
HOUSE BILL 1040

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1 AN ACT Relating to razor clam hatcheries; adding a new section to
2 chapter 75.24 RCW; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the coastal
5 economies of Washington are increasingly dependent on tourism, and that
6 razor clam digging is a significant source of tourist dollars for the
7 coastal region. The legislature further finds that the parasite
8 Nuclear Inclusion X and domoic acid have plagued this fishery in recent
9 years, with domoic acid causing restricted public access. The
10 legislature declares that increased research on and artificial
11 supplementation of razor clams will boost access to this fishery and
12 improve the economy of the coastal region.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 75.24 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 The department of fisheries shall construct and operate a razor
16 clam hatchery located at or near the Willapa shellfish laboratory on
17 the Long Beach peninsula. The functions of the hatchery shall be to:

- 1 (1) Grow razor clams for planting on appropriate coastal beaches
2 including the Long Beach and Grays Harbor beaches;
3 (2) Provide information to tourists on razor clams;
4 (3) Conduct research on the parasite Nuclear Inclusion X and domoic
5 acid;
6 (4) Produce other shellfish species as needed;
7 (5) Augment educational programs in the public schools; and
8 (6) Make facilities available for university research.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of two hundred twenty-six thousand
10 three hundred dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
11 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1995, from the state
12 building construction account to the department of fisheries for the
13 purposes of this act.

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