

HB 2607-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that the purpose of RCW 36.87.130 is to preserve for the public, for recreational or other purposes, existing access to bodies of salt or fresh water.

Declares an intent to enhance the ability of counties to balance the need to protect and preserve existing public access to bodies of water while providing counties the ability to vacate rights of way so long as doing so does not undermine or eliminate such access.

Declares that no county shall vacate a county road or part thereof which abuts on a body of salt or fresh water unless the purpose of the vacation is to enable a county to implement a plan, adopted by resolution or ordinance, that provides no less than comparable public access to the same shoreline area to which the streets or alleys sought to be vacated abut, had the properties included in the plan not been vacated.