

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, Section 61.022 of the Natural Resource Code allows any municipal utility district, water district, or political subdivision to conduct beach front projects which aid navigation and the protection of the shoreline. As proposed, S.B. 442 provides that a coastal public works project may be performed through a partnership between a county or municipality and the federal government, a state entity, a county, a municipality, or a subdivision or instrumentality of this state.

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 61.022(a), Natural Resources Code, as follows:

- (a) Provides that the provisions of this subchapter do not prevent an, rather than any, agency, department, institution, subdivision, or instrumentality of the federal government, an agency, department, or institution of the state, a county, a municipality, or a subdivision or instrumentality of this state acting in partnership with a county or municipality from erecting or maintaining any groin, seawall, barrier, pass, channel, jetty, or other structure as an aid to navigation, protection of the shore, fishing, safety, or other lawful purpose authorized by the constitution or laws of this state or the United States.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.