

SB 5042 - S AMD 51
By Senator Short

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1 Beginning on page 1, line 5, strike all of section 1 and insert
2 the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that affordable
4 housing is one of the greatest challenges facing our state today.
5 Providing missing middle housing for the workforce is essential for
6 resolving the homeless crisis and getting people into homes at all
7 income levels. In order to build more houses, it is important to
8 create certainty in the legal framework for permitting housing. As
9 important as it is to have public review of legislative decisions
10 regarding planning, it is equally important to have certainty built
11 into the permitting process to enable no break in the housing supply.

12 The legislature also finds that there is a need for certainty to
13 support a legislative action. Judicial review of acts is to aid in
14 interpretation of the law and should not be abused as a way to change
15 the outcomes of legislative actions. Standing for review actions
16 should be narrow and limited to people who have a personal interest
17 in the outcome of the legislative action. Without stricter sideboards
18 on who can promote appeals, development and new housing will grind to
19 a halt, exacerbating this housing crisis.

20 Therefore, the legislature intends to set the effective date of
21 these impactful planning actions to a time that will allow for the
22 appropriate review of growth planning decisions to balance the need
23 for more types of housing intended under this act."

EFFECT: Replaces the intent section.

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