

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2830

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IMPLEMENTING LAND USE STUDY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

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CLYDE BALLARD
**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 11, 1998
Yeas 42 Nays 1

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved April 2, 1998, with the
exception of sections 4 and 6, which
are vetoed.

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2830** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN
Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on House Government Reform & Land Use (originally sponsored by Representatives Reams, Romero and Lantz; by request of Land Use Study Commission)

Read first time 02/05/98. Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to recommendations of the land use study
2 commission; amending RCW 35.13.182, 36.70A.020, 36.70A.060, and
3 36.70A.070; amending 1995 c 347 s 433 (uncodified); amending 1995 c 347
4 s 411 (uncodified); amending 1995 c 347 s 412 (uncodified); adding new
5 sections to chapter 35.13 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter
6 36.70A RCW.

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

8 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.13.182 and 1997 c 429 s 37 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (1) The legislative body of a city or town planning under chapter
11 36.70A RCW as of June 30, 1994, may resolve to annex territory to the
12 city or town if there is, within the city or town, unincorporated
13 territory containing residential property owners within the same county
14 and within the same urban growth area designated under RCW 36.70A.110
15 as the city or town:

16 (a) Containing less than one hundred acres and having at least
17 eighty percent of the boundaries of such area contiguous to the city or
18 town (~~((if such area existed before June 30, 1994))~~); or

1 (b) Of any size and having at least eighty percent of the
2 boundaries of the area contiguous to the city if the area existed
3 before June 30, 1994.

4 (2) The resolution shall describe the boundaries of the area to be
5 annexed, state the number of voters residing in the area as nearly as
6 may be, and set a date for a public hearing on the resolution for
7 annexation. Notice of the hearing shall be given by publication of the
8 resolution at least once a week for two weeks before the date of the
9 hearing in one or more newspapers of general circulation within the
10 city or town and one or more newspapers of general circulation within
11 the area to be annexed.

12 (3) For purposes of subsection (1)(b) of this section, territory
13 bounded by a river, lake, or other body of water is considered
14 contiguous to a city that is also bounded by the same river, lake, or
15 other body of water.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35.13 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 The annexation ordinance provided for in RCW 35.13.182 is subject
19 to referendum for forty-five days after its passage. Upon the filing
20 of a timely and sufficient referendum petition with the legislative
21 body, signed by qualified electors in number equal to not less than ten
22 percent of the votes cast in the last general state election in the
23 area to be annexed, the question of annexation shall be submitted to
24 the voters of the area in a general election if one is to be held
25 within ninety days or at a special election called for that purpose not
26 less than forty-five days nor more than ninety days after the filing of
27 the referendum petition. Notice of the election shall be given as
28 provided in RCW 35.13.080 and the election shall be conducted as
29 provided in the general election law. The annexation shall be deemed
30 approved by the voters unless a majority of the votes cast on the
31 proposition are in opposition thereto.

32 After the expiration of the forty-fifth day from but excluding the
33 date of passage of the annexation ordinance, if no timely and
34 sufficient referendum petition has been filed, the area annexed shall
35 become a part of the city or town upon the date fixed in the ordinance
36 of annexation.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 35.13 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 On the date set for hearing as provided in RCW 35.13.182(2),
4 residents or property owners of the area included in the resolution for
5 annexation shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard. The
6 legislative body may provide by ordinance for annexation of the
7 territory described in the resolution, but the effective date of the
8 ordinance shall be not less than forty-five days after the passage
9 thereof. The legislative body shall cause notice of the proposed
10 effective date of the annexation, together with a description of the
11 property to be annexed, to be published at least once each week for two
12 weeks subsequent to passage of the ordinance, in one or more newspapers
13 of general circulation within the city and in one or more newspapers of
14 general circulation within the area to be annexed. If the annexation
15 ordinance provides for assumption of indebtedness or adoption of a
16 proposed zoning regulation, the notice shall include a statement of
17 such requirements.

