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To prohibit Federal agencies from authorizing or facilitating commercial finfish aquaculture operations in the Exclusive Economic Zone except in accordance with a Federal statute authorizing such action.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 30, 2025

Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Keep Finfish Free Act
5 of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON AUTHORIZING FINFISH AQUA-**
2 **CULTURE IN THE EEZ.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, no Federal agency may issue any permit or
5 take any other action to authorize or facilitate commercial
6 finfish aquaculture operations in the Exclusive Economic
7 Zone of the United States (as established by Proclamation
8 Numbered 5030, dated March 10, 1983), except in accord-
9 ance with a Federal statute authorizing such action that
10 is enacted after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

12 (1) the term “finfish”—

13 (A) an aquatic finfish in any stage of its
14 life cycle; and

15 (B) does not include amphibians, seaweeds
16 or other algae, or invertebrates, including shell-
17 fish; and

18 (2) the term “commercial finfish aquaculture”
19 means an activity related to the propagation,
20 rearing, or attempted propagation or rearing, of
21 finfish in captivity or under positive control for com-
22 mercial purposes.

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