
SENATE BILL 5075

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By Senators Morton, Fraser, Oke and Doumit; by request of
Commissioner of Public Lands

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Resources, Energy & Water.

1 AN ACT Relating to authorization to accept gifts of aquatic land;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 79.90 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 79.90 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department is authorized to accept gifts of aquatic land
7 within the state, including tidelands, shorelands, harbor areas, and
8 the beds of navigable waters, which shall become part of the state-
9 owned aquatic land base. Consistent with RCW 79.90.455, the department
10 must develop procedures and criteria that state the manner in which
11 gifts of aquatic land, received after the effective date of this
12 section, may occur. No gift of aquatic land may be accepted until:
13 (a) An appraisal of the value of the land has been prepared; (b) an
14 environmental site assessment has been conducted; and (c) the title
15 property report has been examined and approved by the attorney general
16 of the state. The results of the appraisal, the site assessment, and
17 the examination of the title property report must be submitted to the
18 board of natural resources before the department may accept a gift of
19 aquatic land.

1 (2) The authorization to accept gifts of aquatic land within the
2 state extends to aquatic land accepted as gifts prior to the effective
3 date of this section.

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