

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5590

As of January 17, 2022

Title: An act relating to eliminating the 2022 expiration date of the marine resources advisory council.

Brief Description: Eliminating the 2022 expiration date of the marine resources advisory council.

Sponsors: Senators Wagoner, Das, Lovelett, Mullet and Rolfes.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Environment, Energy & Technology: 1/19/22.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Removes the 2022 expiration date of the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY

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Background: In 2013, the Legislature created the Washington Marine Resources Advisory Council (MRAC) within the Office of the Governor. The purpose of MRAC is to maintain a sustainable and coordinated focus to address impacts of ocean acidification.

MRAC members include legislators; the Governor or the Governor's designee; elected officials; representatives from tribes, commercial and recreational fishing, shellfish growers, state agencies, marine recreation and businesses; and others from the private sector. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and academic institutions conducting research on ocean acidification may participate as non-voting members by invitation of the Governor.

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MRAC is required to meet at least twice per year and provide opportunity for public comment. MRAC's powers and duties include:

- maintaining a coordinated focus to address the impacts of ocean acidification;
- advising and working with the Washington Ocean Acidification Center on the effects and sources of ocean acidification;
- providing recommendations to the Governor and Legislature;
- seeking public and private funding resources to support MRAC's recommendations; and
- assisting in conducting public education activities regarding ocean acidification.

MRAC expires June 30, 2022.

Summary of Bill: The June 30, 2022, expiration date of MRAC is removed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.