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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5728

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By Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Amondson, Vognild, Owen, Bauer, Stratton, McCaslin, West and Johnson)

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1            AN ACT Relating to the state environmental policy act; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 43.21C RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**            The legislature recognizes that land use  
5 decisions have been delayed because threshold determinations are not  
6 being completed within a reasonable time, after being postponed for  
7 months beyond the recommended state agency fifteen-day guideline. The  
8 effect has been unreasonable and costly delays for land use decisions.  
9 To correct his problem, the legislature recognizes the need for a  
10 definite time limit for making threshold determinations.

11            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.21C RCW  
12 to read as follows:

1           A threshold determination shall be completed within fifteen days if  
2 possible, but under no circumstance shall take longer than sixty days  
3 unless the applicant consents to an extension. If no agency decision  
4 has occurred after sixty days, a declaration of nonsignificance shall  
5 automatically be issued, not subject to administrative, legal, or other  
6 appeals.