

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SSB 5567

As Passed House - Amended:

April 7, 1995

Title: An act relating to providing for the preservation of single-family residential neighborhoods.

Brief Description: Providing for preservation of single-family residential neighborhoods.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senator Heavey).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Government Operations: 3/21/95, 3/31/95 [DPA].

Floor Activity:

Amended.

Passed House: 4/7/95, 73-21.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass as amended. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Reams, Chairman; Goldsmith, Vice Chairman; L. Thomas, Vice Chairman; Hargrove; Honeyford; Hymes; Mulliken; D. Schmidt and Van Luven.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 6 members: Representatives Rust, Ranking Minority Member; Scott, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chopp; R. Fisher; Sommers and Wolfe.

Staff: Steve Lundin (786-7127).

Background: The Growth Management Act establishes a number of requirements for counties and cities planning under all of the requirements of the act.

Among other requirements, every county and city planning under all of the requirements of the Growth Management Act must adopt a comprehensive plan that includes a variety of elements and designates urban growth areas, critical areas, and natural resource lands. The comprehensive plan of a county must include a housing element recognizing the vitality and character of established residential neighborhoods that:

- o Includes an inventory of existing and projected housing needs;
- o Includes a statement of goals and policies for preserving, improving, and developing housing;
- o Identifies sufficient land for housing; and
- o Makes adequate provision for existing and projected needs of all economic segments of the community.

Summary of Bill: The housing element of a comprehensive plan adopted under the Growth Management Act must include mandatory provisions to preserve single-family residences, accessory apartments in single family residences, and the leasing of rooms in single family residences.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date of Bill: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This legislation will help protect single-family neighborhoods against pressures for higher densities, as was originally intended in the Growth Management Act.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Senator Heavey, prime sponsor.