

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5841**

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GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN--COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

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**President of the Senate**

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FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5841** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

TONY M. COOK

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**Secretary**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**State of Washington**                      **57th Legislature 2001 Second Special Session**

**By** Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Patterson, McCaslin, Gardner, Sheahan, T. Sheldon, Deccio, Haugen, Winsley and Hochstatter)

READ FIRST TIME 06/20/2001.

1            AN ACT Relating to establishing a schedule for review of  
2 comprehensive plans and development regulations adopted under the  
3 growth management act; and amending RCW 36.70A.130.

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

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

7            (1)(a) Each comprehensive land use plan and development regulations  
8 shall be subject to continuing review and evaluation by the county or  
9 city that adopted them. (~~Not later than September 1, 2002, and at~~  
10 ~~least every five years thereafter,)~~ A county or city shall take  
11 legislative action to review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive  
12 land use plan and development regulations to ensure ((that)) the plan  
13 and regulations ((are complying)) comply with the requirements of this  
14 chapter according to the time periods specified in subsection (4) of  
15 this section. A county or city not planning under RCW 36.70A.040 shall  
16 take action to review and, if needed, revise its policies and  
17 development regulations regarding critical areas and natural resource  
18 lands adopted according to this chapter to ensure these policies and  
19 regulations comply with the requirements of this chapter according to

1 the time periods specified in subsection (4) of this section.  
2 Legislative action means the adoption of a resolution or ordinance  
3 following notice and a public hearing indicating at a minimum, a  
4 finding that a review and evaluation has occurred and identifying the  
5 revisions made, or that a revision was not needed and the reasons  
6 therefore. The review and evaluation required by this subsection may  
7 be combined with the review required by subsection (3) of this section.  
8 The review and evaluation required by this subsection shall include,  
9 but is not limited to, consideration of critical area ordinances and,  
10 if planning under RCW 36.70A.040, an analysis of the population  
11 allocated to a city or county from the most recent ten-year population  
12 forecast by the office of financial management.

13 (b) Any amendment of or revision to a comprehensive land use plan  
14 shall conform to this chapter(~~(, and)~~). Any ((change)) amendment of or  
15 revision to development regulations shall be consistent with and  
16 implement the comprehensive plan.

17 (2)(a) Each county and city shall establish and broadly disseminate  
18 to the public a public participation program (~~((identifying))~~) consistent  
19 with RCW 36.70A.035 and 36.70A.140 that identifies procedures and  
20 schedules whereby updates, proposed amendments, or revisions of the  
21 comprehensive plan are considered by the governing body of the county  
22 or city no more frequently than once every year ((except that)).  
23 "Updates" means to review and revise, if needed, according to  
24 subsection (1) of this section, and the time periods specified in  
25 subsection (4) of this section. Amendments may be considered more  
26 frequently than once per year under the following circumstances:

27 (i) The initial adoption of a subarea plan that does not modify the  
28 comprehensive plan policies and designations applicable to the subarea;

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

31 (iii) The amendment of the capital facilities element of a  
32 comprehensive plan that occurs concurrently with the adoption or  
33 amendment of a county or city budget.

34 (b) Except as otherwise provided in (a) of this subsection, all  
35 proposals shall be considered by the governing body concurrently so the  
36 cumulative effect of the various proposals can be ascertained.  
37 However, after appropriate public participation a county or city may  
38 adopt amendments or revisions to its comprehensive plan that conform  
39 with this chapter whenever an emergency exists or to resolve an appeal

1 of a comprehensive plan filed with a growth management hearings board  
2 or with the court.

3 (3) Each county that designates urban growth areas under RCW  
4 36.70A.110 shall review, at least every ten years, its designated urban  
5 growth area or areas, and the densities permitted within both the  
6 incorporated and unincorporated portions of each urban growth area. In  
7 conjunction with this review by the county, each city located within an  
8 urban growth area shall review the densities permitted within its  
9 boundaries, and the extent to which the urban growth occurring within  
10 the county has located within each city and the unincorporated portions  
11 of the urban growth areas. The county comprehensive plan designating  
12 urban growth areas, and the densities permitted in the urban growth  
13 areas by the comprehensive plans of the county and each city located  
14 within the urban growth areas, shall be revised to accommodate the  
15 urban growth projected to occur in the county for the succeeding  
16 twenty-year period. The review required by this subsection may be  
17 combined with the review and evaluation required by RCW 36.70A.215.

18 (4) The department shall establish a schedule for counties and  
19 cities to take action to review and, if needed, revise their  
20 comprehensive plans and development regulations to ensure the plan and  
21 regulations comply with the requirements of this chapter. The schedule  
22 established by the department shall provide for the reviews and  
23 evaluations to be completed as follows:

24 (a) On or before December 1, 2004, and every seven years  
25 thereafter, for Clallam, Clark, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Pierce,  
26 Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom counties and the cities within those  
27 counties;

28 (b) On or before December 1, 2005, and every seven years  
29 thereafter, for Cowlitz, Island, Lewis, Mason, San Juan, Skagit, and  
30 Skamania counties and the cities within those counties;

31 (c) On or before December 1, 2006, and every seven years  
32 thereafter, for Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas, Spokane, and  
33 Yakima counties and the cities within those counties; and

34 (d) On or before December 1, 2007, and every seven years  
35 thereafter, for Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield,  
36 Grays Harbor, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille,  
37 Stevens, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties and the cities  
38 within those counties.

1       (5)(a) Nothing in this section precludes a county or city from  
2 conducting the review and evaluation required by this section before  
3 the time limits established in subsection (4) of this section.  
4 Counties and cities may begin this process early and may be eligible  
5 for grants from the department, subject to available funding, if they  
6 elect to do so.

7       (b) State agencies are encouraged to provide technical assistance  
8 to the counties and cities in the review of critical area ordinances,  
9 comprehensive plans, and development regulations.

10       (6) A county or city subject to the time periods in subsection  
11 (4)(a) of this section that, pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the  
12 county or city establishing a schedule for periodic review of its  
13 comprehensive plan and development regulations, has conducted a review  
14 and evaluation of its comprehensive plan and development regulations  
15 and, on or after January 1, 2001, has taken action in response to that  
16 review and evaluation shall be deemed to have conducted the first  
17 review required by subsection (4)(a) of this section. Subsequent  
18 review and evaluation by the county or city of its comprehensive plan  
19 and development regulations shall be conducted in accordance with the  
20 time periods established under subsection (4)(a) of this section.

21       (7) The requirements imposed on counties and cities under this  
22 section shall be considered "requirements of this chapter" under the  
23 terms of RCW 36.70A.040(1). Only those counties and cities in  
24 compliance with the schedules in this section shall have the requisite  
25 authority to receive grants, loans, pledges, or financial guarantees  
26 from those accounts established in RCW 43.155.050 and 70.146.030. Only  
27 those counties and cities in compliance with the schedules in this  
28 section shall receive preference for grants or loans subject to the  
29 provisions of RCW 43.17.250.

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