

Submitter: David Wall  
On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES HB 2965  
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2965

I OPPOSE [HB 2965].

From the TEXT of [HB 2965], "...SECTION 5. (1) To protect public health and promote environmental protection, an aquaculture facility:  
...E) Use, grow or harvest genetically engineered aquatic animals...."  
\*\*\*"... genetically engineered aquatic animals..." \*\*\*The return of the Creature from the Black Lagoon?\*\*\*

"...SECTION 6....(4) In consultation with scientific experts, representatives of the aquaculture industry and advocates of the environment and animal welfare, the department shall adopt rules to implement this section..."

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\*\*\*There is 'No' scientific regulatory agency to give directions and or inspections of the aquaculture operations.\*\*\*

"...SECTION 7. (1) The Aquatic Animals Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund..."  
\*\*\*There is 'No' budget for [HB 2965]. There is 'No' appropriation of Funds.\*\*\*

\*\*\*[HB 2965] gives the appearance of 'Notes' from a 'staff meeting' rather than a well-designed scientific based and regulated aquaculture program.

\*\*\*[HB 2965] reflects the need for aquaculture farming guided by scientific expertise in aquaculture, regulatory expertise and permitted oversight.

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Mr. Oregon Concurs and says, "[HB 2965] is...Fish-on!"