18 **Sec. 4. RCW 36.70A.020 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 2 are each*
19 *amended to read as follows:*

20 *The following goals are adopted to guide the development and*
21 *adoption of comprehensive plans and development regulations of those*
22 *counties and cities that are required or choose to plan under RCW*
23 *36.70A.040. The following goals are not listed in order of priority*
24 *and shall be used exclusively for the purpose of guiding the*
25 *development of comprehensive plans and development regulations:*

26 *(1) Urban growth. Encourage development in urban areas where*
27 *adequate public facilities and services exist or can be provided in an*
28 *efficient manner. Urban growth areas should have concentrated*
29 *employment centers, separated by adequate buffers that protect critical*
30 *areas, and need not be uniformly urban in nature.*

31 *(2) Reduce sprawl. Reduce the inappropriate conversion of*
32 *undeveloped land into sprawling, low-density development.*

33 *(3) Transportation. Encourage efficient multimodal transportation*
34 *systems that are based on regional priorities and coordinated with*
35 *county and city comprehensive plans.*

36 *(4) Housing. Encourage the availability of affordable housing to*
37 *all economic segments of the population of this state, promote a*

1 variety of residential densities and housing types, and encourage
2 preservation of existing housing stock.

3 (5) Economic development. Encourage economic development
4 throughout the state that is consistent with adopted comprehensive
5 plans, promote economic opportunity for all citizens of this state,
6 especially for unemployed and for disadvantaged persons, and encourage
7 growth in areas experiencing insufficient economic growth, all within
8 the capacities of the state's natural resources, public services, and
9 public facilities.

10 (6) Property rights. Private property shall not be taken for
11 public use without just compensation having been made. The property
12 rights of landowners shall be protected from arbitrary and
13 discriminatory actions.

14 (7) Permits. Applications for both state and local government
15 permits should be processed in a timely and fair manner to ensure
16 predictability.

17 (8) Natural resource industries. Maintain and enhance natural
18 resource-based industries, including productive timber, agricultural,
19 and fisheries industries. Encourage the conservation of productive
20 forest lands and productive agricultural lands, and discourage
21 incompatible uses.

22 (9) Open space and recreation. Encourage the retention of open
23 space and development of recreational opportunities, conserve fish and
24 wildlife habitat, increase access to natural resource lands and water,
25 and develop parks.

26 (10) Environment. Protect the environment and enhance the state's
27 high quality of life, including air and water quality, and the
28 availability of water.

29 (11) Citizen participation and coordination. Encourage the
30 involvement of citizens in the planning process and ensure coordination
31 between communities and jurisdictions to reconcile conflicts.

32 (12) Public facilities and services. Ensure that those public
33 facilities and services necessary to support development shall be
34 adequate to serve the development at the time the development is
35 available for occupancy and use without decreasing current service
36 levels below locally established minimum standards.

37 (13) Historic preservation. Identify and encourage the
38 preservation of lands, sites, and structures, that have historical or
39 archaeological significance.

1 *Sec. 4 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.

2 **Sec. 5.** RCW 36.70A.060 and 1991 sp.s. c 32 s 21 are each amended
3 to read as follows:

4 (1) Each county that is required or chooses to plan under RCW
5 36.70A.040, and each city within such county, shall adopt development
6 regulations on or before September 1, 1991, to assure the conservation
7 of agricultural, forest, and mineral resource lands designated under
8 RCW 36.70A.170. Regulations adopted under this subsection may not
9 prohibit uses legally existing on any parcel prior to their adoption
10 and shall remain in effect until the county or city adopts development
11 regulations pursuant to RCW ((36.70A.120)) 36.70A.040. Such
12 regulations shall assure that the use of lands adjacent to
13 agricultural, forest, or mineral resource lands shall not interfere
14 with the continued use, in the accustomed manner and in accordance with
15 best management practices, of these designated lands for the production
16 of food, agricultural products, or timber, or for the extraction of
17 minerals. Counties and cities shall require that all plats, short
18 plats, development permits, and building permits issued for development
19 activities on, or within ((three)) five hundred feet of, lands
20 designated as agricultural lands, forest lands, or mineral resource
21 lands, contain a notice that the subject property is within or near
22 designated agricultural lands, forest lands, or mineral resource lands
23 on which a variety of commercial activities may occur that are not
24 compatible with residential development for certain periods of limited
25 duration. The notice for mineral resource lands shall also inform that
26 an application might be made for mining-related activities, including
27 mining, extraction, washing, crushing, stockpiling, blasting,
28 transporting, and recycling of minerals.

