

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The City of Port Aransas and the Coastal Bend area of Texas are located at a point of the Gulf of Mexico's convergence currents. These natural currents bring marine debris both biological and manmade. The amount of debris on the beaches has a devastating impact on efforts to further develop the city's tourism. Other cities, such as Corpus Christi and Galveston, are eligible to receive funds from the hotel occupancy tax for maintenance of beaches and erosion response.

As proposed, S.B. 1684 adds Port Aransas to the entities eligible to receive funds from the hotel occupancy tax.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 156.2512(c)(1), Tax Code, to redefine "eligible barrier island coastal municipality."

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.