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Sponsor(s): Senators Benton, T. Sheldon and Mulliken

Brief Description: Allowing single-family residential development outside urban growth areas in areas where housing is not affordable for first-time buyers.

SB 6196 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Finds that growth management regulations contribute to the high cost of housing in many Washington counties, and that loosening land use regulations will reduce housing prices.

Finds that numerous studies have determined that growth management restrictions increase the cost of housing.

Declares an intent to make housing more affordable for first-time home buyers in counties where housing is currently not affordable for first-time home buyers by allowing single-family detached residential development to be placed outside of urban growth boundaries at density levels currently prohibited under the prevailing interpretation of the growth management act.