Sponsor(s): Representatives Ebersole, Betrozoff, Cooper, Forner, Winsley and Morris

Brief Description: Revising provisions relating to growth management.

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Revises planning goals and definitions.

Revises the role of local government in development regulations of natural resource lands.

Revises the planning goals of RCW 36.70A.020, 36.70A.090, 36.70A.110, 36.70A.120, 36.70A.130, and 36.70A.140.

Revises the mandatory and optional elements of comprehensive plans.

Requires counties to establish a process for reviewing proposals for new communities and designates the required criteria for approval of the communities.

Requires special districts to conform to the state policy goals for land use planning.

Revises provisions for additional excise tax on sales of real property.

Specifies the elements for inclusion in regional growth management plans.

Requires state agencies to plan consistent with the planning goals.

Directs the interagency committee for outdoor recreation to prepare a state-wide open space plan for distribution to the counties and cities.

Creates three dispute resolution councils for the state, designates the jurisdiction of the councils, and provides for an appeal process.

Provides for sanctions in case of noncompliance with planning requirements by counties, cities, or state agencies, including the withholding of revenues.

Authorizes the power to disband boundary review boards.

Provides that nothing in the act shall affect any tribal rights established by treaty.