
HOUSE BILL 1619

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By Representatives Short, Schmick, and Warnick

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1 AN ACT Relating to suspending the growth management act in counties
2 with significant and persistent unemployment; and adding a new section
3 to chapter 36.70A RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The requirements of this chapter for counties and cities are
8 suspended and have no applicability if the average rate of total
9 unemployment in the county, seasonally adjusted, as determined by the
10 Washington state employment security department, exceeds seven percent
11 for three consecutive months. A suspension under this section:

12 (a) Is effective for five years, or until the average rate of total
13 unemployment in the county, seasonally adjusted, as determined by the
14 Washington state employment security department, is equal to or less
15 than seven percent for three consecutive months, whichever is later;
16 and

17 (b) Takes effect immediately upon the public release of the
18 applicable unemployment data by the Washington state employment
19 security department.

1 (2) Comprehensive land use plans and development regulations
2 adopted in accordance with the requirements of this chapter are
3 suspended and have no applicability in counties and cities in which the
4 requirements of this chapter are suspended.

5 (3) State agencies may take no action to enforce the requirements
6 of this chapter in counties and cities in which the requirements of
7 this chapter are suspended.

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