
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2628

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By House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives R. Fisher, Campbell, Edmondson, Sommers, Appelwick and Dorn)

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1 AN ACT Relating to condemnation of blighted property; and amending
2 RCW 35.80A.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.80A.010 and 1989 c 271 s 239 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Every county, city, and town may acquire by condemnation, in
7 accordance with the notice requirements and other procedures for
8 condemnation provided in Title 8 RCW, any property, dwelling, building,
9 or structure which constitutes a blight on the surrounding
10 neighborhood. A "blight on the surrounding neighborhood" is any
11 property, dwelling, building, or structure that meets any two of the
12 following factors: (1) If a dwelling, building, or structure exists on
13 the property, the dwelling, building, or structure has not been
14 lawfully occupied for a period of one year or more(~~(7)~~); (2) the
15 property, dwelling, building, or structure constitutes a threat to the
16 public health, safety, or welfare as determined by the (~~county health~~
17 department in the applicable county and that)) executive authority of
18 the county, city, or town, or the designee of the executive authority;
19 or (3) the property, dwelling, building, or structure is or has been

1 associated with illegal drug activity during the previous twelve
2 months. Prior to such condemnation, the local governing body shall
3 adopt a resolution declaring that the acquisition of the real property
4 described therein is necessary to eliminate neighborhood blight.
5 Condemnation of property, dwellings, buildings, and structures for the
6 purposes described in this chapter is declared to be for a public use.

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