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SENATE BILL 6368

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By Senators Heavey and Haugen

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1 AN ACT Relating to community councils; and amending RCW 36.105.010,  
2 36.105.020, and 36.105.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.105.010 and 1991 c 363 s 99 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 Voters of the unincorporated areas of the state are authorized to  
7 establish community councils as provided in this chapter.

8 It is the purpose of this chapter to provide voters of  
9 unincorporated areas in counties with a population of over thirty  
10 thousand that are made up entirely of islands, and unincorporated areas  
11 on islands within Puget Sound with over one thousand five hundred  
12 residents and located in counties with a population of over one million  
13 five hundred thousand, with direct input on the planning and zoning of  
14 their community by establishing a governmental mechanism to adopt  
15 proposed community comprehensive plans and proposed community zoning  
16 ordinances that are consistent with an overall guide and framework  
17 adopted by the county legislative authority. In addition, it is the  
18 purpose of this chapter to have community councils serve as forums for  
19 the discussion of local issues.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.105.020 and 1991 c 363 s 100 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
4 this section apply throughout this chapter.

5       (1) "Community" means a portion of the unincorporated area for  
6 which a community council has been established and which is located in  
7 a county with a population of over thirty thousand that is made up  
8 entirely of islands, or on an island within Puget Sound with over one  
9 thousand five hundred residents and located in a county with a  
10 population of over one million five hundred thousand.

11       (2) "Community comprehensive plan" means a comprehensive plan  
12 adopted by a community council.

13       (3) "Community council" means the governing body established under  
14 this chapter to adopt community comprehensive plans and community  
15 zoning ordinances for a community.

16       (4) "Community zoning ordinances" means the zoning ordinances  
17 adopted by a community council to implement a community comprehensive  
18 plan.

19       **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.105.030 and 1991 c 363 s 101 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21       A community for which a community council is created may include  
22 only unincorporated territory located in a single county with a  
23 population of over thirty thousand that is made up entirely of islands,  
24 or on an island within Puget Sound with over one thousand five hundred  
25 residents and located in a county with a population of over one million  
26 five hundred thousand, and not included within a city or town. A  
27 community council must have at least one thousand persons residing  
28 within the community when the community council is created or, where  
29 the community only includes an entire island, at least three hundred  
30 persons must reside on the island when the community council is  
31 created. Any portion of such a community that is annexed by a city or  
32 town, or is incorporated as a city or town, shall be removed from the  
33 community upon the effective date of the annexation or the official  
34 date of the incorporation.

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