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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1620**

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**State of Washington 68th Legislature 2023 Regular Session**

**By** House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Fey and Morgan)

AN ACT Relating to the number of inhabitants required for incorporation as a city or town; amending RCW 35.02.010 and 35.02.010; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 35.02.010 and 1994 c 216 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:

Any contiguous area containing not less than ((~~one thousand five hundred~~)) 1,500 inhabitants lying outside the limits of an incorporated city or town may become incorporated as a city or town operating under Title 35 or 35A RCW as provided in this chapter((~~: PROVIDED, That no area which lies within five air miles of the boundary of any city having a population of fifteen thousand or more shall be incorporated which contains less than three thousand inhabitants~~)).

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NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  Section 1 of this act expires June 30, 2028.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  Section 2 of this act takes effect June 30, 2028.

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