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Brief Description: Establishing permit processing timelines and reporting requirements for certain local governments subject to the requirements of RCW 36.70A.215. (REVISED FOR PASSED LEGISLATURE: Modifying local government permit processing provisions.)

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that the timely issuance of project permit decisions by local governments serves the public interest. When these decisions, that are often responses to land use and building permit applications, are issued according to specific and locally established time periods and without unnecessary or inappropriate delays, the public enjoys greater efficiency, consistency, and predictability in the permitting process.

Finds that full access to relevant performance data produced annually by local governments for each type of permit application affords elected officials, project proponents, and the general public the opportunity to review and compare the permit application and processing performance of jurisdictions.

Finds that the review and comparison of this data, and the requirement to provide convenient and direct internet access to germane and consistent reports, will likely foster improved methods for processing applications, and issuing project permit decisions in a timely manner.

Declares an intent to continue and clarify the requirements for certain jurisdictions to produce and provide access to annual permitting performance reports.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to work with the counties and cities to review the potential implementation costs of the requirements of this act. The department, in cooperation with the local governments, shall prepare a report summarizing the projected costs, together with recommendations for state funding assistance for implementation costs, and provide the report to the governor and appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives by January 1, 2005.