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By House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Warnick, Armstrong, Haler, Hailey, Sump, McCune, VanDeWege, Skinner, Kristiansen and Rodne)

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1 AN ACT Relating to exempting property owners from injury caused to
2 another person as a result of metal theft; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 4.24 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 4.24 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) A public or private landowner or the possessor of land is not
8 civilly liable for a person's injuries caused by: (a) The theft or
9 attempted theft, by the person or a third party, of copper, aluminum,
10 steel, or other metal material from the property of the landowner or
11 possessor; or (b) a dangerous condition created as a result of the
12 theft or attempted theft of copper, aluminum, steel, or other metal
13 material from property of the landowner or the possessor when the
14 landowner or possessor did not know and could not have reasonably known
15 of the dangerous condition.

16 (2) This section does not create or impose a duty of care upon a
17 landowner or possessor of land that would not otherwise exist under

1 common law.

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