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HOUSE BILL 2342

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By Representative Haler

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1 AN ACT Relating to restricting the use of certain parcels of public  
2 land to access a public body of water; adding a new section to chapter  
3 79.02 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 79.02 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) If a parcel of public land is one-quarter of a square mile or  
8 less in size and is adjacent to a body of public water and the land is  
9 or can be used to access the body of public water, the governmental  
10 entity which has jurisdiction of the land must provide adequate public  
11 parking for persons utilizing the land to access the water.

12 (2) If adequate public parking is not provided, using the land to  
13 access the water for other than a governmental purpose is prohibited.  
14 If adequate public parking is not provided, the governmental entity  
15 which has jurisdiction of the land must post a warning sign for the  
16 public that clearly shows that using the land to access the water is  
17 prohibited and states the sanction for a violation of the prohibition.

1 (3) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

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