

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 504

Relating to bioengineering for the protection of coastal resources

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Capital Construction Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Girod

SB 504 directs the Land Conservation and Development Commission to adopt rules by January 1, 2028, defining nonstructural, nature-based shoreline stabilization in estuaries, coastal shorelands, and the ocean shore.

The rules must prioritize ecological over structural approaches and include criteria for habitat, water quality, cultural values, and public access. The Commission must consult with state agencies and convene an advisory committee of local officials, tribal representatives, engineers, and environmental groups.

The amendment appropriates \$268,488 General Fund to the DLCD to implement the measure.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends SB 504 be amended by the –A5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.