
SENATE BILL 5004

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By Senators Haugen, Oke, Spanel and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to exchanges of state-owned aquatic lands with
2 privately owned lands under the public interest standard; creating new
3 sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 expedite exchanges of state-owned aquatic lands with privately owned
7 lands in cases benefitting commerce and fostering improved public use
8 and access to aquatic lands.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** For the purposes of RCW 79.90.457, an
10 exchange of state-owned aquatic lands located within a city with a
11 population of less than ten thousand persons and occupied by a firm
12 employing more than one hundred employees, which firm has occupied the
13 state-owned aquatic lands for over fifty years, with privately owned
14 lands that will permit public use and access to aquatic lands is hereby
15 declared to be of public interest and of contribution to the public
16 benefits established in RCW 79.90.455.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of natural resources shall
2 work cooperatively with any private landowner necessary to expedite and
3 exchange under section 2 of this act. The department shall consider
4 the public interest value of assisting the firm in continuing its
5 commercial operations at its current site, and shall not make reference
6 to adjacent upland uses or zoning, when valuing the state-owned aquatic
7 lands.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
10 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
11 immediately.

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