

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1620

Chapter 82, Laws of 2023

68th Legislature
2023 Regular Session

CITY OR TOWN INCORPORATION—NUMBER OF INHABITANTS REQUIRED

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23, 2023—Except for section 2, which takes effect June 30, 2028.

Passed by the House February 9, 2023
Yeas 97 Nays 0

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 31, 2023
Yeas 47 Nays 1

DENNY HECK

President of the Senate

Approved April 13, 2023 10:01 AM

JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1620** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

Chief Clerk

FILED

April 13, 2023

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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

READ FIRST TIME 02/07/23.

1 AN ACT Relating to the number of inhabitants required for
2 incorporation as a city or town; amending RCW 35.02.010 and
3 35.02.010; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration
4 date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.02.010 and 1994 c 216 s 12 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

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

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.02.010 and 1994 c 216 s 12 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 Any contiguous area containing not less than (~~one thousand five~~
19 hundred)) 1,500 inhabitants lying outside the limits of an
20 incorporated city or town may become incorporated as a city or town

1 operating under Title 35 or 35A RCW as provided in this chapter:
2 PROVIDED, That no area which lies within five air miles of the
3 boundary of any city having a population of (~~fifteen thousand~~)
4 15,000 or more shall be incorporated which contains less than (~~three~~
5 ~~thousand~~) 3,000 inhabitants.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act expires June 30,
7 2028.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this act takes effect June
9 30, 2028.

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