

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current law, the owner of any public or private upland bordered by or contiguous to coastal public land (littoral property), without obtaining an easement from the board, is authorized to construct a pier which that is 100 feet or less in length and 25 feet or less in width. This law was enacted in 1995; however, no grandfather clause was included providing for piers constructed before 1995 with dimensions greater than 100 feet in length and 25 feet in width, and the penalties in place for violating these current dimensions are costly. As proposed, S.B. 1352 changes the maximum allowable dimensions of a pier constructed on littoral property to 115 feet or less in length and 25 feet or less in width.

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 33.115(a), Natural Resources Code, to authorize the owner of littoral property, without obtaining an easement from the School Land Board (board), to construct a pier which is 115 (rather than 100) feet or less in length and 25 feet or less in width.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.