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1 AN ACT Relating to protecting general aviation facilities from
2 encroachment of incompatible land uses; reenacting and amending RCW
3 36.70A.070; adding a new section to chapter 35.63 RCW; adding a new
4 section to chapter 35A.63 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter
5 36.70 RCW.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.070 and 1995 c 400 s 3 and 1995 c 377 s 1 are
8 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

9 The comprehensive plan of a county or city that is required or
10 chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 shall consist of a map or maps,
11 and descriptive text covering objectives, principles, and standards
12 used to develop the comprehensive plan. The plan shall be an
13 internally consistent document and all elements shall be consistent
14 with the future land use map. A comprehensive plan shall be adopted
15 and amended with public participation as provided in RCW 36.70A.140.

16 Each comprehensive plan shall include a plan, scheme, or design for
17 each of the following:

18 (1) A land use element designating the proposed general
19 distribution and general location and extent of the uses of land, where

1 appropriate, for agriculture, timber production, housing, commerce,
2 industry, recreation, open spaces, general aviation airports, public
3 utilities, public facilities, and other land uses. The land use
4 element shall include population densities, building intensities, and
5 estimates of future population growth. The land use element shall
6 provide for protection of the quality and quantity of ground water used
7 for public water supplies. Where applicable, the land use element
8 shall review drainage, flooding, and storm water run-off in the area
9 and nearby jurisdictions and provide guidance for corrective actions to
10 mitigate or cleanse those discharges that pollute waters of the state,
11 including Puget Sound or waters entering Puget Sound.

12 (2) A housing element ensuring the vitality and character of
13 established residential neighborhoods that: (a) Includes an inventory
14 and analysis of existing and projected housing needs; (b) includes a
15 statement of goals, policies, objectives, and mandatory provisions for
16 the preservation, improvement, and development of housing, including
17 single-family residences; (c) identifies sufficient land for housing,
18 including, but not limited to, government-assisted housing, housing for
19 low-income families, manufactured housing, multifamily housing, and
20 group homes and foster care facilities; and (d) makes adequate
21 provisions for existing and projected needs of all economic segments of
22 the community.

23 (3) A capital facilities plan element consisting of: (a) An
24 inventory of existing capital facilities owned by public entities,
25 showing the locations and capacities of the capital facilities; (b) a
26 forecast of the future needs for such capital facilities; (c) the
27 proposed locations and capacities of expanded or new capital
28 facilities; (d) at least a six-year plan that will finance such capital
29 facilities within projected funding capacities and clearly identifies
30 sources of public money for such purposes; and (e) a requirement to
31 reassess the land use element if probable funding falls short of
32 meeting existing needs and to ensure that the land use element, capital
33 facilities plan element, and financing plan within the capital
34 facilities plan element are coordinated and consistent.

35 (4) A utilities element consisting of the general location,
36 proposed location, and capacity of all existing and proposed utilities,
37 including, but not limited to, electrical lines, telecommunication
38 lines, and natural gas lines.

1 (5) Counties shall include a rural element including lands that are
2 not designated for urban growth, agriculture, forest, or mineral
3 resources. The rural element shall permit appropriate land uses that
4 are compatible with the rural character of such lands and provide for
5 a variety of rural densities and uses and may also provide for
6 clustering, density transfer, design guidelines, conservation
7 easements, and other innovative techniques that will accommodate
8 appropriate rural uses not characterized by urban growth.

9 (6) A transportation element that implements, and is consistent
10 with, the land use element. The transportation element shall include
11 the following subelements:

12 (a) Land use assumptions used in estimating travel;

13 (b) Facilities and services needs, including:

14 (i) An inventory of air, water, and (~~land~~) ground transportation
15 facilities and services, including transit alignments and general
16 aviation airport facilities, to define existing capital facilities and
17 travel levels as a basis for future planning;

18 (ii) Level of service standards for all arterials and transit
19 routes to serve as a gauge to judge performance of the system. These
20 standards should be regionally coordinated;

21 (iii) Specific actions and requirements for bringing into
22 compliance any facilities or services that are below an established
23 level of service standard;

24 (iv) Forecasts of traffic for at least ten years based on the
25 adopted land use plan to provide information on the location, timing,
26 and capacity needs of future growth;

27 (v) Identification of system expansion needs and transportation
28 system management needs to meet current and future demands;

29 (c) Finance, including:

