
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8427

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By Senators Anderson, T. Sheldon, Swecker, Rasmussen, Hochstatter and Morton

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1 WHEREAS, The legislature passed the Growth Management Act in 1990
2 and further modifications to the Act in 1991; and

3 WHEREAS, The legislative findings in the Growth Management Act
4 state that "the legislature finds that it is in the public interest
5 that economic development programs be shared with communities
6 experiencing insufficient economic growth"; and

7 WHEREAS, One of the planning goals of the Growth Management Act is
8 to "encourage economic development throughout the state that is
9 consistent with adopted comprehensive plans, promote economic
10 opportunity for all citizens of this state, especially for unemployed
11 and for disadvantaged persons, and encourage growth in areas
12 experiencing insufficient economic growth"; and

13 WHEREAS, The legislature has required counties or cities planning
14 under the Growth Management Act to include a "plan, scheme, or design"
15 for a rural element, including rural development; and

16 WHEREAS, Under the Growth Management Act rural areas have the
17 opportunity to control locally the economic development of their lands;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The legislature should continue the process of working
20 with rural areas to develop land use laws that contribute to the

1 economic development of rural areas without compromising the unique
2 features of these areas;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
4 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint
5 select committee on rural land use and economic development be
6 established to develop recommendations to the legislature for laws
7 governing economic development in rural areas consistent with the
8 Growth Management Act; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of ten members
10 from rural districts, three from the majority caucus of each house, two
11 from the minority caucus of each house, appointed by the president of
12 the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives,
13 respectively; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall operate by
15 majority vote and shall use legislative facilities and staff from
16 senate committee services and the office of program research, but may
17 also call upon the abilities of individuals who possess specific
18 technical expertise or prior experience with the issues to be addressed
19 by the committee; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the senate and the house of
21 representatives shall jointly pay all expenses of the committee,
22 including travel; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall report its interim
24 findings and recommendations to the legislature by December 31, 1998,
25 and its final report and recommendations to the legislature by December
26 31, 1999; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee will cease to exist as
28 of January 1, 2000.

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