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HOUSE BILL 2819

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By Representatives Doumit, Buck, Hatfield and Linville

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1 AN ACT Relating to Bush act and Callow act lands; and creating a  
2 new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature has previously declared that  
5 aquatic farming provides a consistent source of quality food, offers  
6 opportunities of new jobs, increases farm income stability, and  
7 improves balance of trade. The legislature has also found that many  
8 areas of the state of Washington are scientifically and biologically  
9 suitable for aquaculture development, and therefore the legislature has  
10 encouraged and promoted aquaculture activities, programs, and  
11 development with the same status as other agricultural activities,  
12 programs, and development within the state. It being the policy of  
13 this state to encourage the development and expansion of aquaculture  
14 within the state and to promote the development of a diverse  
15 aquaculture industry, the legislature finds that the uncertainty  
16 surrounding reversionary clauses contained in Bush act and Callow act  
17 deeds is interfering with this policy. The legislature finds that  
18 uncertainty of the grant of rights for clam and other shellfish culture

1 as contained in chapter 166, Laws of 1919 must be fully and finally  
2 resolved.

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