
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1031

State of Washington

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By House Environment & Energy (originally sponsored by
Representatives Walsh, Irwin, and Young)

1 AN ACT Relating to reducing government imposed obligations
2 associated with bulkhead maintenance or repairs; adding a new section
3 to chapter 43.21C RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is well established in statute that
6 bulkheads are a permitted use and an existing use along the
7 shorelines. It is in the public interest for these structures to be
8 maintained in good repair. This act encourages maintenance of
9 structures by removing an uncertain, lengthy, and potentially costly
10 process that ultimately cannot prevent what is legally authorized.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21C
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 (1) The minor repair or maintenance of existing bulkheads or bank
14 protection structures is not subject to the requirements of this
15 chapter.

16 (2) For the purposes of this section, "minor repair or
17 maintenance" means any repair or maintenance that does not involve

- 1 excavation or waterward expansion of the existing footprint of an
- 2 existing bulkhead or bank protection structure.

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