and functions of the Coastal Coordination Council and continues the Coastal Coordination Council until the year 2013.

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 33.052(c), Natural Resources Code, to delete text regarding persons who live in the Texas coastal area.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 33.203(20), Natural Resources Code, to redefine "council."

SECTION 3. Amends Section 33.204, Natural Resources Code, by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (g), as follows:

(b) Requires the Coastal Coordination Council (council) to set aside time at each meeting for public comment on any issue under the jurisdiction of the council.

(g) Authorizes the council to award grants to projects that further the goals and policies of the council. Requires the council to establish the procedures for making any determination related to awarding a grant.

SECTION 4. Amends Chapter 33F, Natural Resources Code, by adding Sections 33.2041, 33.2042, 33.2043, 33.2044, and 33.2045, as follows:

Sec. 33.2041. COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL; TERMS. Sets forth provisions regarding the composition of the council and terms of the positions.

Sec. 33.2042. ELIGIBILITY OF COUNCIL MEMBERS. (a) Defines "Texas trade association."

(b) Provides that certain persons are prohibited from being a public member of the council.

(c) Provides that certain persons are prohibited from serving on the council or act as the general counsel to the council.

Sec. 33.2043. GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL. Sets forth provisions regarding grounds for removal from the council.

Sec. 33.2044. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT. Sets forth provisions regarding the standards of conduct among council members.

Sec. 33.2045. TRAINING. Sets forth provisions regarding the requirement of a certain training program in order to perform certain duties as a member of the council.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 33.205(c), Natural Resources Code, to prohibit the council from reviewing a proposed action unless certain conditions exist.

SECTION 6. Amends Section 33.207, Natural Resources Code, to require the council to report to the legislature certain information.

SECTION 7. Amends Section 33.211, Natural Resources Code, to provide that the council is abolished and this subchapter expires September 1, 2013, rather than 2001.

SECTION 8. Amends Chapter 33F, Natural Resources Code, by adding Section 33.212, as follows:

Sec. 33.212. COMPLAINTS. Sets forth provisions regarding the procedures for filing complaints to the council.

SECTION 9. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 10. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 5. Amends As Filed H.B. 906, Natural Resources Code, to amend previously proposed Section 33.205(c)(3) by striking “member [three regular members] of the council other than the director of the Texas A&M University Sea Grant Program agrees [agree]” and substituting new proposed language “three members of the council other than the director of the Texas A&M University Sea Grant Program agree”.