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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Land Use & Planning (originally sponsored by Senators Mulliken and Rasmussen)

Brief Description: Providing a procedure for removal of the agricultural resource land designation.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, to remove an agricultural resource land designation, a finding must be made that the land does not meet the requirements of RCW 36.70A.170(1)(a). Where there are adopted criteria for designation of agricultural resource land, the finding must be based on the adopted criteria.

Provides that, for a single parcel or a small isolated area of more than one parcel of land that is zoned rural and required by regulations adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW to remain in agricultural use but is not designated pursuant to RCW 36.70A.170, a local government may allow subdivision to a density that is consistent with the average parcel size of the surrounding area, if the single parcel or small isolated area of more than one parcel is surrounded by incompatible residential uses and the result complies with RCW 36.70A.070(5)(c) and all applicable subdivision regulations and serves to infill the surrounding higher-density area or resolves conflicts between agricultural use and surrounding residential use.