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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Lantz, Dunn, Edmonds, Hunt, Dunshee, Ogden, Kenney and Wood; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development)

Brief Description: Enforcing protection of archaeological sites.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that the purpose of this act is to give the department of community, trade, and economic development the authority to issue civil penalties to enforce the provisions of permits issued under RCW 27.53.060 and to take into consideration prior penalties issued under chapter 27.53 RCW and under comparable federal laws when issuing permits. Additionally, this act provides guidance to state agencies and political subdivisions of the state when approving archaeological activities on public lands.

Provides that persons found to have violated chapter 27.53 RCW, either by a knowing and willful failure to obtain a permit where required under RCW 27.53.060 or by a knowing and willful failure to comply with the provisions of a permit issued by the director where required under RCW 27.53.060, in addition to other remedies as provided for by law, may be subject to one or more of the following: (1) Reasonable investigative costs incurred by a mutually agreed upon independent professional archaeologist investigating the alleged violation;

(2) Reasonable site restoration costs; and

(3) Civil penalties, as determined by the director, in an amount of not more than five thousand dollars per violation.