

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL ANALYSIS

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BILL #: [CS/CS/CS/HB 1417](#)

TITLE: Department of Environmental Protection

SPONSOR(S): LaMarca and Boyles

COMPANION BILL: [CS/CS/SB 1510](#) (Massullo)

LINKED BILLS: None

RELATED BILLS: None

Committee References

[Natural Resources & Disasters](#)

16 Y, 0 N, As CS



[Agriculture & Natural Resources](#)

[Budget](#)

12 Y, 2 N, As CS



[State Affairs](#)

24 Y, 0 N, As CS

SUMMARY

Effect of the Bill:

The bill revises several provisions related to the Department of Environmental Protection. The bill, in part:

- Repeals the Environmental Regulation Commission.
- Requires erosion and sediment control plans for the construction of solar facilities to include certain protections, including the implementation of stormwater best management practices.
- Limits the requirement that any commercial or residential property with an existing septic system, within the area covered by the Indian River Lagoon Protection Program, connect to central sewer or upgrade the septic system so that it only applies to commercial or residential properties of 10 acres or less, as well as extends the date by which this connection must occur from 2030 to 2035.
- Creates provisions allowing public-private partnerships for coastal resiliency projects.
- Extends the due date for annual operating permits for major sources of air pollution.
- Ratifies rules relating to the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs Minimum Flows and Levels and recovery strategies.

Fiscal or Economic Impact:

The bill may have an insignificant negative fiscal impact on DEP, local governments, and water management districts. The bill will likely have a significant negative economic impact on the private sector.

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EFFECT OF THE BILL:

[The Environmental Regulation Commission](#)

The bill repeals the Environmental Regulation Commission (ERC) and removes reference to the ERC throughout statute. (Multiple Sections)

[Indian River Lagoon Protection Program](#)

The bill revises requirements for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems (septic systems) for properties located within the area covered by the Indian River Lagoon Protection Program. Specifically, the bill limits the requirement that any commercial or residential property with an existing septic system connect to central sewer or upgrade the septic system so that it only applies to commercial or residential properties of 10 acres or less. The bill extends the date by which these properties must connect to central sewer or upgrade the septic system from 2030 to 2035. (Section 4)

The bill also requires a permitting agency to notify a property owner that an existing septic system must be upgraded for all applications submitted before July 1, 2035, to repair, modify, or replace a conventional septic system on a commercial property or a residential property of 10 acres or less. (Section 4)

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