## CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2022-134

**Sponsor:** Council Member Ferraro

Date of Introduction: February 22, 2022

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R

Date of Analysis: February 24, 2022

**Type of Action:** Expression of support

**Bill Summary:** This legislation expresses the City of Jacksonville Waterways Commission's support for the City to request the United States Army Corps of Engineers to undertake a study to determine the cause and solution for the sandbar or shoal that has formed in the St. Johns River adjacent to the Fulton Cut and Blount Island.

**Background Information:** The shoal was not there ten years ago but has formed and is rapidly increasing in size and now encompasses approximately 7 to 10 football fields in length and about 1 football field in width. At low tide the depth is only 1.5 to 2 feet and presents a great safety risk to people and watercrafts.

Policy Impact Area: River sedimentation/shoaling remediation

**Fiscal Impact:** The City would need to be a co-sponsor with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer on the study, which has an estimated cost of approximately \$3 million.

**Analyst:** Distel