

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6275

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Regarding harbor lines.

Sponsors: Senator Jacobsen.

Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation
House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

Background: The Washington Constitution requires the Legislature to appoint a commission to establish harbor lines for the navigable waters in front of incorporated cities. The Legislature has directed the Board of Natural Resources to serve as the Harbor Line Commission.

A harbor area is the area between the outer and inner harbor line. A harbor area may exist in front of and up to one mile beyond any incorporated city limit. A harbor area is reserved for landings, wharves, and other conveniences of navigation and commerce.

The Harbor Line Commission may initially locate and establish harbor lines and determine harbor areas pursuant to the state Constitution. However, the Harbor Line Commission may only change, relocate, or reestablish the harbor lines for harbor areas as authorized by the Legislature. According to the Department of Natural Resources, there are 28 harbor areas currently established in the state. The Legislature has granted the Harbor Line Commission express authority to amend the harbor lines for all harbor areas except Marysville, Steilacoom, and a portion of Lake Washington.

Summary: The Harbor Line Commission may change, relocate, or reestablish a harbor line in any harbor area.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	96	0

Effective: June 10, 2010

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