
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5596

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By Senator Carrell

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1 AN ACT Relating to certain lake management activities on lands
2 owned by the state of Washington; adding a new section to chapter
3 35A.21 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that as a result of
6 excessive internal (sediments) and external loading of nutrients,
7 persistent toxic algae have developed in certain lakes. The
8 legislature further finds that an effort should be made to prevent
9 toxic algae blooms and restore lakes to a healthful condition that is
10 suitable for human recreational use and aquatic wildlife habitat.
11 Restoring lakes to a healthy condition is of paramount importance to
12 the health and safety of fish, waterfowl, and terrestrial mammals,
13 including humans. It is the legislature's intent to restore all such
14 lakes to safe and healthy conditions.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) A code city authorized under this title may take action to

1 address toxic algae blooms for any lake located within the boundaries
2 of the code city and entirely on lands belonging to the state of
3 Washington.

4 (2) This section applies only to lakes with less than thirty-four
5 acres surface area and a mean depth of ten feet or less. A code city
6 may only take action as authorized under this section consistent with
7 applicable environmental and permitting requirements.

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