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HOUSE BILL 2220

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By Representative Lantz

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Committee on Puget Sound.

1 AN ACT Relating to shellfish; and creating a new section.

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

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that shellfish  
4 aquaculture is an important and dynamic industry in the state of  
5 Washington. Managing and regulating the industry involves a careful  
6 balancing act among various goals, including environmental protection,  
7 economic development, property rights, aesthetics, and the simple  
8 enjoyment of the shoreline. Complicating the state's efforts is a lack  
9 of available, credible scientific information on the affects that new  
10 industry developments have on the natural environment. With this act,  
11 the legislature intends to address the challenges inherent in managing  
12 and regulating shellfish aquaculture, and begin the process of  
13 developing a consistent, predictable regulatory program that respects  
14 the role of local governments, protects the interests of the state, and  
15 operates within the scope of the federal government.

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