

HR 2156

PROTECT Florida Act

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Policy Area: Water Resources Development

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 24, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 23, 2021)

Prioritizing Revised Operations To Eliminate Cyanobacteria Toxins in Florida Act or the PROTECT Florida Act

This bill modifies requirements regarding water infrastructure projects in central and southern Florida.

Specifically, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) must include in such projects specified public health considerations, including those related to cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) and other toxins.

The bill also prohibits the use of restoration funds for deep well injection (a liquid-waste disposal technology).

In addition, the USACE must (1) develop a master operational manual to ensure system management that protects public health and Everglades restoration; and (2) with the National Academies of Sciences, study the legacy of pollution and nutrient loading, as well as the impacts of soil amendments.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 24, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
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