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1 AN ACT Relating to factors used in the establishment of urban  
2 growth areas; and amending RCW 36.70A.110 and 43.62.035.

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, as defined in RCW  
14 36.70A.030, or is adjacent to territory already characterized by urban  
15 growth, whether or not the area characterized by growth is adjacent.

16 (2) Based upon the (~~population~~) growth management planning  
17 population projection made for the county by the office of financial  
18 management, the urban growth areas in the county shall include areas  
19 and densities at least sufficient to permit the urban growth that is

1 projected to occur in the county for the succeeding twenty-year period.  
2 Each urban growth area shall permit urban densities and shall include  
3 greenbelt and open space areas. Within one year of July 1, 1990, each  
4 county that as of June 1, 1991, was required or chose to plan under RCW  
5 36.70A.040, shall begin consulting with each city located within its  
6 boundaries and each city shall propose the location of an urban growth  
7 area. Within sixty days of the date the county legislative authority  
8 of a county adopts its resolution of intention or of certification by  
9 the office of financial management, all other counties that are  
10 required or choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 shall begin this  
11 consultation with each city located within its boundaries. The county  
12 shall attempt to reach agreement with each city on the location of an  
13 urban growth area within which the city is located. If such an  
14 agreement is not reached with each city located within the urban growth  
15 area, the county shall justify in writing why it so designated the area  
16 an urban growth area. A city may object formally with the department  
17 over the designation of the urban growth area within which it is  
18 located. Where appropriate, the department shall attempt to resolve  
19 the conflicts, including the use of mediation services.

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

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.62.035 and 1991 sp.s. c 32 s 30 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 The office of financial management shall determine the population  
11 of each county of the state annually as of April 1st of each year and  
12 on or before July 1st of each year shall file a certificate with the  
13 secretary of state showing its determination of the population for each  
14 county. The office of financial management also shall determine the  
15 percentage increase in population for each county over the preceding  
16 ten-year period, as of April 1st, and shall file a certificate with the  
17 secretary of state by July 1st showing its determination. At least  
18 once every ten years the office of financial management shall prepare  
19 a range of twenty-year growth management planning population  
20 projections required by RCW 36.70A.110 for each county that adopts a  
21 comprehensive plan under RCW 36.70A.040 and shall review these  
22 projections with such counties before final adoption.

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