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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6376

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By Senate Committee on Environmental Quality & Water Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Fraser, Heavey, Patterson, Thibaudeau and Kohl-Welles)

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to injunctive relief under the shoreline management
- 2 act; amending RCW 90.58.230; and creating a new section.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. By this act, the legislature intends to
- 5 provide injunctive relief to private persons who have sustained damage
- 6 to their own property.
- 7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 90.58.230 and 1971 ex.s. c 286 s 23 are each amended
- 8 to read as follows:
- 9 Any person subject to the regulatory program of this chapter who
- 10 violates any provision of this chapter or permit issued pursuant
- 11 thereto shall be liable for all damage to public or private property
- 12 arising from such violation, including the cost of restoring the
- 13 affected area to its condition prior to violation. The attorney
- 14 general or local government attorney shall bring suit for damages under
- 15 this section on behalf of the state or local governments. Private
- 16 persons shall have the right to bring suit for damages and for
- 17 <u>injunctive relief</u> under this section on their own behalf and on the
- 18 behalf of all persons similarly situated. If liability has been

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- 1 established for the cost of restoring an area affected by a violation
- 2 the court shall make provision to assure that restoration will be
- 3 accomplished within a reasonable time at the expense of the violator.
- 4 In addition to such relief, including money damages, the court in its
- 5 discretion may award attorney's fees and costs of the suit to the

6 prevailing party.

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