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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0139 As signed by the Governor on June 3, 2016
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Subject: Coastal Zone Critical Areas
Requestor: Senate
RFA Analyst(s): Stein
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill amends sections of the coastal tidelands and wetlands act administered by the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). Section 48-39-130(D)(1), relating to activities in critical areas that are exempt from permitting, is amended to include beach/dune erosion control structures and techniques allowed by DHEC in pilot projects pursuant to Section 48-39-320(C). The amendment further provides that in regard to emergency beach/dune critical area protection this exemption only applies if the emergency order is issued by DHEC and a surety bond is posted for each activity.

Section 48-39-290, relating to construction seaward of the baseline, is amended to allow the use of DHEC-approved wood-like materials for walkways and decks; to restrict construction on golf courses to repair and maintenance, to expand permitting exceptions allowing certain methods of dune construction and preservation; to restrict construction and reconstruction of existing pools to those located landward of an existing, functional erosion control structure; and to allow DHEC to issue general permits in certain circumstances.

Section 48-39-280, relating to the forty-year (construction) retreat policy, is amended to prohibit the baseline from moving seaward of its position on December 31, 2017, and to eliminate the

right of local governments and landowners to petition the Administrative Law Court to move the baseline seaward upon completion of a beach re-nourishment project.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. The department reports that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. The requirements of the bill can be accomplished within the agency's appropriated resources.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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