



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 368**

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Senate Bill No. 59

*Senate, April 1, 2025*

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. LOPES of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT REQUIRING A PLAN FOR BENEFICIAL USE DREDGING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1      Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than December 31, 2025, the  
2      Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall develop a  
3      plan for beneficial use dredging that identifies: (1) Navigable channels  
4      for such dredging, (2) wetlands that may be best suited for the dredged  
5      sediment, and (3) a projected cost and timeline for the plan. Not later  
6      than December 31, 2025, the Commissioner of Energy and  
7      Environmental Protection shall submit such plan to the joint standing  
8      committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
9      relating to the environment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**ENV**      *Joint Favorable*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to develop a plan for beneficial use dredging. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as DEEP has the staff and expertise necessary to complete the plan.

### **The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 59*****AN ACT REQUIRING A PLAN FOR BENEFICIAL USE DREDGING.*****SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 33    Nay 0    (03/14/2025)