29 (2) Each county and city shall adopt development regulations that
30 protect critical areas that are required to be designated under RCW
31 36.70A.170. For counties and cities that are required or choose to
32 plan under RCW 36.70A.040, such development regulations shall be
33 adopted on or before September 1, 1991. For the remainder of the
34 counties and cities, such development regulations shall be adopted on
35 or before March 1, 1992.

36 (3) Such counties and cities shall review these designations and
37 development regulations when adopting their comprehensive plans under
38 RCW 36.70A.040 and implementing development regulations under RCW

1 36.70A.120 and may alter such designations and development regulations
2 to insure consistency.

3 (4) Forest land and agricultural land located within urban growth
4 areas shall not be designated by a county or city as forest land or
5 agricultural land of long-term commercial significance under RCW
6 36.70A.170 unless the city or county has enacted a program authorizing
7 transfer or purchase of development rights.

8 *Sec. 6. RCW 36.70A.070 and 1997 c 429 s 7 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 The comprehensive plan of a county or city that is required or
11 chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 shall consist of a map or maps,
12 and descriptive text covering objectives, principles, and standards
13 used to develop the comprehensive plan. The plan shall be an
14 internally consistent document and all elements shall be consistent
15 with the future land use map. A comprehensive plan shall be adopted
16 and amended with public participation as provided in RCW 36.70A.140.

17 Each comprehensive plan shall include a plan, scheme, or design for
18 each of the following:

19 (1) A land use element designating the proposed general
20 distribution and general location and extent of the uses of land, where
21 appropriate, for agriculture, timber production, housing, commerce,
22 industry, recreation, open spaces, general aviation airports, public
23 utilities, public facilities, and other land uses. The land use
24 element shall include population densities, building intensities, and
25 estimates of future population growth. The land use element shall
26 provide for protection of the quality and quantity of ground water used
27 for public water supplies. Where applicable, the land use element
28 shall review drainage, flooding, and storm water run-off in the area
29 and nearby jurisdictions and provide guidance for corrective actions to
30 mitigate or cleanse those discharges that pollute waters of the state,
31 including Puget Sound or waters entering Puget Sound.

32 (2) A housing element ensuring the vitality and character of
33 established residential neighborhoods that: (a) Includes an inventory
34 and analysis of existing and projected housing needs; (b) includes a
35 statement of goals, policies, objectives, and mandatory provisions for
36 the preservation, improvement, and development of housing, including
37 single-family residences; (c) identifies sufficient land for housing,
38 including, but not limited to, government-assisted housing, housing for

1 low-income families, manufactured housing, multifamily housing, and
2 group homes and foster care facilities; and (d) makes adequate
3 provisions for existing and projected needs of all economic segments of
4 the community, including affordable housing and adequate housing
5 located within reasonable commuting distances to employment centers.

6 (3) A capital facilities plan element consisting of: (a) An
7 inventory of existing capital facilities owned by public entities,
8 showing the locations and capacities of the capital facilities; (b) a
9 forecast of the future needs for such capital facilities; (c) the
10 proposed locations and capacities of expanded or new capital
11 facilities; (d) at least a six-year plan that will finance such capital
12 facilities within projected funding capacities and clearly identifies
13 sources of public money for such purposes; and (e) a requirement to
14 reassess the land use element if probable funding falls short of
15 meeting existing needs and to ensure that the land use element, capital
16 facilities plan element, and financing plan within the capital
17 facilities plan element are coordinated and consistent.

18 (4) A utilities element consisting of the general location,
19 proposed location, and capacity of all existing and proposed utilities,
20 including, but not limited to, electrical lines, telecommunication
21 lines, and natural gas lines.

