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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1039, L.D. 1477, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Natural Resources Protection Laws and Related Provisions"

Amend the amendment in section 5 by striking out all of subsection 14 (page 1, lines 14 to 20 in amendment) and inserting the following:

**'14. Lawful harvesting of marine organisms or vegetation in coastal wetlands.** A person lawfully engaged in the harvesting of marine organisms or vegetation under the provisions of Title 12, chapter 605 is not required to obtain a permit to engage in those activities in a coastal wetland or a coastal wetland containing a high or moderate value waterfowl or wading bird habitat or shorebird feeding or staging area. Within a coastal wetland or a coastal wetland containing a high or moderate value waterfowl or wading bird habitat or shorebird feeding or staging area, the removal of vegetation or displacement of soil associated with or authorized by those lawful activities is not a violation of this article; and'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the 5th and 6th indented paragraphs after the title (page 1, lines 24 to 29 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'Amend the bill in section 7 in §480-CC by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting the following:

**'2. Cutting standards within roosting and feeding buffers.** The cutting standards in this subsection apply in addition to the permitting standards in section 480-D.

A. Cutting or removal of vegetation within a roosting buffer is prohibited except as approved by the department for:

(1) Removal of a safety hazard;

(2) Cutting or removal of vegetation to allow for a footpath not to exceed 6 feet in width as measured between tree trunks and shrub stems. The footpath may not result in a cleared line of sight to the water; and



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1 habitat and that the removal of vegetation or displacement of soil associated with lawful  
2 harvesting activities is not a violation of the natural resources protection laws.

3 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

4 (See attached)

5 SPONSORED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

*Kevin L. Raye*

6 (Senator RAYE)

7 COUNTY: Washington



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LD 1477

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**An Act Concerning the Natural Resources Protection Laws and Related Provisions**

**Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"**

**Sponsor: Sen. Raye of Washington**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund