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Sponsor(s): Representatives Reams, Thompson and Mielke

Brief Title: Allowing counties and cities that plan under the growth management act to manage their shorelines in a streamlined process.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Finds that each county and city that has adopted and implemented plans under the requirements of the growth management act has accomplished through a participatory, public process a scheme for balanced environmental protection, economic development, and other important goals throughout its jurisdiction just as the state has required for twenty-five years for the utilization, protection, restoration, and preservation of shorelines.

Finds that given the success of growth management in those jurisdictions that have completed initial implementation, along with the need for efficient and effective provision of governmental services, the mission and function of the shorelines management act should be coordinated and fully integrated with the planning and regulatory requirements of the growth management act, chapter 36.70A RCW.

Authorizes and encourages each county and city that has adopted and implemented a comprehensive plan under chapter 36.70A RCW to manage its shorelines through a streamlined process while ensuring continued recognition of the valuable and fragile nature of our shorelines.

Establishes a cooperative program of shoreline management between local government and the state. Local government has the primary responsibility for initiating the planning required by this act and administering the regulatory program.

Directs the department to act in a supportive and review capacity with an emphasis on providing assistance to local government and on insuring compliance with the policy and provisions of this act.