22 (5) Rural element. Counties shall include a rural element
23 including lands that are not designated for urban growth, agriculture,
24 forest, or mineral resources. The following provisions shall apply to
25 the rural element:

26 (a) Growth management act goals and local circumstances. Because
27 circumstances vary from county to county, in establishing patterns of
28 rural densities and uses, a county may consider local circumstances,
29 but shall develop a written record explaining how the rural element
30 harmonizes the planning goals in RCW 36.70A.020 and meets the
31 requirements of this chapter.

32 (b) Rural development. The rural element shall permit rural
33 development, forestry, and agriculture in rural areas. The rural
34 element shall provide for a variety of rural densities, uses, essential
35 public facilities, and rural governmental services needed to serve the
36 permitted densities and uses. In order to achieve a variety of rural
37 densities and uses, counties may provide for clustering, density
38 transfer, design guidelines, conservation easements, and other
39 innovative techniques that will accommodate appropriate rural densities

1 and uses that are not characterized by urban growth and that are
2 consistent with rural character.

3 (c) Measures governing rural development. The rural element shall
4 include measures that apply to rural development and protect the rural
5 character of the area, as established by the county, by:

6 (i) Containing or otherwise controlling rural development;

7 (ii) Assuring visual compatibility of rural development with the
8 surrounding rural area;

9 (iii) Reducing the inappropriate conversion of undeveloped land
10 into sprawling, low-density development in the rural area;

11 (iv) Protecting critical areas, as provided in RCW 36.70A.060, and
12 surface water and ground water resources; and

13 (v) Protecting against conflicts with the use of agricultural,
14 forest, and mineral resource lands designated under RCW 36.70A.170.

15 (d) Limited areas of more intensive rural development. Subject to
16 the requirements of this subsection and except as otherwise
17 specifically provided in this subsection (5)(d), the rural element may
18 allow for limited areas of more intensive rural development, including
19 necessary public facilities and public services to serve the limited
20 area as follows:

21 (i) Rural development consisting of the infill, development, or
22 redevelopment of existing commercial, industrial, residential, or
23 mixed-use areas, whether characterized as shoreline development,
24 villages, hamlets, rural activity centers, or crossroads developments.
25 A commercial, industrial, residential, shoreline, or mixed-use area
26 shall be subject to the requirements of (d)(iv) of this subsection, but
27 shall not be subject to the requirements of (c)(ii) and (iii) of this
28 subsection. An industrial area is not required to be principally
29 designed to serve the existing and projected rural population;

30 (ii) The intensification of development on lots containing, or new
31 development of, small-scale recreational or tourist uses, including
32 commercial facilities to serve those recreational or tourist uses, that
33 rely on a rural location and setting, but that do not include new
34 residential development. A small-scale recreation or tourist use is
35 not required to be principally designed to serve the existing and
36 projected rural population. Public services and public facilities
37 shall be limited to those necessary to serve the recreation or tourist
38 use and shall be provided in a manner that does not permit low-density
39 sprawl;

1 (iii) The intensification of development on lots containing
2 isolated nonresidential uses or new development of isolated cottage
3 industries and isolated small-scale businesses that are not principally
4 designed to serve the existing and projected rural population and
5 nonresidential uses, but do provide job opportunities for rural
6 residents. Public services and public facilities shall be limited to
7 those necessary to serve the isolated nonresidential use and shall be
8 provided in a manner that does not permit low-density sprawl;

9 (iv) A county shall adopt measures to minimize and contain the
10 existing areas or uses of more intensive rural development, as
11 appropriate, authorized under this subsection. Lands included in such
12 existing areas or uses shall not extend beyond the logical outer
13 boundary of the existing area or use, thereby allowing a new pattern of
14 low-density sprawl. Existing areas are those that are clearly
15 identifiable and contained and where there is a logical boundary
16 delineated predominately by the built environment, but that may also
17 include undeveloped lands if limited as provided in this subsection.
18 The county shall establish the logical outer boundary of an area of
19 more intensive rural development. In establishing the logical outer
20 boundary the county shall address (A) the need to preserve the
21 character of existing natural neighborhoods and communities, (B)
22 physical boundaries such as bodies of water, streets and highways, and
23 land forms and contours, (C) the prevention of abnormally irregular
24 boundaries, and (D) the ability to provide public facilities and public
25 services in a manner that does not permit low-density sprawl;

