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CS for House Bill 115 (RES) Aquatic Farming & Hatchery Site Leases

Summary of Changes-Work Draft version O

The Senate Resources Committee Substitute for HB115 makes the following changes in O from version W.A, both of which occur in Section 5 of the bill, found on page 5:

- In subsection (h), beginning page 5, line 10, changes the phrase “ecotourism or educational purposes” to “tourism enterprise or educational purpose relating to aquatic farming or related hatchery operations.”
 - There was concern that the term “ecotourism” would not appropriately describe the activities the bill sponsor wished to explicitly allow.
- In subsection (i), beginning page 5, line 14, changes language in the subsection to prohibit the department from charging “fees for using or allowing the use of the site, or passage across the site, for a tourism enterprise or educational purpose relating to aquatic farming or related hatchery operations.”
 - There was concern that the previous language would have prohibited the department from charging fees for several actions they currently charge for, such as amendments to leases, subleases, or transfers of leases.
 - Language in previous version: “Except for the amount charged to lessee for the lease of site, the commissioner may not charge an additional fee to a lessee, an assignee of a lessee, or another person for the use of, or for passage across, land leased under this section.”

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