

6587-S

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

Brief Description: Imposing fees to mitigate adverse environmental impacts.

**SB 6587-S - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/16/04)

Declares an intent: (1) To ensure that mitigation fees are imposed through established standards by which counties, cities, and towns may require by ordinance that new growth and development pay a reasonable cost only to mitigate specific adverse environmental impacts that are identified in the environmental documents prepared under this act;

(2) To ensure that mitigation fees are imposed through established procedures and criteria so that specific developments do not pay arbitrary fees or duplicative fees for the same adverse environmental impact; and

(3) To add process to current statutory authority for mitigation and not allow for additional authority than currently provided in RCW 43.21C.060.

Declares an intent that mitigation fees: (1) Only be imposed to mitigate specific adverse environmental impacts that are directly related to the new development; and

(2) Not exceed the proportionate share of the costs reasonably related to the specific adverse environmental impacts caused by the new development.