
SENATE BILL 5613

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By Senators Rivers, Schoesler, Becker, Brown, Short, Warnick, Wilson, L., and Fortunato

1 AN ACT Relating to the authority of counties to vacate a county
2 road that abuts on a body of water if the county road is hazardous or
3 creates a significant risk to public safety; amending RCW 36.87.130;
4 and providing an expiration date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.87.130 and 1969 ex.s. c 185 s 7 are each amended
7 to read as follows:

8 No county shall vacate a county road or part thereof which abuts
9 on a body of salt or freshwater unless:

10 (1) The purpose of the vacation is to enable any public authority
11 to acquire the vacated property for port purposes, boat moorage or
12 launching sites, or for park, viewpoint, recreational, educational,
13 or other public purposes (~~(, or unless)~~);

14 (2) The property is zoned for industrial uses; or

15 (3) In a county west of the crest of the Cascade mountains and
16 bordered by the Columbia river with a population over four hundred
17 fifty thousand, the county determines that:

18 (a) The road has been used as an access point to trespass onto
19 private property;

20 (b) Such trespass has caused loss of human life, and that public
21 use of the county road creates an ongoing risk to public safety; and

1 (c) Public access to the same body of water abutting the county
2 road is available at not less than three public access sites within
3 two miles in any direction of the terminus of the road subject to
4 vacation.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act expires December 31,
6 2023.

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