26 (v) For purposes of (d) of this subsection, an existing area or
27 existing use is one that was in existence:

28 (A) On July 1, 1990, in a county that was initially required to
29 plan under all of the provisions of this chapter;

30 (B) On the date the county adopted a resolution under RCW
31 36.70A.040(2), in a county that is planning under all of the provisions
32 of this chapter under RCW 36.70A.040(2); or

33 (C) On the date the office of financial management certifies the
34 county's population as provided in RCW 36.70A.040(5), in a county that
35 is planning under all of the provisions of this chapter pursuant to RCW
36 36.70A.040(5).

37 (e) Exception. This subsection shall not be interpreted to permit
38 in the rural area a major industrial development or a master planned

1 resort unless otherwise specifically permitted under RCW 36.70A.360 and
2 36.70A.365.

3 (6) A transportation element that implements, and is consistent
4 with, the land use element. The transportation element shall include
5 the following subelements:

6 (a) Land use assumptions used in estimating travel;

7 (b) Facilities and services needs, including:

8 (i) An inventory of air, water, and ground transportation
9 facilities and services, including railways, transit alignments, and
10 general aviation airport facilities, to define existing capital
11 facilities and travel levels as a basis for future planning. This
12 inventory must include state-owned transportation facilities, including
13 interstate highway exits and ferry terminals, within the city or
14 county's jurisdictional boundaries;

15 (ii) Level of service standards for all arterials and transit
16 routes to serve as a gauge to judge performance of the system. These
17 standards should be regionally coordinated;

18 (iii) Specific actions and requirements for bringing into
19 compliance any facilities or services that are below an established
20 level of service standard;

21 (iv) Forecasts of traffic for at least ten years based on the
22 adopted land use plan to provide information on the location, timing,
23 and capacity needs of future growth;

24 (v) Identification of system expansion needs and transportation
25 system management needs to meet current and future demands;

26 (c) Finance, including:

27 (i) An analysis of funding capability to judge needs against
28 probable funding resources;

29 (ii) A multiyear financing plan based on the needs identified in
30 the comprehensive plan, the appropriate parts of which shall serve as
31 the basis for the six-year street, road, or transit program required by
32 RCW 35.77.010 for cities, RCW 36.81.121 for counties, and RCW
33 35.58.2795 for public transportation systems;

34 (iii) If probable funding falls short of meeting identified needs,
35 a discussion of how additional funding will be raised, or how land use
36 assumptions will be reassessed to ensure that level of service
37 standards will be met;

1 (d) Intergovernmental coordination efforts, including an assessment
2 of the impacts of the transportation plan and land use assumptions on
3 the transportation systems of adjacent jurisdictions;

4 (e) Demand-management strategies.

5 After adoption of the comprehensive plan by jurisdictions required
6 to plan or who choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040, local jurisdictions
7 must adopt and enforce ordinances which prohibit development approval
8 if the development causes the level of service on a transportation
9 facility to decline below the standards adopted in the transportation
10 element of the comprehensive plan, unless transportation improvements
11 or strategies to accommodate the impacts of development are made
12 concurrent with the development. These strategies may include
13 increased public transportation service, ride sharing programs, demand
14 management, and other transportation systems management strategies.
15 For the purposes of this subsection (6) "concurrent with the
16 development" shall mean that improvements or strategies are in place at
17 the time of development, or that a financial commitment is in place to
18 complete the improvements or strategies within six years.

19 The transportation element described in this subsection, and the
20 six-year plans required by RCW 35.77.010 for cities, RCW 36.81.121 for
21 counties, and RCW 35.58.2795 for public transportation systems, must be
22 consistent.

