

ACT No. 171

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 669

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

1 AN ACT

2 To authorize the use of certain state property near Grand Isle for seafood research; to
3 provide relative to the specification of the boundaries and size of the areas in which
4 the research will be conducted; to provide relative to protecting the state's natural
5 resources; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1.(A) The Grand Isle Port Commission may use, in accordance with this Act,
8 the following described state water bottoms, water columns, and water surfaces above the
9 specified sections of water bottoms:

10 An area of approximately twenty-seven and one-half acres in Bayou Rigaud,
11 Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, circumscribed by lines connecting the following points
12 (projection in North American datum, 1983):

13 (1) The Northeast corner is located at 29 degrees, 14 minutes, 23.57 seconds,
14 North, 90 degrees, 01 minutes, 08.24 seconds, West.

15 (2) The Southeast corner is located at 29 degrees, 14 minutes, 16.39 seconds,
16 North, 90 degrees, 01 minutes, 00.65 seconds, West.

17 (3) The Southwest corner is at 29 degrees, 14 minutes, 13.15 seconds, North,
18 90 degrees, 01 minutes, 19.07 seconds, West.

19 (4) The Northwest corner is at 29 degrees, 14 minutes, 21.56 seconds, North,
20 90 degrees, 01 minutes, 20.98 seconds, West.

21 (B) The port commission is authorized to use such water bottoms, water
22 columns, and water surfaces for the sole purpose of an off-bottom oyster (*Crassostrea*
23 *Virginica*) culture project undertaken in cooperation with Louisiana Sea Grant
24 program subject to approval of all state and federal agencies with jurisdiction over
25 activities conducted in connection with the project.

1 Section 2. The commissioner of administration, on behalf of the state of Louisiana,
 2 and the Grand Isle Port Commission are hereby authorized to enter into such agreements,
 3 covenants, conditions, and stipulations and to execute such documents as necessary to
 4 properly effectuate the use of property described in Section 1 of this Act, and as more
 5 specifically described in any such agreements entered into and documents executed by and
 6 between the state and the port commission. In determining appropriate compensation for
 7 the use of state property authorized by this Act, the commissioner may consider potential
 8 economic development and other benefits resulting from the research contemplated.

9 Section 3. The Grand Isle Port Commission may, in cooperation with the Louisiana
 10 Sea Grant program, participate in a seafood research and economic development program
 11 in the area described in Section 1 of this Act.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____