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1 AN ACT Relating to categorical exemptions from the state  
2 environmental policy act for certain activities; and adding a new  
3 section to chapter 43.21C 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 43.21C RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Within urban growth areas designated under RCW 36.70A.110,  
8 decisions pertaining to the following activities are exempt from this  
9 chapter: (a) Construction of or location of any residential structures  
10 of ten or fewer dwelling units; (b) construction of an office, school,  
11 commercial, recreational, service, or storage building with eight  
12 thousand or fewer square feet of gross floor area, and with associated  
13 parking for forty or fewer automobiles; (c) construction of a parking  
14 lot designed for forty or fewer automobiles; (d) division of land into  
15 nine or fewer lots or parcels; and (e) any landfill or excavation of  
16 five hundred cubic yards throughout the total lifetime of the fill or  
17 excavation.

18 (2) The legislative authority of a county or city that is planning  
19 under RCW 36.70A.040 may raise the exemption levels specified in

1 subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section by ordinance or resolution to  
2 the following maximum levels within urban growth areas: (a)  
3 Construction of or location of any residential structures of a maximum  
4 of twenty or fewer dwelling units; and (b) construction of an office,  
5 school, commercial, recreational, service, or storage building with a  
6 maximum of twelve thousand or fewer square feet of gross floor area,  
7 and with associated parking for forty or fewer automobiles.

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