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**SENATE BILL 5934**

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**By** Senators Padden, Van De Wege, Dhingra, Lias, Salomon, and Warnick

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1 AN ACT Relating to pollinator habitat; and adding a new section  
2 to chapter 36.70B RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70B  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) If a project permit, a commercial building permit, or a  
7 residential building permit includes landscaping, a local government  
8 must require the applicant to include at least 25 percent of the  
9 planted area as pollinator habitat to the extent practicable.

10 (2) A local government must provide the list of native forage  
11 plants as developed by the department of agriculture in compliance  
12 with RCW 39.04.410 to the applicant of the permit.

13 (3) For purposes of this section:

14 (a) "Commercial building permit" has the same meaning as defined  
15 in RCW 19.27.015.

16 (b) "Pollinator habitat" means an area of land that is or may be  
17 developed as habitat beneficial for the feeding, nesting, and  
18 reproduction of all pollinators.

1           (c) "Residential building permit" has the same meaning as defined  
2 in RCW 19.27.015.

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