

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SSB 5567

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Providing for preservation of single-family residential neighborhoods.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senator Heavey).

**Senate Committee on Government Operations**

**House Committee on Government Operations**

**Background:** Counties and cities required to plan under the Growth Management Act are required to adopt a comprehensive plan. One of several elements in the comprehensive plan is a housing element which must:

- recognize the vitality and character of established residential neighborhoods;
- include a statement of goals, policies and objectives for the preservation, improvement and development of housing; and
- identify sufficient land for housing.

There is concern that these requirements not only do not adequately protect single-family residential neighborhoods, but increase pressure to rezone established single-family neighborhoods to allow development of apartment buildings and commercial uses.

**Summary:** A comprehensive plan adopted pursuant to the Growth Management Act must include a housing element. The housing element must:

- ensure the vitality and character of established residential neighborhoods; and
- include a statement of goals, policies, objectives, and mandatory provisions for the preservation, improvement, and development of housing, including single-family housing.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	46	2	
House	73	21	(House amended)
Senate			(Senate refused to concur)
House			(House refused to recede)
Senate			(Senate refused to concur)
House	70	24	(House receded)

**Effective:** July 23, 1995