

1-1 By: Taylor of Galveston S.B. No. 695  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 23, 2015; February 25, 2015,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources and  
1-4 Economic Development; March 11, 2015, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; March 11, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	<u>X</u>			
1-9	<u>X</u>			
1-10	<u>X</u>			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a study of the feasibility and desirability of creating  
1-22 and maintaining a coastal barrier system.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. (a) The legislature shall establish a joint  
1-25 interim committee to continue to study the feasibility and  
1-26 desirability of creating and maintaining a coastal barrier system  
1-27 in this state that includes a series of gates and barriers to  
1-28 prevent storm surge damage to gulf beaches or coastal ports,  
1-29 industry, or property.

1-30 (b) The committee is composed of:

1-31 (1) the members of the standing committee of the  
1-32 senate that has primary jurisdiction over natural resources;

1-33 (2) the members of the standing committee of the house  
1-34 of representatives that has primary jurisdiction over land and  
1-35 resource management;

1-36 (3) two members of the senate appointed by the  
1-37 lieutenant governor, each of whom represents a district in a county  
1-38 that borders the Gulf of Mexico; and

1-39 (4) two members of the house of representatives  
1-40 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, each of  
1-41 whom represents a district in a county that borders the Gulf of  
1-42 Mexico.

1-43 (c) The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of  
1-44 representatives shall jointly designate a chair or, alternatively,  
1-45 designate two co-chairs from among the committee membership.

1-46 (d) The committee may adopt rules necessary to carry out the  
1-47 committee's duties under this section.

1-48 (e) Not later than December 1, 2016, the committee shall  
1-49 report to the governor and the legislature the findings of the study  
1-50 and any recommendations developed by the committee under this  
1-51 section.

1-52 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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