

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2005-4602, by Representatives Kessler and Armstrong

WHEREAS, Hood Canal is an important environmental, recreational, and economic resource of the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Hood Canal has a history of low dissolved oxygen concentrations, which have resulted in significant fish kills and other problems for many years; and

WHEREAS, Low dissolved oxygen concentrations in Hood Canal in 2003 and 2004 were among the lowest in recorded history; and

WHEREAS, Government agencies, community groups and other private entities, environmental organizations, and citizens of this state have expressed concern about the long-term health of Hood Canal; and

WHEREAS, The causes and potential solutions to Hood Canal's environmental health concerns may prove complex, warranting a thorough review by the legislature of the current efforts and proposed actions related to Hood Canal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives establish a select committee on Hood Canal to consider the environmental health of Hood Canal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the select committee review issues related to Hood Canal's water quality, management of the fisheries and shellfish industries, recreation, activities impacting the health of Hood Canal, and interrelations of the various governmental entities with jurisdiction over Hood Canal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the select committee report legislation on these subjects out of committee with all the powers and duties of a standing committee of the House of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the select committee consist of seven members, four Democratic and three Republican.