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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5380**

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**State of Washington**

**67th Legislature**

**2021 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Housing & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senator Fortunato)

READ FIRST TIME 02/12/21.

1 AN ACT Relating to approval of building permits; and creating a  
2 new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of commerce, through a  
5 contract with a consultant with experience in local project review  
6 and permitting, must develop options for streamlining the local  
7 government project review and permitting process under chapter 36.70B  
8 RCW. The department of commerce must develop those options by  
9 utilizing appropriate public participation by affected stakeholders  
10 in the review of the local project review and permitting process  
11 including commercial and residential builders, realtors, cities,  
12 counties, and environmental groups. The evaluation must include a  
13 report of existing actual permit timelines including the number of  
14 consecutive calendar days between the first permit submission and  
15 final permit decision and options for reducing consecutive calendar  
16 days for issuing permits. The department of commerce must submit a  
17 final report with recommendations for streamlining the local  
18 government project review and permitting process to the appropriate  
19 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2021.

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