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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Linville and G. Chandler)

Brief Description: Clarifying agency responsibility for cleaning up contaminated sediments.

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Declares that the purpose of this act is to clarify the responsibilities of the department of natural resources and the department of ecology with respect to the cleanup of contaminated sediments on state-owned aquatic lands and the possibility of using state-owned aquatic lands as part of appropriate sediment remedial actions consistent with existing state and federal laws.

Finds that it is in the state's interest to undertake a program of bay-wide planning where appropriate to provide opportunities for examining the feasibility of sediment removal or consolidating most or all of the contaminated sediments in an urban embayment in limited appropriate locations within that embayment or within other more environmentally appropriate locations in Puget Sound.

Finds also that bay-wide planning should address needs for salmon recovery, public access to state-owned aquatic lands, and economic development.