23 *Sec. 6 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 As part of the review required by RCW 36.70A.130(1), a county or
27 city shall review its mineral resource lands designations adopted
28 pursuant to RCW 36.70A.170 and mineral resource lands development
29 regulations adopted pursuant to RCW 36.70A.040 and 36.70A.060. In its
30 review, the county or city shall take into consideration:

31 (1) New information made available since the adoption or last
32 review of its designations or development regulations, including data
33 available from the department of natural resources relating to mineral
34 resource deposits; and

35 (2) New or modified model development regulations for mineral
36 resource lands prepared by the department of natural resources, the
37 department of community, trade, and economic development, or the
38 Washington state association of counties.

1 **Sec. 8.** 1995 c 347 s 433 (uncodified) is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 (~~Sections 413 and 421 of this act~~) RCW 36.70B.090 and 64.40.050
4 shall expire June 30, (~~(1998)~~) 2000. The provisions of (~~sections 413~~
5 ~~and 421 of this act~~) RCW 36.70B.090 and 64.40.050 shall apply to
6 project permit applications determined to be complete pursuant to RCW
7 36.70B.070 on or before June 30, (~~(1998)~~) 2000.

8 **Sec. 9.** 1995 c 347 s 411 (uncodified) is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 The amendments to RCW (~~(36.70A.065)~~) 36.70B.080 contained in
11 section 409 (~~(of this act)~~), chapter 347, Laws of 1995 shall expire
12 July 1, (~~(1998)~~) 2000.

13 **Sec. 10.** 1995 c 347 s 412 (uncodified) is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 Section 410 (~~(of this act)~~), chapter 347, Laws of 1995 shall take
16 effect July 1, (~~(1998)~~) 2000.

 Passed the House March 12, 1998.

 Passed the Senate March 11, 1998.

 Approved by the Governor April 2, 1998, with the exception of
 certain items that were vetoed.

 Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 2, 1998.

1 Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

2 "I am returning herewith, without my approval as to sections 4 and
3 6, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2830 entitled:

4 "AN ACT Relating to recommendations of the land use study
5 commission;"

6 This bill mostly reflects the consensus recommendations of the Land
7 Use Study Commission (LUSC), which consists of representatives from a
8 full spectrum of land use interests, including business, agriculture,
9 local and state government, neighborhood activists and
10 environmentalists. As I have stated before, LUSC provides a great
11 framework for the debate over how best to improve the state's Growth
12 Management Act. I commend the members of LUSC for all of their hard
13 work. LUSC has been extremely effective, and I am disappointed that
14 the Legislature did not authorize its continuation, or authorize
15 another forum within which complex land use and environmental issues
16 can be thoroughly debated and discussed.

17 When I vetoed HB 1472 last year, I asked LUSC to review the issue
18 of mineral resource lands designations. The Legislature also asked
19 LUSC to review the 120-day permit timeline. This bill reflects LUSC's
20 response to our requests. The bill also makes some technical changes
21 to the GMA annexation provisions.

1 While ESHB 2830 reflects the consensus recommendations which I
2 support, I cannot sign the bill in its entirety. The language added to
3 sections 4 and 6 amending the goals of the Growth Management Act does
4 not necessarily make bad planning goals, but I am concerned about the
5 implementation of those changes and vague language. For example, would
6 the language in sections 4 and 6 mean that cities and counties who have
7 completed their GMA plans and regulations would have to revisit them to
8 ensure that the new goals are addressed? If so, what is the cost?
9 What does "reasonable commuting distances" mean? In some parts of the
10 country, great distances are acceptable commutes. These two new
11 sections could invite more litigation and create more confusion
12 surrounding GMA. In addition, section 6 makes changes to the same
13 statute amended by HB 1487, which I signed into law on March 27, 1998.

14 For these reasons, I have vetoed sections 4 and 6 of Engrossed
15 Substitute House Bill No. 2830.

16 With the exception of sections 4 and 6, Engrossed Substitute House
17 Bill No. 2830 is approved."