
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5244

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By Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Heavey, Haugen, Wojahn, McAuliffe and Gardner)

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1 AN ACT Relating to comprehensive plans and development regulations;
2 amending RCW 36.70A.120; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that in the enactment
5 of the growth management act in 1990, the legislature expressed its
6 intent that city and county comprehensive plans be the guiding local
7 documents for land use activities and that the implementation through
8 development regulations be consistent with such plans. However, a
9 recent appellate court decision has construed the legislation in a
10 manner inconsistent with this intent. It is the purpose of this act to
11 reaffirm the legislature's intent that comprehensive plans providing
12 greater restrictions will control over inconsistent development
13 regulations.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.70A.120 and 1993 sp.s. c 6 s 3 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Each county and city that is required or chooses to plan under RCW
17 36.70A.040 shall perform its activities and make capital budget
18 decisions in conformity with its comprehensive plan. In the event of

1 a conflict between a comprehensive plan and development regulations
2 adopted before adoption of a comprehensive plan, the policies of the
3 comprehensive plan shall apply to any project permit application as
4 that term is defined in RCW 36.70B.020.

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