

**HB 2386** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Natural Resources & Parks

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the Washington  
4 saltwater coast should be recognized as a unique and integral part of  
5 our state and national heritage. This coastal landscape has supported  
6 the development of a rich and diverse maritime heritage, including the  
7 canoe cultures of the original native American inhabitants, the spirit  
8 of exploration, and the growth of marine industries. The water touches  
9 all aspects of daily life on the coast involving transportation, jobs,  
10 recreation, and community activities. The purpose of designating the  
11 Washington coast as a state maritime heritage area is to preserve and  
12 share our cultural resource and to promote tourism and local economic  
13 development.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The state of Washington's saltwater  
15 coast is designated as the state maritime heritage area. The  
16 designated area includes all federal, state, local, and tribal lands  
17 that allow public access and are partly located within one-quarter mile  
18 landward of the saltwater shoreline, within the following counties:  
19 Clallam, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce,  
20 San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom. The Lake  
21 Washington ship canal and the Lake Union shoreline are included in the  
22 designated area.

23 (2) The designation of the state maritime heritage area is intended  
24 to facilitate partnerships among federal, state, local, and tribal  
25 governments, businesses, heritage organizations, individuals, and other  
26 entities to:

- 27 (a) Honor the cultural resources of the maritime heritage area;  
28 (b) Increase public awareness and appreciation for the natural,

1 historic, scenic, recreational, and cultural resources of the maritime  
2 heritage area; and

3 (c) Promote tourism and economic development within the state and  
4 local jurisdictions.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The maritime heritage area designation may  
6 only be used for the purposes of heritage and tourism promotion,  
7 consistent with section 2 of this act. Nothing in this chapter:

8 (1) Creates any regulatory jurisdiction or grants any regulatory  
9 authority to any government or other entity;

10 (2) Abridges the rights of any owner of public or private property  
11 within the designated area; or

12 (3) Establishes any legal rights or obligations, including in  
13 regards to any environmental or administrative review process involving  
14 land use.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute  
16 a new chapter in Title 27 RCW."

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17 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "area;" strike the remainder  
18 of the title and insert "and adding a new chapter to Title 27 RCW."

EFFECT: Removes an intention to encourage Congress to designate  
the Washington saltwater coast as a national maritime heritage area.

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