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Brief Description: Requiring the department of community, trade, and economic development to study annexation progress in certain counties.

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Finds that, in order for urban growth areas to become part of an existing city, counties, cities, and residents are highly reliant on one tool: Annexation. Though state law provides for various methods of annexation, there are many factors which prevent or delay annexation from occurring.

Declares that the transition of urban growth areas to incorporated status is fundamental to achieving the land use and service vision contemplated by the growth management act, and enabling counties to focus on their long-term role as regional service provider and rural service provider.

Declares it is in the best interest of the state, counties, cities, and their residents to study the progress of annexation in the key urban counties of the state and to identify both barriers and incentives to achieving full annexation or incorporation of the urban areas in these counties.