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By Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Patterson, McCaslin, Gardner, Sheahan, T. Sheldon, Deccio, Haugen, Winsley and Hochstatter)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a schedule for review of
2 comprehensive plans and development regulations adopted under the
3 growth management act; and amending RCW 36.70A.130.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.130 and 1997 c 429 s 10 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1)(a) Each comprehensive land use plan and development regulations
8 shall be subject to continuing review and evaluation by the county or
9 city that adopted them. (~~Not later than September 1, 2002, and at~~
10 ~~least every five years thereafter,)~~ A county or city shall take action
11 to review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive land use plan and
12 development regulations to ensure ((that)) the plan and regulations
13 ((are complying)) comply with the requirements of this chapter
14 according to the time periods specified in subsection (4) of this
15 section. A county or city not planning under RCW 36.70A.040 shall take
16 action to review and, if needed, revise its policies and development
17 regulations regarding critical areas and natural resource lands adopted
18 according to this chapter to ensure these policies and regulations
19 comply with the requirements of this chapter according to the time

1 periods specified in subsection (4) of this section. The review and
2 evaluation required by this subsection may be combined with the review
3 required by subsection (3) of this section.

4 (b) Any amendment of or revision to a comprehensive land use plan
5 shall conform to this chapter(~~(, and)~~). Any (~~(change)~~) amendment of or
6 revision to development regulations shall be consistent with and
7 implement the comprehensive plan.

8 (2)(a) Each county and city shall establish and broadly disseminate
9 to the public a public participation program identifying procedures
10 whereby proposed amendments or revisions of the comprehensive plan are
11 considered by the governing body of the county or city no more
12 frequently than once every year (~~(except that)~~). Amendments may be
13 considered more frequently than once per year under the following
14 circumstances:

15 (i) The initial adoption of a subarea plan;

16 (ii) The adoption or amendment of a shoreline master program under
17 the procedures set forth in chapter 90.58 RCW; and

18 (iii) The amendment of the capital facilities element of a
19 comprehensive plan that occurs concurrently with the adoption or
20 amendment of a county or city budget.

21 (b) Except as otherwise provided in (a) of this subsection, all
22 proposals shall be considered by the governing body concurrently so the
23 cumulative effect of the various proposals can be ascertained.
24 However, after appropriate public participation a county or city may
25 adopt amendments or revisions to its comprehensive plan that conform
26 with this chapter whenever an emergency exists or to resolve an appeal
27 of a comprehensive plan filed with a growth management hearings board
28 or with the court.

29 (3) Each county that designates urban growth areas under RCW
30 36.70A.110 shall review, at least every ten years, its designated urban
31 growth area or areas, and the densities permitted within both the
32 incorporated and unincorporated portions of each urban growth area. In
33 conjunction with this review by the county, each city located within an
34 urban growth area shall review the densities permitted within its
35 boundaries, and the extent to which the urban growth occurring within
36 the county has located within each city and the unincorporated portions
37 of the urban growth areas. The county comprehensive plan designating
38 urban growth areas, and the densities permitted in the urban growth
39 areas by the comprehensive plans of the county and each city located

1 within the urban growth areas, shall be revised to accommodate the
2 urban growth projected to occur in the county for the succeeding
3 twenty-year period. The review required by this subsection may be
4 combined with the review and evaluation required by RCW 36.70A.215.

5 (4) The department shall establish a schedule for counties and
6 cities to take action to review and, if needed, revise their
7 comprehensive plans and development regulations to ensure the plan and
8 regulations comply with the requirements of this chapter. The schedule
9 established by the department shall provide for the reviews and
10 evaluations to be completed as follows:

11 (a) On or before the following dates, and every five years
12 thereafter, for Clark, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, and Thurston
13 counties and the cities within those counties:

14 (i) December 1, 2003, for policies and regulations regarding
15 critical areas. However, any amendment to these policies and
16 regulations adopted as a result of this review and evaluation shall not
17 be effective before July 1, 2004; and

18 (ii) July 1, 2004, for policies, comprehensive plans, and
19 development regulations other than policies and regulations regarding
20 critical areas that are adopted according to this chapter;

21 (b) On or before December 1, 2004, and every ten years thereafter,
22 for Clallam, Jefferson, and Whatcom counties and the cities within
23 those counties;

24 (c) On or before December 1, 2005, and every ten years thereafter,
25 for Cowlitz, Island, Lewis, Mason, San Juan, Skagit, and Skamania
26 counties and the cities within those counties;

27 (d) On or before December 1, 2006, and every ten years thereafter,
28 for Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas, Spokane, and Yakima
29 counties and the cities within those counties; and

30 (e) On or before December 1, 2007, and every ten years thereafter,
31 for Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grays Harbor,
32 Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Stevens,
33 Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties and the cities within
34 those counties.

35 (5) Nothing in this section precludes a county or city from
36 conducting the review and evaluation required by this section before
37 the time limits established in subsection (4) of this section.
38 Counties and cities may begin this process early and may be eligible

1 for grants from the department, subject to available funding, if they
2 elect to do so.

3 (6) A county or city subject to the time periods in subsection
4 (4)(a) of this section that, pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the
5 county or city establishing a schedule for periodic review of its
6 comprehensive plan and development regulations, has conducted a review
7 and evaluation of its comprehensive plan and development regulations
8 and, on or after January 1, 2001, has taken action in response to that
9 review and evaluation shall be deemed to have conducted the first
10 review required by subsection (4)(a) of this section. Subsequent
11 review and evaluation by the county or city of its comprehensive plan
12 and development regulations shall be conducted in accordance with the
13 time periods established under subsection (4)(a) of this section.

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