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1 On page 17, after line 9 of the amendment, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The joint legislative audit and review
3 committee shall conduct a performance audit and evaluation of the
4 growth management act, chapter 36.70A RCW, by January 1, 2009. The
5 audit must include the following components:

6 (1) An evaluation of the effectiveness of growth management act
7 policies and requirements, including:

8 (a) An assessment to determine whether or not and to what degree
9 the growth management act has been successful in furthering the
10 planning goals as described in RCW 36.70A.020; and

11 (b) The identification of challenges and barriers limiting the
12 success of the growth management act in furthering and achieving the
13 planning goals of RCW 36.70A.020 as well as a recommendation of the
14 best method for the state and local jurisdictions to annually identify
15 and address challenges and barriers to achieving the planning goals;

16 (2) A determination of the full financial cost to local governments
17 for activities related to compliance with the growth management act
18 since its enactment and a recommendation of the most appropriate method
19 of fully funding future planning and accountability activities. Costs
20 to be included in the assessment of the total financial cost of the
21 growth management act must include, among others, costs associated with
22 planning, implementation, and litigation;

23 (3) A determination of the most effective and accurate method of
24 determining growth management population projections by the office of
25 financial management that will result in the identification of correct
26 yearly targets for housing for all economic segments within each local
27 jurisdiction;

28 (4) A determination of the most accurate method for local
29 jurisdictions to establish correct housing targets, including
30 recommended procedures to:

- 1 (a) Identify the existing backlog need for housing by wage and
2 income level;
- 3 (b) Ensure that there is adequate and appropriate available housing
4 given the number and wage levels of employment opportunities in order
5 to accomplish the goal of providing housing opportunities to all
6 individuals near their places of employment; and
- 7 (c) Ensure that available housing at a variety of monthly housing
8 price points matches available employment opportunities while
9 considering employment wages and total household income levels of
10 employees within the jurisdiction;
- 11 (5) An overall evaluation of the efficiency and effectiveness of
12 the growth management hearings boards established in RCW 36.70A.250,
13 including the petition and appeals processes;
- 14 (6) The determination of the best method to link wage or income
15 performance measures of individuals and households in all housing
16 economic segments to the key performance measures of other growth
17 management act goals in action plans for local legislative authorities;
18 and
- 19 (7) A determination of the most effective methods to track
20 performance measures on an annual basis and to hold local jurisdictions
21 accountable for meeting the performance measures."

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22 On page 17, line 12 of the title amendment, after "36.70A.540;"
23 strike "and" and on line 13, after "RCW" insert "; and creating a new
24 section"

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