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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Regulatory Reform &
2 Economic Development Subcommittee
3 Representative LaMarca offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:
7 Section 1. Section 288.102, Florida Statutes, is created
8 to read:

9 288.102 Office of the Blue Economy.-

10 (1) For purposes of this section, the term:

11 (a) "Blue economy" means the economic uses of ocean and
12 coastal resources with a focus on sustainable practices that
13 benefit the long-term outlook of relevant industry sectors and
14 the competitive positioning of the state in a global economy,
15 including, but not limited to, maritime industries such as
16 shipyards, marinas, marine terminals, piers, fishing,

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17 aquaculture, seafood processing, commercial diving, and marine
18 transportation; floating and amphibious housing; tourism; and
19 outdoor recreational activities, including, but not limited to,
20 boating and industry sectors dependent on such activities.

21 (b) "Office" means the Office of the Blue Economy.

22 (2) The Office of the Blue Economy is created within the
23 State University System to promote economic development by
24 connecting the state's research institutions with financial
25 resources to facilitate the transfer of innovative technology
26 into marketable goods and services. The Office shall be housed
27 within a state university and administered by the Board of
28 Governors of the State University System.

29 (3) The Office of the Blue Economy shall:

30 (a) Support the state's economy by connecting the state's
31 ocean and coastal resources to economic development strategies
32 that enhance or contribute to the blue economy with a focus on
33 research and development, technological innovation, emerging
34 industries, strategic business recruitment, public and private
35 funding opportunities, and workforce training and education.

36 (b) Survey state universities and Florida College System
37 institutions on the development of academic research relating to
38 the blue economy across all disciplines. The Office shall
39 encourage collaboration between state universities and Florida
40 College System institutions that have overlapping areas of
41 academic research. The Office shall publish on the Office's

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42 website information on such collaboration and the current
43 research inventory.

44 (c) Collaborate with relevant industries to identify
45 economic challenges that may be solved through innovation in the
46 blue economy by commercializing or otherwise providing public
47 access to academic research and resources.

48 (d) Develop and facilitate a pipeline of academic
49 research, commercialization, accelerator programs, and startup
50 funding.

51 (e) Publish on the Office's website reports on the number,
52 growth, and average wages of jobs included in the blue economy.
53 Such reports must identify and address any relevant labor
54 shortages projected by the Labor Market Estimating Conference
55 pursuant to s. 216.136(7).

56 (f) Educate other state and local entities on the
57 interests of the blue economy and how such entities may
58 positively address environmental issues while simultaneously
59 considering the economic impact of their policies.

60 (g) Communicate the state's role as an integral component
61 of the blue economy by promoting the state on national and
62 international platforms and other appropriate forums as the
63 premier destination for convening on pertinent subject matters.

64 (h) Maintain a website on which the Office shall publish
65 information as required under this subsection.

66 (4) Beginning January 1, 2025, by December 30 of each

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67 year, the Office shall provide to the Governor, the President of
68 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a
69 detailed report demonstrating the economic benefits of the
70 Office of the Blue Economy and the development of emerging blue
71 economy industries.

72 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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75 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

76 Remove lines 3-21 and insert:

77 A bill to be entitled
78 creating s. 288.102, F.S.; providing definitions;
79 creating the Office of the Blue Economy; providing
80 that the Office of the Blue Economy shall be housed
81 within a state university and administered by the
82 Board of Governors; providing duties of the Office of
83 the Blue Economy; requiring the Office of the Blue
84 Economy to annually report to the Governor and the
85 Legislature; providing an effective date.