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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2584**

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**By** House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Jarrett, Dunshee, Shabro, Clibborn, Anderson, B. Sullivan, Tom, Linville, Nixon, Lantz, Rodne, Upthegrove, P. Sullivan, Morrell, Moeller, Kilmer and Springer)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the establishment of a blue ribbon growth  
2 management needs and priorities task force; creating a new section; and  
3 providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) A blue ribbon growth management needs  
6 and priorities task force is established to provide the governor and  
7 the legislature with an analysis of how the growth management act has  
8 worked in meeting the goals and requirements set forth in chapter  
9 36.70A RCW and to provide recommendations on how it can be improved to  
10 ensure meeting those goals. The task force shall be comprised of  
11 members as provided in this subsection.

12 (i) The chairs and ranking minority members of the senate  
13 government operations and elections committee and senate transportation  
14 committee, or their elected official designees.

15 (ii) The chairs and ranking minority members of the house of  
16 representatives local government committee and house of representatives  
17 capital budget committee, or their elected official designees.

18 (iii) The president, board chairperson, or nonstaff person  
19 appointed by each of the following organizations: Washington state

1 association of counties, association of Washington cities, association  
2 of Washington business, Washington environmental council, building  
3 industry association of Washington, Futurewise, Washington state farm  
4 bureau, Washington league of women voters, and a representative of the  
5 University of Washington's school of public policy.

6 (iv) Advisory committees may be established as appropriate to  
7 provide the task force with perspectives from public, private, and  
8 academic organizations.

9 (b) In addition, the task force shall retain the services of an  
10 independent fact-finder to assemble, analyze, and present information  
11 for its consideration in response to tasks specified in subsection  
12 (2)(a) through (d) of this section.

13 (c) The task force shall convene its first meeting no later than  
14 June 1, 2006, and shall choose two cochairs from among its legislative  
15 membership. The task force shall submit an interim report to the  
16 governor and legislature not later than November 1, 2006, which shall  
17 contain, at minimum, the findings to date of the independent fact-  
18 finder. The task force shall submit its final report and  
19 recommendations for legislative changes, if any, to the governor and  
20 the legislature not later than December 1, 2007.

21 (2) The task force shall retain the services of an independent  
22 fact-finder for the purpose of gathering, analyzing, and reporting  
23 information on the positive and controversial aspects of implementing  
24 the growth management act. The task force shall initially focus its  
25 work and analysis on the following topics and in the following order:

26 (a) How best to adequately protect environmentally sensitive lands  
27 from adverse impacts resulting from new development. This topic shall  
28 include the consideration of how state and local governments should  
29 best find, consider, and apply the pertinent best available science  
30 when developing and implementing land use regulations applicable to new  
31 or redeveloped uses on environmentally sensitive lands;

32 (b) How best to ensure that the levels of service provided by state  
33 highways do not fall below acceptable levels due to growth and  
34 development occurring adjacent to or nearby such highways;

35 (c) How best to provide counties, cities, towns, school districts,  
36 water-sewer districts, and fire districts with the fiscal and planning  
37 tools necessary to meet their collective obligations to accommodate  
38 state growth projections developed pursuant to RCW 43.62.035; and

1 (d) Conduct such other studies or tasks as time and resources  
2 allow.

3 (3) The task force, when appropriate, may consult with individuals  
4 from the public and private sectors or ask those individuals to  
5 establish one or more advisory committees. Members of these advisory  
6 committees are not entitled to expense reimbursement.

7 (4) The task force may contract with additional persons who have  
8 specific technical expertise if that expertise is necessary to carry  
9 out the provisions of this section. Such a contract may be entered  
10 into only if an appropriation is specifically provided for in the  
11 operations of the task force.

12 (5) Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the  
13 senate committee services, the house of representatives office of  
14 program research, the department of community, trade, and economic  
15 development, and the office of financial management.

16 (6) Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for  
17 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
18 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are  
19 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
20 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

21 (7) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, the  
22 expenses of the task force shall be paid jointly by the senate and the  
23 house of representatives. Task force expenditures are subject to  
24 approval by the senate facilities and operations committee and the  
25 house executive rules committee, or their successor committees.

26 (8) This section expires June 30, 2008.

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