

# Legislative Analysis

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### House Bill 4244 as reported from committee

**Sponsor: Rep. Matt Maddock**

**Committee: Government Operations**

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## SUMMARY:

House Bill 4244 would create a new act to require units of state government (including state departments, boards, commissions, offices, and agencies) that use the term “Gulf of Mexico” to instead, by July 4, 2025, use the term “Gulf of America.”

## BACKGROUND:

Executive Order 14172, issued on January 20, 2025, directed that the Gulf of Mexico be officially renamed the Gulf of America and ordered the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to take all appropriate actions to reflect that change, including by updating the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS).<sup>1</sup>

## FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no significant impact on the state or local units of government. There may be minimal costs to state departments and bodies related to updating state documents and maps, including printed materials.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/01/31/2025-02096/restoring-names-that-honor-american-greatness>