HOUSE BILL 1031

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to reducing government imposed obligations
- 2 associated with bulkhead maintenance or repairs; amending RCW
- 3 43.21C.0301; 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 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.21C.0301 and 2011 c 360 s 19 are each amended to 12 read as follows:
- 13 (1) Decisions made under RCW 36.70A.720 pertaining to work plans,
- 14 as defined in RCW 36.70A.703, are not subject to the requirements of
- 15 RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c).
- 16 (2) Decisions made by a county under RCW 36.70A.710 on whether to
- 17 participate in the voluntary stewardship program established by RCW
- 18 36.70A.705 are not subject to the requirements of RCW
- 19 43.21C.030(2)(c).

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- 1 (3) Decisions made by all branches of government regarding repair 2 or maintenance of existing bulkheads or bank protection structures 3 are not subject to the requirements of RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c).
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