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3 By Senator Spanel

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5 On page 1, line 6, strike everything beginning with "is" through
6 "permits." on page 2, line 5, and insert the following:

7 "is dependent on the use of the water area. Potential locations
8 for aquaculture are relatively restricted due to specific requirements
9 for water quality, temperature, flows, oxygen content, adjacent land
10 uses, wind protection, commercial navigation, and, in marine waters,
11 salinity. Local shoreline master plans should therefore recognize the
12 potential impact of aquaculture on existing uses and natural systems.

13 (2) The legislature further finds that:

14 (a) aquacultural activities and structures should be located in
15 areas where the navigational access of upland owners, recreational
16 boaters and commercial traffic is not significantly restricted.
17 Recognition should be given to the possible detrimental impact
18 aquacultural development might have on the visual access of upland
19 owners and on the general aesthetic quality of the shoreline area;

20 (b) aquacultural development may adversely impact the value of
21 shorefront properties, and the value of such real property may be the
22 principal asset for many Washington residents;

23 (c) as aquaculture technology expands with increasing knowledge and
24 experience, emphasis should be placed on structures which do not
25 significantly interfere with navigation or impair the aesthetic quality
26 of Washington shorelines; and

27 (d) water surface, column, and bedland areas suitable for
28 aquaculture are limited to certain sites. Theses sites are subject to
29 pressures from competing uses and degradation of water quality. The
30 shoreline program is intended to provide a comprehensive land and water
31 use plan which will reduce these conflicts and provide for appropriate
32 uses. Therefore, a special effort should be made through the shoreline
33 management program to identify and resolve resource use conflicts and
34 resource management issues in regard to use of identified sites."

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EFFECT: Provides greater specificity regarding aquaculture use guidelines, and deletes provisions in the bill mandating local shoreline plan revisions.