
Local Government Committee

BILL ANALYSIS HB 2806

TITLE OF THE BILL: Providing for integration of shoreline master programs into growth management planning.

Brief Summary:

- Includes shorelines of the state within the definition of critical areas in the Growth Management Act (GMA).
- Requires local governments, within one year, to adopt interim critical areas regulations to protect shorelines of the state, including consideration of strategies to protect commercial shellfish beds near shorelines and penalties for violations.
- Retains requirement for DOE approval of local shoreline master program components only for shorelines of state-wide significance and specifies regulations protecting shorelines are to be adopted in the same manner as critical area ordinances.
- Makes shoreline master program guidelines mandatory only for shorelines of state-wide significance and allows local governments to adopt "alternative techniques" for protecting shorelines.
- Requires the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development to establish a formal periodic review schedule, based on specified factors, for GMA critical areas and natural resource lands to be reviewed every five years and for other comprehensive plan and development regulations components and urban growth area designations to be reviewed every ten years.
- Allows county-wide planning policies to be amended to include policies related to watershed planning and salmon recovery efforts.

SPONSORS: Representatives G. Chandler, Doumit, Mulliken, Buck, Grant, Mastin, Hatfield and Parlette.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

FISCAL NOTE: Requested January 21, 2000.

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BACKGROUND:

Shoreline Management Act

The Shoreline Management Act (SMA) was enacted in 1971 as Chapter 90.58 RCW. The SMA requires counties and cities to adopt local shoreline master programs regulating land use activities in shorelines of the state and to enforce approved programs within their jurisdictions. Shorelines of the state— are defined to include both "shorelines" and "shorelines of statewide significance" as defined by the SMA. "Shorelines" are defined to include all water areas, including reservoirs, and their associated shorelands— except: