
SENATE BILL 5756

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By Senator Mulliken

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a uniform statewide system of
2 regulating the division of land; amending RCW 58.17.010; and adding a
3 new section to chapter 58.17 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 58.17.010 and 1981 c 293 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The legislature finds that the process by which land is divided is
8 a matter of state concern and should be administered in a uniform
9 manner by cities, towns, and counties throughout the state. The
10 purpose of this chapter is to regulate the subdivision of land and to
11 promote the public health, safety and general welfare in accordance
12 with standards established by the state to prevent the overcrowding of
13 land; to lessen congestion in the streets and highways; to promote
14 effective use of land; to promote safe and convenient travel by the
15 public on streets and highways; to provide for adequate light and air;
16 to facilitate adequate provision for water, sewerage, parks and
17 recreation areas, sites for schools and schoolgrounds and other public
18 requirements; to provide for proper ingress and egress; to provide for
19 the expeditious review and approval of proposed subdivisions which

1 conform to zoning standards and local plans and policies; to adequately
2 provide for the housing and commercial needs of the citizens of the
3 state; and to require uniform monumenting of land subdivisions and
4 conveyancing by accurate legal description. In order to ensure a
5 statewide system of land division, the legislature intends to occupy
6 the field and preempt local ordinances that conflict with, or fail to
7 effectuate, the purposes of this chapter.

8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 58.17 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 After a preliminary plat of a subdivision has been approved under
11 this chapter, the approval may not be revoked during the period prior
12 to submission and approval or disapproval of the final plat, unless the
13 revocation is found by the legislative body of the county, city, or
14 town, by ordinance or resolution, to be necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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