

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6355

As of January 21, 2000

Title: An act relating to growth management hearings boards.

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to growth management hearings boards.

Sponsors: Senators Kline, Costa and Heavey.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State & Local Government: 1/24/2000.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Background: Three separate growth management hearing boards hear complaints over actions taken by state agencies, counties, and cities under the Growth Management Act. These actions are presumed valid by the board unless proven otherwise by a petitioner filing a complaint. The petitioner must prove that the action taken by the state agency, county, or city is clearly erroneous— in light of the record and the requirements of the act.

Summary of Bill: The standard of proof for showing that a state agency, county, or city is not complying with the Growth Management Act is reduced. A petitioner must prove by a preponderance of the evidence— that the state agency, county, or city erroneously— interpreted the requirements of the act.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.