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By Representatives Linville, Schoesler, Rockefeller, Sump, Orcutt, Quall, Upthegrove and Mielke; by request of Commissioner of Public Lands

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorization to accept gifts of aquatic land;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 79.90 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 79.90 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department is authorized to accept gifts of aquatic land  
7 within the state, including tidelands, shorelands, harbor areas, and  
8 the beds of navigable waters, which shall become part of the state-  
9 owned aquatic land base. Consistent with RCW 79.90.455, the department  
10 must develop procedures and criteria that state the manner in which  
11 gifts of aquatic land, received after the effective date of this  
12 section, may occur. No gift of aquatic land may be accepted until:  
13 (a) An appraisal of the value of the land has been prepared; (b) an  
14 environmental site assessment has been conducted; and (c) the title  
15 property report has been examined and approved by the attorney general  
16 of the state. The results of the appraisal, the site assessment, and  
17 the examination of the title property report must be submitted to the  
18 board of natural resources before the department may accept a gift of  
19 aquatic land.

1           (2) The authorization to accept gifts of aquatic land within the  
2 state extends to aquatic land accepted as gifts prior to the effective  
3 date of this section.

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