

**HB 1504-S.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS PASSED LEGISLATURE)

Authorizes the following counties and each of the cities in the counties to adopt development regulations to assure that agriculture, forest, and mineral resource lands adjacent to short line railroads may be developed for freight rail dependent uses: (1) Counties located to the east of the crest of the Cascade mountains; and

(2) Counties located to the west of the crest of the Cascade mountains that have a population of at least two hundred forty thousand and a border that touches another state.

Requires development regulations related to the development of agriculture, forest, and mineral resource lands adjacent to short line railroads for freight rail dependent uses to require buffers sufficient to prevent encroachment on or impacts to the adjacent resource lands.

Authorizes the transportation element, for the following counties and each of the cities in the counties, to include development of freight rail dependent uses on land adjacent to a short line railroad: (1) Counties located to the east of the crest of the Cascade mountains; and

(2) Counties located to the west of the crest of the Cascade mountains that have a population of at least two hundred forty thousand and a border that touches another state.

Authorizes development regulations to be modified to include development of freight rail dependent uses that do not require urban government services in rural lands.