

SB 5690 - DIGEST

Finds that although the growth management act requires that all local comprehensive plans include procedures for identifying and siting essential public facilities, the current requirements do not provide guidance as to mitigation responsibilities when there are adverse impacts on host and neighboring communities.

Finds that there is a need to clarify regional and state mitigation responsibilities and develop regional and state mitigation tools to compensate host communities that are impacted as a result of the siting of essential public facilities.

Finds that those mitigation tools need to be incorporated into regional and statewide planning policies and agreements.

Requires the joint task force on essential public facilities to commence by June 1, 2005. The joint task force shall present a final report, including any legislative recommendations, to the legislature no later than January 1, 2006.