30 (i) An analysis of funding capability to judge needs against
31 probable funding resources;

32 (ii) A multiyear financing plan based on the needs identified in
33 the comprehensive plan, the appropriate parts of which shall serve as
34 the basis for the six-year street, road, or transit program required by
35 RCW 35.77.010 for cities, RCW 36.81.121 for counties, and RCW
36 35.58.2795 for public transportation systems;

37 (iii) If probable funding falls short of meeting identified needs,
38 a discussion of how additional funding will be raised, or how land use

1 assumptions will be reassessed to ensure that level of service
2 standards will be met;

3 (d) Intergovernmental coordination efforts, including an assessment
4 of the impacts of the transportation plan and land use assumptions on
5 the transportation systems of adjacent jurisdictions;

6 (e) Demand-management strategies.

7 After adoption of the comprehensive plan by jurisdictions required
8 to plan or who choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040, local jurisdictions
9 must adopt and enforce ordinances which prohibit development approval
10 if the development causes the level of service on a transportation
11 facility to decline below the standards adopted in the transportation
12 element of the comprehensive plan, unless transportation improvements
13 or strategies to accommodate the impacts of development are made
14 concurrent with the development. These strategies may include
15 increased public transportation service, ride sharing programs, demand
16 management, and other transportation systems management strategies.
17 For the purposes of this subsection (6) "concurrent with the
18 development" shall mean that improvements or strategies are in place at
19 the time of development, or that a financial commitment is in place to
20 complete the improvements or strategies within six years.

21 The transportation element described in this subsection, and the
22 six-year plans required by RCW 35.77.010 for cities, RCW 36.81.121 for
23 counties, and RCW 35.58.2795 for public transportation systems, must be
24 consistent.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35.63 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 Every city and town in which there is located a reliever or general
28 aviation airport that is operated for the benefit of the general
29 public, whether publicly owned or privately owned public use, shall,
30 through its comprehensive plan and development regulations, discourage
31 the siting of incompatible uses adjacent to such reliever or general
32 aviation airport. Such plans and regulations may only be adopted or
33 amended after formal consultation with: Airport owners and managers,
34 private airport operators, general aviation pilots, ports, and the
35 aviation division of the department of transportation. All proposed
36 and adopted plans and regulations shall be filed with the aviation
37 division of the department of transportation within a reasonable time
38 after release for public consideration and comment. Each city and town

1 may obtain technical assistance from the aviation division of the
2 department of transportation to develop plans and regulations
3 consistent with this section.

4 Any additions or amendments to comprehensive plans or development
5 regulations required by this section may be adopted during the normal
6 course of land-use proceedings.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.63 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 Every city in which there is located a reliever or general aviation
10 airport that is operated for the benefit of the general public, whether
11 publicly owned or privately owned public-use, shall, through its
12 comprehensive plan and development regulations, discourage the siting
13 of incompatible uses adjacent to such reliever or general aviation
14 airport. Such plans and regulations may only be adopted or amended
15 after formal consultation with: Airport owners and managers, private
16 airport operators, general aviation pilots, ports, and the aviation
17 division of the department of transportation. All proposed and adopted
18 plans and regulations shall be filed with the aviation division of the
19 department of transportation within a reasonable time after release for
20 public consideration and comment. Each city may obtain technical
21 assistance from the aviation division of the department of
22 transportation to develop plans and regulations consistent with this
23 section.

24 Any additions or amendments to comprehensive plans or development
25 regulations required by this section may be adopted during the normal
26 course of land-use proceedings.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70 RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 Every county in which there is located a reliever or general
30 aviation airport that is operated for the benefit of the general
31 public, whether publicly owned or privately owned public use, shall,
32 through its comprehensive plan and development regulations, discourage
33 the siting of incompatible uses adjacent to such reliever or general
34 aviation airport. Such plans and regulations may only be adopted or
35 amended after formal consultation with: Airport owners and managers,
36 private airport operators, general aviation pilots, ports, and the
37 aviation division of the department of transportation. All proposed

1 and adopted plans and regulations shall be filed with the aviation
2 division of the department of transportation within a reasonable time
3 after release for public consideration and comment. Each county may
4 obtain technical assistance from the aviation division of the
5 department of transportation to develop plans and regulations
6 consistent with this section.

7 Any additions or amendments to comprehensive plans or development
8 regulations required by this section may be adopted during the normal
9 course of land-use proceedings.

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