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By Senators Patterson and Oke; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development

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1 AN ACT Relating to extension of the September 1, 2002, deadline for
2 comprehensive plan review and amendment; and amending RCW 36.70A.130.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.130 and 1997 c 429 s 10 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Each comprehensive land use plan and development regulations
7 shall be subject to continuing review and evaluation by the county or
8 city that adopted them. Not later than September 1, 2002, and at least
9 every five years thereafter, a county or city shall take action to
10 review (~~(and, if needed, revise)~~) its comprehensive land use plan and
11 development regulations to ensure that the plan and regulations are
12 complying with the requirements of this chapter. If needed, a county
13 or city shall revise its comprehensive plan and development regulations
14 to ensure compliance with this chapter by September 1, 2003, and at
15 least every five years thereafter. However, by September 1, 2002, each
16 county and city shall both review and, if needed, revise its policies
17 and regulations to comply with RCW 36.70A.172(1). The review and
18 evaluation required by this subsection and subsection (2) of this

1 section may be combined with the review required by subsection (~~(3)~~)
2 (4) of this section.

3 Any amendment or revision to a comprehensive land use plan shall
4 conform to this chapter, and any change to development regulations
5 shall be consistent with and implement the comprehensive plan.

6 (2) The term "take action to review" includes the submittal of an
7 evaluation by each county and city that is required to plan under RCW
8 36.70A.040 to the department indicating its review and evaluation
9 process and a schedule for considering amendments as required to ensure
10 compliance with this chapter. This evaluation may be combined with the
11 requirements of RCW 36.70A.180(2).

12 (3)(a) Each county and city shall establish and broadly disseminate
13 to the public a public participation program identifying procedures
14 whereby proposed amendments or revisions of the comprehensive plan are
15 considered by the governing body of the county or city no more
16 frequently than once every year except that amendments may be
17 considered more frequently under the following circumstances:

18 (i) The initial adoption of a subarea plan;

19 (ii) The adoption or amendment of a shoreline master program under
20 the procedures set forth in chapter 90.58 RCW; and

21 (iii) The amendment of the capital facilities element of a
22 comprehensive plan that occurs concurrently with the adoption or
23 amendment of a county or city budget.

24 (b) Except as otherwise provided in (a) of this subsection, all
25 proposals shall be considered by the governing body concurrently so the
26 cumulative effect of the various proposals can be ascertained.
27 However, after appropriate public participation a county or city may
28 adopt amendments or revisions to its comprehensive plan that conform
29 with this chapter whenever an emergency exists or to resolve an appeal
30 of a comprehensive plan filed with a growth management hearings board
31 or with the court.

32 (~~(3)~~) (4) Each county that designates urban growth areas under
33 RCW 36.70A.110 shall review, at least every ten years, its designated
34 urban growth area or areas, and the densities permitted within both the
35 incorporated and unincorporated portions of each urban growth area. In
36 conjunction with this review by the county, each city located within an
37 urban growth area shall review the densities permitted within its
38 boundaries, and the extent to which the urban growth occurring within
39 the county has located within each city and the unincorporated portions

1 of the urban growth areas. The county comprehensive plan designating
2 urban growth areas, and the densities permitted in the urban growth
3 areas by the comprehensive plans of the county and each city located
4 within the urban growth areas, shall be revised to accommodate the
5 urban growth projected to occur in the county for the succeeding
6 twenty-year period. The review required by this subsection may be
7 combined with the review and evaluation required by RCW 36.70A.215.

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