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1 AN ACT Relating to planning for growth; and amending RCW  
2 36.70A.110.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.110 and 1994 c 249 s 27 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Each county that is required or chooses to plan under RCW  
7 36.70A.040 shall designate an urban growth area or areas within which  
8 urban growth shall be encouraged and outside of which growth can occur  
9 only if it is not urban in nature. Each city that is located in such  
10 a county shall be included within an urban growth area. An urban  
11 growth area may include more than a single city. An urban growth area  
12 may include territory that is located outside of a city only if such  
13 territory already is characterized by urban growth or is adjacent to  
14 territory already characterized by urban growth.

15 (2) (~~Based upon the population growth management planning~~  
16 ~~population projection made for the county by the office of financial~~  
17 ~~management,~~) The urban growth areas in the county shall include areas  
18 and densities sufficient to permit at a minimum the urban growth that  
19 is projected to occur in the county for the succeeding twenty-year

1 period by the office of financial management. Nothing in this chapter  
2 is intended to prohibit counties and cities from planning for more  
3 growth than projected by the office of financial management. Each  
4 urban growth area shall permit urban densities and shall include  
5 greenbelt and open space areas. Within one year of July 1, 1990, each  
6 county that as of June 1, 1991, was required or chose to plan under RCW  
7 36.70A.040, shall begin consulting with each city located within its  
8 boundaries and each city shall propose the location of an urban growth  
9 area. Within sixty days of the date the county legislative authority  
10 of a county adopts its resolution of intention or of certification by  
11 the office of financial management, all other counties that are  
12 required or choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 shall begin this  
13 consultation with each city located within its boundaries. The county  
14 shall attempt to reach agreement with each city on the location of an  
15 urban growth area within which the city is located. If such an  
16 agreement is not reached with each city located within the urban growth  
17 area, the county shall justify in writing why it so designated the area  
18 an urban growth area. A city may object formally with the department  
19 over the designation of the urban growth area within which it is  
20 located. Where appropriate, the department shall attempt to resolve  
21 the conflicts, including the use of mediation services.

22 (3) Urban growth should be located first in areas already  
23 characterized by urban growth that have existing public facility and  
24 service capacities to serve such development, and second in areas  
25 already characterized by urban growth that will be served by a  
26 combination of both existing public facilities and services and any  
27 additional needed public facilities and services that are provided by  
28 either public or private sources. Further, it is appropriate that  
29 urban government services be provided by cities, and urban government  
30 services should not be provided in rural areas.

31 (4) On or before October 1, 1993, each county that was initially  
32 required to plan under RCW 36.70A.040(1) shall adopt development  
33 regulations designating interim urban growth areas under this chapter.  
34 Within three years and three months of the date the county legislative  
35 authority of a county adopts its resolution of intention or of  
36 certification by the office of financial management, all other counties  
37 that are required or choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 shall adopt  
38 development regulations designating interim urban growth areas under  
39 this chapter. Adoption of the interim urban growth areas may only

1 occur after public notice; public hearing; and compliance with the  
2 state environmental policy act, chapter 43.21C RCW, and RCW 36.70A.110.  
3 Such action may be appealed to the appropriate growth management  
4 hearings board under RCW 36.70A.280. Final urban growth areas shall be  
5 adopted at the time of comprehensive plan adoption under this chapter.

6 (5) Each county shall include designations of urban growth areas in  
7 its comprehensive plan.

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