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Brief Title: Allowing the department of ecology to assume primary responsibility for the cleanup of state aquatic lands.

**HB 1448 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that, in order to encourage the cleanup of contaminated areas of urban harbors, revitalize important water-dependent industries, improve habitat for native fish populations, and establish certainty for shoreline communities, the legislature declares its intent to centralize and streamline the state's decision-making processes for the comprehensive cleanup of urban harbors. The department of ecology shall assume primary responsibility, on behalf of the state, for working cooperatively and expeditiously with local communities to seek rapid and innovative cleanup solutions for state-owned aquatic lands. The department of ecology's decisions for remediation of state-owned aquatic lands shall be binding on all other state agencies.