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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Senator Hutson moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 69 and 70

insert:

Section 2. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) shall conduct a study to determine the potential economic impacts to the commercial shark fishing industry in this state and the potential environmental impacts to our oceans due to such industry, including the positive or negative impact to our oceans if the fishing and sale of shark fins in this state and the export of shark fins



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12 from this state are prohibited. In conducting the study, OPPAGA
13 shall consult with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
14 Administration, Mote Marine Laboratory, the Fish and Wildlife
15 Conservation Commission, any other interested entities, and
16 commercial fishermen, and such study may consider any relevant
17 information necessary. If the office determines that there is a
18 negative economic or environmental impact to the commercial
19 shark fishing industry in this state or to the oceans
20 themselves, respectively, the office must consider potential
21 actions that this state may take to lessen or offset such
22 impacts to the extent practicable. OPPAGA shall submit a report
23 of its findings to the President of the Senate and the Speaker
24 of the House of Representatives by October 1, 2021.

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26 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

27 And the title is amended as follows:

28 Delete line 6

29 and insert:

30 applicability; requiring the Office of Program Policy
31 Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct a
32 study on the economic and environmental impacts of the
33 commercial shark fishing industry in this state;
34 requiring the office to consult with specified
35 entities in conducting the study; requiring the office
36 to consider offsets to certain potential negative
37 impacts if necessary; requiring a report to the
38 Legislature by a specified date; providing an
39 effective date.