

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 688

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

COASTAL COMMISSION: Authorizes the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration to assist in the formation of and contract with a coastal science consortium

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 49:214.6.2(E), relative to the Coastal Protection and Restoration  
3 Authority; to authorize the authority to assist in the formation of a coastal science  
4 consortium; to provide relative to the membership and governing council of the  
5 consortium; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 49:214.6.2(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §214.6.2. Functions and responsibilities; coastal activities

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10 E.(1) The office ~~may~~ shall utilize the science and technology capacity of  
11 Louisiana universities through assisting in the formation of a coastal science  
12 consortium to enhance integrated coastal protection programs, projects, and activities  
13 for the following purposes:

14 (a) To identify any uncertainty relating to the physical, chemical, geological,  
15 biological, and cultural baseline conditions in the coastal area.

16 (b) To improve the knowledge of the physical, chemical, ecological,  
17 biological, and cultural baseline conditions in the coastal area.

18 (c) To identify and develop technologies, models, methods, and  
19 demonstrations to carry out the purposes of this Subsection.

1 (d) To advance and expedite the implementation of the master plan.

2 (2) The consortium shall be composed of public or private universities from  
3 within or without the state; federal, state or local government and entities; private  
4 entities; research institutes; and shall be coordinated by a council composed of  
5 members as follows:

6 (a) The chair of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority or his  
7 designee, to be a nonvoting member.

8 (b) A representative of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and  
9 Mechanical College appointed by the chancellor.

10 (c) A representative of Tulane University appointed by the president.

11 (d) A representative of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette appointed  
12 by the president.

13 (e) A representative of the University of New Orleans appointed by the  
14 chancellor.

15 (f) A representative of Nicholls State University appointed by the president.

16 (g) Two representatives of the public and private colleges within the state of  
17 Louisiana, or from outside the state, to be appointed on a rotating basis in a manner  
18 established in the by-laws of the consortium.

19 (h) Seven members appointed in a manner established in the by-laws of the  
20 consortium.

21 (3) Terms of service on the council, methods of appointment for certain seats  
22 on the council, membership guidelines, election of officers, and other administrative  
23 functions of the council and the consortium shall be established in the by-laws of the  
24 consortium.

25 (4) In carrying out the provisions of this Subsection, the office may enter into  
26 contracts and cooperative agreements with Louisiana universities or ~~consortia of~~  
27 ~~those universities;~~ with the consortium authorized in this Subsection to enhance  
28 integrated coastal protection programs, projects, and activities.

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 DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the formation of a coastal science consortium to enhance integrated coastal protection programs, projects, and activities.

Present law authorized the office of coastal protection and restoration to utilize the science and technology capacity of La. universities to enhance integrated coastal protection programs, projects, and activities. Allows the office to contract with universities or the consortium.

Proposed law requires the office to assist in the formation of a coastal science consortium to enhance integrated coastal protection programs, projects, and activities. Provides that the consortium is to be composed of universities, public or private, from within or without the state of La.; federal, state, or local governmental entities; private entities; and research institutes. Provides that there shall be a council composed as follows:

- (a) The chair of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority or his designee, to be a nonvoting member.
- (b) A representative of La. State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College appointed by the chancellor.
- (c) A representative of Tulane University appointed by the president.
- (d) A representative of the University of La. at Lafayette appointed by the president.
- (e) A representative of UNO appointed by the chancellor.
- (f) A representative of Nicholls State University appointed by the president.
- (g) Two representatives of the public and private colleges within the state of La., or from outside the state, to be appointed on a rotating basis in a manner established in the by-laws of the consortium.
- (h) Seven members appointed in a manner established in the by-laws of the consortium.

Provides that terms of service, membership guidelines, election of officers, and other administrative functions of the consortium be established in the by-laws of the council.

(Amend R.S. 49:214.6.2(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill.

1. Added a representative of Nicholls State University appointed by the president.
2. Reduced the representatives from public and private colleges from three to two.