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**SENATE BILL 6032**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senators Winsley and Fraser

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1 AN ACT Relating to regulating vegetation height along shorelines;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 90.58 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 90.58 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Consistent with the policy goal of preserving the public's  
7 opportunity to enjoy the physical and aesthetic qualities of natural  
8 shorelines under RCW 90.58.020, master programs may include elements  
9 for regulating the height of planted vegetation on residential lots  
10 along shorelines. Where planted vegetation will obstruct the view of  
11 a substantial number of residences on areas adjoining shorelines of the  
12 state, master programs shall establish appropriate standards for  
13 vegetation height and bulk, except where: (1) The planted vegetation  
14 is necessary for protecting the shoreline from erosion, or (2) the  
15 vegetation is needed for protecting habitat. This section does not  
16 apply to vegetation management on lands devoted to agriculture or  
17 forest management.

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