

1-1 By: Paul, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Alvarado) H.B. No. 1089  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2025;  
1-3 April 28, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Natural Resources; May 8, 2025, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 8, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE			
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent
1-8	Birdwell	X		
1-9	Zaffirini	X		
1-10	Alvarado	X		
1-11	Blanco	X		
1-12	Flores	X		
1-13	Hancock	X		
1-14	Hughes			X
1-15	Parker	X		
1-16	Sparks	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to creation of the gulf coast protection account to be  
1-20 administered by the General Land Office.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 31, Natural Resources  
1-23 Code, is amended by adding Section 31.070 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 31.070. GULF COAST PROTECTION ACCOUNT. (a) The gulf  
1-25 coast protection account is a dedicated account in the general  
1-26 revenue fund administered by the land office under this section and  
1-27 rules adopted by the land office.

1-28 (b) The gulf coast protection account consists of:

1-29 (1) money from gifts, donations, and grants; and

1-30 (2) money appropriated, credited, or transferred to  
1-31 the account by the legislature.

1-32 (c) Money in the gulf coast protection account may be used  
1-33 only to pay for expenditures that:

1-34 (1) are necessary to fulfill nonfederal sponsor  
1-35 obligations under agreements with the United States Army Corps of  
1-36 Engineers for implementing projects included in the plan  
1-37 recommended by the Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration  
1-38 Feasibility Study Final Report and Final Environmental Impact  
1-39 Statement dated August 2021 issued by the Galveston District,  
1-40 Southwestern Division, of the United States Army Corps of Engineers  
1-41 and the land office;

1-42 (2) comply with the terms of a local cooperation  
1-43 agreement executed by the land office and the Gulf Coast Protection  
1-44 District established under Chapter 9502, Special District Local  
1-45 Laws Code; and

1-46 (3) are for projects that:

1-47 (A) are necessary or useful for the protection of  
1-48 the portion of the gulf coast located within the territory of the  
1-49 district; or

1-50 (B) would benefit the district and are designated  
1-51 as Coastal Storm Risk Management Projects within the Coastal Texas  
1-52 Study.

1-53 (d) The legislature finds that the expenditure of money in  
1-54 the gulf coast protection account in accordance with Subsection (c)  
1-55 serves a public purpose.

1-56 (e) The expenditure of money in the gulf coast protection  
1-57 account is subject to audit by the state auditor.

1-58 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-59 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-60 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-61 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2-1 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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