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Brief Title: Exempting certain activities from the state environmental policy act.

HB 2897.E - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/98)

Declares that, within urban growth areas designated under RCW 36.70A.110, decisions pertaining to the following activities are exempt from chapter 43.21C RCW: (1) Construction of or location of any residential structures of ten or fewer dwelling units;

(2) construction of an office, school, commercial, recreational, service, or storage building with eight thousand or fewer square feet of gross floor area, and with associated parking for forty or fewer automobiles;

(3) construction of a parking lot designed for forty or fewer automobiles;

(4) division of land into nine or fewer lots or parcels; and

(5) any landfill or excavation of five hundred cubic yards throughout the total lifetime of the fill or excavation.

Authorizes the legislative authority of a county or city that is planning under RCW 36.70A.040 to raise the exemption levels.

Exempts counties' or conservation districts' preparation and adoption of watershed plans for watersheds outside the Puget Sound region from the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act if participation and public hearing requirements are satisfied.